

Chorley & Leyland News

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Chorley Branch AGM

Thank you to all who attended our AGM in March, and who contributed to the proceedings.

The LFHHS Chorley Branch Officers for 2014-2015 are: Chairman - Steve Williams Vice Chairman - Ron Chapman Treasurer - Vacant

Executive Representative/ Branch Society Trustee - Brooke Westcott Minutes Secretary - Catherine Lightbowne Correspondence Secretary/Branch Sales - Sheila Gibbons

Programme Secretary - Marian Crossley

Raffle Co-ordinator – Christine Jones

Education Co-ordinator - Pauline Chapman

Research Centre Co-ordinator - Sheila Gibbons

Webmaster/Mailing List - Steve Williams

Projects Co-ordinator - Rita Platt Assistant Projects Co-ordinator -Vivienne Ross

Newsletters/ Journal Reports - Jenny Cree

Publicity Officer – Susan Riley Lending Library - Vivienne Ross Help Desk – Jean Ashcroft

Committee Members without portfolio:
Kathryn Carter
Yvonne Hughes
Roseanne McLaughlin
Carl Burton

Branch Helpers: Refreshments - Lucille Porter

Thanks to all who have contributed to the successful running of the Chorley branch during the past year. Those who have taken on new roles are much appreciated!

Chorley Branch Treasurer

For a number of years, Brooke Westcott has been the Chorley branch treasurer. We have been very fortunate to have Brooke's knowledge and expertise, and thank him for all the work that he has done for the branch. However, Brooke already undertakes other roles on our behalf, and the time has come for him to hand over to a new branch treasurer.

You will note that the post of treasurer is listed as vacant. Brooke is prepared to continue until a new treasurer is appointed, but clearly this must be sooner rather than later. If you have suitable financial skills and would like to help the branch in this way, please talk to Steve or Ron as soon as possible.

Chorley Branch Publicity Officer

Also, although I have enjoyed handling publicity over the last 7 or so years, I am immensely grateful to Susan Riley for taking on this role.

From Society Chairman, Mike Coyle: LFHHS hopes to have a Research Day for the Scouts. This may be the 27th or 28th May, in East Lancs. I would be grateful to have volunteers willing to give research support with e.g. one or more of the following resources: CWGC, local census, local newspapers, medal rolls, war diaries, the military and local war memorials. The aim is to help a group of Scouts work towards their "Heritage Badge" by researching a name on a local war memorial. There is a plan for the day, and I'll call a meeting of those interested to detail all that's necessary. It's a worthwhile cause so please help. Contact <u>mike.coyle@btinternet.com</u> or telephone 01253 761778.

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LFHHS Chorley Research Centre, **Astley Hall Farmhouse** is closed temporarily for refurbishment. Chorley Council's renovation of Astley Hall Farmhouse is taking longer to complete than was anticipated. However, those who have donned hard hats, and who been allowed inside, report good progress. Although perhaps 3 months from completion, the LFHHS Chorley Research Centre promises much improved facilities.

LFHHS Resource & Research Centre, 2 Straits, **Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU** 01254 239919 Open every Thurs and 1st Sat in each month, 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. **Thanks to Pauline** and Ron Chapman for running a successful "Next Steps" course and congratulations to all took part. Interested in joining future courses? Please ask for information.