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From LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre



From our Secretary, Steve Williams:

After a lot of hard work by a dedicated team of volunteers, LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre has launched its Resources Catalogue detailing all the Books, Microfiche and Parish Records that are held in the Research Centre Library. Resource Librarian Judith Hilton said 'This is the first time we have had fully searchable indexes to all our resources available both on our website and in our Research Centre.' The catalogue can be accessed on the website: <http://www.cfhrc.com/resources-catalogues.html> or at the Centre both digitally, and on hard copy. Research Centre Manager Sheila Gibbons praised the work done by Judith and her team saying, 'It is wonderful that we can now easily share our large collection of books, microfiche and Parish Records with our visitors and researchers. It's great news that the catalogue is also available on our website to all Family Historians whether members of Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society or not.'

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The Resources can be accessed by visiting the Research Centre at Astley Hall Farmhouse, Hallgate, Astley Village, Chorley, PR7 1XA
Opening Times are:-
Monday 10.00am to 4.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm
2nd and 3rd Saturday 12.00am to 4.00pm
To contact the Research Centre telephone 01257 231600 (When open) 01257 262028 (when closed)

From Judith Hilton, LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre Librarian

The military section of the library is very well stocked already, but we have recently added these titles to it:

Dating Old Army Photographs. 2011
English Freemasonry and the First World War. 2014
From the Humblest to the Greatest: how Susannah Knight took Chorley's Great War to the World. 2016
Great Sacrifice: the old boys of Barnsley Holgate Grammar School in the First World War. 2016
My Ancestor was in the Royal navy. 2014
The Crimean War 1854-1856. 2006
The Second World War 1939-1945. 2006
The Zulu War 1879. 2006
War Memorials for Family Historians. 2014
These and many other titles are available for research in the Centre's Library.

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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 is advisable on all days.
LFHHS Members Only Computer Club
3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

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1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Branch Meetings

We welcome Gordon Read to this evening's meeting. His topic "Emigration from Lancashire" should be of especial interest to those of us with ancestors who left Lancashire for a new life overseas.

On July 18th, we meet at Astley Hall for "An Insight into Astley Hall" provided by the Friends of Astley Hall. As usual, we hope for a warm sunny July evening, so that we can enjoy our strawberries, cream, wine and soft drinks in the Hall's courtyard. If you don't mind giving a small donation, it would help to cover our catering costs.

Looking towards December - a hotpot supper is planned for our Christmas meeting, perhaps with a quiz. Our raffle and donations, with careful programme planning and budgeting, cover our speakers' fees, but unfortunately when food is provided it's necessary to make a small charge. The cost should be around £4.50 per head, but more information will be available nearer the time.

Next Steps

Friday 15th September at 7.30 p.m. begins the branch's 10 Friday evening "Next Steps" family history at the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre.

This course is for people who have some knowledge and experience of family history. For anyone who has taken part in a "First Steps" course, it's particularly valuable. Places are filling fast, but if you or a friend would like to take part, please contact Ron Chapman on 07730793990 as soon as possible. The course is open to members and non members, at a total cost of £40.

What's On

Saturday 24th June 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., York Family History Fair at Knavesmire Exhibition Centre York Racecourse YO23 1EX. The LFHHS will be represented. If you would like to help and take part in any of the fairs please contact Stephen Ward (Telephone 01204-650348 (evenings) or email sjward.highhouse@btinternet.com)

Wednesday 28th June, 12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m., "Probate Records for Family Historians", a talk by Anna Watson at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE. To book a place phone 01772 533039 or email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

Tuesday 11th July, 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. "Getting to know Lancashire Archives." An archivist will describe some of the sources held and will explain the basic procedures for using Lancashire Archives. To book, phone 01772 533039 (Tuesday – Friday), or email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th July, 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. – Chorley Flower Show, Astley Park, Chorley. The LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre, along with the lower farmhouse gallery and Chorley Heritage Centre in the upper gallery will be open during the Flower Show weekend. Please check opening times.

Tuesday 15th August is the date for our summer out visit. Marian has arranged a visit to Rivington Parish Church. This will begin at 7.30 p.m., with the opportunity to join other members at 6.00 p.m., at the Bay Horse, Adlington, for a pre-visit evening meal. More information later from Marian. Please come if you can!