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CHORLEY HERITAGE CENTRE GROUP

Heartfelt Thanks

The Heritage Centre Group has recently received £5800 from the winding-up funds of Chorley Chamber of Trade.

This will be used to help fund a major heritage project and hopefully will help to attract 'match funding' from other awarding bodies for a more ambitious project. One possibility is a first-class town trail system. Whatever the outcome, there will be public recognition of the Chamber's involvement in making the project possible. Our thanks and best wishes go to past members of Chorley Chamber of Trade for their generosity.

Exhibitions

The Windrush exhibition which is upstairs in Chorley Library will continue until Christmas.

We return with "The Lost Mines of Chorley" on 22 June using the group's mining archive and the 27 volume collection ephemera and sketches by Frank Hough.



Annual AGM

AGM at St George's Church Hall, 7pm,
Wednesday 15th November.
All welcome

Major Event - July 2024

The group has agreed to the Lancashire Local History Federation's suggestion that Chorley Heritage Centre Group might host the 2024 Federation's 'At Home' event. This will take place on July 13 when visitors will be invited from similar local history groups across the County Palatine (The historic county of Lancashire).

It presents a unique opportunity to showcase Chorley's heritage and the Mines Exhibition will be a part of this and one of the morning talks will be based on it.

Planning has already begun. Watch out for more details in future newsletters

Town Hall Storage

Transfer of all materials from members' homes to Town Hall was completed successfully and efficiently, with special thanks to CHCG members, including Roger Derbyshire and the use of his van.

Research

The library now has a quicker, clearer and editable microfiche reader. Lessons on this can be provided by library staff.

Discovering Lancashire Pubs

(Leyland Hundred West)

A new book will be launched in October 2023 about the Pubs of Lancashire that details and widely illustrates over 110 pubs in Lancashire around Leyland. The book is planned to be the first of a series of books covering Lancashire and will retail at just £9.50; a great stocking filler for anyone interested in the history of the pubs in this area. It is a detailed study of the pubs, past and present, in the western area of the Leyland Hundred and the villages/towns included are Appley Bridge, Bispham, Bretherton, Charnock Richard, Clayton-le-Woods, Croston, Eccleston, Farington, Hesketh Bank, Heskin, Hoole, Hutton, Leyland, Longton, Lostock Hall, Mawdesley, Mere Brow, Midge Hall, Parbold, Penwortham, Rufford, Runshaw, Shaw Green, Tarleton, Ulnes Walton, Walmer Bridge and Wrightington.

About the author: David Bretherton was born and raised in Croston and grew up knowing many of the pubs covered in the book. He now lives in Oxfordshire and travelled frequently to Lancashire to carry out research for the book.

For further information please contact David at DAAL Publishing Tel: 07851 426354 e-mail: LancashirePubs@btinternet.com

The book is supported by Central Lancs CAMRA who can be contacted at: whatpub@centrallancs.camra.org.uk

Lancashire Neet

A most enjoyable Lancashire Neet was held at Duxbury 19 in support of the Myles Standish Garden Association. The entertainment was by Tacklers' Tales and the profits were over £200.

Lancashire Archives Podcasts

During the coming months when you might want to stay indoors more, why not try listening to Lancashire Archives Podcasts? Don't be daunted by technology. You can click on the link below, or go onto their website and listen to articles on the history of women's football, Morecambe Bay beauty contests, Lancashire Witches and the history of pandemics, to name but a few.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office/lancashire-archives-podcast/#:~:text=A%20series%20of%20conversations%20about,after%20and%20made%20publicly%20available.>

A series of conversations about interesting items from the collections at Lancashire Archives, where nine hundred years of Lancashire's written heritage is looked after and made publicly available.

Out and About at Brockholes

Fancy a history walk?

Wednesday, November 15

Lancashire Local History Walk -Join Guided Walk Leaders for a fascinating historical tour of Brockholes and its links to the local area.

You'll have tales of the Lancashire Witches and Cromwell's time spent in the area!

The walk is at a gentle pace with lots of stopping to look at points of interest.

Pre booking is required. Please note that booking closes at 4.00pm the day before the event.

Come dressed for the weather conditions wearing sturdy footwear. Normal parking charges apply.

This walk is open to all.

Go to Eventbrite to book a space.

