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A Very Warm Welcome to The Mecca News

Editorial Musings by Michael Pope

I wish all the readers of The Mecca News, be they near or far, or unlucky enough, like me, to be living outside Yorkshire, the compliments of the season and a healthy and happy 2017.

This is my first edition as Editor and I would like to begin my period in office with a very big thank you to Peter Dobson, our outgoing editor, for a fantastic job producing this magazine for 24 years and also for giving me so much help in putting together this my first effort.



It is with some trepidation that I shoulder the responsibility of maintaining the extremely high standard Peter has set in the content, style and presentation of the journal and hope that I will be successful in delivering to the readership, a Mecca News worthy of the Society. My strategy is simple. It is my aim to publish a magazine having relevant and interesting news for the membership, helpful Metcalfe research and reference material, and high quality family historical articles, together with some editorial musings, which I hope you will find enlightening and entertaining.

I have a strong view that an appropriate balance of seriousness and humour is essential, because both family history and the Metcalfe Society are first and foremost about real people and real life. The latter is often "not fair" but in my view, is best combatted by an ability to see the funny side of events, a characteristic, so they tell me, of Yorkshire folk and their descendants, wherever they reside.

To that end it is probably wise that I introduce myself to you in brief. I am Dr Michael Charles Pope, born in Middlesbrough Yorkshire on 1 March 1949, the son of Sidney Frank and Dorothy M55 (nee Pelmear) Pope, the latter who got me into all this mess. I am a retired metallurgist and spent my working life in the Iron & Steel industry.

It will not have escaped your notice that as M1919, I am a very recent Metcalfe Society convert indeed. I am also probably one of the least experienced researchers of the Metcalfe lineage and sit in the shadow of my mother Dorothy Pope's long and fruitful endeavours on our line, with the late Warwick Metcalfe, Peter Dobson, the late John Holden and many others. On the one hand, it is a great experience to be presented with a rigorously researched record of my Metcalfe lineage, but on the other hand, I have missed the excitement of discovery of much of my Metcalfe family history. Although the members above have achieved so much, they hit the dreaded wall around the mid-17th century in upper Wensleydale. Thus there is still a great deal to be done, and I need to develop competence in aiding Peter Dobson with the further examination of our joint ancestry.

When I was asked to join the committee some 18 months ago, I had no idea that I would end up as editor – what incontinent madness possessed me then sire? My first experience of life on the committee was one of amazement at the amount of sheer hard work and dedication which the officers bring to their respective roles. I was particularly astonished at how much effort goes into the planning and execution of the Metcalfe Muster in the months and weeks leading up to it, and especially on the day before and the early morning of the event itself.

My first cunning plan is to develop a set of articles on the officers of the committee. What better a place to begin, than a portrait, self-penned, by our President Nina Benson, and I think you will really enjoy it.

I would like to thank everyone who has kindly sent me material for the journal and end with a heartfelt plea. Please continue to send me your articles, the fruits of your research, your experiences and information snippets, as the journal should be about you, the members, and not dominated by the views and obsessions of the editor. The strength and vitality of organisations derives from the degree of engagement and contribution of the members, and this is especially true of Metcalfe Society's Mecca News.

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The Mecca Muster October 2016

The Mecca Muster 2016 was held on 8 October, and for the second time, the venue was at Tennants in Leyburn, which for those of you living overseas and who have not visited the area, is a market town in Wensleydale Yorkshire, half way between Hawes in the west and Bedale in the east.

The event was very much a success and survey feedback indicated an admirable level of satisfaction with the gathering. The central staircase provided an excellent viewpoint for a photograph of the members of the clan attending the muster, and the smiling faces show either that they are enjoying themselves, or that the editor/photographer is an expert at social coercion.



As always, the agenda was a very full one and opened with a welcome from the Chairman David Lambert and from the proprietor of the business Rodney Tennant, who is ever most generous with his time, and is a most enthusiastic ambassador for the people and businesses of the Yorkshire Dales.



Mr Tennant repeated his very kind and popular offering made for the 2015 Muster and conducted members on a tour of the auction house on three occasions during the day.



Important items within the agenda included a proposal by the committee to increase the membership fees for the first time since 2002. Peter Dobson, the Treasurer, provided a comprehensive overview of the future financial outlook. Both the Chairman and Diane Howarth outlined the committee's view, and our President Nina Benson made a very significant contribution to the debate.

After wide discussion, the Annual General Meeting overwhelmingly accepted the proposal to increase the subscription to £15, and David Lambert deals with the move in his Chairman's Jottings later in the News. It was also explained that the year's last edition of the journal would now be published in January rather than December, to facilitate the process of reminding the membership about subscription renewals and changes.

Election of the officers of the society proceeded smoothly: David Lambert was confirmed as Chairman and Peter Dobson as Treasurer and Vice Chairman, with Margaret Hodgson in the role of Archivist and Secretary and Mike Pope as Editor. Jo Heron has now taken over Membership, Enquiries and Sales, with back-up from Elizabeth Waller, and David Metcalfe continues as master of the Database.

Diane Howarth, who deserves congratulations for another excellently organised Muster, retains her many roles as Conference Secretary, Web Administrator, Volunteer Coordinator and Vice President. The team is completed with Martin Metcalfe DNA Project chief, and Lesley Longworth as a long serving committee member.

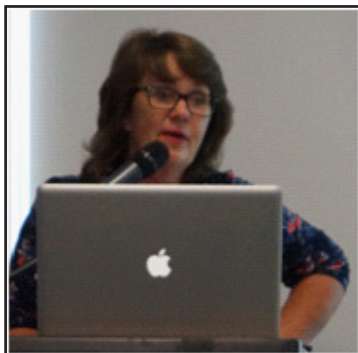
Following the formal business of the AGM, the Chairman David Lambert made a presentation of a Metcalfe Plate to Peter Dobson, in grateful thanks for his marathon 24 year stint as Editor of Mecca News.

David commended Peter for the excellent way that he had developed the journal of the Society over the years, into a most informative and easy to read publication.



Peter thanking the Chairman for his Metcalfe Plate and looking as though he cannot wait to have Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding on it!

The Mecca Muster 2016



Diane Howarth, above right, gave a presentation on the new Image Library, and also provided individual guidance on the library, how to search for photographs, and most important of all, how to upload the personal photographs from members, in the pursuit of the creation of a very powerful resource for all the Society. You can find the Image Library in the Members' Room.



