



# Chorley & Leyland News

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## Chorley Historical and Archaeological Society Trip

A few places are left on the October London visit, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. On the Saturday's journey to London, there will be a visit to Bletchley Park, on the Sunday, there will be a visit to the Museum of London's FIRE FIRE exhibition (350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire of London), and on the Monday a boat trip on the Thames to Greenwich.

The cost of approximately £235 per person includes first class travel, Tyrers coaches, 2 nights bed and breakfast in the Guoman Tower Hotel (evening meals not included). There is a single supplement.

For more information or to book, please contact:  
Christine Harrison 01257 271257  
or Joan Dickinson 01257 481006

## BMD Update - from Graham Robnison, Chorley branch BMD team leader:

*At present, following the removal of BMD records to Lancashire Archives in Bow Lane, the Chorley BMD team is not meeting. Adjustments are still being made by staff to fit the registers into the smaller space that has been allocated.*

*The BMD team hopes to be able to re-start work from around the end of May.*

*The current BMD task is checking West Lancashire records - looking at deaths, and some Ormskirk births. This is a time consuming task but of crucial importance if data is to be free of error when it goes on line.*

BMD tutorials are on line at:

<http://www.UKBMD.org.uk/tutorials>

## Membership List – a request from Steve Williams:

*I have received an updated members list for Chorley Branch which reflects everyone who has renewed or joined in 2016.*

*As a result this will be the last email from the 2015 mailing list. If you do not receive an email shortly from the 2016 mailing list it means we have not got your correct details - so please get in touch with me at [chorleysecretary@aol.com](mailto:chorleysecretary@aol.com)*

## Researching your Royal Navy Ancestors

This is the second of three presentations being delivered, in association with Chorley Council, at Chorley Family History Research Centre.

It takes place on Thursday 19th May from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Please ring 01257 262028 to book a place or for further details.

Advanced Notice  
Thursday 23rd June, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. -  
"Researching your Army Ancestors"

To book a place, please call 01257 262028.

In support of Armed Forces Day on Saturday 25th June, the Chorley Family History Research Centre will be holding a "Meet our Military Experts" event. A team of Military Experts will be there to give you advice on your Military Research.

*Just a reminder of how much there is on offer at the Centre. Volunteers are always needed!*

## Branch Chairman:

Pauline Chapman

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## Branch Website:

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**LFHHS Chorley Family History Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse Centre Website**

[www.cfhrc.com](http://www.cfhrc.com)

## Appointments

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If closed 01257 262028

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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 is advisable*

*Computer Club 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday of month at  
7.30 p.m. LFHHS  
members only*

**LFHHS Resource & Research Centre,  
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**Open every Thurs and  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat in each month,  
1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

### Branch Meetings

Tonight's speakers are Sheila Gibbons and Steve Williams, and we look forward to hearing the story of "John Hedges, and his family's journey to a promised land". Thanks to Sheila and Steve for sharing their research with us. Would anyone else like to do this? Please have a word with Marian.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, our meeting will be at Astley Hall. Joanne Halliwell will be making A return visit to talk about Betsy's promotion to Housekeeper – the talk is entitled "Betsy Moves Up". This promises to be another entertaining evening. Our usual strawberries and cream & glass of wine/soft drink will be served. A donation of £1.00 per person would help with expenses, please.

### What's On

"Pop-up" Great War exhibitions in local pubs continue at the Prince of Wales, Cowling, the Malt and Hops, and the Cricketers at Brinscall. If you have any information you would like to add, or would like your local pub to take part, please contact Adam Cree and Richard Langford, who are responsible for the exhibitions, via the Heritage website at [www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Local and Family History Fair 10.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m., and also at 7 p.m., evening talk cost £4.00 - "Yorkshire soldiers in the Great War". Ripon Library, The Arcade, Ripon HG4 1AG.

Astley Hall's Sacrifice exhibition continues in the lower gallery of Astley Hall Farmhouse until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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, through the ROF years to the present Buckshaw Village. The children of Buckshaw Trinity C of E/ Methodist Primary School, Runshaw College, and artist Martin O'Connor have all contributed to this exhibition.

Wednesday, 8th June 2016 from 12:30 to 13:30 - talk on the history of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, in its two hundredth anniversary year, by Mike Clarke. This event is free. Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE

Meet the Society on the Road

Saturday 21st May 2016 Sheffield & District Family History Fair

Saturday 11th June 2016 Pudsey Annual Family History Fair and also DNA Conference

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](mailto:sjward.highhouse@btinternet.co)

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### What's New

There is no space for detail, but findmypast has added huge numbers of records to its site. These include Irish, Australian Boer War, American Revolutionary War pension records and Yorkshire records.

Scotlandspeople has a Credit Amnesty until Sunday 22 May. To reactivate expired credits, enter the voucher code **spring2016** into the voucher code box on the Shopping Basket page. Note that the voucher code is case sensitive (i.e. all lower case with no spaces) and must be typed exactly as seen above (minus the bold text).