



# Chorley & Leyland News



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This month's Committee Member is Sheila Williams.



Have you baked this year's Christmas Cake? No? Then winning our **Choir Boy Christmas Cake**, donated by a neighbour of Sid and Jean, could save you the trouble. All you need to do is to try to guess the Choir Boy's name. There will be an opportunity to do this at our monthly meetings and all proceeds will go to Branch funds.



## Lancashire BMD

A substantial set of new data has been added at [www.lancashirebmd.org.uk](http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk). Although these recent additions include a large number of marriage entries for the Preston area, there is also more data available for the Ormskirk, Wigan and Bolton areas.

If your ancestors refused to stay put, don't forget about UKBMD's Multi-Region Search. Go to <http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/> and click on "Local BMD", then click on "UKBMDSearch"

More

### from the Online Parish Clerk

Euxton Marriages 1838 to 1900 are available at <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Euxton/index.html>

Chorley Baptisms 1821 to 1828 are available at <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Chorley/stlaurence/index.html>

ALL parishes can be searched by going to <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Search/indexp.html>, starting the search on one parish then change to WHOI F COUNTY.

## The Family "Doctor"



Brian Smith has discovered in his ancestry a child born in 1849 with the forename "Doctor".

The family members were by tradition nail makers and coal miners, so the forename does not seem to have had any academic, medical or professional significance in this particular case. So why would Brian's ancestors name their child "Doctor"?

If you have any "Doctors" in your family, or have any suggestions about the reasons for using this forename, Brian Smith would be delighted to hear from you. He can be contacted on 01257 264122 or email [brian@brenbri.demon.co.uk](mailto:brian@brenbri.demon.co.uk).

If you have an unusual forename in your family, or one that you know to have been used frequently in particular areas but not elsewhere, please share your interest with us. Other members may know why these names were used.



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e Ward responded recently to an Opinion Poll of Family History Chairmen concerning the House of Commons Motion calling for the release of the Online 1911 Census in 2006/7. The UK Centre for Census Access Studies will publish their report on their Homepage:

(<http://home.clara.net/denis.mccready/index.htm>) on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## A useful website for Lancashire

The local studies section of [www.lantern.lancashire.gov.uk/index.html](http://www.lantern.lancashire.gov.uk/index.html) provides online searchable indexes useful for family history research.

## Chorley Branch Web Site

[www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley)

## Astley Hall Research Centre

Winter Season from  
October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Wednesday  
& Friday  
10.00am  
Until  
4.30pm

## APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

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## Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society Meeting held at Astley Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Those of us who attended this meeting valued the opportunity to discuss possibilities for the future of the Society. If you missed the meeting, but have time or talents that the Society could use, please contact Steve Ward or Steve Williams.