Mecca Muster 2016





Mecca Muster 2016

An excellent day was rounded off with a witty and enjoyable valuation by Rodney Tennant, of various artefacts which members had brought along, and concluded with a most successful raffle, before the Chairman David Lambert brought the proceedings to a close.

The afternoon session began with a very well delivered and most interesting talk by Glenys Marriott on "Those Who Left the Dales". The presentation was based on the recent publication by The Upper Dales Family History Group of the eponymously entitled book, which is edited by Glenys herself.

A number of members recognised both individuals and family links, and Glenys brought along copies of the publication for sale at the Muster at a very acceptable special rate.

During the afternoon, the members had time to meet and talk in the coffee lounge, and to buy Metcalfe Society merchandise from the stall, which Margaret Hodgson ran with her usual aplomb and business acumen.

David Metcalfe also manned the bank of computers and record library and was busy helping many of the clan in their research.



YOUR PRESIDENT NINA ELISABETH BENSON nee METCALFE

A personal portrait commissioned for Mecca news.

My parents Edmund Postlethwaite Metcalfe & his wife Lily Carter were married at Haughton le Skerne, Darlington, County Durham 8th August 1925 and were settled in their newly built home by the time their family arrived; John Benn 1930-2000; myself 1932; James Edmund 1933-2008 and Cora Mary 1937-37.



An early photograph of Nina

Left, an early photograph of Nina clutching what appears to be a cricket ball, which may or may not have some relevance to her story and you will have to ask her yourself.

In many ways our family were fortunate in that my father (known as Ted) was exempt from active service during WW2 as he was an electrical engineer at the Power Station in Darlington. There were many nights when he was called in to patrol the Station during air raids, whilst my mother became an Air Raid Warden and the “keeper” of the corporation stirrup pump provided to protect our road of 24 homes from incendiary bombs.

My education began at the Arthur Pease primary school, before entry to the Preparatory then Senior departments of the Darlington High School for Girls, leaving there with the much acclaimed “School Certificate”. Working life began almost immediately with a few months on a farm at High Coniscliffe, then into the administration side of Darlington Memorial Hospital until I became a student nurse at the Friarage hospital in Northallerton. When that didn't work out, I settled into office work which became interrupted at times because of my mother's illness.

Our childhood was to my mind ideal, although the war was a constant threat, the progress of which we followed by sticking flags into wall maps at home; our area was relatively free from the terrible death and destruction taking place elsewhere.

Going to school involved a round trip of just under two miles and our main worry in the early days of war was to watch the tops of the round letter boxes. We were assured that the special paint used on them would change colour if poisoned gas was detected - naturally we never went anywhere without our gas masks.

Whenever we managed to have any holiday, it was always into various cottages in Swaledale, normally without any electricity, hot water or bathroom, occasionally without any cold water either and the earth closets were a walk down the garden path! Days began and ended with trips to the communal water tap or pump, not that this stopped our fun and games - with no radio, no television and no telephone, we made our own fun, and most days involved packing up sandwiches and trekking across the moors to one or other of our favourite picnic sites. It was while we were at the "Rabbit Field" site that Dad called us all together under a large hawthorn tree; he had recognised that the engine of the slowly approaching plane did not "sound right" and sure enough it wasn't, what emerged overhead bore large black swastikas! The nearby army base at Catterick was often the target of gunfire but we never did hear what had happened to that particular plane.

When we were returning from one such holiday, I heard the words "over that hill is Dad's Hipswell" but it was to be several years before its meaning suddenly became clear! Over the intervening years I had married from the house in which I was born, to a budding farmer named Michael Benson, whom I had met at the Croft Young Farmers Club which my brothers (who both became farmers) and I had joined. Our farm was near Bolton by Bolton and where our three children were born; Christine in 1959, Joanna in 1961 and Steven in 1962. We left the farm in 1965, moving to Wetherby when Michael began working in a different aspect of farming, advising and selling farm chemicals produced by the large German company of Bayer, with whom he remained until retirement.

My interest in my ancestors was inspired by my father and his tales about his mother's early life. When holidaying in Swaledale, (my parents had bought a cottage at Blades at the end of the war and then we acquired a car!) we would drive over into Cumberland to visit the small hamlet of Waberthwaite near Ravenglass. This was the place where my paternal grandmother Edith Mary Metcalfe nee Postlethwaite, was raised, and their home, next to the church and churchyard, is where her family are buried.

Edith met her husband James Metcalfe when he was living at Broad Oak and working as a manager for Ord & Maddison at their Granite Quarries - the 1891 Census reveals he was born at Hipswell, Yorkshire.

James attended the local church and used to sing in their concerts, and there the story begins! James & Edith Mary were married 20th May 1895 at Waberthwaite when James stated he was of Easby (nr Richmond) son of Edmund William Metcalfe. The couple had moved to Darlington by 1901 and in that year's census they appear living at 8 Woodlands Terrace, James being an Accountant CC aged 37 born in Hipswell. By 1911 they were at 7 Woodlands Terrace, James an Engineers Clerk, together with son Edmund Postlethwaite Metcalfe (my father) aged 9 and their younger daughter Mary Elizabeth aged 6; both children born in Darlington. Nina their elder daughter is missing, as indeed she had been in 1901 census, but I eventually traced her staying with her grandparents Postlethwaite, aged 5. She later married and had three sons; Mary Elizabeth also married and had two daughters and four sons.

So my Metcalfe research began (circa 1980) on James Metcalfe born 1864 at Hipswell, son of Edmund William Metcalfe. It was about this time that Mary Metcalfe M1 and the late Vera Adams M2 launched The Metcalfe Society and as soon as I joined, Mecca News provided me with a link to another family from Hipswell, that of M13 Ronald & Gwen Metcalfe. Way back in 1980 we needed to visit County Libraries, County Record Offices and/or the village churchyards to find clues; it was very much a time consuming occupation. My parents had both died in 1965, and I often bemoaned that I had failed to ask them relevant questions.

