



Chorley News

Chorley Branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

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Story from a member Sergeant Conrad Leadbeater

Conrad Leadbeater (cousin of grandfather of Chris Costigan) was born in Wheathampstead, Herefordshire in 1891, but later lived in Louth, Lincolnshire, where he worked as a Railway Signal Painter. When war broke out he enlisted in the Lincolnshire Regiment and by the autumn of 1915 he was serving with the 1/5th Battalion in the trenches near Zillebeke, Belgium. At just before 7 o'clock on the evening of 30th September 1915 the Germans exploded a mine under the position occupied by the 1/5th Lincolns, which was known as Trench 47. The explosion caused casualties and Conrad Leadbeater was blown over the trench parapet by the force of the blast. Although badly injured, Leadbeater crawled back to his trench, collected his men and directed heavy fire on the enemy, which prevented them from mounting an attack. Leadbeater remained at his post until he was ordered to go to a casualty dressing station and for his bravery he was later awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

On 13th October 1915, Conrad Leadbeater took part in the attack on Hohenzollern Redoubt, France. When the officers of his section became casualties, he took charge of a captured trench in the Redoubt and held the position through the night by building a barricade and throwing grenades at the advancing Germans. In the morning he acted as a stretcher bearer with complete disregard for his personal safety and his conduct was rewarded with a bar to his DCM.

On 1st July 1917 the 1/5th Battalion was ordered to take part in an attack on Lens, France. In the sector where Leadbeater was serving the advance was stalled by an enemy machine gun post and, on his own initiative, he dashed forwards to attack the position with grenades. The Germans fled, but Leadbeater's small party was soon attacked by a much larger enemy force. Leadbeater fought off this attack with a Lewis gun and he was subsequently recommended by his divisional commander for a Victoria Cross. After due consideration, Leadbeater was not given the highest award for bravery, but instead was awarded a second bar to his DCM. He was one of only ten men who were awarded as second bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal during the first World War.

Chris Costigan



What's on

LFHHS Chorley

Thursday 20th September Michael Barnes

A Lancashire Rogue. The Story of James Harrison

Thursday 18th October Joseph O Neill

Secret History of the Victorian Lodging House. Find out how important Lodging Houses were in Victorian England

Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall) Cunliffe Street Chorley PR7 2EB

Education course begins again 21st September and is the First Steps course.

Lancashire Archives

Friday 21st September Family History at the Nelson Library 2-3pm

Friday 12th October Family History Surgery, 10am-12 noon

Friday 12th October Maps for Family Historians 12.30pm-1.30pm

Friday 12th October Getting to know session 2.30pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 17th October Family History at the Harris Library, Preston 2-3pm

The Family History Show, London 22nd September 2018, 10:00-16.30

Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher

Irish One Day Conference 13 Oct 2018 With Buffet Lunch included

Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference 13th October 2018

At Oswaldtwistle Civic Arts Centre 157 Union Road Oswaldtwistle BB5 3HZ

£20.00 per person including Buffet Lunch or £14.00 per person Conference

only - Excluding Buffet Lunch

Heraldic Study Day Thursday 4th October 2018

LFHHS ONE DAY HERALDIC STUDY DAY £20.00

Thursday 4th October 2018 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

at Hemsley House Masonic Hall 41-42 The Crescent Salford M5 4PE

COURSES

PHAROS COURSES <https://www.pharostutors.com/>

[Are You Sitting Comfortably? Writing and Telling Your Family History \(216\)](#)

Course Length: **5 weeks**

Start Date: **23 Oct 2018**

Unassessed Cost: **£49.99**

BYU Family History library. Free webinars on many subjects

<https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>

#familysearch-webinar

What's New

ANCESTRY

Updated

1939 England and Wales Register	23/8/2018
Liverpool, England, Catholic Confirmations, 1813-1922	08/08/2018
Liverpool, England, Catholic Burials, 1813-1985	
Liverpool, England, Catholic Baptisms, 1741-1916	
Liverpool, England, Catholic Marriages, 1754-1932	
New	
UK, Allied Prisoners of War, 1939-1945	02/08/2018

FAMILYSEARCH

A complete collection of **Ellis Island** passenger lists is available online and searchable for free at FamilySearch.

Added indexed records to existing collection

Ireland Civil Registration, 1845–1913

British Newspaper Archive, Family Notices

England, Warwickshire, Parish Registers, 1535–1984

England, Northumberland, Parish Registers, 1538–1950

Great Britain, War Office Registers, 1772–1935

NEW Wales, Marriage Bonds, 1650–1900

FIND MY PAST

Over 329,000 additional records have been added to our collection of directories & almanacs.

Over 881,000 clandestine marriage records covering the years 1667 to 1775

This week we have added **131,666** new pages to The Archive. We have updated six of our existing titles, spanning England, Scotland and Ireland

THE GENEALOGIST

TheGenealogist is adding to its Court and Criminal Records collection with the release of over 160,000 records of prisoners at the bar and their victims from the CRIM 9 records held by The National Archives.

TheGenealogist has just released 116,218 records into its ever growing Poll Book Database.

TheGenealogist is releasing the second part of its exciting new record set, The Lloyd George Domesday Survey. This major new release can be used to find where an ancestor lived in 1910 in the area around Barnet, Edgware, Finchley, Friern Barnet, Hendon and Totteridge.

What's needed

Programme Secretary - The branch needs a new Programme secretary to develop a programme for 2019. Any skills members can offer or ideas for meetings are welcome.

Projects

Photographic Record of Chorley Cemetery Project

Photographing and indexing Chorley Graveyard.

The photographing is complete but volunteers are needed to input data from the gravestones photographed. Contact details if you wish to assist are on the end of the newsletter.

Chorley Guardian Military Project

The information includes all kinds of information even marriages and the birth of children. These need to be indexed so they can be used more widely. You can work on this at the centre

Ada's Birthday Book Fun Project

Ron has a spreadsheet with all the names on if anyone is interested in trying to identify the other people mentioned.

Bolton Family History open day Steve Gill contact at boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk will talk about photos, daguerreotype, Ambrotype or Tintype. Please submit as jpeg both sides before end September.

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LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre

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Appointments If open 01257 231600 If closed 01257 262028

Centre Manager : Sheila Gibbons : **Email:** chorleyresearch@aol.co.uk

Email for business regarding the Centre: sheilaresearchcentre@aol.co.uk

Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri 10a.m– 4pm 2nd and 3rd Sat Noon-4pm
Last appointment 3.00 p.m. *Booking is advisable on all days.*

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