



Chorley & Leyland News

Society Web Site www.lfhhs.org
President Steve Williams
Editor Jenny Cree jennycree@hotmail.com

Regd. Charity No. 513437

May 2014

Chorley & District Cultural Forum



The first meeting of the Chorley and District Cultural Forum was held on April 30th. Present were representatives from Chorley Historical and Archaeological Society, Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group, Lodge Artists, and the LFHHS Chorley Branch, along with David Tetlow (Chorley Council's Cultural Assets Manager) and the Forum's current Chair, Stuart Clewlow.

The aim of the Forum is to enhance communication and co-operation amongst cultural groups in Chorley and district. At the meeting, David Tetlow invited all members of participating groups to Astley Hall for a "Museum at Night" event on Sunday 18th May from 5.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. Astley Hall is open to the public on the previous evening, but the Sunday event is especially for CBC employees, and, along with the other Forum groups, all LFHHS members who attend Chorley branch are invited.

The Salford Diocesan Archives has published the first volume of the History of St Bede's College, Manchester. It covers the founding of the Commercial Business School 1876-1891, and the background of Catholic Secondary Education in Manchester & Salford 1850-1876. Cost - £10 from the website shop: <http://sdaregisterscouk.ipage.com/store/page2.html>

This Evening's Speaker

Our speaker for this evening is David Pilkington whose talk "The Buried Treasure of James Dixon" is based on the unique records of Blackburn Orphanage. It was founded by James Dixon, a contemporary of Dr. Barnardo. Next month, Gordon Read is with us to talk about Preston's suffragette, Edith Rigby. She is noted for founding a school for the education of women and girls, and went on to become a prominent activist.

From Lancashire Archives

If you missed this notice last time, here is another chance to contribute!
Next year, Lancashire Archives will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. One of the events planned is an exhibition of 75 treasures. These will display the exciting diversity of Lancashire's archive collections over 900 years and cover the length and breadth of the county. You are invited to nominate your favourite document, or an item which you think should be included in the exhibition. Contact: Lancashire Archives, Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE. (01772) 533039 record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

The National Railway Museum

has made changes to the opening hours of its Search Engine archives and library service. The Search Engine is open 4 days a week, from Wednesday to Saturday. Contact to make arrangements: search.engine@nrm.org.uk For full details of the revised opening times, see: <http://www.nrm.org.uk/ResearchAndArchive/about.aspx>

Branch Chairman:
Steve Williams
Branch Secretary:
Sheila Gibbons
chorleysecretary@aol.com
Tel: 01257 262028
Branch Website:
www.lfhhschorleybranch.com
Webmaster:
Steve Williams
General enquiries
chorleyinfo@lfhhs.org.uk

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.

However, David Tetlow (Chorley Council's Cultural Assets Manager) hopes work will be completed by July, with an opening event in the exhibition area of the farmhouse in August.

The part of farmhouse occupied by the LFHHS Chorley Research Centre should have much improved facilities, and we look forward to re-opening as soon as we can.

**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.**