My grandfather James Metcalfe was born on 19th Sep 1864 son of Edmund William and Mary (nee Webster) Metcalfe who had married on 21st May 1861 at Hipswell, Edmund then a carpenter became a "mechanist" in Darlington before he died in 1887. Whilst an innkeeper in Brompton on Swale, he and Mary also had daughter Isabel 1862, son Walter Webster 1866 and daughter Dora Mary in 1868

Great Grandfather Edmund William Metcalfe was born 13th Sep 1835 at the mill in Hipswell son of James, an ag lab & grazier; and Mary Barbara (nee Binks) Metcalfe who had married on 28th March 1825 at Raskelf. Their other children were Isabella 1826, John Binks 1830, Christopher 1833, James 1839, Robert 1842-43, Benjamin 1844 and Robert Robinson 1850. Gtx2 Grandfather James Metcalfe was bpt 13th Jan 1793 at Hipswell & died there 20th Feb 1886 aged 94, the last child of George, the miller at Hipswell Mill and his wife Elizabeth Robinson, whom he had married on 17th Nov 1768 at High Coniscliffe, when he was stated to be of Piercebridge parish. George & Elizabeth were the parents of at least another eight children before "my" James was born, all bpt at Hipswell and at least 31 of our past and present membership are descended from this couple.

Elizabeth died in 1827 aged 82 and George in 1829 aged 96, this makes him born circa 1733, but where? He still eludes capture!

Our prime hope is to discover a link with the family of M170 et al whose line includes Christopher & Anne (King) Metcalfe m 14.07.1730 at Well near Bedale who had three sons.

The first was Christopher b 1733 who married Henrietta Maria (Reynold) and they became tenants of Hipswell Mill ca 1762-1770 immediately before "our" George & Elizabeth (Robinson) Metcalfe took the tenancy by 1773. Indeed George & Elizabeth name two of their children Christopher in 1777 and Henrietta in 1790.

Christopher was followed by James b 1735 who married Ann Denison and finally George bpt at Well on 15th Sep 1739. This man did not marry or die at Well and but for the slight (6yrs) age discrepancy could be "our" George, but as yet, we have no documentary proof.



Nina at the October 2016 Mecca Muster with her grandsons Tom, right, a Leeds University Law graduate, and Sam left, a final year IT undergraduate at Sheffield Hallam University.

You gave me a high honour in 2015 when I was elected your President and now your Editor Mike Pope has asked me for this history! It set me looking through the first few Mecca News to confirm some facts. Issue No 4 Sept 1981 had me listed as joining, and by No 5 in Dec 1981, Vera Adams had asked me to take over as Secretary. In the same issue, our credit balance was given as £77.27p. Issue No 6 of April 1982 held the announcement of our first Muster at Claremont at the cost (inc Lunch) of £2.50 per member. After 17 happy & fulfilling years as your Secretary, my next post was as Archivist, which duty is now in the capable hands of Margaret Hodgson.

I hope you have enjoyed my "history" - there is always a risk when a person of 84 years is asked to go back over all those years! Please be assured that it is my sincere wish to serve you all to the best of my ability whilst I am your President and I am here to help any member, so long as I am able.

Nina Benson M29

Chairman's Jottings

**May I first wish you all a very Happy New Year
and trust you have had an enjoyable Christmas?**

This issue marks Dr Michael Pope's inaugural edition as our new Editor, following Peter Dobson's retirement from the post after over 20 years, and I am sure you will welcome Mike and enjoy reading this and future editions.

In October, about 60 of us 'mustered' well in Leyburn at Tennants' Garden Rooms, thanks partly to Rodney Tennant, who welcomed us and contributed so much during the day. I would like to thank Diane Haworth for her overall planning and management of the Day, as well as stalwart committee members Peter Dobson, Jo Heron, Margaret Hodgson, David Metcalfe and Mike Pope who carried out various duties. Margaret Metcalfe (David's mother) once again triumphed with her sales of raffle tickets, for which we are most grateful!

At the AGM, Liz Waller relinquished her primary duties as membership secretary and despatch, for which I thank her, although she remains on the general committee and a first reserve for Jo Heron who is now undertaking these roles. The committee trustees were all re-elected at the AGM, I am pleased to say.

Glenys Marriott delivered a fascinating presentation and encouraged us to use Twitter! We were later in the day enthused to twist the arm of our President Nina Benson's grandson to handle a Twitter account for us, subject to his studies permitting. If HM the Queen uses Twitter, why not the society?

The members also agreed to raise ordinary subscriptions to £15: the last increase was in 2002. We are, as I write this, tidying up the membership records and when you read this, each of you should have been told about the higher subscription and reminded, if you pay by standing order, that you need to change the amount payable.

We also will advise you if you have in the past, paid more than one subscription and the date when this expires. Obviously there is no need to pay the difference between the old and new subscriptions if you made a lump sum payment some years ago.

If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, to do so, as this benefits the society. The rules on claiming gift aid have been altered as a result of increases in and changes to tax personal allowances.

At the Muster I was delighted to announce the launch of the Society's Image Library which Diane more fully explained and demonstrated. DO please look at it, USE it and ADD items so we can all benefit. You need to visit the Website and go into the members' area - [http:// www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members/](http://www.metcalfes-online.co.uk/members/) - log in and use the Image Library tab.

The full title of the Image library is **The William M.D. Roe Image Library**, in especial memory of his mother Anna Jane Haydon Metcalfe Roe. William Roe's daughter contacted us to say that her father wanted to make a significant donation to the Society of \$US 5,000 (£ sterling equivalent approximately £3,800) which we duly received just before the Muster.

The committee agreed to name the Image library in his honour and that it should be styled as above in especial memory of his late mother (who was a Metcalfe). We were asked to spend \$500 of the donation on acquiring details of Metcalfes in the North Yorkshire Protestation Returns held in the House of Lords Record Office. There are only a few extant returns for North Yorkshire, but hopefully this will benefit everyone especially William's family.

One of life's bitter ironies was that a few days after the Muster, we very sadly learnt that William had passed away on 2 October. I wrote to the family expressing our condolences, as did Lesley Longworth. I am sorry to announce that Lesley's mother (who was the sister of Margaret Metcalfe and David Metcalfe's aunt) also passed away very recently. We all extend our condolences to the family at their loss.

Please continue to let us have any snippet of Metcalfe information you discover. It enables us to record more information about the family, this task falling mainly to David Metcalfe to add it to the Index, and Margaret Hodgson to make sense of it and to discover links. We displayed links to Estate records, the Victoria and Albert Museum, local newspapers and more items relating to the World War 1 project (the Somme and tanks in warfare). There is so much accessible now, so please tell us what you find.

