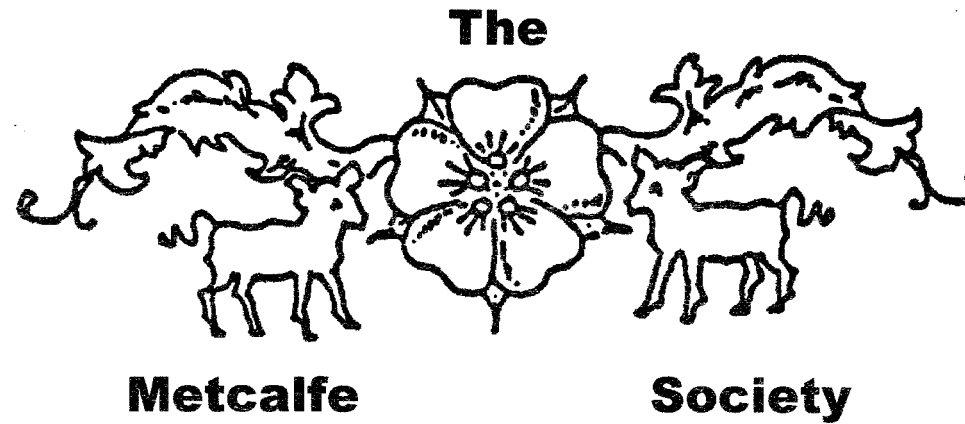




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The clocks have gone back the weather has changed - gone are the warm days of summer - now the dull days of Autumn. But all is not lost. A trip up to the Dales, as I finished off this issue, was blessed with a cold, frosty start but a glorious sunny day with azure blue skies. Cotter Force near Hardraw in Wensleydale was bathed in the late autumn sun and the frost on the fence posts looked like mini-

ature gardens. So all is not lost. As with most things it is taking the positive and reducing the negative.

This year has been a bit like that and as we go to print we have heard of the death of one of our founder members John Holden M6. Our condolences go to John's family and friends.

The Society continues to evolve and in this issue we welcome our new Archivist Team; our thanks go to Eileen Measures for all her hard work in the past. Also congratulations to those winners in the Hundred Years of History Competition. With a free year's subscription they will be able to go out and buy a little something for themselves - perhaps one of the books mentioned in the Books list!



As the year comes to a close let me wish you and yours the Compliments of the Season and a Rousing New Year!

East Riding Archives Service Catalogue Project "Reaching out Across the Riding"

An innovative computer programme will scan paper catalogues and convert them into digital format which will then be available electronically to review by researchers. The catalogue when finished will contain thousands of references to personal names, places and topics.

The project is expected to be completed by March 2004 and will be available on www.eastriding.gov.uk and through the English National Archive Network www.a2a.pro.gov.uk.

Did Crusader Metcalfes stop off in Malta?

Doris Micallef, painter and printer of Birkirkara, Malta
From Charles Metcalfe M305

Since the early days of the Metcalfe Society, we have relied on a single individual to perform the role of Archivist - receiving all queries, performing the research through our vast array of information, working out members family trees, pulling it all together, reporting back to the member and writing the birth briefs for each edition of the Mecca News. It's a wonder Nina and then Eileen didn't get buried under all the paperwork.

As we have reported over the last year, the sheer volume and scope of this responsibility, given the number of members we now have in the society, made it totally impossible for one person to cope. Eileen has stepped down as archivist due to a change in her personal circumstances. Rather than just pass the baton over to one individual, we now have a new Archivist Research Team and a new way of working - a front office and a back office.

Please welcome Maureen Thwaite - your new Archivist Coordinator (the front office). Maureen (pictured right) is now the one person to whom you send all research queries. Her role is to receive the queries, log them and then pass them onto one of the archivists who will do the actual research. She will share out the work evenly to Nina Benson (M29), Bob Morley (M143) and Edwin Metcalf (M980) - the back office team. In addition, this enables the service to continue through holidays and illness. When they have completed the research for a member they will pass it back to Maureen. Maureen will return the findings to the member and also coordinate the birth briefs for each edition of the Mecca News. We ask that members do not contact the archivists directly, thereby leaving them to focus on the research

Welcome to the new Archivist Research Team



itself. Maureen will liaise with the archivists on a continual basis, so if some research is more complicated and is taking longer than expected, Maureen will advise the member accordingly. As a result, the society aims to be able to improve this very important service to our members and thereby provide a more timely and quality research service.

If anyone else would like to be one of the back office archivist research team, please do contact either Maureen Thwaite or the secretary. Maureen's contact details are on the inside front cover of the Mecca News.

The Sunderland Metcalf's

Tony Metcalf M1390

As a child pre WW2 I have recollections of the place names Roker Park and Sunderland being talked about when making the Sunday family visit to grandparent Metcalf's home in Highgate, London. Much later in the mid 1970s at family gatherings we started sketching out a tree of aunts and uncles, great grandparents with some place names on anything suitable - frequently an artist sketchpad. Later, as these aunts and uncles passed away, their worldly papers - which no one else wanted - came into my hands. Pictures, birth and marriage certificates, passports, indentures and the Family Bible were thankfully stored without knowing at the time their true value as historical records. With my retirement in 1990 I bought a PC and later became aware that there were some programs that help record family history and chose Family Treemaker v 3.0 - at that time to run under Windows 3.1. I now run v10 of FTM under Windows 98.

At first the information was built around my wife and I and our children, then the parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles were added, using where possible those handed down records as source. In fact it became a family 'thing' that a 'tree' would be printed out and paraded at family gathering, with the plea that everyone add as much data as much as possible. In retrospect, like many historians, the big failure in my younger years was not to ask question of one's elders about their families. In reality my interests at that time were elsewhere!

Whilst we unearthed parallel families on my mother's side when visiting Newark-on-Trent in 1989 seeking out the Tully roots, the Metcalf lineage took us back to Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland. We were aided by a solicitor's pedigree going back to Sunderland families Blyth, Hodgson and Johnson in the 1790s. Incidentally, my grandmother nee Hodgson received £150, as did some 23 descendents from a total estate of £8742! Solicitor's fees took the rest. After we had extracted all we could from our family archives a visit to Sunderland was called for but has never materialise.

Then a cousin of my wife's presented us with 'Metcalf's - History of the Clan' which immediately fired up our enthusiasm again. However much we scoured those pages, nothing seemed to fit with our tree. Again, a lull in our family history activities. Then a friend who is deep into the Jeffs family records said 'why not join the Metcalfe society?' So I completed the forms not realising what would be the outcome.

Late last year we had a letter from David Metcalfe, Keeper of the Com-

puter Index, saying he had traced back through a couple of Johns, the earliest he had found being baptised on June 22 1755. And attached was our Metcalf Birth Brief! Now this was really something! We had found that the Society has these wonderful resources for example of parish records AND people who were only too happy to help newcomers find their roots. Stimulated by all this new data we invested in the 1901 and 1891 London Census CDs. A search of the 1901 for my Highgate grandparents revealed nothing! But I had been there and knew the address by heart. So a street search showed why. The enumerator had recorded the surname as Metcafe. Which confirmed two (of many) things about researching, think lateral and double and sometime treble check those records. More recently I have made good use of www.1837online.com to pin-point dates and subsequently order the certificate.

The latest stimulus was the note on page 21 in Issue 69 of Mecca News regarding Charlotte the filmmaker. Knowing exactly where she fits in 'our' tree, I decided that it was time to share our tree.

Thomas MT m Elizabeth

s Thomas MT bpt 22 Jun 1755
Sunderland
m 4 Nov 1786 Sunderland
Euphemia (Adamson)

s John MT bpt 13 Jan 1793
4/7 Sunderland m Mary (Oats)

s John MT bpt 2 July 1821
1/9 Sunderland d 23 Sept 1895
m 1853 Jane Mary (Ross)

s John MT b 4 Dec 1858
3/7 Sunderland d 27 Feb 1934 London
m 30 Apr 1887 St Thomas
Bishopwearmouth Durham
Alice Maud Mary (Hodgson)

s Herbert James MT b 7 May 1892
3/5 Sunderland d London 14 June 1950
m2 21 Dec 1929 Brentford London
Caroline (Tully)

s Anthony James MT b 25 Mar 1931
1/2 Hounslow Middx
m 4 Apr 1953 Harrow June (Mills)

I have already alluded to my mother's father Cornelius Brittifee Tully 1862-1930. He followed in his father Thomas Dominick's Tully (1818-1883) footsteps into managing town gas plants in London, Sligo, Hythe and subsequently having a string of patents regarding the manufacture of 'safe' gas. He then set up a factory to manufacture suitable retorts and gas scrubbers at Tully & Sons during the 1920s and sold all over the world.

My father's mother, Alice nee Hodgson was the daughter of a Bishopwearmouth boat builder. Husband John was a Sanitary Inspector first in Sunderland and then London. He had not followed the traditional business of Tallow Chandler of the previous two generations of Johns. I have his watch inscribed 'presented to John by his colleagues, Public Health Department, Islington on his retirement 1895-1931.

Going back to the first John in our tree, we believe he had a son Thomas born between 1815 to 1820 - we have no proof other than that I have the Indenture for '7 years from 27 May 1831 ...between Thomas son of John...Tallow Chandler.... And Dixon Hutchinson aforesaid Joiner and Cabinet Maker ...sealed in the presence of Tho Parker solicitor'. If Thomas is not a true antecedent then I wonder how and why the Indenture was passed on to me?

On firmer ground my father Herbert's sister Beatrice Minnie (1896-1983) served for 43 year as a London telephone operation, starting at age 17 in 1913. She received commendation in 1919 and the Imperial Service Medal in 1957. Like many of her peers she lost her only love in the 1914-18 war. Speaking of WW1, my father was sent to France as a civilian to help with the acetylene searchlights. For this he required 'passports', of which we have many handwritten and frequently in French, in order to pass through the lines to the front.

And so to Charlotte the filmmaker and the reference which stimulated me to write this article. My father's eldest brother John (1890-1959) married in 1915 Emily Kimpton (1893-1979) a schoolteacher and they had one son John b.1919. John married Shelagh Branigan (1928-1999) and they had two children, Justin and Charlotte Amanda Emily Metcalf.

And Roker Park? 1898-1997 the home of Sunderland AFC. QED



100 years ago this month marks the first modern World Series of baseball between the Boston Pilgrims (Red Sox) and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The first pitch of the first game of MLB's first ever World Series was from Cy Young. The batter was Ginger Beaumont, Clifford Metcalf's cousin. His name was actually Clarence Howeth Beaumont. The nickname "Ginger" came from his shock of bright red hair.

