



Chorley & Leyland News

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Looking towards December - a hotpot supper, with mince pies, a glass of wine/fruit juice, and a quiz are planned for our Christmas meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th December at Chorley Library. Committee member Anne Lowe is taking names, with £5.00 per person, please, to cover costs.

Although the monthly raffle and donations, with careful programme planning and budgeting, cover our speakers' fees, unfortunately when food is provided it's necessary to make a small charge.

We hope everyone will be happy with this, and come along for what promises to be a good start to Christmas activities.

Branch Meetings

This evening, as our speaker, we welcome Brooke Westcott, a long time Society member, committee member, former treasurer and continuing supporter of the Chorley branch. Brooke's topic is "Every book tells a story".

At our next meeting on Tuesday 21st November, our speaker Adam Cree returns to us with "Susannah Knight and Beyond". As we know from our own research experiences, there is always something else waiting to be discovered!

Branch Courses

The branch's "Next Steps" has begun. Pauline and Ron Chapman provide these excellent 10 Friday evenings courses for members and non-members.

If you are interested in future courses, please talk to Pauline or Ron, or phone Ron on 07730793990.

From our Secretary, Steve Williams:

The LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre is now equipped to assist physically and mentally impaired people. For this, we are indebted to the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity.

We have a new laptop, keyboard and mouse, a 32 inch monitor, special keyboard and mouse, and specialist software to assist partially sighted people. In addition, we have a text reader to enable the partially sighted to read books magnified onto the screen, and a hearing loop to assist those who are hearing impaired.

Once the Centre's volunteers have familiarised themselves with the new equipment and software, we shall be having a formal launch. We hope that not only representatives from local groups, Masonic and civic guests will come along, but also and especially our members and Centre users.

Please pass on to friends and neighbours that the Centre's improved facilities will be up and running soon.

Bob Dobson's Lancashire Book Catalogue

Bob Dobson of landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk has emailed his present book catalogue to the branch.

Those who have bought books from Bob will know how vast a range of Lancashire books he is able to offer.

If you are looking for a particular book, or would like a copy of the current catalogue, please contact Bob at the above email address.

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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.

LFHHS Members Only Computer Club

3rd Monday of each

month at 7.30 p.m.

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2 Straits,

Oswaldtwistle

BB5 3LU

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Open every Thurs and

1st Sat in each month,

1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

What's On

Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th and Monday 30th October – various "Ghastly Astley" seasonal events at Astley Hall. See "What's Happening in Chorley" for details.

Saturday 4th November 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Huddersfield & District Family History Society Family and Local History Fair, Cathedral House, St Thomas' Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3LG. Admission £3.00. Accompanied children under 16 free. Free car parking at Cathedral House. Cafe open all day.

From Monday 13th November, Monday, Wednesday Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon – 3.30 p.m., "The Changing Face of Chorley's Pubs", Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse.

Tuesday 21st November, 6.30 p.m. – 7.30p.m. "God's Glazier (Preston)", a talk by Heather Davis about Abbott & Co of Lancaster, and stained glass manufacture in Lancashire. Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE. Free, but booking required. Tel. 01772 533039 or email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk

Friday 26th January for 10 Friday evenings – a branch "Further Steps" family history course. Total cost £40. Ideally, experience of research or attendance at earlier courses useful, but if in doubt please ask Pauline or Ron. Bookings are being taken now. Open to both Society members and non members. Tel. 07730793990.

What's New

Ancestry has various additions to its site. Amongst these, the UK and Ireland and Global Find A Grave Indexes have been updated. The latter collection covers Burials at Sea, and other specific burial locations.

Yorkshire and Derbyshire parish records have come onto the site, with Yorkshire records from 1538-1837, and Derbyshire Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1538-1812, with Baptisms continuing from 1813-1916.

Amongst **Findmypast's** new or updated record collections are Lancashire Wills and Probate 1457-1858, Scotland RC parish Registers 1736-1942, Dublin Electoral Rolls 1908-1915, Warwickshire Bastardy Indexes 1844-1914, and Connecticut Church records 1600s-1800s.

Included above are just a few of the new records available on Ancestry and Findmypast, but many more can now be accessed on these sites. If you don't have your own subscription, why not make an appointment at the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre? All members partly support it through Society subscriptions, and it is a wonderful resource, not only for those of us who are members, but for the general public.

Branch Newsletter – new editor needed

After more than 12 years, I have decided that it's time to hand over the writing of the branch's monthly newsletter and quarterly Journal reports. Although I have enjoyed doing both, my current retirement lifestyle means that sometimes juggling the timing of writing and printing newsletters is difficult for me.

I'm sure that someone who is reading this will be thinking, "I'd like to do that." It's always good to have new vision and enthusiasm, so please approach one of the committee if you feel you would like to take over these jobs.

If necessary, I will continue until February, but hope that someone will be willing to accept the challenge by then!