In November, the General Registry Office (GRO) announced that they were to trial for 3 weeks, access to online registration documents (mainly births and deaths) using a new Index. The resultant documents would contain, in an uncertificated format, the data at GRO from the birth and death certificates themselves, for a reduced fee of £6. We placed notice of this on our Facebook pages in mid-November and I hope some of you were able to follow this up and that the pilot will lead to a continuation of such a service in the future.

David Lambert

Metcalfe Family Crest in Counted Cross Stitch by Peter Metcalfe M1314



Some may think it a highly unlikely hobby for a former Police Chief Superintendent, but I was drawn to counted cross stitch by a very wet day in Derbyshire. It is not the first time that Derbyshire has played a significant part in my life, as fifty five years ago on a very snowy December day I found a bride in the same county.

About twenty five years later my wife and I were staying in a cottage near the delightful market town of Bakewell and it was, as we say in Yorkshire, siling it down. We popped into Bakewell and I accompanied my wife into Wye Needlecraft as she wanted some knitting wool.

As a long standing craft hobbyist I was drawn to a small tapestry which I bought and took back to the cottage to occupy myself during the deluge.

I enjoyed working this tapestry and eventually fitted it into the glazed lid of a needlework box I made for my wife. This was the start of my journey into counted cross stitch and the world of Aida, Thread Heaven wax and DMC threads.

Cross stitch is the ideal pass time for craft persons who find that customs officials, airlines and foreign hotels are not too keen on one travelling with a wood or metal lathe, welder, sawbench, or for that matter any other of the paraphernalia from my workshop.

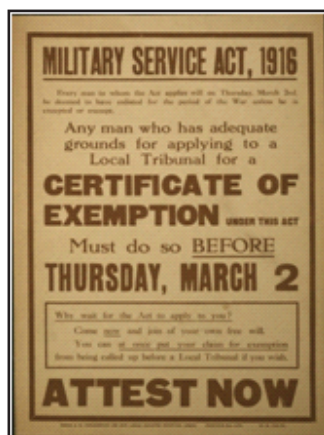
Over the past twenty five years of retirement from "the job" I have cross stitched my way around the world and produced many examples for our children, grandchildren and ourselves. Yorkshire maps are favourites of ours and we are particularly fond of "A Yorkshire Village" by Derwent Designs.

My interest in the "Metcalfs Clan" and cross stitch, prompted me to visit the Church at Aysgarth and photograph the stained glass window connected with our family. (Mecca News Issue 98 - December, 2012). My plan was to produce a cross stitch based on the window, but this was put to one side when I came across a site on the internet which sold family crest designs for the cross stitcher. Terry and Liz of Elite Designs have produced numerous working patterns and the picture in the above photograph was worked from one of their designs.

I showed a picture of the item to our new editor, Mike Pope at our last Mecca Muster and he suggested that the work and the background to it may be of interest to fellow readers of The Mecca News. I hope that he was right!

Peter Metcalfe M1314

Our Chairman David Lambert sent in this poster, on the left, from WWI. David has been busy extracting records from both wars including a listing of an index search of the medal cards of all soldiers named Metcalfe and a search for all Metcalfes involved with tanks after 1916 from WWI. He has also obtained from Northallerton CRO on line resources a listing of all Metcalfes serving in the County Durham Home Guard in WWII. The latter records will be expanded to encompass other counties eventually, and all will in time be loaded onto our database and be available to members.



DNA Project - Martin Metcalfe Coordinator

The Metcalfe DNA project started in 2004 in a moment of mad enthusiasm, as I was stuck with my Metcalfe line and having read about various other works being done with DNA for family history, wondered if it could help me and the Metcalfe clan. I quickly found that FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) was the leading company in this field, with many one name families taking part and that a minimum 37 yDNA markers needed to be tested to provide sufficiently useful data. I decided to take the test and to set up a project, as the only existing Metcalfe project had looked specifically at American Colonial Metcalfes.

My test did not match their DNA and I soon realised the project needed to work with the society to combine DNA information with the extensive documented genealogical records it holds, and also because there would be lots of members with researched genealogies who would be able to take tests. In 2006 the project started to take off with eight new members, taking the total to 13, providing several matches. The first indications were that there might be a single original Metcalfe family and that members of this family had emigrated to America with descendants included in the Colonial Metcalfe project.

I was initially a little surprised that more members did not join the project, but study of the Birth Brief Booklet showed the relatively small proportion of male Metcalfes in the society with a birth brief and whose lines do not end with 'natural son of....' suggesting a non-Metcalfe parent. Added to that is the well known Metcalfe characteristic of being shy at parting with cash!

In 2010, aided by funding from the Society, the project targeted individuals who would be helpful in extending our knowledge of the most common Metcalfe branches and how they relate to each other. This has included members, ex-members and their relatives, and the results have been very worthwhile. The 'tree' for the main Metcalfe genetic family can now be seen on the web site.

The project now holds 75 results and there is now a high likelihood of tested male Metcalfes finding a match and seeing the branch to which he is most closely related. So, if you have been wondering about taking the test, or of persuading a relative, don't hold back.

Information about the project is available through the Metcalfe Society website -

www.familytreedna.com or by emailing dna@metcalfe.org.uk.

Martin Metcalfe M772

Private Fred Metcalfe and his brothers by Michael Peel M1698



This article tells the story of a Lancashire Metcalfe family which suffered the all too common fate of having several sons killed during the course of WWI. The story originates from an exhibition entitled 'The Missing of the Somme', which took place in the Péronne Commune (administrative division) of the Somme Department in Picardie, Northern France between 19th April and 2nd December 2012. The exhibition itself was held in the Château de Péronne, a partly ruined castle which houses the Historial de la Grande Guerre, a museum of the First World War.

A document from this exhibition (reference 1), which is freely available lists "182 missing of the Somme" and includes just one Metcalfe.

31 October 1916 - Fred Metcalfe, aged 20 sniped acting as a runner, one of four sons killed.

This information is sufficient to find his family, starting with his army service number 44534, and battalion, the 12th Battalion Manchester Regiment, from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) records in which his parents and address can be found. His father George William Metcalfe is known to the society under unique record number 36964, with only sons Sam and Fred listed in the data base. George William was a cotton weaver living in Burnley.

Data from the censuses 1881 through to 1911 is presented below.