Ginger led the National League in most base hits 3 consecutive years (1902, 03, 04) and again in 1907. He played with Pittsburgh 1899-1906, Boston 1907-1909, and he finished up his baseball career with the CHICAGO CUBS 1910. He was born 7/23/1876 in Rochester, Wisconsin and died 4/10/56 in Burlington, Wisconsin.

I am related to him through his Aunt, Hannah Beaumont who married William Metcalf and gave birth to Clifford Metcalf - my grandfather. In my research, I have noticed many Metcalfe/Metcalf and Beaumont marriages in the past both in England and in the USA.

Kevin Metcalf M1285

Mecca Miscellany

BUNHILL FIELDS INTERNMENT BOOKS

1788 - 1812

1795, Feb 23 **Hickes Metcalf** 2y 2m, Jewry Street

1796, Sep 3 **William Metcalfe** 2m, Jury Street

1802, Jan 1 **Susannah Metcalf** 59, Bridgewater Sq. Barbican

1802, Jul 7 **Haimah Metcalf** 8, Jewry Street

1803, Jul 6 **Eliza Metcalf** 3w, Covent Garden

1803, Nov 22 **Elizabeth Metcalf** 1m, Jewry Street

1804, Jul 27 **Hannah Metcalf** 37, Jewry Street, Aldgate

1804, Aug 2 **Rebecca Metcalfe** 4y 6m, Jewry, Aldgate

1813 - 1826

1814, Mar 18 **Ann Metcalf** 80, Winchester Street

1817, Jun 18 **Hannah Metclefe** 5, Newington

1818, May 15 **John Metcalf** 80, 10, Nelson Sq., Surrey Road

1819, Mar 27 **William Benjamin Metcalf** 3m, Banner Street

1822, Oct 7 **Robert Metcalf** 49, Kentish Town

1827 - 1853

1828, Jul 7 **Sarah Metcalf** 52, Minories

1829, Oct 23 **Sarah Metcalf** 72, Hoxton

1829, Nov 24 **Sarah Ann Metcalf** 6m, Hoxton Market

1829, Nov 24 **Mary Ann Metcalf** 3, Hoxton Market

1831, Aug 29 **William Metcalfe** 9m, 8 Cowper Street, City Road

1835, Jan 28 **Isaac James Metcalf** 3y 9m, 14 Providence Row

1842, Nov 14 **William Metcalf** 77, 8 Minories, Aldgate

All supplied by Jose L Gay M816

Kent's Directory 1794 - City of London, Westminster & Southwark

Metcalf Bilton, Wholesale Hosier, Golden Leg-court, Cheapside

Metcalf John, Perfumer, 54, Holborn-hill

Metcalfe George, Hardwareman, 41, Borough

Metcalfe J., Coal Mercht., St. George's-place, Blackfriars-road

Metcalfe P. & Co., Malt Distillers, Three Mills, West Ham, Essex

Metcalfe Jos., Oil & Colourman, 71, Upper East Smithfield

Metcalfe John & Wm., Merchts., 12, Union-court, Broad-str.

Metcalfe G. M., Watch & Clockmaker, 122, Newgate-str.

Metcalfe & Jewes, Factors, 72, Upper East Smithfield

Pigots London Directory 1840
James Metcalfe & Son Wholesale druggists

5 & 11 Old Fish Street Hill
William Metcalfe Barrister
5 Lincoln's Inn Old Square

Pigots London Directory 1844
James Metcalfe Wholesale druggist, importer of isinglass and licensed dealer in patent

Malts 20 Artillery Place
Finsbury Square

Metcalfe & Edden Wholesale druggists and importers of isinglass 154 Upper Thames Street

Another year almost over.....

Where do the days go? The Society's Annual Muster, in York, was another excellent one. The weather was kind to us and more members and guests attended this year than last. Our Company Sergeant Major [alias Secretary Diane Howarth] was absent due to another engagement but thanks to her training, the Committee coped very well, although we obviously missed her presence! I would particularly like to thank Lesley Longworth for all her hard work in liaising with the College and organising everything for us.

At the AGM we said good-bye to Eileen, our Archivist, who asked us to accept her resignation from the post due to personal circumstances. This does not mean she has left our ranks for ever and she will be assisting in the background with Nina Benson, Bill Metcalfe and David Metcalfe. My thanks goes to them all for their work during the last year, which has proved to be a difficult one for the Archivist. Thank you to everyone for your forbearance with us.

I am pleased to report that our new Gift Aid Secretary, Maureen Thwaite, was elected onto the Committee. At her request she had a special table at the Muster to enable members to complete or take away Gift Aid Declarations. In her report to the AGM she remarked that the Society had recovered £302 back from the Inland Revenue. Several members did take advantage of her presence and completed new declarations. It really does help the Society and costs you nothing if you are a tax payer.

Doug Cutting resigned on doctors orders from the committee where he will be sorely missed. We thank

him most sincerely for everything he has done and wish him well for better health; fortunately, his wife, June remains on the committee.

Apart from Doug, Eileen and Maureen, there were no other changes to the Committee. It is good to have such a loyal and hardworking team, coupled with stability that this gives the Society. There really are too many to thank individually but I hope that they will not mind not being singled out. Their names are stated in the Mecca News. Everyone pulls their weight and offers their time voluntarily for the good of the Society. I thank them for this on your behalf.

Chairman's Report

I was delighted to meet our overseas members at York. We are already making plans for the next Muster and some new ideas came out of our discussions with members during the Day.

I was particularly interested in our discussion about the possibility of the Society undertaking a DNA study of members, who wish to participate, which I know other One Name Groups

have embarked upon. As I said at the Muster, maybe the results of such a study could be made available in our Silver Jubilee Year, in just under two years time? I am pursuing the idea to see if it is feasible and the cost implications.

This year my Chairman's column seems to have been far too long! I appear to be ending the year as I started it so my definite resolution for 2004 is to be less verbose!

I trust you all have a most enjoyable Christmas and that you will have a Happy New Year.
David Lambert M11

Every little helps especially if you are a UK taxpayer.

This is the one time of the year when we ask our members to be proactive and return their subscription renewal form. To some of you, can we ask you for a further 1 minute of your time. Because if you are a UK taxpayer, and complete the Gift Aid form at the bottom of the Subscription Renewal form, you will enable the society as a registered charity to claim back some tax at absolutely no cost to you except for the 1 minute to complete the form. You only have to do this once and the society can claim back those few pennies every year thereafter (until you advise us otherwise).

So please do help us by returning a completed Gift Aid form with your completed Subscription Renewal form every little helps.

GIFT AID

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

The deadlines for inclusion of articles etc in the Mecca News is as follows:-

April	6 February
August	6 June
December	20 October

As members will appreciate receipt of the items by the due date will not necessarily guarantee inclusion in that issue but don't let that put you off sending in those articles comments or snippets!

SOCIETY NEWS



Notes from the September meeting held at Earby on Saturday 13 September 2003

Chairman: The Committee was saddened to learn of Vice President, John Holden's very serious illness.

Secretary: Diane was being kept busy with general enquiries and work on publications. The transfer of some of her work to other Committee members had proceeded smoothly.

Archivist: Arrangements are proceeding for the transfer of this role to several volunteers. More details will be announced in the December "Mecca News".

List Coordinator: Anita's old e-mail address had not been working but she had been unaware of this. Diane has sorted out a new address for her. Anita is willing to scan lists onto CD. The Committee agreed that this would be most useful as the

amount of paper required to be stored in this role was becoming unmanageable.

New Members' Secretary: There had been 20 UK new members since the last meeting, 3 from the USA, 2 from Canada, 2 from New Zealand and one from Norway. Four UK members had re-joined.

Master Membership File: On behalf of the Committee David Lambert thanked Doug for all his hard and efficient work over the previous three years. Tim and Debbie Metcalfe have volunteered to take on this role and hopefully will be able to takeover at the Muster.

Gift Aid Secretary: Maureen Thwaite had taken on this role and was thanked for her efficiency in getting things up to date.

Editor: Concern was expressed that the costs of the outside printer had increased. Alternatives will be investigated. Peter felt that book reviews for inclusion in the "Mecca News" would be a useful addition to the current format.

Computer Index: The main index currently stands at 91500 entries. David is continuing

to merge IGI Metcalfe records into the Society's database.

Web Administrator: Congratulations went to Carol on achieving second place in the GOONS website competition. The Society has been entered for the next competition.

Affiliations: David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson, with significant help from Nina Benson and Jose Hopper, represented the Society at the Northern Fair in York at the end of June. This was again a successful event. Fifteen Society members visited the stand during the course of the day.

Conference Secretary: There was detailed discussion of arrangements for the forthcoming Muster.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday 13th March 2004 at Earby. Margaret Hodgson M515

Projects:

David Lambert asked that as many members as felt able should write in to the ONS with views on the proposed changes to the Civil Registration regarding access to information on persons under 100.

Diane informed the meeting that about 320 second edition Metcalfe books had now been sold. There was discussion of how to make the work on Wills available to members. More details will follow in the December "Mecca News".

NEW MASTER MEMBERSHIP KEEPER

As you know Doug Cutting has retired from the role for health reasons. As an interim, secretary Diane Howarth has been managing the membership file and exporting the data to a new format using current rather than archaic technology - it was rather a long winded somewhat manual process but it had to be done.

We are delighted to welcome Tony Metcalfe (M577) who is now taking over the role to manage the data on a daily basis. Tony's contact details are in the front of the Mecca News and can be contacted electronically on memberinfo@metcalfe.org.uk. Therefore, if you have any updates to your membership details, eg change of address or wish to request access to the members area of the website, please contact Tony. We wish him every success in his new role and thank him for volunteering and being patient whilst we reformat our data.

Dreams - we all have our dreams.

For those members who have known me for some time will know that my long-held dream has been to move back to North Yorkshire, and certainly retire there. I am now extremely fortunate to be on the first tangible step to achieving that dream. My husband and I have bought a holiday cottage in West Burton, Wensleydale which we intend to use ourselves as much as possible. In addition, we are offering all Metcalfe Society members the opportunity to rent the cottage - known as Craggley Cottage - for their visits to the Yorkshire Dales.

The committee have allowed me to promote the cottage through the Mecca News and on the website and every booking received from a society member will result in £10 of the rent being donated to the society. So everyone is a winner. To this end, please find enclosed a copy of the Craggley Cottage brochure along with a booking form, tariff and terms/conditions. In the long term, when we pack up in Hampshire, we shall move into the cottage and use it as a base until we find a larger family house. I would like to thank Jose Hopper for her welcome to Wensleydale, her help and being my first visitor. I hope we have many more.

