



Chorley & Leyland News

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Death of Derek Willescroft

Sadly, Derek Willescroft, husband of Maggie, died on Thursday 27th February. From time to time, Derek used to come along to meetings and events with Maggie. Derek's funeral was held at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Monday 10th March, and was attended by representatives from the Chorley branch. Our sympathy goes to Maggie at this sad time.

This Evening's Meeting

Once again, we welcome Brian Halliwell, our speaker for this evening, to the Chorley branch. The title of Brian's talk is, "Historical Tales, Myths and Monologues", exploring Lancashire's myths. This evening's meeting includes our AGM.

On April 15th, Adam Cree will be with us to talk about some of his research into the life and work of Susannah Knight. Miss Knight compiled Chorley's WW1 Memorial Books, and her story is an amazing one.

WW1 Folkestone Harbour Canteen Records

Kent charity Step Short has added hundreds of pages of data from the Folkestone Harbour Canteen visitors' books of 1915 - 1919 to its website. The names of those who visited the Canteen when travelling to and from the Western Front are recorded.

As well as signatures, the books included comments and poetry. For many years, the books had lain forgotten in East Kent Archives. When rediscovered, they were scanned and transcribed. Browsing of the digitised pages is free, but a £10 Step Short membership is needed in order to search the database by name.

Reopening of Manchester Central Library

Manchester Central Library reopens on Saturday 22nd March.

The building's historic features have been carefully restored, but twenty first century facilities have been provided.

The restored reading room will give easier access to the vast reference collection, with more computers, scanning and printing facilities, free wifi and device charging also available.

Space has been allowed for exhibitions, events and performances. Facilities include a Media Lounge and the Henry Watson Music Library. The Central Library will also be home to a BFI Mediatheque with free access to the National Film Archive.

Archives+ in the Central Library will be of importance to anyone interested in local or family history. Working in partnership with other archive and family history providers in the region, thousands of Manchester's records are being brought together under one roof to create an unrivalled collection.

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**LFHHS Chorley
Research Centre,
Astley Hall
Farmhouse**

**Closed temporarily
for refurbishment**

**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.**

**Just a reminder -
The LFHHS has
entered the next
phase of the digital
age.**

**Take a look at the
Society's Facebook
page as well as our
Twitter Feed.**

**Full details and our
Blog can be found
at**

www.LFHHSOnline.com

Events

Saturday 29th March, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.,
Rotherham Family History Fair, Herringthorpe URC,
Wickersley Road, Rotherham

Saturday 29th March, 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.,
Friends of Carnforth Station Roadshow - Carnforth
Station Heritage Centre, Platform 1, Carnforth
Station, Warton Road, Carnforth 01524 735894
Admission to Roadshow £2.

Sunday, 11th May - full day with lunch

Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain,
Manchester Regional Group Twelfth Northern Annual
Conference, at Greater Manchester Police Training
College.

Accommodation and/or on-site secure parking
available.

For further information,
e-mail lorna.kay@talktalk.net

Saturday 17th May 9.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

LFHHS One Day Conference and AGM,
St. Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Preston.
With lunch £12.50 per person, without lunch £6.50
per person.

Completed applications by 26th April to: Sharman
Walmsley, 56 Longbrook Avenue, Bamber Bridge,
Preston, Lancashire PR5 6XG

Saturday 17th May, 9:30 for 10:00 a.m.

Guild of One-Name Studies: Printed Sources
Seminar, The Temple Centre, 44 Nottingham Road,
Nuthall, Nottingham, NG16 1DP. Cost including
refreshments and lunch, £15.00.

For info and on line booking: www.one-name.org .
Any queries to:
Guild Help Desk on 0800 011 2182.

Saturday, 30 August - 10:00 a.m. - 15:00 p.m.,

Cumbria Family History Society Family History Day
Fair - "Connecting Cumbrian Cousins",
The Lakes Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal LA9
7HX Admission £3:00, Children under 16 free.
Further information from: ian.white4@live.co.uk or
01772 816841 or www.cumbriafhs.com

Lancashire County Council WW1 Web Page

Lancashire County Council is working with Marketing
Lancashire to create a web page which will bring
together all WW1 commemorative activities
throughout the County.

One of the images will link to War Memorials, and
they ask for information from Lancashire towns and
villages.

If you can help or can suggest someone who might
be able to help, they would be grateful - particularly
if there are special stories to tell.

For details contact: Julie.parker@lancashire.gov.uk

Snippets of News

(Thanks to Blackburn Branch for this
information)

First World War Centenary Quilt

This is a project to commemorate in
fabric and thread those lost their
lives while serving with the
Commonwealth forces during the
WW1. The aim is to create a quilt
made of squares embroidered with
the names of family members or
those in local communities who gave
their lives. For a minimum donation
of £3.50 (including P&P), a pack
containing the pre-cut square of
fabric and thread and detailed
instructions will be supplied. All
profits will be divided equally
between HelpforHeroes and Q4IS
(Quilts For Injured Servicemen). The
project will run throughout 2014. An
order form is available on the
website:

www.spanglefish.com/firstworldwarcentenaryquilt/index.asp, or send a
cheque payable to First World War
Centenary Quilt to Philippa McCray,
27 Coventry Road, Lutterworth,
Leics. LE17 4RE. If you would like
further information email Philippa
McCray at

ww1centenaryquilt@btinternet.com

Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum Seeks WW1 photographs

The Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum
in Caernarfon is starting the
mammoth task of looking for photos
of individual soldiers from the RWF
who were killed in the Great War. It
is trying to put each man's name on
display on a screen on the centenary
of his death, and would like to be
able to add a photograph of each
man to go with his name. It is a huge
undertaking as there were over
10,400 men from the RWF who were
killed. Those who served in the
RWF were from many areas
including this part of Lancashire.
If you have photographs of Royal
Welch Fusiliers who died during
WW1, the Museum would like to
hear from you. It will accept scans or
copies and any that appeared in
newspapers. As much information as
possible to go with the photo would
be helpful

Email: rwmuseum1@btconnect.com
for more details or to send a
photograph.



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