Census data	1881	1891	1901	1911	Results from Burnley Express and Advertiser and certificate references.
George William	27	32	42	51	Died Q4 1933
Mary Elizabeth	22	31	42	52	Died Q3 1933
Arthur		6	16	26	Died of illness 17th June 1917 Wife Nellie died June 24 1918.
Walter		3	13	23	Died 15 Jun 1919. Wife Elizabeth Annie.
Ethel		1	11	21	Husband Levi
Sam			9	19	18176. East Lancashire Regiment died 28th April, 1917. Unmarried
Herbert			7	17	24551 Bombardier & corporal, missing presumed dead 30th November 1918. Unmarried
Fred			5	15	Died Oct 31 1916. Unmarried. Sweetheart May

The 1911 census tells us that there were 10 live births to this family, with 6 children still living, as listed above. The parents George William Metcalfe and Mary Elizabeth Whittam had been married for 32 years and were married in the quarter Jul-Sept 1878 in the Burnley registration district.

Arthur was born Oct-Dec 1884, Burnley district and the four children who died were probably born between 1878 and 1884. I counted 22 Metcalfe deaths of 0 or 1 year olds in the Burnley district between these years (FreeBMD), not to mention a few older ones who did not make it into any census returns. The couple therefore had already experienced a tragic start to their married life.

George William and his wife lived at 4, Norman Street, Burnley from the 1911 census onwards.

The family relationships are further defined in the numerous paragraphs, including "in memorium," published in the Burnley Express and Advertiser, beginning with reports about son Herbert's promotion to Bombardier on 29th May 1915 and culminating in a harrowing report of the five family bereavements on 8th February 1919, and the register of Walter in the deaths column of 21st June 1919, page 12. The spouses and Fred's sweetheart May are named in these notices, usually with an address.

Arthur's wife Nellie was probably Nellie Bullock married June 1911, Burnley registration district. They occupied 2, Giggin street, Burnley. Walter's wife was Elizabeth Ann Smith who he married on 24th April 1915 in the church of St. Peter, Burnley and their address was 22 Belford street, Burnley.

Ethel Metcalfe married Levi Yates during the third quarter of 1910. The web document (reference 2) indicates that one Levi Yates joined the 9th Scottish Rifles Regiment (the Cameronians) in Burnley with service number 14524. Levi died in the quarter Apr-June 1928 age 40, Burnley district. Is this the same Levi Yates?

The Burnley Express and Advertiser published numerous photographs of casualties of the 1914-18 war. Fred and Herbert appeared together on 25th November 1916, page 9 in a report about Fred's death and Herbert being wounded and recovering in Glasgow. Sam was reported killed in action in the edition dated 25th May 1917, page 4 and his photograph also displayed.

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The report of Herbert's promotion to Bombardier was next to an advertisement: "Metcalfe Brothers will pay half the cost of postage on goods bought from them, sent as presents to men on active service in France, Egypt, or the British Isles, and will make no charge for packing.' The Metcalfe Brothers was a high class grocers in St. James Street, Burnley. The company advertised widely in the Burnley Express....but that is another story.

Michael Peel M1698

Yorkshire Awarded 2019 World Cycle Championships

Britain will host cycling's Road World Championships for the first time in 37 years, after **Yorkshire** was awarded the 2019 event. Chief Executive Sir Gary Verity told BBC Sport that "Yorkshire is a perfect fit" - as all the members of the Metcalfe Society know very well!

ANCESTRAL TOURISM FOR YORKSHIRE

At the Yorkshire Group of the FFHS in October, the speaker was Janice Tullock who is the coordinator for the project Ancestral Tourism for Yorkshire. She is looking at ways to promote tourism in the county, from the ancestral history point of view. Yorkshire has been chosen as the first area to be covered in England, following the success of projects in Scotland and Ireland.

She is speaking to groups around the county including family history, historical and civic societies and archives, and wondered if there were other organisations which should be drawn in.

Yorkshire is quite a unique county in that the variety of landscape and industry is so varied, and its people have spread across the globe, taking their values with them. Surveys suggest 29% of online family historians want to visit the places their ancestors lived, and this is a resource the county can use to encourage visitors to come to Yorkshire, both from elsewhere in the UK and from overseas.

The pilot outline is due out in February and research so far would indicate that family history contributes 25% of the domestic tourist industry and is the highest and fastest growing interest here in the UK. So there is potentially a large market that the FH groups can tap into, both for memberships and raising donations from assisting researchers.

The Group suggested that problems for visitors included closed churches and archives, and lack of information in tourist board offices. Archive material is held in too many places, and an example quoted was the Selby area where records may be held in Wakefield, Beverley or York, with the obvious difficulty for visitors to get around. Assistance from local societies could include availability of locals who could help direct visitors to the best sources for research, places to visit, accommodation and reasonable food outlets.

We also suggested that Welcome to Yorkshire, Yorkshire Forward, Yorksgen, The Dalesman and the libraries and churches, as well as all our societies could take part in the project and encourage our members to come visit and enjoy the county of our origins. As a local society, we are often best placed to advise on when churches are open: if not – where the key, the church records, and the details of graves/monuments are held. We can help with opening hours of libraries and archives (which may be closed for the weekend visitor), and advise local tourist boards.

Often the historian in a family is the sole researcher, and partners and offspring are not always interested in their origins. It is certainly worth including other attractions in an area, so that the non-family historians have something interesting for them to do, including taking walks, visiting museums and seeking alternative available entertainments.

If anyone would like to get involved with this project, we will have more details in 2017, but in the meantime if anyone has any suggestions as to how we, as Metcalfes, can help – please let me know, and discuss this project in your own Family History Society, even if you do not live in Yorkshire. Ideas of what your members with Yorkshire Ancestors might be interested in will be really valuable.

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DEADLINE for the **April 2017 Mecca News**
is **6 February 2017** for articles, comments or snippets to the Editor

Report from the Yorkshire Group of the Family History Society in July

At the Group meeting, we were introduced to the new building in Wakefield, for the West Yorkshire Archive Service. We were shown round the conservation area and the processes which could be dealt with there, and the public facilities in the research room explained. It is certainly a very impressive structure and has been well thought out.

Situated close to the revamped Kirkgate Station, and on the free bus route from the main bus station in the centre of Wakefield, there are a number of car parks around the building, charging between £2.50 per day and £3.00 for 12 hours. The Centre will not have a café but there will be vending machines and a seating area for visitors to have their lunch/snack.