Back to real business - even though I missed the Muster it sounds as if you had an absolutely super day without me, including the fastest AGM yet! Even if you missed the event, please find enclosed the AGM report

and minutes. It is also that time of year when we want you to continue your membership of the Metcalfe Society - have a look at the reverse of the Subscription Renewal form and look for your membership number. If you can't find it, then your subscription payment is due.

Every year we have to send about 150 reminders in March and about 100 members renew - virtually all of them saying they had forgotten. That is a large effort and cost to the society which could be used elsewhere. Please do it NOW whilst you remember, or even better - setup a standing order or pay for a number of years in advance at the current rate. Your continuous support of the society is much appreciated, otherwise there would be no society!

Secretary's Report

Sales of the book 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' are progressing at a steady pace - especially via Mason's the newsagents at Hawes, Wensleydale. We have now sold one third of the reprinted books. Any last minute Christmas presents required or 2004 birthday presents? Order via post or online at our website.

Enjoy your Christmas 2003.
May I wish you a peaceful, happy and healthy 2004.

Diane Howarth (M409)

LEAD MINING IN THE DALES

(The second in a series of articles about lead mining and the Metcalfe Clan)
by **George Buxton M3**

After the Norman conquest in 1066 William used land to reward his most important followers, he gave the North Yorkshire Dales and what is now Richmond to his relation Count Alan Rufus of Brittany. In turn Count Alan gave parcels of land to his followers. One of the largest was the Lordship or Manor of Healaugh; this covered the whole of what is now Swaledale. Count Alan retained Arkengarthdale and the New Forest for his own use. A descendant of Alan, Count Stephen gave to Walter de Gaunt, as a dowry on his marriage to Maude daughter of Stephen in 1207. The manor of Healaugh, this property more or less remained in that family until about 1300 when the name died out. It was at this time that Muker Manor was sold separately. Soon after her marriage Maude gave the church of St Andrew Grinton to Bridlington Priory, which had been founded by her husband Walter. Every person who lived in the parish of Grinton had to give one tenth of their income to Bridlington Priory. The de Gaunt family granted, at various times permission to the Priory to collect wood, build cow houses and graze animals. On his death in 1241 a Gilbert de Gaunt gave to Rievaulx Abbey a vast area of Upper Swaledale, where they were again allowed the same rights as the Priory. They were also allowed to mine lead for their own use.

After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1544 Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa Hall leased the mines east of Summerlodge Gill in Wensleydale. Swaledale was retained by the hands of the Crown who tried to change the tenants rights, but their need for money became paramount so they sold part of the Manor of Muker to the Wharton family, who lived at Kirkby Stephen and the Mollineux family who lived in Nottinghamshire purchased the Manor of Healaugh. The Wharton family later purchased the latter so they effectually owned all of Swaledale. At some stage the in the 18th century Corporation of the City of London also owned part of Swaledale.

They all tried to change the ancient rights enjoyed by the inhabitants. All were unsuccessful, one of the reasons given was they still had to "Service Duties" on the border with Scotland even though there had been no border raids for several hundred years! A dispute centred around the City of London being the Lord of the Manor as it was a perpetual body and not an individual. The tenants were taken to the House of Lords, the highest appeal Court in the Land, each time the Lord of the Manor lost. The owners were not however going to be deprived of their "rights" as they saw them. As the value of the lead became greater, they forced the tenants to pay dearly for the privilege of digging the lead

from the ground. These disputes between the owners, naturally dragged in the miners leading on occasions to fights and disturbances.

23 July 1768 one of Daykins sons broke into out works where James Brunskill and John Clarkson Thomas & Peter Butson also Thomas Pratt were working. James son of Christopher Metcalfe came through the same hole. Thomas Butson again told to leave or he would break his shins. When John Metcalfe entered Spout Gill Mill it was computed to be 500 Bings of lead ore and slaggs valued at £2000.

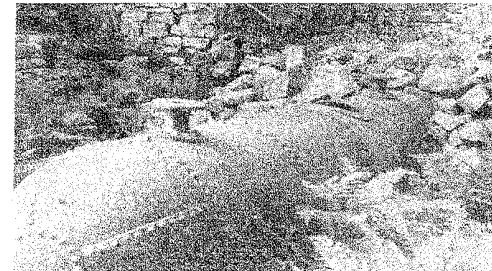
As the value of lead increased then the various Lords of the Manor became interested in using more efficient extraction methods. The introduction of German miners by Elizabeth I brought about deep mining methods leading to the digging of "Levels" and "Shafts". A level was dug by hand, or after the introduction of gunpowder the miners would have been able to extract more and be better able to follow the vein of lead into the hillside. A shaft was dug up or down to cross other veins and to help with the drainage. These tunnels criss cross under the hills. When the miners came across the working of previous mines they called them "Old Man". By the 19th century it was possible to walk from Gunnerside Gill to Arkengarthdale, some seven or eight miles all underground.

The Lord of the Manor devised a system of working the mines called a "By Bargain". This was a particularly cunning method used to extract money from the miners. It depended on an honest and true agent for the Lord of the Manor, and crafty miners. A relation of the Lord of the Manor was preferred, to act as agent, less chance of corruption: if not a relation of the owner of the mining rights, a complete stranger to the area was used again to reduce the chance of corruption.

Basically the miner would approach the agent, The miner or even a group of miners would make an offer or "By Bargain"; this would involve agreeing to extract a given weight of lead at a given price, over a given time, (usually a few weeks) and over a specific area. If the agent was not familiar with all the operation, the idea was the miner tried to get a low cash rate with a low weight agreement. If the lead mined was greater than the agreed weight the surplus was hidden, for use at a later date. If on the other hand the lead was less, then the same price was still expected to be paid. Even if the miner did not make sufficient money, he had to dig deep into his pocket, or agree to an extra payment next time. That was when the surplus from a previous "By Bargain" was brought into use. The effect was, however, the miners did not, or could not improve their lot in life. This system ran for up to two hundred years.

Owing to the weight and the quantity of lead being produced it was not practicable to transport it by wagon, so pack horses with leather saddle bags known as "jaggers" were used. Until the coming of the railway to Richmond the lead was taken to the town and then onto Darlington, Yarm and Stockton for transporting to London or the continent by ship.

This increased mining meant that the mine owners could not depend on the old system of smelting to handle the increased flow so new smelt facilities were introduced. The Wharton Family built, in the late 17th century, two smelt



Sir Frances Mine Gunnerside Gill

mills one became known as Mr Smiths Mill at Raygill and the second, which was rebuilt in the 19th century became known as Surrender Mill. Another mill, Old Gang (perhaps the most famous) was in use in the 17th century, on a site that was possibly mined by the Romans.

The smelt mill normally was sited next to a stream with a steep hill, so that the flue, maybe a mile in length, could draw off the smelt gases. At regular intervals this was cleaned of the accumulated soot and the lead carried up the flue in the smoke was retrieved. Young boys or girls normally did this.

The Quaker organisation London Lead Company introduced much more efficient furnaces in their Derbyshire lead mines about the first quarter of the 18th century. They later purchased the Grinton mines and introduced similar technology such as the ground level flue. This had the affect of reducing the lead deposited on the field, and as such improving the quality of life for the miners and their families. These new furnaces required a large quantity of fuel and often a years supply was collected at a time. Thereafter greater mechanisation took place and vast sums of money spent installing pumps to provide ventilation and drainage to the mines. Ore washing carried out by the widows and young children gave way to large metal rollers.

By 1890, the mining of lead, carried on for over two thousand years had all but finished, a few mines were worked, but only by men who were too old or unwilling to find other employment. Many families went to Durham, as coal miners, some went to Lancashire to work in the cotton mills others went overseas to the USA, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

To be continued. Next time the Beldy Hill Mine Dispute.

FROM THE MUSTER

The Metcalfe Muster Apple Sauce Cake.



At this year's muster with the raffle prizes supplied by members was a freshly baked cake made by **Lesley Longworth M68** which looked extremely appetizing. Needless to say it didn't stay on the raffle table long. For those of you who didn't win the cake or weren't present but would like a taste Lesley has kindly provided the recipe.

Ingredients

4oz/100g Butter
8oz/225g Sugar
1/2pt/3dl Cold unsweetened apple sauce
8oz/225g Plain Flour
(1/2 teaspoon Ground Clover)
(1 teaspoon Cinnamon)
or
(1 teaspoon Ground Ginger)
(1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon)
1 teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda
6oz/175g Nuts & raisins

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add apple sauce. Add flour sifted with spices and bicarb soda. Add nuts and raisins. Put in greased and floured 7"/18cm deep, round cake tin. Bake for 45 minutes @ 350F / 180C Mark 4. Then enjoy!

Dear Charles Metcalfe, David Lambert, Members of the Committee, and Volunteers,

We want to thank you for the lovely time we had while at the Muster. The Greeting started us off on a good footing, and we found the people were very friendly to the "newcomers". We especially want to thank Nina Benson - what a busy lady - for helping.

The whole Muster was very well organized, and the food was fantastic, as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding are our favourites.

We enjoyed our visits with the various members, and we brought our cheese home with no problem from Wensleydale.

We trust sometime in the future we might visit the Muster once again.

Sincere Regards. Your Metcalfe friends from the "Colonies" -

Jennie and Mike Mould M870
(see pictured right)

Raffle winners included Bill Roe M871, Page Roe Barroll M905 and the youngest ever winner 12 year old Susan Burton.



QUIZ SUPREMO.

Winning a years membership was member **P Metcalfe M1314** who knew his birds answering all twenty questions correctly. The quiz will appear in a future issue when you can test your knowledge.



Future musters

to be held at Askham Bryan are as follows (all Saturdays): **2004** - 9th Oct; **2005** - 8th Oct (25th anniv.); **2006** - 7th Oct; **2007** - 3rd Oct; **2008** - 8th Oct. **2009** - 3rd Oct; **2010** - 2nd Oct. Note your diaries!

FAMILY RECORDS CENTRE NEWS

The centre will be closed between 24th and 27th December 2003 and on 1 January 2004.

The Customer Survey carried out in July showed that 97% of visitors rated the service as good or excellent.

Over 500,000 certificate applications were handled between April and September 2003.

In the financial year 2002/03 some £7.82m was received from the sale of Certificates.

Talks at the FRC planned for January 2004 are as follows:

13 January Births Marriages and Deaths at Sea

20 January Hyde Park Family History Centre

27 January Your Victorian Ancestors

All talks are held in the Meeting Room at 2pm for about one hour.

Entrance is free and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The National Archives came into being on 1 April 2003 when the Public Record Office and the Historical Manuscripts Commission joined together. For details of events etc go to www.pro.gov.uk/events.

To receive your own copy of the quarterly newsletter send an email to FRC-Newsletter@nationalarchives.gov.uk headed "Subscribe".

