

# CHORLEY COMMEMORATES WORLD WAR I

Many proud Chorleians perished in World War I and their names are recorded on civic, parish and church memorials across the borough including the original civic war memorial in Astley Park.

To mark the centenary of the “war to end all wars” a whole host of Chorley organisations are running events this year with many of them led by Chorley Remembers, which is the heritage group behind the Chorley Pals Memorial on the Flat Iron car park in Chorley town centre.

## JULY

Saturday 5 10.30am	History and Remembrance Walk from the Chorley Pals Memorial to Astley Hall led by Steve Williams
Sunday 6 6pm	Songs of Praise commemorative event to take place at St Laurence’s Church with hymns from both wars

## AUGUST

Saturday 2 11am - 4pm	‘Family History Day’ at Astley Hall and Coach House including displays and talks
Sunday 3 8pm - 11pm	Evening vigil at St. Laurence’s Church, Chorley led by Rev. Martin Cox
Monday 4	St Laurence’s Church will be open from 4pm – 7pm for private prayers with final group prayer at 7pm
Wednesday 6 10.30am	Sponsored Walk by Steve Williams and Stuart Clewlow from Chorley Remembers. Start at the Drill Hall in Chorley to Fulwood Barracks, marking the 100th anniversary when the Chorley Terriers Other groups or individuals are invited to walk with Steve for all or part of the route
Sunday 17 11am - 4.30pm	Exhibition and events in the Coach House at Astley Hall and the Walled Garden in Astley Park with music by the Chorley Air Cadets, war-themed food and the opportunity to meet Charley Pal and a ‘Tommy’

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7 2pm	Talk by Stuart Clewlow, entitled ‘Euxton in the First World War’, Euxton Community Centre, Euxton
Sunday 21 2pm	Concert by Leyland Band in Chorley Town Hall

## OCTOBER

Sunday 5 11am - 4pm	*Presentation of Bible to St. George’s Church to commemorate 136 Bibles being given by them to Anglican members of the Chorley Pals Company on the 4th October 1914. A presentation of a Prayer Book will be made to St. Mary’s RC Church to commemorate a Prayer Book being given by the Church to Catholic members of the Chorley Pals later that month in 1914
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