At the moment, the centre is almost finished with some of the records being moved in already. The archives will not be transferred until the concrete is completely dried out, which will take a few more months, but the archive storage will keep the current holdings and space for acquisitions over the next 20 years or so. All these records are being bar coded and listed on computer, and will be stored according to size and shape, rather than as at present, in collections. This will save a considerable amount of space in the new Centre.

Jo Heron M1042

METCALFE MOUNTAIN by Mike Pope M1919

Many of you will have read the earth shattering news earlier this year, that we Metcalfes now have a fully fledged mountain to look up to, if you see my drift. Middleton Calf Top is situated 4 miles due south of Sedbergh in upper Wensleydale and is the site from which our surname originated. It is referred to simply as Calf Top on the Ordnance Survey maps and has just been remeasured by Geodetic Survey.



The wall route from Barbondale



The summit in the distance

The change in height has resulted from improvements to the Ordnance Survey Global Positioning System Coordinates Network which has delivered greater precision on how height is measured in Britain. The new survey has established beyond reasonable doubt that our hill is getting somewhat above itself, not to say becoming big-headed.

The hill, for that is what it was, is classified by mountain walkers as a Marilyn and a Dewey, previously stood at 1999.9 feet (609.579 m) and was thus not a mountain. The new measurements rate it at 2000.02 feet (609.606 m) above sea level, and allow it to be classified now as a bona-fide mountain.

The Ordnance Survey stated that "Calf Top has not grown" and geodetic analyst Mark Greaves, said the peak had originally appeared to be "very, very close" to being a mountain but "about three quarters of an inch too low". It was so close, they measured it twice, and it has been made clear that it is not as a result of tectonic uplift and post glacial rebound, which makes your editor feel a whole lot happier.

The news sparked a media frenzy in both the Yorkshire and national presses, and the hillwalking fraternity have been dementedly rescaling the lofty height to ensure that their bagging logs are fully up to date.

Your new editor takes his responsibilities most seriously and I decided that, although the physical cost might be extremely high, I should shin up it at the first opportunity and report my expedition to the Society.

Thus on Tuesday 1 November whilst en route for two days research at Kendal County Record Office, I stopped off in Barbondale and essayed the classic, direct wall line route to the summit, which as far as I am aware has not been scaled by Sir Chris Bonnington. As I had departed my village of Scotter in North Lincolnshire well before the sparrows had turned out of bed, I passed through the hamlet of Barbon before 1000hrs on a beautiful, cold, clear and sunny day.

My progress was abruptly terminated however, when I came across a very large timber wagon parked right across the road, with its stabilisers out, the driver having just commenced loading a massive pile of tree trunks. I fretted for 25 minutes until he had finished and then I proceeded to my base camp, booted up, and shot upwards along the wall.



The view from the top was spectacular: to the south west Morecambe Bay; to the west the Irish Sea and Sellafield clearly visible; to the north west the Cumbrian Mountains of the Lake District; to the north east the head of the Dales and to the south east the flat summit of Ingleborough.

If the Chief Forester of Wensleydale, William Medecalf de Dent was ever up here on his eponymous mountain on a day such as this, he would truly have been master of all he surveyed. I took a photograph looking north west from the trig point, enjoyed the view, a coffee, and a fine pie, before I made my way back down to the car. I had taken over two hours in the ascent, but I needed only 50 minutes on the way down.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Recently there has been a heartening influx of new members, witnessed in the list below. However, could I please encourage all those who have not already done so, to respond to my emails regarding their Birth Briefs. As you can see, members who do reply generally find connections within the Society.

If you have already completed a great deal of research, then the Society is always glad of the extra detail you can provide for its records, as in the case of Helen Vester (M2021). However, if you are only starting out on your family history adventure then I can offer a helping hand in finding more recent detail, using my memberships to Ancestry and Find My Past, which then often does link back to an earlier generation already recorded on the Metcalfe Society Main Index. Bill Jones (M2028) in Las Vegas was rather stunned to find that his family stories of Irish heritage were not the actuality and instead his 'line' led directly back to the Yorkshire Dales!

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Conn. M97 M331 M637 M688 M777 M850 M860 M870 M871 M905 M964 M1274 M1276 M1550

WILLS PROJECT - Margaret Hodgson (Project Coordinator)

Wills continue to give much useful detail which can help to tie together Society records. For example, the will of William Metcalfe of Muker mentioned the names of his sister, which identified his sister's married name, his nephew, and also the married names of all his nieces.

Please do keep sending any Metcalfe wills from your own researches which could supplement what the Society currently holds.

Wills newly transcribed and now available to view in the Members Only section of the website

The date here is the date of probate. Wills are often earlier than the year of probate so it is best to use the search + or – 2/5/10/20 years if not found immediately by name or place.

1787 William Metcalfe of Muker (will & administration)

1811 James Metcalfe of Ribba Hall, Aysgarth

1812 James Metcalfe of Cotterdale, Aysgarth

Margaret Hodgson M515

Surviving the Workhouse by David Charles Metcalfe M983

Solomon Metcalf was my great grand uncle, being a brother of my great grandfather Charles Metcalf.

Solomon was born in 1848, the third son of John Jonathan Metcalf. His father was a farm labourer and sexton of their local church – St Guthlacs in Fishtoft, near Boston, Lincolnshire. Solomon also worked on the land, and subsequently also became sexton of the church.

He married Martha Ann Taylor of Pinchbeck, near Boston in Q2 of 1875. She had a baby daughter at the time called Kate Elizabeth Taylor. I do not know whether Kate Elizabeth was Solomon's child or not, however since her name was never changed to Metcalf and the ensuing story I think she may well have not been Solomon's. After the wedding they all lived together in Fishtoft. Over the next few years Solomon and Martha Ann had a further six children. The youngest child, Martha Ellen, was born in Q4 of 1886 but sadly Martha Ann died a few months later in the Q2 of 1887. She was only 35 years old.

At the time of the mother's death, the children's ages were 11 years, 10, 7, 6, 3 and approximately 7 months. Kate Elizabeth was 12 years old. Solomon was now faced with supporting a family of 7 children, and presumably having to work all hours possible to do so. Kate Elizabeth being the oldest girl would have been expected to keep house. A grief stricken, emotional and stressful situation for them all.

