



# Chorley & Leyland News

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## Welcome back after the Christmas break

So here we are in 2017! Hopefully, most people remembered to pay their LFHHS subscriptions a little earlier than I did – if yours is still unpaid, it's due now.

Our Society's subscription is much less expensive than some other family history societies, and certainly much cheaper than other similar groups. Please encourage anyone you know who is interested in family history to take out membership and join us.

## Historic Houses Association Request

Before Christmas, Astley Hall's David Tetlow contacted the Chorley Branch to ask if anyone had experienced "the unexplained" while visiting Astley Hall. The Historic Houses Association is considering doing some filming at the Hall, and is interested in finding people to take part. A month or so has elapsed since David Tetlow contacted us, but I'm assuming that he would still like to hear from anyone who is prepared to talk about any such unexplained experiences at the Hall. The Hall's contact number is 01257 515925.

## Chorley Branch First Steps Course

Are you beginning family history, or do you know anyone else who is?

A "First Steps" course is due to start on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Chorley Family History Research Centre.

Running on 10 Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m., the course costs £40 and introduces basic sources that will enable participants to take their family back nearly 200 years. Contact Ron Chapman on 07730 793990 to book, or for more details.



On her return to New South Wales, Centre visitor Kylie Harrison emailed this photograph to us. It shows Kylie with her dad Craig, and distant relative Steve Briggs. All descend from the Briggs family of Brinscall.

## Myles Standish

Tony Christopher's Chorley based site, [www.mylesstandish.info](http://www.mylesstandish.info) has had 915,228 hits during 2016. Tony's usage statistics demonstrate sustained global interest. The USA tops the list, but included are countries as diverse as Argentina, Belarus, China, Nepal and Poland. The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower is due to be celebrated in the USA, UK and Holland in 2020. Chorley Heritage Group hopes to include Chorley in the celebrations. More information later.

## Branch Meetings

This evening, a number of branch members have brought along Family Heirlooms. We look forward to hearing the stories associated with these treasures. Thanks to all who have volunteered to share their heirlooms with us this evening.

Next month, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Doreen Jolly will be talking about the history of Chorley Unitarian Chapel.

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**LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre,**  
**Astley Hall Farmhouse Centre Website**

[www.cfsrc.com](http://www.cfsrc.com)

## Appointments

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## Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri

10.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

12 noon

Closed at 4.00 p.m. on

all above days.

Last appointment

3.00 p.m.

*Booking is advisable on all days.*

## LFHHS Members Only

### Computer Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each

month at 7.30 p.m.

## LFHHS Resource & Research Centre,

**2 Straits,**

**Oswaldtwistle**

**BB5 3LU**

**01254 239919**

**Open every Thurs and**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat in each month,**

**1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## What's On

**Wednesday 25th January, 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.**, "Dirty Old Towns: Understanding the historic foundations of prosperity in Northern England", a talk by Dr Stephen Caunce at the Harris Museum, Preston. There is no charge, but booking is recommended. Contact the museum shop on 01772 905414.

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2017** - "Who Do You Think You Are? Live", Hall 2, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

## What's New

Adam Cree's book about Susannah Knight and the Chorley Memorial Books - "From the Humblest to the Greatest" - is available on Amazon. As well as being meticulously researched, the story is a fascinating one.

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The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland compiled by Patrick Hanks, Richard Coates, and Peter McClure: This huge new dictionary is the ultimate reference work on family names of the UK, covering English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Cornish, and immigrant surnames. Each entry contains lists of variant spellings of the name, an explanation of its origins, lists of early bearers, geographical distribution, and, where relevant, genealogical and bibliographical notes. The dictionary is available online to subscribing libraries and so could be accessible to anyone with a UK library ticket at: <http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199677764.001.0001/acref-9780199677764>

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Lancashire Books: Many of you will know of Bob Dobson and Landy Publishing. Bob has an extensive catalogue of Lancashire books. Please contact Bob if you are interested in his catalogue. This is what he says of his books:

*All books in this catalogue are in good second-hand condition with major faults stated and minor ones ignored. Any book found to be poorer than described may be returned at my expense. My integrity is your guarantee. All second-hand items are sent 'on approval' to ensure the customer's satisfaction before payment is made. Postage on these is extra to the stated price, so please do not send payment with order for these second-hand books. I want you to be satisfied with them before paying. Postage will not exceed £5 to a UK address. Please feel free to make an offer on any books. You are welcome to come to view my stock - by appointment. Bob Dobson, Acorns, 3 Staining Rise, Staining Blackpool FY3 0BU Tel 01253 886103 Email: [landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk)*

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Findmypast has added huge numbers of additional records to its site. Some date from the 1600s and 1700s. If you don't subscribe to the website, why not make an appointment at the Centre and access both Findmypast and Ancestry?

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Ron Chapman will be sharing ideas for a new project at this evening's meeting. It sounds very worthwhile and interesting, so please contribute if you can.

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**The branch AGM in March is approaching. Could you offer skills, time, support and ideas to the branch or the Chorley Family History Research Centre? New people with new vision are always needed. Please consider how you could help.**



Donations of Raffle prizes are welcome. Please talk to Christine, or bring along any unwanted bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, or anything else you think would be suitable.