



# Chorley & Leyland News

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## Centenary of the First World War Battle of Festubert



For two weeks in June, in the Astley Hall Farmhouse's lower Gallery and in the adjacent Chorley Family History Research Centre, Chorley Schools' History Network displayed commemorative research done by local primary and secondary pupils.

During the last year, volunteers from Chorley branch have been helping some of the schools with their research.

Each participating school focussed on a group of men who died at Festubert, especially those from the school's locality or parish. Each display was unique, and included striking examples of the children's interpretations of their research. Chorley Heritage Centre's linked exhibition, "Chorley and World War 1" continues in the upper room of Astley Hall Farmhouse until the end of August.

To respond to the Office for National Statistics' current Census proposals see:  
<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/census/2021-census-topics-consultation>

more information is available at:  
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2021-census/consultations/index.html>

## August Out Visit to Horwich Heritage Centre

From Marian Crossley,  
Programme Secretary:

*This year's branch August out visit is to the Horwich Heritage Centre, situated on Beaumont Rd. Horwich BL6 7BG, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 p.m. Horwich Heritage Group was formed in 1985 following a series of public meetings aimed at re-establishing a sense of local pride in the wake of the closure of Horwich Locomotive Works the previous year.*

*The Society first began holding its meetings in the Public Hall, moving to Horwich Resource Centre in 1990 where its monthly meetings still take place. It opened its first Heritage Centre within the Resource Centre in 1995 and moved into its current premises in 2006. The Centre has many interesting exhibits, and the group also produces its own books and DVDs on subjects of local interest. See <http://horwichheritage.co.uk>*

*There is a maximum number of 30 places on this visit, and the cost will be £2 per person to cover the cost of refreshments, and of course to give a small donation to the Centre. Please put your name down at this evening's meeting, or contact me (Marian Crossley) by email - [marianc@fsmail.net](mailto:marianc@fsmail.net) or phone 01257 268311*



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**Opening Times:**  
Mon, Wed and Fri  
10.00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU 01254 239919**  
**Open every Thurs and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in each month, 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

### **Tonight's Branch Meeting**

This evening we welcome back Adrian Warrell, with a presentation on "Pirates". We hope for a warm evening so that we can enjoy our strawberries and cream outside in Astley Hall Coach House's courtyard and walled garden.

Looking towards September, our speaker on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at Chorley Library will be Angela Danby. Her topic, "Historical Newspaper Stories" focuses on tales from 19<sup>th</sup> century Southport newspapers.

### **What's On**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**, Branch out visit to Horwich Heritage Centre. See overleaf for details. Places are filling so please book as soon as possible.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**, Society Lunch at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe. Hosted by Ribble Valley Branch. Day includes lunch, speaker, tour of hall, bar, lounge, riverside garden walk and Girl Guide heritage display.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – end of November**, Chorley Heritage Centre on the upper floor of Astley Hall Farmhouse - new exhibition, "Astley Hall Farmhouse". Come along and see some of the changes the centuries have brought. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12 noon – 3.30, and on Saturdays and Sundays at the same times if the lower gallery is in use.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September** (preliminary notice) Meet the Experts at Astley Hall Farmhouse Gallery/Astley Hall Coach House.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Chorley branch "First Steps" 10 Friday evening family history beginners' course to be held at the Chorley Family History Research Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse. A few places left – open to all so please encourage friends new to family history to join the course. Cost £35 to cover all sessions and materials.**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – LFHHS Family History Fair, King George's Hall, Blackburn.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Irish Conference at Oswaldtwistle.

### **What's New**

**Lancashire Archives:** A full searchroom facility is available throughout the working day, Monday-Friday. The Saturday service has an hour of closure over lunch. Amongst recent acquisitions are the sales particulars for the Dutton Manor Estate (DDX 445) The Estate included land in Ribchester, Dutton, Aighton Bailey, Chaigley, Clayton-le-Dale and Thornley-with-Wheatley. Plots are described in detail. The use and value of the land is given, as well as the tenant, making the information a useful source for anyone with ancestors from that area. Photographs of some of the lots are also included.

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**The Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild:** The Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild website provides links to sites to research emigration, immigration and naturalization, passenger list sites, ethnic research, libraries and archives, passenger ship types, descriptions and images, and additional worldwide maritime information available both on-line and off-line.

<http://immigrantships.net/index.html>

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**Jim Lancaster from the Bury branch has posted this on our Society Forum:** *My attention has just been drawn to a FamilySearch Wiki page [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Lancashire\\_Parishes](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Lancashire_Parishes) This lists the Anglican churches in Lancashire for which registers (or parts of) are available on-line and the dates for each site.*

**The Children's Homes website** covers orphanages, homes for those in poverty, or with special needs, through to reformatories, industrial and approved schools, training ships, and hostels. The site includes many maps, census listings, and historic images of the buildings and their inmates.

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