



Chorley & Leyland News

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Rivington Parish Church - the Venue for August's Out Visit



It is probable that there has been a church on the present site since Saxon times. About a quarter of a mile from the church, there are two Saxon Barns, and there is a Saxon font in the church itself.

The first inhabitants of Rivington were probably baptised into the Christian faith in 666 A.D. The church was rebuilt in 1540 by Richard Pilkington, and consecrated in 1541. In 1666 the chancel and two porches were added.

The lintels over the windows on the south side are arched and cut from solid stone, a Saxon feature. The stained glass windows are Victorian.

The church has remained the same size until recently, when a new extension was added to make it more able to meet the needs of today's thriving congregation.

Tuesday 15th August is the date for our summer out visit. 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 from Marian.

Please come if you can.

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. The course is for people who have some knowledge and experience of family history. For anyone who has attended a "First Steps" course, it is 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 which covers all resources - even tea and biscuits!

Additions to www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

More than 36,000 new presbyterian church records, covering the period 1744 to 1855, have been added to ScotlandsPeople. The births and baptisms (1744-1855), marriages and proclamations (1729-1855) and death and burial records (1783-1855) may be especially helpful for anyone searching for a person who was born or baptised, married or died before the introduction of statutory registration in 1855.

OPRs already available to search through the website were compiled by ministers of the Church of Scotland, and therefore do not include surviving records of baptisms that were created in other presbyterian denominations that separated themselves from the established church and that sometimes also formed further separate denominations.

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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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Open every Thurs and

1st Sat in each month,

1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Branch Meetings

Thank you to the Staff and Friends of Astley Hall for hosting our July meeting at the Hall. We look forward to "An Insight into Astley Hall". Strawberries and cream, wine and soft drinks will also be served this evening. There is no charge, but a small donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

In August, Marian has arranged our out visit to Rivington Parish Church on Tuesday 15th August.

We meet once again at Chorley Library at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19th September. Our speaker on that evening will be Tony Foster. His subject is "A Trip to Switzerland".

Derrick Walkden

Longer established members will be sorry to learn of the death of Derrick Walkden on July 10th.

For many years, Derrick was a Trustee of the Society. Derrick's knowledge of Heraldry enabled him to fulfil a key role in the Heraldry branch, as well as being involved in other areas of the Society.

A committed Anglican, Derrick was a Lay Canon of Blackburn Cathedral. Derrick will be greatly missed.

What's On

Until late October, 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, "Chorley's Old Halls, Past and Present". Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse. Come and discover more about Chorley's heritage.

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.

Saturday 9th September, 11.00 a.m. – 3.00p.m. Heritage Open Day. Exhibition of Preston Building Plans, including Preston Bus Station, and tours behind the scenes at Lancashire Archives. See www.lancashire.gov.uk/archives for more information. Lancashire Archives, Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE

September 7th – 10th – Look out for Heritage Open Day events locally and around the county.

Editor's Note

Although I missed the last branch meeting, I've been told that our speaker referred to Myles Standish as a native of the Isle of Man. This was dangerous talk in Chorley!

There has been much recent research, in the USA and in the UK, into the birthplace of Myles Standish. Although, the mystery remains, the weight of opinion has shifted to placing Myles' birth in Lancashire.

As a branch we are involved in Chorley's plans for involvement in the Mayflower400 project which will take place in the UK and in the USA in 2020. In the meantime, check up on Myles Standish on Tony Christopher's website www.mylesstandish.info