The Family Records Centre is at 1 Myddleton Street,
London EC1R 1UW
www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc

A SOBERING THOUGHT

A minister offers this piece of wisdom:

Next time you are feeling rather down try a little arithmetic. It took two people to get you here. Each of them had two parents, so in the generation before your parents there were four who were involved in your lineage. You had eight great grandparents, 16 great great grandparents etc. That means that in the generations over the last five hundred years there were nearly 1,049,000 people who were needed to produce you.

How many have you traced!!

Mecca Sightings

Weights & Measures Cheats from UDFHS web site (via **Maureen Thwaite M897**) Quarter Sessions 1810. **James Metcalfe** Bainbridge shop keeper; **Richard Metcalfe** Hawes shopkeeper; **John Metcalfe** Hawes shopkeeper. They all had to pay a fine to William Ridley, the Court Bailiff, based in Middleham.

Of ill Repute. From "A return of the houses of ill fame in York" January 1842 - **Mrs Metcalf**, Fetter Lane - no prostitutes residing at house. "A return of prostitutes in York" January 1842 - **Eliza Metcalf**, Fetter Lane, age - 23; Belong - York. Both from City of York FHS Journal, September 2003, p78&80.

Green Sandwich Man. Head Green-keeper at Open course Royal St George's Sandwich, Kent Neil Metcalfe said "From 4am Thursday until 9pm on Sunday I'll be on site the entire time" Independent 14 July 2003.

An Archer's Fan. On the eve of the release of Jeffrey Archer the Sunday Telegraph Magazine (20 July 2003) obtain comments from his friends amongst them **Adrian Metcalfe**, television producer. Both from **Joan Metcalfe M63**!

Mecca Mix. Head of Tourism, **John Metcalfe**, Isle of Wight; **Lisa Metcalfe**, Assistant Producer, Mastermind; Memorial service for **Ann Metcalfe** at St James Garlickhythe, London. Daily Telegraph 24 Sept 2003. All from **Gina MacKenzie M310**.

Scholarly Mecca. The English Nature magazine tells us **Steve Metcalfe**, a native of Sunderland, has been the Education Officer at Castle Eden Dene, County Durham for 12 years.

Jack of all trades. **William A Metcalfe**, a leather stainer, was also landlord of the Bridge Inn, Brewood, Staffordshire in 1881. Both from **George Wigglesworth M501**

Activist. From the New York Times and Baltimore Sun, 18th October 2003. Ben Metcalfe, aged 83, the first chairman of Greenpeace formed in 1970 died 14 Oct in Toronto. A journalist and broadcaster he became interested in environmental activities as a result of protesting against US nuclear tests. Born in Winnipeg, he served in the RAF as a gunner in India and El Alamein and after the war was a Foreign Service information officer in Dusseldorf. He was survived by his wife, three daughters and 10 grandchildren. From **George Wigglesworth M501** and **Page Barroll M905**

Golden Couple. On Friday 15 August 2003 **Walter H Metcalf M655** and his wife together with their two children and seven grandchildren celebrated the couple's Golden Wedding Anniversary in Kent. They were married in New-castle upon Tyne.

New Addition. Colin Campbell and **Marie Metcalfe** announced the arrival of their daughter Elizabeth Cissie on 12 August 2003. From Eastbourne Herald 15 August provided by **Anne Hill M1213**

WHY not visit the Society's award winning web site and see why we won praise.

The site can be accessed through www.metcalfe.org.uk

We have a winner.....

(Actually two!) of the

'A Hundred Years of History' competition.

In the April edition of the Mecca News, we launched the first of what will hopefully become an annual event. Given the interest in this first competition, your enthusiasm suggests that it will. We received some 50 entries to the competition and given the hundred questions, it kept many of you occupied for quite some time. We are delighted to announce that the winners are

M438 Brian Benson & M1225 Hilary Hull.

who have each won a one year's subscription to the society.

The answers will be posted on the society website.

If anyone would like a full set of answers by post, please send a SAE to the secretary.

Look out for the 2004 competition coming in April.

• **It never rains....** The whole of England was visited by a tempest accompanied by thunder which caused general devastation. The inhabitants of Kettlewell and Starboton on the River Wharfe were almost drowned in a violent flood.

• These villages situated under Tor Mere Top where the rain descending with such force for an hour and a half that the hill opened on one side and cast water the height of a church steeple. The force of water demolished several houses and carried the stones away.

18 February 1686. Mayall's Annals of Yorkshire

Books

Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Web Part 1: General. Southern England, the Marches and Wales by Stuart A. Raymond; FFHS 2002; A5, 74p. **Births, Marriages and Deaths on the Web - Part 2: The Midlands. Northern England and East Anglia** by Stuart A. Raymond; A5 - 68 pages.

Both £5.95 plus postage; £7.00 in UK; £7.05 Overseas Surface; £7.90 Airmail.

The Family Historian's Pocket Dictionary compiled by Stuart A. Raymond; FFHS 2003; A6 paperback; 264 pages; Price £6.95 plus postage: £8.20 in UK; £8.85 Overseas Surface; £10.55 Airmail.

Directory of Speakers compiled by Peter B. Park; FFHS - Fifth Edition 2003; A5 paperback; 120 pages; Price £4.50 plus postage: £5.65 in UK; £6.20 Overseas Surface; £7.50 Airmail.

Monumental Inscriptions on the Web by Stuart A. Raymond; FFHS 2003; A5 paperback; 88 pages; Price £5.95 plus postage: £7.00 in UK; £7.45 Overseas Surface; £8.60 Airmail.

War Memorials on the Web - Part 1: Southern England, the Marches and Wales by Stuart A. Raymond; FFHS 2003; 46 pages; Price £4.95 plus postage: £5.90 in UK; £6.25 Overseas Surface; £7.00 Airmail.

War Memorials on the Web - Part 2. The Midlands, Northern England and East Anglia by Stuart A. Raymond; FFHS 2003; A5 paperback - 90 pages; Price £5.95 plus postage: £7.00 in UK; £7.45 Overseas Surface; £8.10 Airmail.

My Ancestors Were Manorial Tenants by Peter B. Park; Society of Genealogists 2002; A5 paperback; 58 pages; Price £3.50 plus postage; £4.75 in UK; £4.60 Overseas Surface; £5.45 Airmail.

My Ancestor Was a Coalminer by David Tonks; Society of Genealogists 2003; A5 paperback; 136 pages; Price £7.50 plus postage: £8.80 in UK; £9.40 Overseas Surface; £10.90 Airmail.

BISHOPDALE BOOKLETS Each £2.00 + postage 30p UK Airmail £1.20 from Jean Kington, 65 Elder Close, Winchester SO22 4LH

No.71 1861 Census REETH, FREMINGTON and HEALAUGH

No.72 1861 Census ARKENGARHTHALE (High and Low Divisions)

No.73 1861 Census GRINTON, MARRICK and HURST

No.74 1851 Census REETH, HEALAUGH and FREMINGTON

No.75 1851 Census ARKENGARHTHALE

No.76 1851 Census GRINTON, HURST and MARRICK

No.77 1841 Census REETH, HEALAUGH and FREMINGTON

No.78 1841 Census GRINTON, MARRICK and HURST

No.79 1841 Census ARKENGARHTHALE

CIVIL MARRIAGES 1653 to 1660 in Richmondshire.

No.80 Addison to Dendale No.81 Denham to Kilburn

No.82 King to Rymer No.83 Sackild to Yorke.

THE MOURNING BROOCH

In 1813 John Metcalfe married Sarah Richardson at St Leonard's Church, Chapel-Le-Dale, Ingleton Fells. They lived at Weathercote and had four sons and two daughters. In 1847 their youngest son, John died of pulmonary tuberculosis at the age of 17 years.

Mourning brooches were probably made for all his family but the one made for his sister, Sarah has survived. In the centre of the brooch is an oval case containing a plaited lock of John's hair. This is surrounded by 20 seed pearls on an ebony backing with an engraved edging. On the back of the brooch is an inscription engraved 'In memory of John Metcalfe who died 17th February 1847 aged 17'.

In 1859 his sister Sarah married the Rev Ebenezer Smith who had become curate of St Leonard's Church two years previously. At that time there was no vicarage but William Metcalfe, Sarah's brother provided land for a vicarage to be built in 1858 and there Sarah and her husband, Ebenezer lived until her untimely death three years later of diphtheria. She is buried in the Churchyard at St Leonard's. She died aged 39 years - there were no children of the marriage.

In 1867 Ebenezer married Sarah Straphen and continued to live at the Vicarage until 1875 when they moved to a new living at Higher Sutton. The brooch went with them. In 1897 Ebenezer sent for his widowed sister in law, Jemima Smith and her only child, Clara who were living in Melbourne, Australia to return to England to care for his ailing wife and to also provide the young Clara with a proper education. Sarah died childless in 1898 and so Ebenezer, Jemima and Clara moved to Shrewsbury. Ebenezer died in 1904 and bequeathed all the contents of his house plus the Metcalfe brooch to Jemima.

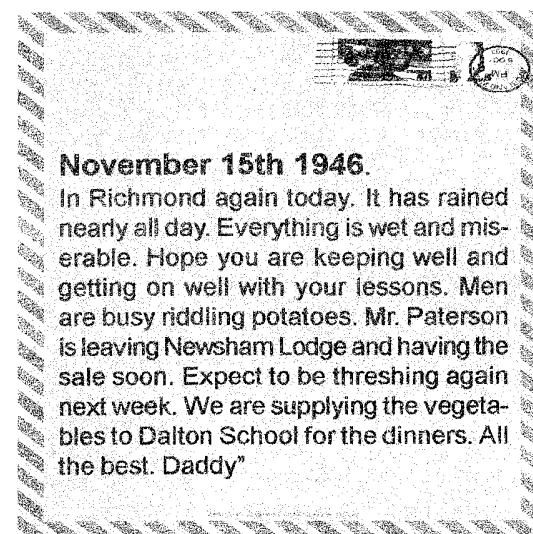
After some years Jemima decided to return to her homeland, Australia with her daughter and her possessions including the brooch. Jemima built a house in Canterbury and when she died in 1928 Clara returned to this house and inherited a box of possessions which included the Metcalfe brooch. Following Clara's death in 1974 her son, Henry Horsfall inherited the box of possessions which he took back to his home in Echuca, Victoria. Many years passed until it was noticed on the family tree that Rev Ebenezer Smith had been married twice and that his first wife was Sarah Metcalfe, sister of John Metcalfe who had died in 1847.

