



Chorley & Leyland News

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This Evening's Speaker

We welcome Joanne Halliwell, who will talk about "Betsy the Scullery Maid". Betsy has been sent on an errand and will describe her life for us.

New Branch Officers

Thanks to former officers who have served the branch so well during the past year(s), and welcome to those with new or continuing responsibilities:

Chair – Pauline Chapman
Vice Chair – Ron Chapman
Steve Williams
Treasurer – Kathryn Carter
Webmaster/Mailing List/Executive Representative, Branch Society
Trustee – Steve Williams
Education Co-ordinator – Pauline Chapman
Research Centre Manager, Correspondence Secretary – Sheila Gibbons
Minutes Secretary – Catherine Lightbourne
Raffle Co-ordinator – Christine Jones
Programme Secretary – Marian Crossley
Projects Co-ordinator – Rita Platt
Publicity Officer – Susan Riley
Newsletter - Jenny Cree
Lending Library, Assistant Projects Co-ordinator – Vivienne Ross
Other Committee Members – Jean Ashcroft, Carl Burton
Branch Helper - Lucille Porter

Busy LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre

The Centre has had many extra visitors dropping in from the farmhouse's exhibition areas. Alongside the branch's current "Further Steps" family history course, 4 introductory family history workshops have been provided at Chorley Council's request. All were well attended. Also, Centre volunteers have (continued in next column)

.... worked with Year 6 pupils at St. Peter's School researching Chorley soldiers who died at Festubert 100 years ago.

Chorley's Heritage Centre

For several years, the Chorley Heritage Centre Group has worked with schools and UCLan students, mounted exhibitions, hosted a regional Community History Conference, recorded oral history, and collected and archived many items important to Chorley's heritage.

Recently, Chorley Council gave the Group the use of the upstairs area at the "other end" of Astley Hall farmhouse. Good progress so far, but the ultimate goal remains the establishment of a town centre Heritage Centre for Chorley.

The current exhibition, "The Development of Chorley", continues until May 31st. From June 13th the next exhibition will complement the Chorley schools' exhibition commemorating Chorley soldiers who died at Festubert.

Future exhibitions will feature different aspects of Chorley's heritage.

The Heritage Centre is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 noon – 4.00 p.m., and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the same times when the lower gallery is in use.

For more information see: www.chorleyheritage.co.uk



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LFHHS Chorley Family History Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse Centre Website

www.cfhrc.com

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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 advisable

LFHHS Resource & Research Centre,

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**Open every Thurs and
1st Sat in each month,
1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

What's On

Sat 25 Apr

Lancashire Archives
75th Anniversary Celebrations - 1940s
Theme 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lancashire Archives Bow Lane Preston PR1
2RE

Sun 26 Apr

Lancashire Archives
75th Anniversary Celebrations and Family
History Fair
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Lancashire Archives Bow Lane Preston PR1
2RE

Saturday 30th May

LFHHS One Day Conference and AGM with
bookstalls and Society shop
£12.50 with lunch, £7.00 without lunch
9.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., St Cuthbert's
Parish Centre Lytham Road Fulwood
Preston
See the February Journal for booking form,
or book on line at www.lfhhs.org/index.php

Saturday 27th June

York Family History Fair
10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Knivesmire Exhibition Centre York
Racecourse YO23 1EX

Tuesday 18th August

Branch out visit - details to follow, but
please note the date.

6th Sept

Society Lunch at Waddow Hall Clitheroe
Hosted by Ribble Valley Branch

Lunch, Guest Speaker, Tour of Hall, Bar,
Lounge, Riverside Garden Walk and a Girl
Guide Heritage Display

Saturday 19th September - LFHHS
Family History Fair at King George's Hall,
Blackburn

Thursday 1st Oct - Heraldry Conference at
Salford

Saturday 10th October - Irish Conference
at Oswaldtwistle

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"Portable" Family Trees

Member Peter Joslin has advice and suggestions
regarding "portable" Family Trees. See the Lancaster
and Morecambe Branch website.

<http://www.lancasterfamilyhistory.org.uk>

Society Chairman, Mike Coyle, offers help with any
queries, if, in the first instance, a contact is made
through him.

Society Team Leads are:

Society Chairman, Mike Coyle

Projects & Publications - Derrick Walkden

Resources - Tony Foster

Treasury - Steve Benson

Membership - Sue Foster & Steve Benson

Education & Training - Mike Coyle

Fairs - Stephen Ward

General Issues - Mike Coyle

Publicity - Rowan Bridgwood

Society Secretary - Sharman Walmsley

LFHHS Journal 'Lancashire' Editor - Hazel

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Website - Steve Benson

Chairman - Mike Coyle chairman@lfhhs.org

Chorley Family History Research Centre hit the
Air Waves again on April 8th on the Radio Lancashire's
Brett Davison show. An interview with Sheila, Susan,
Ron and Steve was broadcast.

Listen at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n75d7#auto>.

The interview was broadcast at about 10.50 a.m. - 1
hour 50 minutes into the programme.

Great publicity for the Society and the Research
Centre!

Chorley Remembers

To date, approximately 700 people days have been
contributed to the project by the branch. This
includes the time given by volunteers, and by Ron
Chapman who has co-ordinated the branch's work on
the project.

Well done to everybody involved!

Next Branch Meeting

The next Chorley branch meeting is at 7.30 p.m. on
Tuesday 19th May in Chorley Library. The speaker is
Harold Hoggarth. The intriguing title of his talk is,
"Snuff, Spinning, and Spiritual Houses". Come along
and hear what a snuff maker, Samuel Crompton and
Whalley Abbey have in common!