



Chorley & Leyland News

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ROF 75th anniversary exhibition in Astley Hall Farmhouse

David Tetlow, Chorley Council's Cultural Assets Manager, is planning an exhibition to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Ordnance Factory in Chorley. It will be held in the exhibition area of Astley Hall Farmhouse when work on the building has been completed. Along with other groups, we have been asked to contribute. We think that the LFHHS Chorley Research Centre will make a significant contribution, with its wealth of resources and its position next to the exhibition area. However, additionally, if any member has any "stories" of the ROF, or knows of anybody who has memories they are prepared to share with us, please get in touch with Steve at:

chorleybranchchairman@aol.com

Petition to open historic registers

Steve Benson has circulated news of an online petition to make historic BMD registers available. The organiser, Guy Etchells seeks the support of our members. If you would like to help see:

<http://epititions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/62779>

Manchester Library's rebirth

Manchester Central Library, St. Peter's Square M2 5DP has a transformed environment with 70% of its area open for public use.

The extensive range of materials available includes many for family historians.

The Library is open 6 days a week. See:

<http://www.manchester.gov.uk/centrallibrary>

This evening's speaker

Our speaker this evening, Gordon Read, will talk about Preston's suffragette, Edith Rigby. Noted for founding a school for the education of women and girls, she went on to become a prominent activist. On Tuesday 15th July, Peter Park will make a return visit with "The Piecer's Twopence", a talk concerning children's employment in the 19th century. Peter will discuss the legislation of the time, and the conditions experienced by children at work.

Please note that the July branch meeting will be held at Astley Hall at the usual time, 7.30 p.m.

Preservation of the Talbot Library

An agreement has been reached between the Lancaster Diocesan Trustees and Liverpool Hope University enabling the Talbot Library to be transferred on permanent loan to the University. Talbot Library users will continue to have access to these valuable resources. For further information contact Liverpool Hope University at: MCGRAIP@hope.ac.uk

BBC WW1 Event

Mike Coyle has been contacted by the BBC about a WW1 Centenary event. It will take place on June 24th on Blackpool Prom. A dozen or so people are needed for a 'Genealogy Hub' where visitors can research members of their families who fought in WW1. Computers will be provided, and familiarity with web based resources will be needed by most helpers. If you are able to get involved, even only for a few hours, then please contact Linda Kaye at: linda.kaye@bbc.co.uk

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LFHHS Chorley Research Centre Update

The 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 initially anticipated, but we hope that we shall be able to re-open the Centre in late August/early September. Thanks to all of you for your patience!

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Open every Thurs and 1st Sat in each month, 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

LFHHS Chorley Branch meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Chorley Library, unless otherwise notified. **Please note that our July meeting is at Astley Hall.**