Now Gerald Tyler has written a history of St Leonard's Church at Chapel-le-Dale and the various clergy who have served the Parish*. He was able to

inform Christine Edmondson who was researching her Metcalfe family about the Smith connection in Echuca, Australia. Christine is the great great granddaughter of Elizabeth (Metcalfe) Haythornthwaite who was John and Sarah's older sister.

So now thanks to the great generosity of Clare Horsfall and her family the mourning brooch which belonged to Sarah (Metcalfe) Smith has returned to a descendant of that family.
Mrs Christine Edmondson M1379

* Details of where to get your copy of Gerald Tyler's book are on page 31.



This is a sample of 31 post cards addressed to Master J.S. Metcalfe 130, Style, Giggleswick School, Settle, Yorkshire bought by our Conference Secretary **Lesley Longworth M68** from a dealer. There were apparently another 17 for sale. They are dated October 25th 1946 to October 20th 1949 His home address was: Dalton Fields, Newsham, Richmond, Yks.

From our records his birth brief is: John Simpson Mte Born 15/03/1933 1/3 (William Anthony & Malcolm Hugh twins 26/11/38) of Thomas William (1902-) farmer, Dalton Fields & Lilian Margaret (c1908-) nee Simpson. Son of John Coates Mte (c1864-1934) farmer, Dalton nr Barningham & Alice (c1860-1935) nee Swainston. Son of Thomas (1835-1900) farmer, Kirkby Ravensworth & Mary (1838-1913) nee Coates. He married Helen Doris? in ? son Adam Wm Simpson bpt10/04/1980 when farmer of Hill Top Farm, Newsham.

Who was the fastest?

James Metcalfe, gamekeeper to Captain Slingsby saw two greyhound dogs running a hare and Thomas Steadman running after them. From Harrogate Advertizer 1st December 1878 - Knaresbro' Petty Sessions. Supplied by **Mrs H Stothard M163**.

WANTED



HANK LAMBERT

Our Chairman David Lambert on the other side of the law!
Pictured during a visit to Salt Lake City in 2003.
Thank you David for allowing the picture to be displayed.

Sausage Stealer. Walter Metcalfe a fictitious character in the popular TV show The Royal on Sunday 16 November 2003 caught pinching bangers.

Membership Details

Change of Details and Amendments

M260 Carol Metcalf returning to South Africa after a lengthy stay in the USA. Temporary address from the end of Aug 2003 will be 11, Melbourne Road, Woodstock 7925, Republic of South Africa. email carol.metcalf@mindspring.com.

M338 Mrs Diane Green to 53 The Riverine Chapel Lane Sowerby Bridge West Yorkshire HX6 3LY netgreen@btinternet.com

M639 Mrs Dorothy E Metcalfe to: 17 Scarlett Close, Castletown, Isle of Man IM9 1NY

M1024 Trixie Walker e-mail to: <tw@tradewindsfine-foods.co.uk

M1086 Mrs E Measures to: 119 Tintagel Close, King Arthurs Way, Andover, Hants SP10 4DD,

M1139 Andrew Goodison to: New House Farm, Winslow, Bromyard HR7 4SF

M1283 Cathryn Richardson removed to 25, Hall Flat Lane, Balby, Doncaster DN4 8QA;

M1298 John Adshead to: 113 Coveredbridge Way, Carp ON Canada K0A 1L0.

M1421 Michael Goldsborough address Latrigg, The Glen, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3JP.

M1424 Alan Young email to: alel.young@btopenworld.com

Rejoined Members

M406 Edna Outhet 150 Falsgrave Road, Scarborough YO12 5BE

M588 Mrs Barbara Metcalfe, PO Box 74005, Market Road Post Office, Auckland 1005, New Zealand

M1183 Lawrence Edgar 16 Links Road, Wilmslow SK9 6HQ

M043 Derek J Metcalfe 8 Butters Close, Wiggington, YORK YO3 8FX joined in 1989 and left in 1990; **M1400 Derek J Metcalfe** 1 Fletchers Court, Copmanthorpe, YORK YO2 3YE joined at the Muster in 2002. We have a re-joiner and change of address!!

Updated Birth Brief

M143 Margaret Anne Morley (Mte) b23May 1948 Long Preston Yks d.o. John Wooler & Celia(Priest) Mte m 8 Dec 1947 Settle, John Wooler b2July1924 Long Preston.s.o.William Henry & Annie Ethel (Wooler) Mte m23Jan1916 Long Preston William Henry b10Nov1889 Thoralby.s.o.Thomas & Eleanor (Routh)Mte m26 Dec 1880 Thoralby Thomas b1847 Bellerby.s.o.John&Judith (Horn) Mte m2 Dec 1839

Aysgarth John b. 1817 Stalling Busk s.o. William & Sarah (Dinsdale) Mte m 18 May 1811 Stalling Busk. William b 7 Feb 1789 Stalling Busk s.o. William & Anne (Tomlin) Mte. William b 18 Sept 1757 s.o. John & Barbara (Mte) Mte m 12 May 1756 Hawes John s.o. William & Margaret Mte.

*Barbara bpt 31 July 1729 Hawes d.o. Anthony & Alice (Mte) Mte m 18 August 1724 Ingleton Fells Anthony s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Simondston) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn) Mte Anthony b c 1640.

*Alice b c 1704 Hawes d.o. Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 July 1698 Hawes Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/7 s.o. Thomas Mte. **Connects M28 M528 M606**

Mr HJ Hamilton Metcalfe M1017 Amendment to August 2003 entry. Elizabeth Hooper was James Metcalfe's first wife.

M1430 Mr Alan Boardman, 1 Marshbank, Westhoughton, Bolton, BL5 3SR. Son of Margaret Elizabeth Metcalfe b 1926 Yks d.o. John James & Hannah (Waggett) Mte, m 1912 Hawes Wesleyan Chapel. John James b 11/12/1889 Burtersett, Wensleydale, s.o. William & Elizabeth (Raw) Mte. m Reeth Wesleyan Chapel. William b 19/2/1863 Burtersett so Thomas & Margaret (Woodward nee Constantine) Mte, m 31/8/1859 Hawes. Thomas bpt 13/4/1828 Stalling Busk, s.o. William & Elizabeth (Hebden) Mte, m 26/3/1825 Stalling Busk. William b c 1794 Marsett, s.o. Thomas & Alice (Mte #1) Mte, m 6/7/1789 Stalling Busk, Thomas bpt 7/6/1761 Stalling Busk. s.o. John & Barbara (Mte #2) Mte m 12/5/1756 Hawes. John b c 1727 Marsett, s.o. William & Margaret (?) Mte.

#1 Alice Metcalfe d.o. Thomas Mte of Blind Sike, Bishopdale. #2 Barbara Metcalfe d.o. Anthony & Alice (Mte #3) Mte m 18/8/1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b c 1699 Hawes s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondson) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert b 1600's s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Winn) Mte. Anthony b c 1640 yeoman of Gayle. #3 Alice Metcalfe b c 1704 d.o. Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31/7/1698 Hawes. Philip bpt 13/2/1676 /7 Hawes s.o. Thomas of Hawes. **Connects to M6 XM28 XM50 M55 M63 M69 DM173 M178 M256 M288 XM303 XM384 M406 XM410 XM427 M539 M550 M676 XM748 M859 XM897 M987.**

M1446 Mr George Edgar Graham, 23 Greenwood Avenue, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, North Yorks, HG3 5LS. S.o. Ernest Henry & Alice (Mte) Graham m 8/11/1936 Ramsgill, Alice b 14/12/1905 Aysgarth, d 19/Dec/1969 Lofthouse Harrogate, d/o George & Mary (Dent) Mte, George bpt 29/Aug/1875 Hardraw, d 30/Jun/1957 Ramsgill, s/o John & Ellen (Iveson) Mte m 14/May /1870 Hardraw, John bc 1839 Hawes, s/o George & Susannah (Branton) Mte m 9 May 1829 Hawes George bc 1798 possibly Appersett. **Connects to M44 M1391.**

New Members - Welcome

M1454 Ms Marie Foster, 9 Furzedown Road, SUTTON

M1455 Mr MA & Mrs G M Metcalfe, Bexlyn, 53 Linden Road, Northallerton, N Yorks DL6 1HU. Malcolm so Alexander & Minnie (Brown) Mte m 31/05/1949 Brompton by Northallerton, Alexander so James & Margaret (Mte) # Mte m 20/04/1912 Askrigg, James b c 1886 Hawes, so James & Betty (Iveson) Mte m 06/09/1884 Hawes, James b 04/02/1865 Hawes, so James & Margery (Thompson) Mte m 19/01/1863 Hawes, James b c 1834 Gale, so James & Elizabeth (Iveson) Mte m 30/06/1822 Hawes, James b c 1798 Hawes.

#Margaret Mte bpt 01/04/1888 Askrigg, do Alexander & Elizabeth (Walker) Mte m 22/11/1879 Nelson Lancs, Alexander bpt 31/05/1857 Askrigg, Natural so Margaret Mte bpt 01/04/1888 Askrigg, Margaret d o Alexander & Elizabeth (Whaley) Mte m 15/12/1821 Aysgarth, Alexander bpt 09/06/1799 Askrigg, so James & Catherine (Pratt) Mte m 16/04/1782 Askrigg, James b c 1754. **Connects to M1025 M1122 M1150.**

M1456 Mr Christopher Metcalfe, 7 Hampshire Road, CAMBERLEY GU15 4DN

M1457 Mr Paul Clare, 17 Banning Street, LONDON SE10 9PH

M1458 Mr William Metcalfe, 6 Queens Place, CANTERBURY CT1 1PY

M1459 Mr Neal Medcalf, 6 Oakley Court, Mill Road ROYSTON SG8 7BQ

M1460 Mr Michael Medcalf, Althrey Lodge Cottage, Overton Road, BANGOR ISYCOED LL13 0DA

M1461 Mrs Pamela Elizabeth Weldon, 34 Lang Road, Bishopthorpe, YORK YO23 2QL

**It is with regret we inform members
of the death of
past President and Honorary Vice-President**

John Holden

**who passed away on 20 November 2003
after a period of illness.
We extend our condolences
to family and friends**

First Missionary

Rachel Metcalfe was born into a Quaker family on the 8th October 1828. She was the first-born child of John (1785-1847) and Mary (1800-1845) Metcalfe. Upon the death of her mother the younger members of the family were sent to live with other members of the family and friends. On the death of her father Rachel became the sewing mistress at Acworth School. She continued to attend the Quaker Meetings, particularly when travelling Missionaries gave talks.

Rachel often dreamt of becoming a Missionary in Africa, but she had to work to support the younger siblings. Rachel preserved an account of the experience in 1856 when she received the call. "India filled me with dismay. Oh why Lord," I pleaded but only with this response "Not yet but in 10 years". As time passed I almost began to think that the Lord might have other work for me. The call came again, I simply waited for the way to open, and I often pleaded not to go alone.

