



Chorley & Leyland News

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Christmas is Coming!

It's hard to believe that Christmas is only a month or so away!

The Committee sends its best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members.

Chorley branch has the largest numbers of Society members affiliated to it, and we hope this will continue in the coming year.

Thank you for your loyalty and support.



Christmas Arrangements

Please note that our next branch meeting will be at Chorley Library at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th December.

Our December raffle usually has extra prizes to be won. If you would like to contribute by providing a raffle prize, Christine will be happy to receive your donation.

The last day to visit the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre before Christmas is Friday 16th December. The Centre re-opens after the holiday on Monday 16th January.

"First Steps" Course

Do you know someone who has always meant to find out more about their family history?

Members and non members can sign up for Chorley branch's courses. Our 10 evening "First Steps" family history course begins on Friday 27th January and costs only £40. Already, places are filling. Tel: 07730793990 to book a place.

Branch Meetings

Thanks to all who shared their stories at last month's enjoyable members' evening.

This evening, John Dalton is with us to talk about "The Lancashire Parish Register Society". The Society was formed in 1898, and has many registers which can be used for research.

Next month, we meet on Tuesday 6th December, when our speaker will be Graham Stirrup. He will be talking about "Victorian Times".

Our first meeting of 2017 takes place on Tuesday 17th January when we shall be having another members' meeting - "Family Heirlooms". This time, members will be asked to bring their own family treasures, and either share the stories linked to them, or ask for help in identifying them. More details from Marian, our Programme Secretary.

Chorley Celebrates Lancashire Day! Sunday November 27th at Astley Hall, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A joint project involving Astley Hall, Chorley's historical and heritage groups, and their friends in Lancashire

Come Clogging Dabbling in Dialect

Hotpot and Black Pudding
And enjoy the Chorley Silver

Band, Horwich Mens' and Rivington Ladies' Morris Dancers, Sid Calderbank, Street Theatre, Chorley's Town Crier
Meet: Lancashire Authors, Family Historians, and local Heritage Groups.

The Friends of Real Lancashire, Landy Publishing, Lancashire Artists and Wildlife Supporters,

Entry Free

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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 days.

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

What's New

- New functionality to search for GRO Historic Birth and Death Index References online is now available through the GRO website.
- LFHHS subscriptions are due from January. See the Journal for ways to pay. Subscriptions are: Ordinary Membership (UK): £14, Family (UK): £15, Pensioners (UK): £12, Student (UK): £12, Overseas: £16. Having just paid my subscription to another society, I can assure everyone that the LFHHS subscription is keenly priced. Please give your support by paying promptly, and by encouraging interested friends to join.
- Free WW1 show and grave tours at Preston Cemetery: A unique free event is being hosted locally on Saturday, November 12th, to mark the ongoing centenary of the First World War and to remember the 324 veterans of the conflict who are buried in Commonwealth War Graves in Preston Cemetery.
Suitable for all ages, the event starts at noon with guided tours of the two main WW1 plots followed by a performance at 1pm by the acclaimed Lancashire folk and storytelling outfit Harp and a Monkey. The trio have been touring a WW1 show around the country for the past 18 months in partnership with Arts Council England and the Western Front Association. From 2pm there will then be another chance to tour the grave plots. There is no need to book in advance; simply turn up at the cemetery off New Hall Lane.
- 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays – “The History of Chorley in Lancashire”. Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse.
- Friday 2nd December, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. – Mayor’s Christmas by Candlelight, Astley Hall. Features Christmas music and carols. All proceeds to St. Catherine’s Hospice, NW Air Ambulance, and Alzheimer’s Society. Tickets £8. Booking essential. See “What’s Happening in Chorley” and the local press for Chorley’s many Christmas events in churches, Astley Hall, Hoghton Tower and around the borough.
- A Lancashire Christmas - A talk by Alan Crosby, 7.00 pm on 2nd December, at Lancashire Archives, £10 including buffet. Places are limited and booking is essential. Email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk, or telephone 01772 533039, or ask in person at Lancashire Archives. Once a place has been reserved payment must be made no later than 25th November by BACS (see below for details) or by cheque (payable to Friends of Lancashire Archives and sent to Family History Workshop, Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, PRESTON PR1 2RE). For BACS payments please use the following details:
Sort Code: 16-28-33 Account number 11771886. Please ensure that you give your surname as reference.
- Findmypast has continued to add vast numbers of records to its site. Of particular interest could be the British and Irish Workhouse records, Monmouthshire Marriage notices, Yorkshire Baptisms, Ireland RC Parish Registers, and British in India Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths and Burials. Come into the Centre and have a look!
- Judith Hilton and her team have been spending many hours cataloguing and organising the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre Library. With the new shelving in place, and all the work that is being done, the Centre will have an excellent additional facility for future research.