



# Chorley & Leyland News

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At our pre Christmas branch meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we shall be serving hotpot with mushy peas and pickles, followed by mince pies, wine or a soft drink.

To cover the cost, the charge is £5 per person. Anne Lowe is collecting names, and giving out tickets once payment has been made. *Please pay for your ticket this evening if you haven't already done so.*

Butter pie will also be available, so if you would prefer this, please mention it to Anne. If anyone, for whatever reason, does not wish to order hotpot/butter pie, this is alright, of course. All members are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening which includes a quiz (collaboration allowed!) prepared by Bernard Cliffe.

Thanks to Marion Crossley for making arrangements, and to Anne Lowe for collecting numbers for food, and making tickets.



## This Evening's Meeting

Our speaker, Adam Cree, returns with "Susannah Knight and Beyond" – a look at his continuing research related to Susannah Knight, and his other research interests.

## Change of Venue and Evening of Branch Meetings

Unfortunately, as from January 2018, Chorley Library will not be able to open for evening meetings. This has meant that, along with other organisations, the Chorley branch has had to find another town centre venue. You will appreciate that this has not been an easy task. We have been fortunate to be able to find excellent accommodation at Chorley Masonic Hall (Cunliffe Hall), Cunliffe Street, Chorley PR7 2BE.

However, the Hall is not available to us on the evening when we usually meet, and, unfortunately, the only solution possible has been to change our monthly branch meeting from a 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Our first branch meeting at Cunliffe Hall will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. Sadly, this may not be suitable for everyone.

Disabled access is available, but prior notice is needed. A lift is provided.

The Cunliffe Hall doors are normally locked. When we meet, they will be open from 7.00 p.m., but will have to be locked again by 7.40 p.m. Please be aware of this, and arrive in good time. As well as on street parking, nearby car parks can be found at George St. (33 spaces), and at Fleet Street (58 spaces).

Our January branch meeting speaker, Fiona Smithson, has been able to alter dates, and will be with us on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Best wishes for a  
Happy Christmas*

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## LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre,

**Astley Hall Farmhouse Centre Website**

[www.cfhrc.com](http://www.cfhrc.com)

## Appointments

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## Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri

10.00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each

month at 7.30 p.m.

## LFHHS Resource & Research Centre,

**2 Straits,**

**Oswaldtwistle**

**BB5 3LU**

**01254 239919**

**Open every Thurs and**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat in each month,**

**1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## Reminders

LFHHS membership renewal is due on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. A renewal form is printed in the November copy of Lancashire. Subscription rates are: £14 per individual under State retirement age, £15 per family living at the same address, £12 UK pensioner in receipt of State pension, £12 UK full-time student, and £16 for overseas residents.

Not a member? Now is the time to join! Information is available on the Society website [www.lfhhs.org.uk](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk), from the Membership Secretary, Sue Foster, at [membership@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:membership@lfhhs.org.uk) Tel. 01253 694783, or simply by taking away a form this evening and submitting it to the LFHHS Membership Secretary with payment.

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A 10 Friday evening branch Further Steps family history course, for people with some experience of previous courses, or of similar research levels, begins on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is £40, and both LFHHS members and non members are welcome.

If you would like to join the course, please let Ron Chapman know as soon as possible as places are filling. Ron's telephone number is 07730793990.

The autumn 2018 family history course will be a "First Steps" for newcomers to family history. If you or someone you know would like to take part, please contact Ron on the above number.

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*I hope someone is preparing to volunteer to take over the writing of our monthly branch newsletter and branch reports to Lancashire. My long stint ends with the February copy, but I am happy to retire before then if someone would like to take over with immediate effect.*

*I have enjoyed writing the newsletter, and I'm sure there are others who would like to take on this branch role – Jenny Cree*

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### Death of Judy Christopher

Members who know Tony Christopher will be sorry to learn that Tony's wife, Judy, has died after a long illness. Judy's funeral was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The branch extends its sympathy to Tony and his family.

### LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre

The Centre will close for the Christmas break at the end of the afternoon on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and will re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Visitors are always welcome to drop in, but as the Centre can be busy it's always best to make an appointment.



### Snippets of News

**The General Register Office (GRO)** is looking at different ways of providing civil registration services to customers, and as part of that it is testing customer demand for records in PDF format. The GRO ran earlier pilots, and it has been decided to continue from 12th October 2017 for a minimum of 3 months. PDF copies of historic births (1837 - 1916) or death entries (1837 - 1957) can be ordered for a fee of £6.00. A GRO index reference must be provided with each application. See [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk) for details.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018** 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m., "Tales of the Sea: using maritime archives for creative writing" - using archives relating to Lancashire's maritime history. All welcome, beginners or more experienced writers. Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE. Free, but booking required. Tel. 01772 533039 or email [record.office@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:record.office@lancashire.gov.uk)