On Wednesday, 1 June 1887 it appears there may have been some altercation between Solomon and Kate Elizabeth that led to Solomon being accused of assaulting the girl. Whatever happened Solomon was charged and appeared at the North Holland Petty Sessions on Wednesday, 22 June 1887.

He was found guilty of assault and sentenced to "14 days imprisonment with hard labour". On that same day the four youngest children, being Charlotte (aged 7) William (aged 6) Mary Ann Snow (aged 3) and Martha Ellen (aged 8 months), were taken away and placed in the Boston Union Workhouse.

The two oldest children John Edward and Lucy Ann presumably stayed at the house, and John Edward kept them going by doing farm labouring work. Kate Elizabeth disappeared off the scene, and I believe she would have gone into service in another town or village.

The Boston Union Workhouse



The Boston Workhouse was built in 1837 and designed for a capacity of 350 inmates. It was located in the docks area of Boston called Skirbeck. The building was all but demolished in the 1980s just leaving the original entrance section, which was renovated and is now occupied by Lincolnshire County Council. The entrance is still an eerie reminder of how it must have appeared as the poor children arrived at the Workhouse - see later.

New arrivals would be admitted by the porter, and then interviewed by the Master. A Medical Officer would have checked their state of health, separating out those with illness. Once admitted the paupers would be searched, stripped, washed and issued with a workhouse uniform.

Life in the nineteenth century Workhouse was harsh reflecting attitudes towards the poor. In 1832 the Rev. H H Milman reporting to the Poor Law Commission stated "The Workhouse should be a place of hardship, of coarse fare, of degradation and humility; it should be administered with strictness, with severity; it should be as repulsive as is consistent with humanity." What a frightening and demeaning experience it must have been. Inmates were strictly segregated into male and female quarters and classified according to age and health.

The Workhouse day typically began at 6am (7am in winter) with breakfast of bread and gruel following prayers. Work began at 7am until midday, with an hour for lunch, which would be a little more varied perhaps including rice pudding or steamed suet pudding and vegetables, meat being served once or twice a week.

Soup made from a broth of vegetables and thickened with barley or rice or oatmeal. The inmates would then work from 1pm through to 6pm. Supper over the next hour would be a simple plate of bread and cheese. After prayers the inmates would go to bed at 8pm. This regime was repeated day after day.

The work was hard and disagreeable, including stone breaking, oakum picking, sack making, corn grinding, laundry work and gardening. Wood was chopped by inmates and sold in the town. Women mostly did domestic jobs such as cleaning, sewing, or helping in the kitchen, laundry and infirmary.

Education was at least seen as important to the betterment of the poor. Children received schooling in the Workhouse, boys and girls being taught separately for a minimum of 3 hours each day in reading, writing, and principles of Christian religion. From the age of 9 boys were expected to work, and they were taught a trade so that they could then become apprentices outside the Workhouse. Girls were sometimes sent out to work as domestic servants.

Workhouses kept very detailed records of admissions, misdemeanours, punishments and discharges. In the case of the Boston Union Workhouse these records are kept at the central Lincoln Library Archive and available for public inspection. It was from these records that we discovered the admission of the four young Metcalf children on 22 June 1887. And, whilst the cause of their incarceration was that their father had been sentenced to 14 days imprisonment it would be almost 7 years before the children “escaped” the Workhouse! What a terrible price to pay!



The three youngest: William (now aged 12) Mary Ann Snow (aged 10) and Martha Ellen (aged 6) were discharged on Tuesday, 27 February 1894. The record states they were discharged "to go to father". Three months later, on Saturday, 14 April 1894, Charlotte the oldest (now 13 years) was released "to go into service". On further examination of the records we were unable to find any record of misdemeanours by, or punishments dished out to, any of the four Metcalf children – in the most trying of circumstances they had all maintained a good behaviour.

Charlotte Metcalf went into service at the Nags Head pub in Heckington, a small village between Boston and Sleaford. The pub is still operating today. She was recorded there in the 1901 Census as a general servant aged 21. She then moved to Leeds, Yorkshire to work as the housekeeper to a retired draper, his sister and niece. She is recorded there in the 1911 Census, the address being 146 Chapeltown Road. During her time in Heckington Charlotte is most likely to have met a soldier called West Trollope, as he had lived there for a time at the home of his parents.

Charlotte and West were married on 21 February 1916, and they made their home in Sheepscar, Leeds. West had joined the army in 1899 when he was 18 years old, he was a "waggoner" in the Royal Field Artillery. He survived the war, but stayed enlisted until March 1920 when he was demobilised with 21 years service. He has an extensive war record, which shows that at the end of his artillery career he claimed disability – loss of hearing due to the exposure to gun explosions. His claim was rejected on the basis that the Examining Doctor removed wax from his ear and his hearing was perfect again! Charlotte and West didn't have children. Charlotte died in 1936 she was 59 years old. West lived a further 20 years when he died in 1956 at the age of 78 years.

William Metcalf would have returned to be with his father in Fishtoft in 1894, and presumably either worked on the land alongside his father or maybe he pursued a trade skill that he had learnt in the Workhouse. Unfortunately, I have been unable (as yet) to trace William in the 1901 Census, when he would have been 19 years old.

Mary Ann Snow may well have returned to her father in 1894, but presumably she would also have then gone into service. I have been unable so far to trace her in the 1901 Census, but have discovered that Mary Ann Snow married William Harry Goodwin (a gardener's labourer) in the Spalding district in Q4 of 1904.

Seven years later the 1911 Census shows the Goodwin family living in Surfleet, near Spalding. Mary Ann Snow and William Harry had two children Thirza Ellen and James. Also, living with them was no other than Solomon Metcalf aged 64 years and still working as a farm labourer.

Sadly, the first World War was to spoil the happy family, as William Harry enlisted in 1916 in the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment and joined the big push in the Somme in July 1916. He saw action at Fricourt on July 2nd where his regiment took many casualties to machine gun fire. The next day they were in action at "Railway Alley", and then on 9 July were supporting the attack on "Quadrangle Support Trench". On 10th July they were involved in hand to hand fighting to defend their position, and did manage to attack and take the Quadrangle Support Trench. Sadly, the following day William Harry Goodwin was killed, he is buried in the Dartmoor Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt.

