



Chorley & Leyland News

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Welcome back!

Family history is often put aside during the summer months, but September is here, Marian has arranged a varied and interesting programme for our meetings, a branch Next Steps course began on Sept 15th, and the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre is, as always, open to help with your research. Autumn activities are off to a good start.

Just a reminder, however:-

The branch is delighted to welcome visitors to the monthly meetings. A visit, or even two, to see whether the Chorley branch is for you is encouraged.

However, the Chorley branch is a part of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society, and it is a requirement of the Society that people who come to our meetings must become members.

The subscriptions are very modest. They enable members to attend any or all branch meetings around Lancashire or in London, give access to members' areas of the LFHHS website, and include the mailing of 4 copies of the Society's journal "Lancashire" each year.

Membership application forms, with instructions on how to apply, are available at each branch meeting.

So – welcome to our branch, and please become a Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society member!



Branch Meetings

During our July meeting at Astley Hall we were entertained by the Friends of Astley Hall, and enjoyed strawberries and cream and drinks in the courtyard.



Thanks to Marian for arranging August's out visit to Rivington Parish Church. Although like many of you I was away and missed the evening, I know those who were there enjoyed the visit very much.

If you have ideas for future out visits, please share them with Marian.

This evening, once again, it's good to have Tony Foster with us as our speaker. The title of Tony's talk is "A trip to Switzerland".

Next month, on Tuesday 17th October, the speaker will be our own Brooke Westcott. His talk is entitled "Every book tells a story".

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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 advisable on all days.

LFHHS Members Only Computer Club

3rd Monday of each

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.

Next Steps Course

The branch's current "Next Steps" course began on September 15th. There was a lot of last minute interest when people realised September had arrived!

If you are interested in future courses, it's best to book as soon as you can. Places are limited to around 12 for each course.

Ask Pauline or Ron for information about future dates and content.

LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre Grant

A grant of £1500 for the Centre has been received from the West Lancashire Freemasons' Charity. With matched funding from the Centre, resources to help visually impaired visitors will be purchased.

Resources will include a laptop, mouse and keyboard, software, a 32" monitor, and an over chair table. The Centre looks forward to meeting the needs of a greater number of visitors.

In recent weeks, the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre has also received a large number of books for the library from the Latter Day Saints who no longer need them, and a selection of Lancashire Parish Register Society books and CDs from a Cheshire well wisher.

Standish Family Documents Return to Chorley

Recently, a local collector discovered a collection of Standish documents offered for sale in an internet auction. He has purchased them, bringing a significant piece of Standish family history back to Chorley.

The documents include land deeds for Duxbury USA in 1752, family trees, and the deeds relating to the 1846 claim for the Duxbury Estate here in Chorley.

The seller was delighted that the papers had been brought back to Lancashire.

This is a significant find for Chorley as the town looks towards its involvement in the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. Along with representatives from the borough, the Chorley Historical and Archaeological Society, the Heritage Group and St. Laurence's Parish Church, the Chorley branch is involved in planning for the 2020 events.

What's On

Until Monday 6th November, 12 noon – 3.30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and at weekends, "Chorley's Old Halls Past and Present". Chorley Heritage Centre, Upper Gallery, Astley Hall Farmhouse. The next temporary exhibition will be "Chorley's Pubs".

Thursday 5th October, 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. at Helmsley House Masonic Hall, 41-42 The Crescent, Salford M5 4PE. Tel: 01772 422808 Email: stephen.t.benson@btinternet.com, or see the August journal for programme and application form.

Saturday 28th October, 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., Society of One Place Studies AGM and Conference, "Communities of Faith", Premier Meetings Manchester Central (GMEX). The day appears to have an emphasis on Methodism, with a visit to the John Rylands Library. See website for details.