



Chorley & Leyland News



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Meet Our Experts

**Astley Hall is the place to be on Saturday
21st April**



Please come along to Astley Hall on Saturday 21st April between 11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., either to give your support or to see if other Branch members can offer help with your research "brick walls". Topics are wide ranging but include:

Census, Internet, Civil Registration, Illegitimacy and Adoption, Manorial Records, Roman Catholic Records, Wills, Old Handwriting, Scottish and Irish Records, Heraldry and advice for beginners. Ron Chapman made very thorough preparations for the day, and has produced resources and leaflets that should be of lasting use at Branch events.

"Meet our Experts" is for **everyone**, member or non – member, who is interested in researching their Family History.

General Register Office Open Days at Smedley Hydro, Birkdale, Southport

The GRO at Smedley Hydro will be holding its annual Open Days in the near future, enabling visitors to find out how birth, marriage, and death certificates are produced. Also, there will be opportunity to:

VIEW exhibitions from various general Register Office departments and from invited external Family History organisations

SEE a demonstration of the certificate production process

ATTEND one of the talks relating to various subjects connected with the office and other organisations

The Open Days will take place on Saturday 2nd June and Saturday 9th June 2007 from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Please note that all places must be booked in advance by contacting the Public Relations Unit on 01514714530 or 01514714508 (8.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday). However, if there is sufficient interest from Branch members, Ron Chapman may consider organising a group visit.



Proposed Out Visit to Manchester Cathedral and its Archives

Confirmation is awaited, but Ron Chapman hopes we shall be able to visit on either the 14th or the 21st August. More news later.

Recommended Websites

Christine North suggests that anyone researching in the Todmorden and Walsden area will find the following website presented by Dorothy Hargreaves and Linda Briggs to be excellent:

www.todmordenandwalsden.co.uk

It gives a glimpse into bygone times of a township on the Lancs/Yorks border, through a miscellaneous collection of articles, data, photographs and anecdotes.

If you are trying to trace property or land holdings, a fairly quick short cut is to check if any wills exist. Steve Williams has found a useful website for those with Lancashire ancestry. To check the indexing of Lancashire wills through to the mid nineteenth century try:

<http://www.xmission.com/~nelson/ws.htm>

Ron Chapman suggests that the Children's Society website is worth looking at:

<http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/>

Branch Diary Date

Saturday 9th June, 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. at Astley Hall: "The History & Origins of Surnames" and "A Beginners Look at DNA in Family History" – only £3.00 for both talks.

Branch Website

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Astley Hall Research Centre

**Monday and Friday
10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday
12 noon - 4.30 p.m.**

**To ensure computer
access, appointments
are advisable.**

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Our next two meetings

**15th May – Tony
Foster (title of talk
to be decided)
19th June – Malcolm
Tranter – "Liverpool
at War"**

LFHHS Conference and AGM

Saturday 19th May,
10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
The Foster Theatre,
University of Central
Lancashire, Preston.
For details and booking
form see LFHHS
website.

An interesting day is
promised with speakers
focusing on "The Islands
of Ireland" and
"Hangings in
Manchester".