The War records show that Mary Ann Snow (widow) received two sums of money from the Army – firstly 6 shillings and 6 pence in 1916, and a further 4 pounds and 10 shillings in 1919. A paltry sum for the loss of a husband and father. I have been unable to trace Mary Ann Snow beyond 1919, but her son James later married and moved to the Peterborough area, and her daughter Thirza Ellen also married and lived in the Spalding area.

Martha Ellen Metcalf returned home to her father's house in Fish-toft in 1894. She was still there in 1901 at the age of 14 years, and was presumably looking after the house (as her older sister Lucy Ann had by now left home). Martha herself left home and in Q1 of 1907 she married Arthur Henry Ogden in the Boston district. In the 1911 Census they were living in Grimsby, Lincolnshire – Arthur Henry was recorded as a bricklayer, and they had two sons: Arthur aged 3 years old and William in his first year. Sadly, the young William would die later that year. Martha Ellen and Arthur Henry had three more children between 1914 and 1926. Arthur Henry passed away in 1945, Martha Ellen lived a further 21 years when she died in Grimsby in 1966.

It is very sad that four extremely young children should go through a most traumatic experience, firstly losing their mother, then having their father taken away, and finally becoming victims of the Workhouse for almost 7 years. But, I am proud that these four Metcalf relatives survived the experience, kept a clean sheet, and subsequently made the best of their lives. Family History can be very exciting when making new discoveries, but it can also be an emotional roller coaster.

David Charles Metcalfe M983

Society News

OBITUARIES

It is with the greatest regret, that we announce the death of William Medcalfe D. Roe in the USA on 2 October 2016. William is shown here on the extreme left in a photograph taken with his close family members at the 2000 Mecca Muster.



Mr Roe recently kindly donated \$5000 to the Society and the new image library has been named The William M. D. Roe in his honour. William was a great supporter of the Metcalfe Society and will be very much missed. The Metcalfe Society extends its deepest sympathy to his family.

The Metcalfe Society also extends its profound condolences to the families of the following recently deceased Metcalfes.

Leslie Robert Metcalfe M1323 of Ripon, passed away 6 October 2016.

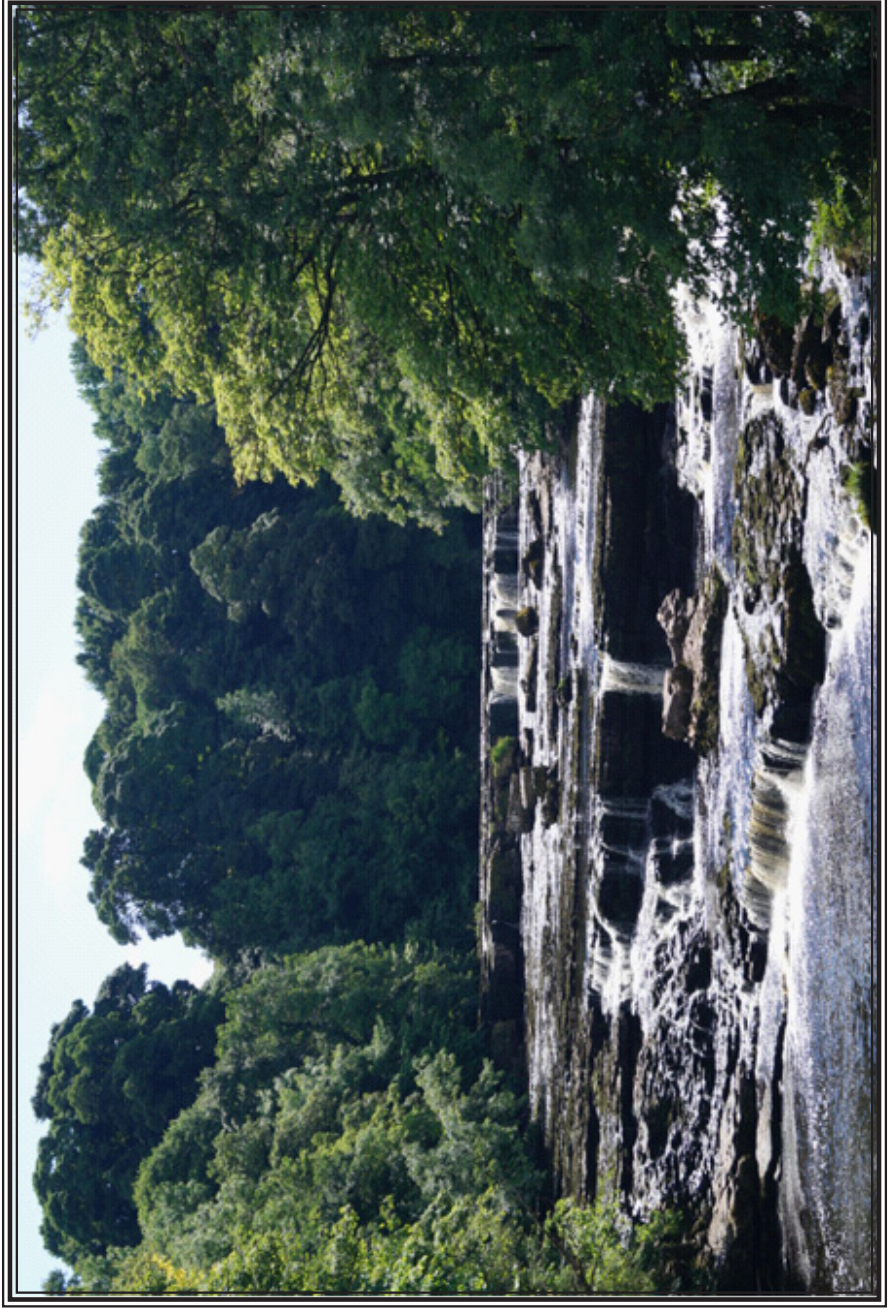
James A. Metcalfe M466 passed away on 8 October 2016. James was the third cousin once removed of both David Lambert and David Metcalfe.

Mary Plews, mother of Lesley Longworth and aunt of David Metcalfe, passed away on 3 November 2016.

Graham Michael Metcalfe aged 62 years of Horton-in-Ribblesdale passed away on 5 October 2016.

Robert Anthony Metcalfe aged 62 years of Loughborough passed away on 27 August 2016

Walter Halliday Metcalf M655 aged 91 years passed away in November 2016.



The River Ure at Aysgarth