



Chorley & Leyland News

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Welcome back after the summer break – though, of course, many members continued their involvement in branch activities throughout July and August. At the end of July, Chorley Flower Show brought additional visitors to the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre. A significant number booked appointments, and returned to research their families.

In August, Marian Crossley arranged a successful out visit to Chorley's Unitarian Chapel. There was an open invitation to meet at Wetherpoons earlier in the evening for a meal before the visit took place.

The Unitarian Chapel, Park St., Chorley



Some of the members who took part in the out visit



Thanks to LFHHS member Doreen Jolly for welcoming us to the Unitarian Chapel. For those of us who missed the visit, and others who would be interested in learning more about the Chapel's history, Doreen will be the speaker at the February 2017 branch meeting.

Autumn Courses

The next branch family history education course, "Further Steps in Family History" began on Friday 16th September for the first of 10 sessions. The course will include sessions on Quarter Sessions, Poor Law, Welsh, Irish and Scottish Records, Manorial Records, Roman Catholic Records, Wills and Old Handwriting, and Heraldry. The Chorley branch courses are informative and well researched, and provide excellent learning opportunities at only £40 per course.

If you missed the present course, look out for "First Steps" and "Next Steps" which are for anyone beginning family history research, and for those with some experience of it.

Also, during the autumn months, Ron Chapman will be running another "Family Historian and Ancestral Sources Course" at the Chorley Family History Research Centre, Astley Hall Farmhouse. Held on a Saturday and a Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., the course is intended for those who are new to, or who would like to know how to get more from, this software. Places are limited to 6. To book, or for further details, please contact Ron Chapman on 07730 793 990.

Branch Meetings

Welcome to this evening's speaker, Stephen Doyle, who will be talking about the experiences of a prisoner of war who spent time in Singapore's Changi prison.

Next month, we have a members' evening, when, once again, members will share short talks with us. Details from Marian Crossley.

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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*

always advisable.

Members Only

Computer Club at

Centre, 3rd Monday of

month at 7.30 p.m.

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Open every Thurs and

1st Sat in each month,

1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

What's On

Sunday 2nd October, Walled Garden, Astley Park, Apple Festival. Free admission. Details from 07979 589674

Thursday 6th October 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Hemsley House Masonic Hall, The Crescent, Salford M5 4PE (opposite Salford University and Art Gallery), LFHHS One Day Heraldic Study Day. All members, non-members and friends are invited to this Annual Event. Speakers include Martin Goldstraw, Mary O'Regan and Andrew Gray. For booking details and cost, please check the Society website or the Journal.

Saturday 8th October 9.30 a.m., Irish Ancestry Group Conference, at Oswaldtwistle Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle BB5 3HZ. Speakers include Chris Paton and Maggie Loughran. Online booking at <http://www.lfhhs.org/index.php?cPath=28>, any queries to Marian Crossley, Treasurer, Irish Ancestry Group, 01257 268311.

Until late September, "Buckshaw Then and Now" exhibition, Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse. This follows the history of the Buckshaw area from its farming past, through the ROF years to the present. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. The next exhibition, "Chorley in Lancashire" opens in **mid October**, and will have a permanent Chorley display. A temporary exhibition will be added in celebration of Lancashire Day.

Sunday 30th and Monday 31st October, 5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. "Ghastly Astley Night Tours" of Astley Hall. £5 per head, with booking essential. Email: Astley.hall@chorley.gov.uk

Monday 31st October 12 noon – 4.00 p.m., "Ghastly Astley Hallowe'en Fun" at Astley Hall. Free admission. Come to Astley Hall in Hallowe'en costume and meet some creepy characters from the Hall's past.

Friday 2nd December at 7.00 p.m. – "A Lancashire Christmas", a talk by Alan Crosby, 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.

What's New

Findmypast has innumerable additions to its site. If you don't subscribe to Findmypast, it's worth making an appointment at the Centre to look through all the data that's available.

Recent additions include:

WW1 and 2 enemy alien records, POW records, Women's Military records, WW2 Casualty records
Australian and New Zealand passenger records

United States Transatlantic Emigration 1500s- 1900, US Marriage records 17th- 20th century.

Also, during the summer months, a great many Yorkshire records were added to the site.

Come into the Centre and have a look at Findmypast, Ancestry, Chorley Cemetery records, and our many other resources.

Of interest to anyone with Glaswegian ancestors: A short YouTube film of Jamaica Street in Glasgow in 1901 - a glimpse of the city's past.