She consulted her local Meeting, however as she was not a recognised Minister they were unable to help her. Rachel knew that her calling was unusual, never the less she sold her possessions to purchase the equipment she thought necessary to teach sewing and needlework. Working her passage as a maid she arrived in Benares in November 1866, 10 years had passed since she first received the call.

Timid and modest she may have been but Rachel was capable and soon made friends in spite of the language barrier. Living with her pupils, with her intelligence and approach she gained their confidence talking over their hope and aspirations.

Her approach based on "Let my life speak" was different to that of the other Missionaries in her approach. She preached and encouraged economical dependence by the young Indian women on the Mission. She did not fit in and did not intend to fit in with the white class-conscious society. After 18 months she let it be known some assistance would be most welcome preferably a married couple.

She would not have succeeded in today's world of 5 year plans and targets. Her only plan was "The way will open as we go step by step". Her appeal was answered by Elkanah & Irene Beard. They came from the Quaker movement in the USA and soon after their arrival they discovered the appalling way in which Rachel was treated – more a servant than an equal.

Although due to rheumatism Rachel was never able to start the industrial school she hoped to, with Irene Beard she channelled their efforts into helping women of Pahlad Ghat, a slum district of Benares to become better wives and mothers. Another Quaker Elizabeth Rebecca Alexander who lived in Agra where she ran schools for boys and girls became friends with

Rachel. Like her she was down to earth but with plenty of common sense, they visited each other and exchanged ideas. Another friend Dr EJ Lazarus helped them by treating the sick. However despite his assistance the home was short lived. Within a year both the Beards were seriously ill and Rachel's rheumatism was worse. The decision was made to move to Jabalpur and a healthier climate. The Beards were advised that they should leave India due to Irene's ill health and they went back to the USA in 1872.

In 1873 Rachel was joined by Charles Grayford of Essex who became good friends with Lewis Mendes and his sister Harriet Laso Indians. Soon Charles & Harriet became engaged, Rachel who knew Harriet well wrote to the Quaker Meeting in Essex, assuring them that her friend, though not a member was "An earnest fellow worker in the cause of Christ". Charles & Harriet were married in May 1875. A house on the British Cantonment was unthinkable as Harriet the Laso Indian and working class Rachel would never be accepted by the civilian and military officers and crucially their wives.

In January 1874 the local committee had agreed to move to Hoshangabad, which Gayford had recommended, and he purchased some land to build a bungalow. The committee claimed that the purchase was not sanctioned so refused to pay for a well to be dug, which was essential, though expensive. Therefore water had to be carried from a local river, this was also

expensive plus being unsafe.

In June 1874 Rachel was confined to a wheel chair. In 1876 she lost the use of her hands and by 1879 was completely paralysed; the result of rheumatism. In fact she required a full time personal attendant. Such was her fortitude that she often said she could do nothing but talk having come to India to do nothing but work. In 1888 Charles & Harriet Gayford came to England to train as medical missionaries. Before leaving he found a house for his "Cheerful happy suffer" to live in. This time she was not alone.

The local committee supplied help, however Rachel was not happy telling the committee "The helpers are to young and need grounding in the love and trust of Jesus". In 1881 Rachel had taken in an orphaned girl others followed. In 1883 a house was built and an assistant Ellen Nainly came from England. Ellen resigned in 1886, but stayed to help Rachel. In 1889 Rachel managed to produce a Hindi book called Daily Light. Towards the end of her life she was in tremendous pain, each time she was touched, washed or her hair brushed.

After 23 years in India the local committee finally appreciated her insistence that the young should stand on their own feet and not be dependant on the Missions. Rachel often said, "Her work was to be a plank for others to walk on. I have not been able to do all I hoped, but I have gone on as the way was made plain, and others have followed which was one of my desires"

Rachel died on the 12th June 1889 and was buried at Hoshangabad.

From the records of Hoshangabad District Grave number 536.

Rachel Metcalfe
First Missionary of the
Friends Foreign Mission Association
Born October 1828
Died June 12th 1889

After nearly 23 years faithful service in India

George Buxton M3

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Now for those of you interested in facts and figures here are a few.

As at 31 August 2003 there were 607 current members. The breakdown of these members is as follows: -

Thirty three members did not renew their membership for 2003. 33 new members have joined since the last report.

The sources for the 33 new members were given as:

		Joined via PayPal	9
451	UK	WWW	5
52	USA	Friend	4
39	Australia	Web site	2
32	Canada	Internet	1
25	New Zealand	PRO	1
3	South Africa	Wife got him book	1
3	France	Family History Magazine	1
1	Cyprus	Family Tree Magazine	1
1	Norway	Local FHS	1
		No source given	7

Northern Union Stalwart

R W Metcalfe of Mayfield Grove has just retired as Secretary of the Countyship.

He had held the position since the game was introduced into the health resort in 1913/14. From the Harrogate Herald February 1921

Provided by **Mrs H Stothard M163**

Book Review

Stuart A Raymond has been somewhat prolific in the number of books he has produced this year (Books page 21). Whilst there are a seemingly large number

of items under his authorship there is a little gem for those of you relatively new to or who wish to encourage interest in family history.

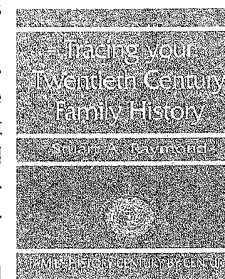
When I started out I was encouraged by "Tracing your Ancestors" by Anthony J Camp. At an exorbitant 62p in 1972 this little pocket sized hardback helped me along the way until I got really hooked and into the much larger (and costlier) professional tomes. I have still got the book, it is on the book shelf in front of me as I write and I believe that Stuart Raymond's "Tracing your Twentieth Century Family History" is in the same category.

This pocket sized softback of 136 pages from the Federation of Family History Societies at a modest £5.95 (in today's terms). Is probably better than Anthony Camp's book. However it has the benefit of over 30 years additional sources.

The book lists all those sources of information as the internet, books, libraries Record offices and the like together with the usual Civil, religious and PRO sources. It tends to go further citing electoral, court and educational registers, tax records, land surveys and immigration/emigration archives. It also has a catch all miscellaneous section.

The thing I like about this book is it is easy to read (I read it after the Mecca Committee whilst I waited for my lift who was enjoying themselves too much in the Dales to rush back for me!) it is a good reference point and it is easy to carry around.

Try it and see for yourself.



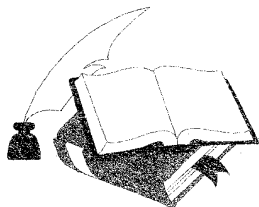
The Chapel of the Fells

The History of St Leonard's Church Chapel le Dale

Gerald Tyler's book referred to in pages 22/23 can be obtained from the author at £10 plus p&p by applying to

Shepherd's Cottage, Winshaw, Chapel le Dale Via Carnforth LA6 3AT.

Dear Editor.....Dear Editor



I very much enjoyed the Mecca Muster on Saturday. Since I joined the Society I have not seen anything about the Weathercote Metcalfes. I have quite a lot about William Metcalfe 1814 -1888 (see article page 22) who was involved in the early years of pot-holing which may be of interest to members. **Mrs Christine Edmondson M1379** (She may be contacted on edmomike44@aol.com)

I visited Canada in 1999; we were quite near the township of Metcalfe so we went to visit on an annual fair day. Cattle were being paraded in what was the ice rink in winter (see back cover of Mecca News 70). When I asked one lady what she knew about the name Metcalfe she said she thought it came through a person meeting up with calves whilst walking in a wood. **EW Dodding M331**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 January 2003. Bracknell Family History Fair at Bracknell Sports centre Bagshot Road Bracknell Admission £2. 10am - 5pm.

24 April 2004. Scottish Association of Family History Societies hold their Annual Conference at the Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling from 10am - 4.30pm. Further details on www.csfhs.org.uk

26 June 2004. York Family History Fair, York Racecourse.

26-30 August 2004. FFHS will host 'A Family History Festival' to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Federation at Loughborough University, Leicestershire. For details contact FFHS Administrator, PO Box 2425, Coventry CV5 6YX. ☎07041 492032 or e-mail admin@ffhs.org.uk

Saturday 9 October 2004
Mecca Muster and AGM
at Askham Bryan, York.
Put in your diaries now!

Double Take!

The first day of the 2003/04 FA Football season - Saturday 16 August 2004 saw "double" as **Ian Metcalfe** paraded at Old Trafford football ground as a look alike of the French World Cup goalkeeper **Fabien Barthez** in a "team" of Manchester United "copies" brought together by Fuji.

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 Lot 12. Wet Park Field, " 7 Acres, " "
 Lot 13. Bull Field, " 7 Acres, " "
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Executive Reports for AGM

Saturday 4th October 2003

Askham Bryan College, York

Chairman (David Lambert)

The committee has adopted a new style of meeting which has proved successful, especially in reducing the time required for the meetings. Our new Gift Aid Officer has taken over the reins from Alan Vickers smoothly and efficiently. As a result of our application for a refund of tax we have a tidy sum in the bank.

Over the last few months four 'complaints' were received. This is most unusual and possibly reflects on areas where we need to ensure that we are giving the best service we can to members. Most of them are due to what I would term 'poor communications'. The good news is that they have all been resolved with the support of the committee members.

May I congratulate our Treasurer on the birth of Aiden in November last year. I am also sad to have to announce that Alan Vickers has resigned as our Gift Aid Coordinator; Doug Cutting has had to step down as Master Membership File Keeper due to ill health and Eileen Measures, Archivist, is stepping down due to changes in her personal circumstances affecting her health. May I thank them for their contribution to the society and wish them all well. Indeed I would like to wish our new volunteers - Maureen Thwaite, Tim and Debbie Metcalfe, Bob Morley and Edwin Metcalfe in their new roles. We will give them all the support necessary to help them build up their new responsibilities. You will hear more about the new volunteers at both the AGM and future Mecca News.

We will need to consider our finances this year carefully given the outlay on the Book and the loss of our IBM generous printing support. Potential changes to the way in which Charities will be regulated with the possible loss of Gift Aid are likely problems for the next two or three years, which will coincide with our Silver Jubilee. Last year I posed the question how do we recognise that event. It is getting closer! Thinking caps out!

Secretary (Diane Howarth)

At the beginning of the year I had to handover responsibility for quite a number of society jobs having been given a new job of the paid variety that takes more of my time. I do not mind admitting that I have struggled repeatedly this last year and have spent most of my time apologising to people for tardy responses. Thank you to those who have taken various elements. Six months later I can confirm it has helped a great deal. At the end of March I also did a presentation on the society at the Hampshire FH Society, Computer Section; I was obviously caught in a good mood one day last year when I agreed to do it!

