



Chorley News

Chorley Branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

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What happened March Meeting

Russell Parry told us the story of the Appley Bridge Meteorite, which fell to the ground on Tuesday 14th October 1914.



One observer described it as a, “what seemed to be a ball of fire with a tail attached travelling at terrific speed in a northerly direction.

At first people thought it was a German airship or a bomb and were alarmed by this. This also went into the newspapers.

However the meteorite was found at Halliwell farm the next day by two men out shooting who reported it to the police. It was described as weighing about 30lbs and heavier than it looks. On the outside it is dark brown in colour like rust iron and is covered with a sort of burnt powder. Inside the colour is light grey with spots of gold and bright coloured metal.

We saw this tiny piece of the meteorite. It was displayed in this local shop to allay fears that it was a German bomb.

The largest part of it is now in the Natural History Museum in London though small pieces are as far away as New York and Moscow.



What's on

LFHHS Chorley

Thursday 19th April 7.30pm Anna Watson Ecclesiastical Court records - find out about misbehaving clergy

Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall) Cunliffe Street Chorley PR7 2EB

Members only Computer group is at 7:30 on 3rd Monday at Astley Hall Farmhouse

Education course begins again 21st September and is the First Steps course. Numbers are limited.

Yorkshire Family History Fair The Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, The Racecourse, York, YO23 1EX Date 23rd June 2018

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LFHHS 2018 ONE DAY CONFERENCE & AGM

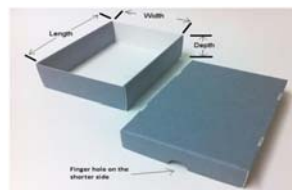
will be on Saturday 19th May 2018 at St Cuthberts Church Centre Lytham Road Fulwood Preston PR2 3AR.

We wish to attract as many as possible to the Conference & AGM., to help towards this the cost of the day including a Buffet Lunch is, as last year, £12.50 per person.

Lancashire Archives

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| Friday 20th April | Poulton Library family History 2.15 - 3.25pm |
| Friday 11th May | Family History Surgery 10am -12.00noon |
| Friday 11th May | Quarter sessions records for family historians 12-30 - 1.30pm(talk) |
| Friday 11th May | Getting to know the Archive Session 2.30 - 4.00pm |
| Wed 23rd May | Family History at Accrington Library 2.00pm |

Lancashire Archives box-making service offers tailor-made storage boxes designed to provide secure and space-saving packaging for archival media, books, photographs, artefacts and ephemera.



What's needed

Programme Secretary - The branch needs a new Programme secretary to develop a programme for 2019. Any skills members can offer or ideas for meetings are welcome.

Projects

Photographic Record of Chorley Cemetery Project

Photographing and indexing Chorley Graveyard.

The photographing is complete but volunteers are needed to input data from the gravestones photographed. Contact details if you wish to assist are on the end of the newsletter.

Chorley Guardian Military Project

Articles have been copied from the Chorley Guardian from 1895-1995 about military personnel. The information includes all kinds of information even marriages and the birth of children. These need to be indexed so they can be used more widely.

Ada's Birthday Book Fun Project have made some layout Alterations

Ada Rice 1872-1909 kept a birthday book, and some of the people mentioned there have been found and are on a tree in Ancestry. There are many more unidentified. Ron has a spreadsheet with all the names on if anyone is interested in trying to identify the other people mentioned. They could be not only family members but friends or neighbours of Ada.

What's new

The Genealogist (www.thegenealogist.co.uk) has added Colour Tithe Maps from The National Archives to their National Tithe Records collection. The new data includes: over 40,000 Plots of Land covering the years from 1837 to 1855 with some much later plans of altered apportionments.

My Heritage (www.MyHeritage.com) has added the 1939 Register of England & Wales; U.S. Yearbooks Name Index 1890-1979; and a collection of Canadian obituaries, mostly 1997-2017. The initial 1939 Register collection on My Heritage includes an index, without images.

Ancestry (www.ancestry.co.uk) has added the following new collections: electoral registers for Edinburgh, Scotland (1832-1966) and Liverpool (1832-1970); and parish church records for Worcestershire (1541-1812).

FindMyPast (www.findmypast.co.uk) has added Greater London Marriage Index; England, Mining Disaster Victims; Derbyshire Parish Records; Irish Tontines Annuitants 1766-1789; Ireland, American Fenian Brotherhood 1864-1897; Church Of Ireland Histories & Reference Guides; Armagh Records & Registers; Antrim Histories & Reference Guides; Dublin Registers & Records; and Ireland, Royal Irish Constabulary History & Directories.

FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org) New archived records from around the world are published on FamilySearch every week to help you find your ancestors. This week, nearly 8 million new records are available from **France** and more from **Sweden, Austria, Montana, Pennsylvania, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic.**

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Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri 10a.m– 4pm 2nd and 3rd Sat Noon-4pm

Last appointment 3.00 p.m. *Booking is advisable on all days.*

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