



Chorley & Leyland News

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Strawberries and Cream at Astley Hall



Astley Hall, sunshine, strawberries and cream, a glass of wine and entertainment provided by Betsy the Housekeeper (Joanne Halliwell) – all added up to an excellent branch meeting!

Thanks to Joan Dickinson for leading a fascinating walk through Chorley's Criminal Past last Tuesday evening. We learned about buildings associated with crimes, and heard stories of drunken behaviour, murders and theft. We'll all look at Chorley with new eyes!

Susan Riley has provided this information on behalf of the Chorley BMD Team:

Lancashire Certificate Services

Since re-opening on Tuesday 29th March, the Certificates Service office is located in the Lancashire Archives building on Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE. Ordering on-line and by phone (0300 123 6705) has not changed, certificates will be produced and posted out as before.

Visiting in person to order certificates is a little different as the office is not accessible to the public. On entering Lancashire Archives it is necessary to ask at the main reception desk for Certificate Services. A phone call will be placed to the office, and someone will come out to meet you to take details.

Certificates cost £10.00, but if required for collection the same day they will be subject to an additional £10.00 fee. Cheques or postal orders should be made payable to Lancashire County Council.

It is also important to note that when applying in person there may be a waiting time as registers are stored at some distance from the office, and retrieval and production of a certificate is likely to take a little longer than it did previously.

(N.B. It may be advisable to telephone Certificate Services to confirm opening times. Lancashire Archives is closing on Mondays, but it's understood that it will still be possible to access the Certificate Service on that day. However, best to check before visiting.

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Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri

10.00 a.m.

2nd and 3rd Saturday

12 noon

Closed at 4.00 p.m. on

all above days.

Last appointment

3.00 p.m.

Booking on all occasions is advisable.

Members only computer club, Chorley Family History Research Centre, 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

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.

Branch Out Visit

The branch out visit on Tuesday 16th August is to Chorley Unitarian Chapel, Park St., Chorley. Those who would like to have a meal before the visit are asked to meet at Wetherspoons, New Market St. at 6.00 p.m. Otherwise, please meet at the Unitarian Chapel at 7.30 p.m. There is no charge for the visit, but a small donation from each of us would be appropriate.

September Branch Meeting

In September, we meet on Tuesday 20th at 7.30 p.m. in Chorley Library. The evening's speaker is Stephen Doyle. His talk, "Time Spent in Changi" is about a prisoner of war in Singapore's Changi prison.

What's On

Until late September, "Buckshaw Then and Now" exhibition, upper gallery Astley Hall Farmhouse. Following the history of the Buckshaw area from its farming past, through the ROF years to the present. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon – 3.30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st July 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Chorley Flower Show, Astley Hall and Park. Tickets available from chorley.gov.uk, Tel. 01257 515151 or, at additional cost, on the gate.

Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Botany Bay Canal Fest, Botany Bay, Chorley.

Friday 16th September for 10 sessions, "Further Steps in Family History" course. Held at Chorley Family History Research Centre, the course includes sessions on Heraldry, Scottish Records, Wills and Old Handwriting, Catholic Records, Manorial Records, Irish Records, Welsh Records, Quarter sessions, and the Poor Law. The £40 fee covers all course costs. The course is open to members and non members. To book, please see Pauline or Ron, or Tel. 01257 453087.

Sunday 18th September, 10.15 p.m. for 10.30 p.m. tour, with lunch at 12 noon - Annual Society Lunch, hosted by the Blackburn with Darwen Branch, Salmesbury Hall, Preston New Road, Salmesbury PR5 0UP. See May Journal for booking form and further details. Bookings and cheques no later than 26th August, please.

Saturday 8th October – Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference, 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Oswaldtwistle Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HZ. To book and for programme form contact Marian Crossley, Tel. 01257 268311 email marianc@fsmail.net, or book on the LFHHS website.

Death of Peter Joslin

Steve Williams passes on the following:

I'm saddened to have to tell you that Society stalwart Peter Joslin died a few days ago. Peter was a great friend and supporter of Chorley Branch and was a significant figure in the Lancaster and Morecambe Branch and in our Society generally. He will be sadly missed.