



Chorley & Leyland News

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"A Walk through Chorley's Criminal Past" - an extra event for LFHHS Chorley Branch members

"A Walk through Chorley's Criminal Past" will be a guided walk around Chorley to some of its infamous historical criminal sites. Come and learn of the people and events involved.

The walk will take place on Tuesday 12th July, setting off from the steps of Chorley Library. We are asked to meet there at 6:45p.m. for a 7:00 p.m. start.

Joan Dickinson of Chorley Historical and Archaeological Society will lead our walk, and will tell us about Chorley criminals and the places associated with them.

If you have knowledge of any interesting historical criminal events in Chorley, please contact Pauline Chapman at:

Pauline@chapman47.plus.com.

Pauline will pass your information to Joan before the walk takes place.

This promises to be a fascinating evening, and we look forward having a sizeable number of walkers. Please dress suitably for the evening's weather conditions, whatever they are.

Army Ancestors

The first two "Find your military ancestors" sessions on RAF and Merchant Navy, and Royal Navy ancestors were very well received.

The "Researching Your Army Ancestors" session will be held in Astley Hall Coach House's Conference Room on Thursday 23rd June, from 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Tel. 01257 262028 to book a place, or talk to Steve at this evening's meeting.

See overleaf for "Meet the Military Experts" on 25th June.

Branch Meetings

Our speaker for this evening, Joanne Halliwell, makes a welcome return with "Betsy Moves Up". Betsy has progressed to a housekeeper's post!

Strawberries and cream, soft drinks, and wine will also be served.

Next month, on Tuesday 19th July, Paul Cross will introduce us to stories associated with artefacts – "Stories about old stuff". We return to Chorley Library for this meeting.

A date for your diary

Arrangements for Chorley's first celebration of Lancashire Day on Sunday 27th November are moving forward well.

Centred on Astley Hall, the Coach House and Farmhouse, the day will include dialect poetry, song and dance, stalls, food, sport, exhibitions, Chorley's church bells ... and more.

The Research Centre, with an emphasis on Lancashire Records, will be open throughout the day, as will Astley Hall and Chorley Heritage Centre.

Further Steps in Family History

Beginning on 16th September, the Chorley branch's next family history course, Further Steps, seeks to widen and deepen areas of possible research. The 10 Friday evening course, held in the Chorley Family History Research Centre, includes sessions on Heraldry, Scottish Records, Wills and Old Handwriting, Catholic Records, Manorial Records, Irish Records, Welsh Records, Quarter sessions, and the Poor Law. The £40 fee covers all course costs. The course is open to members and non members.

To book, please see Pauline or Ron, or Tel. 01257 453087.

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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 is advisable on
all occasions.*

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

What's On

Astley Hall's Sacrifice exhibition continues in the lower gallery of Astley Hall Farmhouse until Sunday 26th June. If you haven't visited the exhibition, try to allow enough time to listen to the recordings of these inspirational and brave people.

From the end of May – September, Chorley Heritage Centre, in the upper gallery of the Farmhouse, has a "Buckshaw Then and Now" exhibition. This follows some of the area's history from its farms and through the ROF years to the present Buckshaw Village. The children of Buckshaw Trinity C of E/ Methodist Primary School, students from Runshaw College, and artist Martin O'Connor have all contributed to this exhibition.

A "Meet the Military Experts" presentation will take place at the Centre on Saturday 25th June. To book a place call 01257 262028, or have a word with Sheila or Steve.

Various events in commemoration of WW1 have been arranged by the borough:
Thursday, 30th June - Vigil at the Chorley Pals Memorial on Union Street, Chorley from 9.45 p.m. (sunset) to 10.00 p.m., led by the Rt. Hon. Lindsay Hoyle MP.
Friday, 1st July - Service and Act of Remembrance at the Chorley Pals Memorial on The Flat Iron / Union Street, Chorley from 7.15 a.m.
Saturday, 2nd July - Freedom of the Borough March by 3 Medical Regiment, RAMC and dedication of names on the War Memorial, Astley Park.
Saturday, 2nd July – "Pals on Parade" concert by Leyland Band playing WW1 music, Lancastrian Suite, Chorley Town Hall from 8.00 p.m., tickets £10.
Sunday, 3rd July - Astley Park and Astley Hall "Pals in the Park" Family Day 11.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., entry free.

Meet the Society on the Road

Saturday 2nd July 2016 - York Family History Fair, 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse YO23 1EX

Come and see us at any of these Family History Fairs and shows. If you would like to help please contact Stephen Ward Tel. 01204 650348 (evenings) or email sjward.highhouse@btinternet.co

Wednesday 13th July, 12 noon - 1.30pm, Lancashire Archives – "Westfield: A Story of First World War Survival". Speaker Martin Purdy.

Saturday, 23rd July 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m., St. Mary's Church Tour, Newchurch in Pendle. Guides will share findings from historical research. Tour of the church and grounds approx 1 hour, with tea and cake served afterwards. Donations towards the upkeep of the church welcome. Booking essential. For more information contact: telephone 01200 448000 or email: sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

Sunday 18th September, 10.15 p.m. for 10.30 p.m. tour, with lunch at 12 noon - Annual Society Lunch, hosted by the Blackburn with Darwen Branch, Salmesbury Hall, Preston New Road, Salmesbury PR5 0UP. See May Journal for booking form and further details. Bookings and cheques no later than 26th August, please.

Saturday 8th October – Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference, 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Oswaldtwistle Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HZ. To book and for programme form contact Marian Crossley, Tel. 01257 268311 email marianc@fsmail.net, or book on the LFHHS website.