

## **Branch Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

The meeting was held in the children's library because the lift to the second floor was broken.

Steve welcomed visitors (1) and new members (2).

Notices.

- 1) The first phase of the branch website is now live at [www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley).
- 2) The research Centre at Astley Hall is now on winter opening times.
- 3) Sheila is taking orders for a new book – 'My Family Tree' written for children to start thir family history. At £4.99 it will make a very good Christmas present.
- 4) The 'Name the Choirboy' competition to win the Christmas cake is doing very well. If you haven't had a go, contact Sid and Jean.
- 5) We are producing the Branch Christmas cards again. If you would like to order some please contact Pauline.
- 6) Because of the meeting taking place downstairs in the children's library, there will be no refreshments

The speaker tonight was Dr Elizabeth Roberts, an Oral Historian who talked on the subject of 'Family Life in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century in the North West.

Dr Roberts gave us a fabulous insight into Family Life by using tape recordings of people giving their recollections of life in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. She played us samples of her interviews made in Preston, Lancaster and Barrow with people born at the turn of the century. They related their memories of their childhood, their toys, the games they played, their pets and their life at home. A most interesting talk and I'm sure we will be welcoming Dr Roberts back to the branch in the very near future.