



Chorley & Leyland News

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From Susan Riley, Chorley Branch
Publicity Officer:

Monday 20th July brought through
the doors of the LFHHS Chorley
Family History Research Centre a
father and daughter from New
South Wales, Australia.

Craig and Kylie were in the UK on
the trail of their Ancestors. Already
having researched enough to know
that Brinscall was one of their
places of interest, and having a
book on the Brinscall Moors that
named their Briggs family, they
were looking for assistance to
discover more.

By pure serendipity, a Chorley
Branch member with friends in
Brinscall was on volunteer duty.
With the blessing of our
visitors, a telephone call was made
to enquire if the friends knew
anyone of the name in the village.

Imagine the amazement when it
was pronounced that a neighbour
certainly was of the same family,
and a hastily despatched friend
went forth to investigate. It wasn't
long before a call came in from
Brinscall. An animated
conversation between Kylie and
Gordon resulted in an invitation to
visit the following day.

The meeting went exceptionally
well, confirming that all were
related. Gordon's Grandfather
Thomas is the brother of Craig's
Great Grandmother Elizabeth, and
Craig and Kylie now have contact
with other cousins through
Gordon.



Craig, Gordon's wife Vera, Kylie and
Gordon

From LFHHS Family History
Research Centre Manager, Sheila
Gibbons:

Computer Club

We are starting a Family History
Computer Club which will be
open to all members of the
Society. It will be held at
the LFHHS Chorley Family History
Research Centre at Astley
Farmhouse in Chorley on the 3rd
Monday of the month starting on
Monday 21st September.

This will be a self help group
where we will aim to help each
other to make the best use of our
computers in Family History.
We'll be talking about things like
software, websites, hints and tips
that will help us with our
research.

Computers will be available as
well as facilities to use your own.
We shall be starting at 7.30pm
and aim to finish about 9.30pm.
The cost will be £2.50 per
evening.

If you would like to join us get in
touch with Sheila on 01257
262028 or email
sheilaresearchcentre@aol.co.uk

Cancellation of LFHHS September Fair

*With regret and disappointment, we
have decided to cancel the LFHHS
September Fair, planned for 19 Sept
2015.*

*We were unable to attract sufficient
number of exhibitors to make the Fair
an attractive offer to members and the
public.*

*Please be sure to pass this message
to those who may not be connected
by email or the Internet.*

*My personal apologies for any
inconvenience and disappointment
this may cause.*

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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 advisable

**See page 2 for notice
of additional opening
times**

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

Branch Meetings

Welcome to Angela Danby, our speaker this evening. Angela's topic, "Historical Newspaper Stories" is about 19th century Southport newspapers, and some of the stories they covered.

Our programme secretary will highlight plans for the "Family Heirlooms" branch meeting in January.

Next month, Glen Atkinson returns with "Probably no Compensation".

If you know someone interested in family history, why not invite them to a branch meeting and introduce them to our branch activities? After 2 visits, non-members are expected to join the Society, but hopefully by then visitors will have decided to opt for membership.

Extended Opening Times at the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, for a trial 3 months, the Centre will be staying open from 10am until 7.30pm. Beginning on Wednesday September 9th, future evening openings will be:

14th October, 11th November & 2nd December. This should be a good opportunity for people to drop in after work.

For all evenings, bookings must be made in advance. To book phone 01257 262028 or email sheilaresearchcentre@aol.co.uk

From Marian Crossley:

Over twenty members of the Branch attended our out visit to the very informative Horwich Heritage Centre. We were treated to a film about the history of Horwich, and I for one found the details extremely interesting. A number of people from our Branch had family members who had worked in the area, and they were able to share this information during the visit. We were even given a number of documents for the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre.

The Heritage Centre not only focuses on the 'Loco' depot, but covers many other aspect of the locality. We were made to feel very welcome and very nearly had to be forced to leave at the end of the evening. This centre is well worth a visit and you can check its opening hours via its website www.horwichheritage.co.uk.



Susan and Viv at Horwich Heritage Centre.

What's On

Wednesday 9th Sept – Jan 2016, Chorley Heritage Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse - new exhibition, "Astley Hall Farmhouse". Open Mon, Wed and Fri 12 noon – 3.30 p.m., and at same times on Sat and Sun when the lower gallery is in use.

Friday 18th Sept – 1st session of Chorley branch "First Steps" family history beginners' course. **All places have been booked, but for details of future courses, please contact Pauline, Ron or Sheila.**

Saturday 19th Sept - Gruffalo Day at Astley Park, The Centre will be open for children to do their family trees. Materials have been prepared, so all you have to do is bring along your children and grandchildren!

Wednesday 28th Oct 12.30 p.m.at Lancashire Archives, Adam Cree, "Susannah Knight and Chorley's Memorial Album of the Great War". Check the website for numerous talks and events.

Do you have a computer in working order that you no longer need and would donate? Please contact Sheila.