



Chorley & Leyland News



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SUCCESSFUL SUMMER EVENTS

Celebration of Family History

Astley Hall staff reported a record attendance on Saturday 5th August. Numbers of visitors had grown from our first Celebration in 2005, with just under 300 people arriving at the Hall during the afternoon. We were well supported by the Society and by other groups and services. The Research Centre had a very busy afternoon. Press coverage included a stunning full page photograph in the Chorley Guardian of a Friend of Astley Hall in period costume.

Thanks are due to Jean Ashcroft for organising another successful Celebration and to all members who helped with preparations and on the afternoon itself.

The Servants of Astley Hall

Pauline Chapman and Cathy Smith have spent some time researching the lives of the below stairs and estate workers of Astley Hall. They presented their findings on Saturday 2nd September, unfortunately a stormy wet day when fewer people were prepared to make their way to Astley Hall.

There is so much more that Chorley needs to know about one of its most precious assets. Perhaps now that they have started their research, Pauline and Cathy will be prepared to build upon it in the future? Thanks to Pauline and Cathy for an excellent Branch event.

Visit to Lancaster Castle

Those of us who managed to go to Lancaster on August 15th spent a fascinating evening being shown around the Castle. A number of braver members were prepared to be shut in an airless cell, in complete darkness! Thanks to Ron Chapman for arranging a visit that touched upon so many significant events in the history of Lancashire.

FROM STEPHEN WARD, OUR SOCIETY CHAIRMAN

The Chairman's Summary is attached to this letter.

Please make a note of the meeting arranged by the Society at Astley Hall on Saturday 30th September from 1.00pm – 4.00 pm.

As members, we are invited to come along to the meeting with any views and ideas we have for the future development of the Society.

NEW RESOURCES

Dr. Wright has kindly donated two further issues of the Lancashire Parish Register Society's publications – Volume 162 Registers of Whalley Part 3: 1653 – 1753, and Volume 163 Registers of Prescott 1766 – 1795. These publications will be added to the resources of the Research Centre at Astley Hall.

Euxton Burials 1813 -1855 have been posted on the Online Parish Clerk at www.lan-opc.org.uk/Euxton/index.html

THE CHORLEY BRANCH WEBSITE

Steve Williams reports that we are having a phased implementation of our website over the next few weeks. Phase one is the Homepage, with other data to follow. Fred Moore, the Society Webmaster, has been very helpful to Steve over the many months it has taken to get the website in place. See it at www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley.

LANCASHIRE BMD

As of August 14th, the BMD figures for the Chorley District are as follows: Births Phase 2 1901 – 1950: 61% of Registration Books have been checked, with 34,000 names still to be audited before the data is submitted to the website. Please have patience if your family names are not available as yet. Brian Smith and his team are working on it!

Are you related to a Greenhalgh family who lived at 3 Rectory Close, Chorley? If you have any information, please contact Jenny Cree.

Astley Hall Research Centre

**Summer Season
Monday & Friday
10.00am
until
4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday
12 noon until
4.30pm**

**Winter Season from
October 16th
Monday,
Wednesday & Friday
10.00am
Until
4.30pm**

APPOINTMENTS NOW ADVISABLE

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**FIRST STEPS
EDUCATION CLASS
begins on Friday
22nd September at
the Scout and Guide
Headquarters,
Charter Lane
Charnock Richard.
A few places may
still be available.
All enquiries to
Pauline Chapman,
please.**