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Death of Rosemary Boyd



Rosemary Boyd, who died recently, was well known for her enthusiastic and knowledgeable involvement in all of Chorley's historical and heritage groups. She had been a long-standing member of the LFHHS.

For many years, Rosemary was a member of the Astley Hall staff, and afterwards the Hall remained important to her alongside other historical projects.

Rosemary's funeral service was held at Charnock Richard Crematorium. It was conducted by Simon Gilbertson, a former colleague of Rosemary's from Astley Hall, and now a hospital chaplain.

The service was a celebration of Rosemary's life, with contributions from her family and from Boyd Harris of CHAS. The music chosen echoed the athletic and cycling prowess that Rosemary had when younger, and also her Liverpudlian origins of which she was proud.

Rosemary will be missed greatly by a wide circle of people and organisations. The Chorley branch was represented at her funeral service.

LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre Reference Library

Judith Hilton and her team have spent many months re-ordering and cataloguing the Research Centre reference library.

Judith writes:
We have recently added to our stock of maps in the Research Centre reference library by purchasing several more reprints of Old OS maps (Godfrey edition).

We now have 20 of these maps which cover the old Lancashire area in the early twentieth century. These include:

*Blackburn 1929
Blackburn (Nth) 1929
Bolton (East) 1908
North Chorley 1909
Horwich (Nth) 1907
Horwich (Sth) 1908
Farington (Sth) and Leyland (Nth) 1909
Lostock Hall and Farington (Nth) 1909
Preston (West) 1909
Central Preston 1909
Red Rock and Worthington Lakes 1908
Wigan 1907*

If you have any old maps or other materials you would like to donate to the library, please contact me at judith.a.hilton@btinternet.com

Please note that the LFHHS One Day Irish Conference, which was to have taken place on Saturday 14th October, has had to be cancelled.

Apologies to anyone who had made arrangements to attend.

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With Full Military Honours

From Stuart Clewlow:

I have compiled a list of all the Commonwealth War Graves recorded for the whole Chorley Borough. This has included site visits to ascertain whether the burials are marked with a private or official CWGC headstone. It also includes the post WW1 and post WW2 military burials which are not recorded within the online database.

Copies of the work will be forwarded to Chorley Library in due course, and also added to the resources of the Chorley Family History Research Centre, and the Chorley in the Great War Group. If anyone would like to obtain their own personal copy, please email me at saclewlow@yahoo.com

The branch has expressed its thanks to Stuart for his generosity in sharing his research.

Recent American Visitor at Centre



A recent visitor to the Centre was Mark Hammond, from California. Mark can trace his ancestry through a female line to one of the local Standish families.

Mark visited Chorley at the invitation of Tony Christopher, Standish researcher, and of Chorley Heritage Group who arranged visits to St. Laurence's Church, St. Wilfrid's Church in Standish, and to the Standish sites in the Duxbury area. Mark also met local historian Jim Heyes, and was welcomed to Chorley and its Town Hall by Chief Executive Gary Hall.

Mark is shown above at the Centre checking records with LFHHS member Tony Christopher, and with Steve Williams. He was amazed by all the historical evidence of his ancestral family that still survives in Chorley and Standish, and interested in the material that could be accessed at the Centre.

Branch Meetings

This evening we welcome Wendy Klinkerberg who is to tell us about the contents of a Victorian Pharmacy, and what use was made of the medications that were available.

On Tuesday 20th June, our speaker is Gordon Read. His topic is "Emigration from Lancashire". This should be of particular interest to a great many of us who have Lancashire ancestors who left the area in search of greater prosperity. Why not bring along a friend or two, and introduce them to family history?