



Chorley & Leyland News



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From Rita Platt, our Branch Secretary_
CONDOLENCES

It is with regret that we have to announce the deaths of the beloved husbands of two of our members. Albert Holden husband of Margaret, formerly our indefatigable raffle organiser, passed away in St Catherine's Hospice on Sunday 18th February. The burial took place in Adlington Cemetery on Tuesday 27th February. The branch was represented at the funeral service in St Paul's Church Adlington by Sheila Dewhurst, Joyce Monks, myself and Edna Woodrow who attended as friends as well as branch reps. Albert was a great help to the branch in shepherding the transcribed projects carried out by Margaret and Edna to my home and conveying things back to Margaret. He leaves a son Andrew, daughter Elizabeth granddaughter Lily and son-in-law Steve. We send our deepest sympathy to the family.

Leo Foulds, husband of our member Jackie (one of the Lancashire BMD team) passed away on Saturday 10th March. He had fought a long battle against heart problems and when we last spoke in September at the Croston show, he seemed in high spirits and was even giving me instructions on how to garage a mobility vehicle if I plucked up the courage to buy one. I know that he will be greatly missed by Jackie and his loving family to whom we send our deepest sympathy.

The sympathy of the Chorley Branch is extended to Margaret, Jackie and their families.

Do you have ancestors from Wigan?

If so, the Astley Hall Research Centre has a number of fiches and resources that could be useful to you.

Also, www.wiganworld.co.uk has been recommended as an excellent website.

Or Preston?

Anthony Hewitson's book "Preston Court Leet Records" can be accessed at:

<http://www.esnips.com/web/PrestonCourtLeet>

<http://www.esnips.com/web/PrestoncourtLeetMaps>

Or does your family tree include immigrants to Canada?

A virtual exhibition "Moving Here, Staying Here: the Canadian Immigrant Experience" with supporting data can be found at:

www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants

Parish of Leyland St. Andrew

Michael Fisher, the Online Parish Clerk, has been transcribing Leyland St. Andrew's marriages. He ran a comparison with the same records from the IGI and found a number of differences. He has posted the 1793 to 1800 marriage register for this parish, joining the previous register of 1782 to 1793. All are available free at:

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Leyland/index.html>

We are indebted to Michael for the information he provides.



Forthcoming Events at Astley Hall

The Branch begins a series of events at **Astley Hall, Chorley on Saturday 21st April from 11.00 a.m - 4.30 p.m.** Entitled "Meet Our Experts" and Co-ordinated by Ron Chapman, the first event takes the form of a roadshow and involves around 30 Branch members available to answer questions on specific areas of research.

The wide range of topics includes: Beginning Family History, Family History on the Internet, Census, Civil Registration, Illegitimacy and Adoption, Manorial Records, Roman Catholic Records, IGI, Wills, Old Handwriting, Scottish and Irish Records, Heraldry and much more. Have a word with Ron if you would like to help, or come along to support or to ask your own questions. Bring a friend! This is an opportunity for us to try to use our own research experience to help others. Information leaflets and other materials will be displayed on the day. Admission is free.

Other events are:

Saturday 9th June

1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Townley Parker Room, Astley Hall.

A talk entitled "**The History and Origins of Surnames**" and "**A Beginners Look at DNA in Family History**" (Cost £3.00 per person)

Saturday 4th August

11.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Astley Hall

"3rd Celebration of Family History"

(Admission free)

And on **Friday 15th September**, the first of 10 weekly "**First Steps**" education classes begin.

The Annual Branch Dinner is this **Saturday, March 24th**. Thanks to Rita Platt for organising this event.

Diary Date

This year's Branch "**Out Visit**" will take place on **Tuesday 21st August**. Details

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Astley Hall Research Centre

Monday and

Wednesday

10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Friday

10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

The Research Centre's Summer Opening hours begin on Good Friday April 6th:

Monday and Friday

10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

12 noon to 4.30 p.m.

To ensure computer access, appointments are advisable.

For entry when Astley Hall is closed, please ring bell on side door at the left of the Hall.

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Our next two meetings

17th April – Glen Atkinson- "Building the Big Ditch"
15th May – Tony Foster