There has been very little snail mail coming in - almost all communications via e-mail! The vast majority of queries are either from members on various subjects (who don't know where to send info) contacting me that I then have to forward to someone else, or queries from non-members who are sending some details of their Metcalfe family and asking how we can help. These kinds of queries will continue but show that we need to improve the communication of responsibilities to existing members and also make clearer how we can help people's individual research.

Otherwise my work has been around other responsibilities - publications, finding new volunteers for various roles, trying to export our master membership file to a new format that will work on current technology, book orders, and handing over final responsibilities for the Muster etc. Given that some of my responsibilities have been handed over to others, may I thank you because it has helped me given my greater workload (the paid variety).

Treasurer (Carol Herbert)

Refer to the enclosed annual balance sheet. Sales and membership revenue continue to trickle into the society on a steady basis. Balance of funds as at 26 September 2003 was:
Barclays £2,004.44 + Scottish Widows £3,138.96 + Paypal £645.54 + Journal mailing £130.88 + Lists £50.00
= £5969.82 Less (Deanprint £1101.50 + Accountant £260.00 = £1361.50) Total £4608.32

Archivist (Eileen Measures)

The last year has gone from a very high workload at the end of 2002/early 2003 (where David Metcalfe helped me to plough through the backlog of queries), to more recently being fairly quiet on the new members requests for searches. Hence our two new archivists Edwin Metcalf and Bob Morley haven't had as yet much to do, though Nina has helped with some difficult ones. Her knowledge is invaluable especially for distances between places, as sometimes one thinks one has found a connection, but not sure if it could be viable. Thanks go to David Metcalfe for helping setting up of the new archivists. I am getting quite a few requests from other members for searches since the announcement that David has been doing the newest census. However members do not realise that it only covers Yorkshire. This of course means that quite a few are disappointed, when they ask for updates in places not covered. A communication will shortly appear on both the web site and in the December "Mecca News".

I am standing down as archivist and from the committee from the AGM as I need to have a long break. This last year in my personal life has taken a great toll on my health, and this is not yet over. At the AGM, the new archivist service will be explained announcing the new archivist coordinator to whom I am handing over, who will be coordinating the three archivists who will be doing the actual research. It has previously been reported that the workload is far too much for just one person. This new service will enable the society to deliver a quality and timely service to members.

List Coordinator (Anita Metcalfe)

Due to e-mail problems, communications to/from Anita were limited. These have now been resolved. Due to the physical size of the vast number of lists, it is proving very hard to be able to store them. Hence, work is underway to identify how Anita can scan them and make them available to her and the society via CD.

New Members Secretary (Carol Arkwright)

We have lost 83 members who did not renew their subscriptions for 2003 and recruited a total of 70 new members since the last AGM and, at the time of going to press, are now up to membership number 1460. This gives us a current membership of 611, which is 13 down on this time last year. We are getting more new members joining via the online web site who pay using the online credit card facility, Paypal.

Master Membership File Keeper (Doug Cutting)

Due to health problems I have had to step down from this responsibility and also as a committee member. Our secretary, Diane Howarth, has migrated the data from our archaic IBM DOS program to a current spreadsheet and will be handing this over to the new volunteers - Tim & Debbie Metcalfe, shortly after the AGM. Full announcement will be in the forthcoming December "Mecca News".

Gift Aid Secretary (Maureen Thwaite)

I took over as secretary on 30 April 2003. There were 55 Gift Aid Declarations (GAD) that needed action - of these 39 were new GADs and 16 replacing Deeds of Covenant; 7 members had not paid their subs. by 5 April 2003. I have removed their records from the current file & filed them in 'the unpaid members file'. Also there were 8 Deeds of Covenant that were out of date. I have contacted these members & most have now returned the GAD forms and will be entered in the 2003/04 claim. One member returned their form kindly notifying us that she is no longer taxable. I have taken her records from the current file and filed them in the non-members file for 2 years. The claim to the Inland Revenue totalled £302.92, received in June 2003. We have at the present time 125 members who have signed for GAD or Deed of Covenant. I have updated the GAD file and provided the information to update the Master Membership File. I will be at the Muster to try to gather together more members to add to the Gift Aid.

Agents Reports

Society business has reduced at varying levels for all of the agents with the introduction of the online Paypal system. However, this service continues to be an important & invaluable local facility, especially for those without computers and/or credit cards.

Editor (Peter Dobson)

For the last year through the transition period of having to now pay for the Mecca News production, the current arrangements with outside printer are working well from my point of view. I have restricted number of photographs and non-text items in the first two issues under the new regime to reduce any difficulties. The April issue did not appear to be the same quality as the December printing. Since then there has been an increase in paper costs and in consequence a cheaper (and lighter 80gsm) paper was chosen for the August issue. We have a healthy number of articles brought forward and a steady supply of Metcalfe bits and pieces keeps coming in - not always at the right time! Obtaining the right balance is always an issue but is dependant on the pieces being provided. Always pleased to take receive any contributions.

Despatch (June Cutting)

All three issues of Mecca News have been despatched without problems, though the April 2003 edition was later than normal due to holidays of editor/secretary. Where there is a regular transfer of funds such as to defray the expense of mailing the journals triennially there is now agreement for a standing order be set up to effect the transfer on 1 Apr, 1 Aug and 1 Dec of each year. The main advantage would be the greater security of the transfer, no chance of cheques going adrift in the post. A second advantage is the instantaneous availability of the money on receipt into the destination bank account. A cheque takes 4 days to clear between branches of Barclays Bank.

Computer Index (David Metcalfe)

Bill Metcalfe (M398) has been keeping me busy lately, with burial records from Darlington cemeteries. As predicted I have finished collecting the 1901 census returns for Yorkshire at Leeds. Although not totally complete, I have to visit Darlington Library this winter to complete Upper Teesdale (Yorkshire side) and possibly County Durham, 6708 records were collected in 231 hours during 35 visits to Leeds Library. They are all merged into the Main Index. I have also completed the merge into the Main Index of the IGI extracts for Metcalfe's in the counties/countries/principalities of Northumberland, County Durham, Wales, Scotland, Hampshire, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Warwickshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Lancashire. With the exception of London – Middlesex and Yorkshire, I will endeavour to complete the remaining counties by the next report. Consequently the size of the Main Index database currently stands at just over 89,000 records or 32.8Mb in size.

Web administrator (Carol Herbert)

Web Site is ticking over, with bits and pieces being done when I have the time - which isn't a lot as very I am very busy with paid work, not to mention becoming a mother this last year. It was excellent news to find that we were second in the GOONS web site award. The reason given for not winning was lack of white space. Hence I will try and revamp the front page when I next get a minute to give them more 'white space', although the existing front page does give a good indication of the masses of information available on our site! The availability of Paypal last year has meant an excellent new revenue stream of over £2,500 - a lot more subscriptions /sales, especially books coming in via this route from overseas. We have not experienced any problems other than user error! Password allocation to the society website proceeds at a steady pace. To date I have issued access to the members-only area to 280+ members.

Publications (Diane Howarth)

Mecca News - the printer that produces the "Mecca News" has been taken over, as a result the price was increased for the August edition. After a short search we have now sourced a new printer in Bristol that will allow Doug/June Cutting to receive the print master of the "Mecca News" directly from the editor and to manage the copying and despatch together. They will not have to time a visit to Hampshire three times a year to collect the finished Mecca News.

Agreement was reached in the spring to purchase a colour copier to reproduce the individual sheets of paper for the various uses across the society. I still create the masters and then send them to Doug/June Cutting who copy and distribute them as required. This has now worked well for two editions of Mecca News and other publications as they have been updated. The cost of the photocopy paid for itself within days.

Now that Doug/June have done various black/white and colour copying for the above for the August edition of MN, they are now aware of the time and cost required for photocopying the masters that I provide, and I also provide the guidance of how many to produce and who they are to go to.

The following publications have been updated in both hard copy and on the web site: Book Order form, Christmas card order form and Muster booking form. The following publications will be updated before the years end; Subscription renewal form, Gift Aid form, New Member booklet and New Member Application form.

Sales & Library (Carol Arkwright)

Sales were rather quiet over the summer probably due to the warm weather.. The Library has been even quieter than sales. I am sure they will both pick up when it gets cooler.

FRC Visitor (Julian Metcalfe)

At last I have something to report! I have made one trip to the FRC and dealt with a query for Patrick M. At the same time I was able to order some certificates for a member. I am not yet completely redundant!

Affiliations (Peter Dobson & David Lambert)

We continue to be represented at the North East Group FHS with no major news to report. This year the North West Group of FHS's family history fair is to be held at Manchester's Velodrome; for the first time the Society will not be in attendance due to lack of volunteers to man the stand. Some 110+ tables sold and three speakers booked.

For the Federation of Family History Societies, an update was given on the Review of BMD Registration. The ONS has now responded to the consultative paper comments; we have only until 24 October this year to comment on the revised plans. You will recall that "old" registers, 100 years old or more, will probably be deposited with Record Offices. Persons under 100 will have a Life Book with Vital information stored on it but this information might no longer be available to the public to see.

What will happen to our indexes for example where we have legitimately, at present, collected information on persons born within the last 100 years? Are we supposed to destroy them? Please do get hold of a copy of "Civil Registration: Delivering Vital Change" [cost £10] or see the review comments free of charge on the Internet because they are crucially important to our hobby. Check out the review on www.statistics.gov.uk/registration or www.ukonline.gov.uk or www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/regulation/act/condocs.htm

Fairs (Margaret Hodgson & Diane Howarth)

The York Fair (June 2003) was again a successful event. David Metcalfe and Margaret Hodgson manned the stall with significant help from Nina Benson and Jose Hopper. Fifteen Society members visited the stand during the course of the day. No new members were recruited but a good number of leaflets and details were given out. The revenue for the event was the best yet at £341; mainly for goods sold (the poly pockets and files seem to be the most popular items). For future fairs this year, we have so far not been able to support the northwest event in Manchester due to the lack of volunteers. However looking forward to next year, we feel confident to be able to attend the York Fair again on Saturday 26 June 2004 where 224 tables from 109 organisations were represented at the 2003 event. It is always important for us to attend the York Fair in terms of meeting existing members, recruiting new members and increasing sales revenue. We are also continuing the discussion about resolving the storage and transport for the stand between events.

Conference Secretary (Lesley Longworth)

The Muster has been reserved at Askham Bryan College through to 2010 on a combination of the first and second Saturdays in October. Last year we experienced a number of organisational problems due to the college being taken over by a new organisation. We are working to improve that for this year's event. Diane has now handed over full responsibility for various Muster arrangements and has outlined full job specification for future reference. The guest speaker is expected to be very interesting as it will be a combination of talking and also showing a video. In addition, the new Gift Aid coordinator will have a desk where she will be endeavouring to sign up members for the Gift Aid Declaration.

Projects

Metcalfe Book (Diane Howarth)

The constant sales in late 2002 became a trickle of about one per week early in 2003. Since the issue of the order form in the August "Mecca News" sales have picked up again. We are additionally supplying books continually to the newsagent in Hawes; approx. 30 have been sold this year alone. Well done to Jose Hopper who is coordinating this sales point. Hence to date we have now sold over 320 books. We have also purchased an additional 200 books from the printers at a low cost as they had overprinted the original 1,000 books. The books, all of which have been paid for will continue to be a long-term investment. All sales will now be net revenue enabling the society's funds to grow to a healthy balance. A full audit trail of books sales is in place.

Wills (Stephen Newman)

The wills project has now transcribed almost all of Wills Book 1. The data will be made available to the archivists to aid research. An announcement is planned for the forthcoming December "Mecca News" to advise members as to how they can access the wills.

GRO (Pat Malham)

I have very little to report here. I should like to extend the database to 2000 but the nearest available access place is at Huddersfield library, and I doubt if they will allow me to photocopy the entries, but I must admit I haven't tried. Most local authorities don't, as there is a GRO embargo on this

I have spent a lot of time retrieving information from the Internet, in particular spouse names, but this is very hit & miss. Because of the way the indices were done, the same reference number can apply to at least four different marriages and the difficulty then is to match up the correct people. This is particularly the case with FreeBMD but the more local UKBMD gives the correct spouse as well as the marriage place, whether church, chapel or Register Office. Unfortunately there are not many authorities that participate & these are rather slow to update their records but they are appearing. Participants include Cheshire (most), Yorkshire (Leeds & Hull), Staffs (some), Lancashire (mainly Liverpool & Wirral), Middlesbrough, Kent, and Cambridgeshire & North Wales.

Subscription Rates for 2004

The committee proposes not to increase the subscription rates for 2004.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2003

	2003	2002
INCOME	6442.89	6122.30
Subscriptions	16.35	27.28
Donations	230.30	305.77
Bank Interest Received	110.00	153.30
Wager Raffle	532.46	430.30
Wager Covering	6870.57	
History of the Clan Post	1489.28	154.23
Used of Coats of Arms Refund	189.41	
P. Elections Sale & Lottery	1337.06	2170.66
	15022.55	938.47
Surplus of Expenditure over Income	29761.75	10100.30
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EXPENDITURE		
Newspapers, Production & Distribution Costs		2363.17
Website Visitor Catalogue & Expenses		539.24
Asset Depreciation		2073.30
Committee AGM Hall Hire/Spa/Bar		397.68
Telephones & related Costs		216.30
History of the Clan printing (c. editor)		246.30
PR & Marketing		126.55
Publications, Library & Postage		1800.30
Accountancy		2201.50
Administrative Fees P&L & O&A's		1725.69
Advertising GRD & Family Tree		317.26
Fire/Smoke Insurance/Maintenance		151.63
Office Stationery		182.00
Printing Costs		323.30
Postage-Xmas Cards		141.00
Postage-Stationery		535.59
Computer Training		88.58
Emblion & Fair Stands		463.15
Research Costs		203.00
Bank Charges/Currency Conversion Fees		653.04
General Supplies		29.24
GP's		222.30
Insurance		71.7
		556.90
		30.00
		67.03
	29761.75	10100.30

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THE METCALFE SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5th APRIL 2003

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
COST	538.73	538.73
Printers	410.08	410.08
Copier	263.74	293.74
Compters (2)	2842.15	2942.15
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software	336.84	336.84
Filing Cabinets	149.99	149.99
Printers	148.99	148.99
Scanner	117.45	
Copier	4841.00	4823.52
LESS DEPRECIATION		
Printers (25% on cost)	538.73	538.73
Copier (25% on cost)	410.08	410.08
Copier (25% on cost)	220.74	148.88
Computers, Printer, Workstation & Software (10% on cost)	2757.15	2462.50
Filing Cabinets	338.84	338.84
Printers (10% on cost)	30.00	15.00
Scanner (10% on cost)	30.00	15.00
Copier (25% on cost)	29.48	
	4355.02	3327.12
NET BOOK VALUE ASSETS	565.96	996.40
BANK BALANCES		
Bardays	4758.84	2257.21
Scottish Widows	1129.92	
Nations Savings Investment Account		13663.04
Cash Floats	68.39	431.53
Cash in Hand	360.70	266.63
	6807.63	17611.81

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Minutes of the AGM of the Metcalfe Society
Saturday 4th October 2003

Held at Askham Bryan College, York

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

David welcomed all members and guests to the 23rd annual general meeting. The Society had been saddened to learn of the very serious illness of Vice President John Holden.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Eunice Herring M0050	Diane Howarth M0409	Mary Metcalfe M0001
Archer & Louie Metcalfe M1218	Kathleen Ruddy M0517	

3. The Minutes of the AGM of 2002, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 & 6. REPORTS:

Executive reports for	Chairman:	Secretary:	Treasurer:
	Archivist:	List Coordinator:	New Members' Secretary:
	Master Membership File:	Gift Aid Secretary:	Agents:
	Editor:	Despatch:	Computer Index:
	Web Administrator:	Publications:	Sales & Library:
	FRC Visitor:	Affiliations:	Fairs:
	Conference Secretary:	Projects:	

had been circulated in written form to the meeting. They were all accepted by the meeting without alteration.

It was agreed that the dates for future Musters would appear in the December "Mecca News".

7. ELECTIONS:

- Following due process, Charles Metcalfe was re-elected as President and Mary Metcalfe, Vera Adams, John Holden and Helen Offer were re-elected as Vice Presidents.
- David Lambert was re-elected as Chairman.
- On behalf of the Society David expressed thanks for their contributions to Doug Cutting and Eileen Measures who had retired from the Committee. Following appropriate procedures, Diane Howarth was re-appointed as Secretary, Carol Herbert as Treasurer and Peter Dobson as Editor. The rest of the Committee was re-elected. Maureen Thwaite was elected as a new member of the Committee.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2004:

The meeting agreed that there would be no increase in subscription rates for the coming year.

9. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts had been circulated in written form. No issues were raised at this meeting.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Following due process, the meeting approved the re-appointment Kiggin & Co. as auditor.

11. A.O.B:

There was no other business, apart from the suggestion that the possibility of DNA profiling be investigated as a possible project for the jubilee year of the Society in two years time.

12. DATE OF 2004 AGM: Saturday 9th October 2004 at Askham Bryan College, York.

Tariff

Weekly hire (available Friday to Friday throughout the year) from £220.
Reduced rates for 3-5 nights available from November to March (excluding Christmas and New Year).

Summary of Facilities and Services

- ✓ Two bedrooms for 4 adults - one with king size bed and one with twin beds. Ample space for cot in main bedroom
- ✓ Bathroom with bath, overhead shower, WC, shaving point and hairdryer
- ✓ Lounge with open fire, colour TV, video and pay phone
- ✓ Fully fitted kitchen with cooker, hob, fridge/freezer, microwave and washer/tumble dryer, CD/radio player
- ✓ Comfortable dining area
- ✓ Separate drying closet for boots and clothes
- ✓ Central heating with radiators in all rooms
- ✓ Picnic equipment
- ✓ Large rear garden with furniture and barbecue
- ✓ Cot and high chair (available on request)
- ✓ Pub, post office/general store/off-licence and butcher in village
- ✓ Regular bus service from the village
- ✓ Comprehensive information on walks and local tourist facilities
- ✓ Street parking available a few yards from the cottage (the narrow road in front of the house is suitable for loading and unloading only)
- ✓ Smoking is permitted outside the house
- ✓ Sorry, not suitable for pets

What's included?

All hot water, heating and electricity, legs, pillows, duvets and additional blankets, bed linen (sheets and pillowcases), towels and tea towels are included. A tray with tea, coffee and other sundries is also provided to welcome you on arrival.

Cottage name : Craggley Cottage on the web
www.craggleydales.co.uk
Queries/reservations tel/fax +44 (0)1256 851633



Cottage in the Dales

Craggley Cottage is a delightful, 200 year old traditional stone-built cottage, standing in the quiet position of 'Back Nook' in the beautiful Wensleydale village of West Burton.

With exposed beams and an open fire, this picturesque Dales cottage offers character accommodation for up to four people, and is ideally situated for walkers and sightseers alike.

Charming, comfortable and full of character, Craggley Cottage makes a perfect base for your holiday in the Yorkshire Dales.

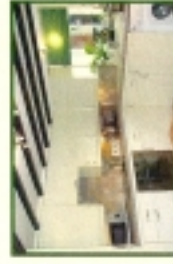
Nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales

West Burton is a charming, old-fashioned and peaceful village set in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park. The village boasts a large village green, no through-traffic, good amenities and the "West Burton Cauldron", a pretty waterfall which flows into the magnificent Aysgarth Falls in Wensleydale. West Burton is where you will find Craggley Cottage.



Situated in 'Back Nook', the cottage is just a moment away from the heart of the village. A two minute walk will bring you to the Fox and Hounds pub, which offers a wide variety of home-cooked food, plus local and regional cask beers. You'll also find a butcher's shop and a general store, where you can stock up on essentials. The shop also doubles as a post office and off-licence.

At Craggley Cottage, you'll get a real taste of Dales village life. Downstairs, the stone-flagged hallway leads into a cosy, beamed living room with an open fire and traditional style furnishings.



There is a comfortable dining area and a spacious, well-equipped kitchen that has been recently fitted with quality units, a full-size fridge freezer, hob, cooker, microwave and washing machine/tumble dryer. In short, with all the facilities you need for self-catering.



Upstairs, the master bedroom (shown overhead) has a king-sized bed and traditional fireplace. The second bedroom has two single beds. The bathroom features a new white suite with bath, overhead shower and shaver point.



Outside, there is a large rear garden, where you can sit and enjoy the view over "Laird Lenny Garth" to the unspoilt Bishopton countryside beyond.

For the explorer, there is a wealth of walking, ranging from leisurely local rambles to more demanding hikes along the Pennine Way (accessible from Hawes) and the rigours of Great Wharfedale to the north or Dods Pike to the south.

Comfort, charm and character in the heart of beautiful countryside. Enjoy it all at Craggley Cottage.

"...for some, it is the most beautiful village in England."

James Herriot

The Village Green, West Burton

