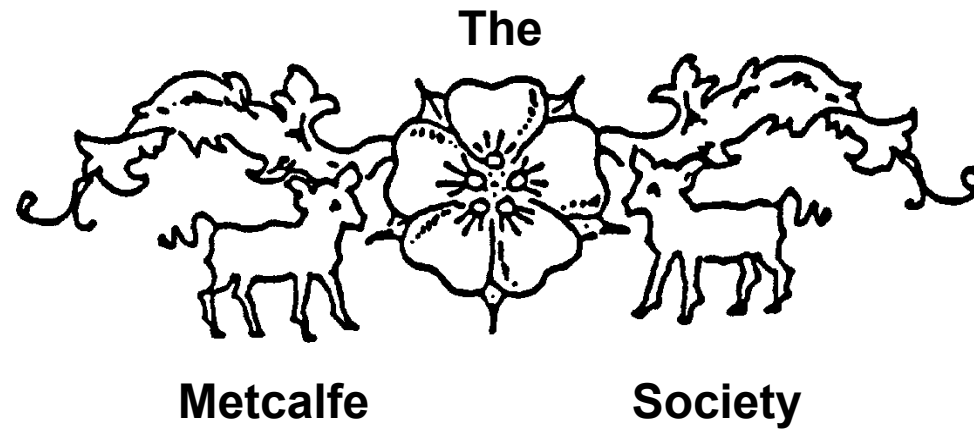




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You will see from this issue that there is a certain event taking place which is of great significance to the Metcalfe Society - its 25th Anniversary celebrations in Wensleydale!

I make no apologies for the items and articles in the News relating to the celebration for without your participation all the superb effort provided will be in vain.

There are trips around Wensleydale for those of you who want to see more of the area but if you don't feel that a hectic rush around is for you there is still plenty to do if you want to stay and do research or just meet up with old friends. There are a number of talks, presentations and displays in West Burton or Hawes. Then there is the photo call for all Metcalfes on Sunday. Don't miss this as the opportunity to take part won't come again!

This edition also looks at the possibly under researched area of Christian names, an Irish Clan meeting and memories of the Dales plus many other items for your delight. Enjoy and I hope to see as many of you as possible in September.



April Mecca News

Apologies to those who eagerly await the arrival of each edition of the Mecca News.

The April 2005 edition was a few days late due to the extended exotic vacation by the Despatch Department!

MECCA NEWS DEADLINES

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

December	-	20 October
April	-	6 February
August	-	6 June

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!

What's in a Name?

Did you know that by the late 14th century there were only some 5 or 6 male and female Christian Names in common use? Up to the early 1200's English forenames were as varied as the polyglot of tribes, migratory groups and invaders as you would expect from England's Anglo-Saxon, Danish, Celtic and Norman heritage. Then somewhat suddenly in the 13th century a big change took place so that by the early 14th century christian names became standard with some 90% taken by the top six forenames.

This was the background against which Professor George Redmond gave a recent talk on Christian Names at the Upper Dales Branch of the Cleveland FHS at Hawes Folk Museum. The talk to some thirty plus people potentially opens up a new area of family research possibly ignored or undervalued in the past. Professor Redmond's assertion was that Christian Names could be as important as surnames and given their usage may provide hitherto little realised opportunities to family historians to take back their lineage beyond current surname limitations.

Professor Redmond commented that the assertion that the distribution pattern for English christian names followed fashion or family tradition may well be the case but not in all instances. Names were often dependant upon social groupings with different approaches between each group. There may be variations in approach over time and location and the only way to confirm this was for family historians to look at the information available and for an in depth programme of investigation to be carried out.

An appropriate start point was the 1380's when a Poll Tax was undertaken. From these records the common christian names can be identified but also less common names show up which may provide clues to family relationships. The Professor pointed out that legal documents including wills mentioned *neighbours*, *inhabitants*, *alliance* and *affinity* when describing relationships. The usage was not indiscriminate but had a high degree of relevance and precise meaning to describe the relationship with the person named.

Affinity is used to describe Godparents and as Godparents rather than parents chose christian names the name and background of the provider could be useful as it might indicate a relationship not readily obvious. Professor Redmond said that some 80% of forenames were given by Godparents between 1550 and 1700. A huge influence in the spreading of names. An interesting aside was the use of *gossip*. Apparently it is a derivative, through Godsip's, of

God's siblings - all those with the same christian name!

The naming protocol of the 1300's lasted until the early 1700's when name giving was assumed by families rather than Godparents but there were still identifiable names following the traditions traceable in the 1881 Census. Work carried out by George Redmond has shown these trends in Yorkshire and other counties but further investigation is required.

In addition to the c1380 Poll Tax records providing a starting point there is also a useful later date provided by the Hearth Tax of c1672 which together with intermediary records such as the Subsidy Rolls of 1545 and various 16th century Muster rolls it is possible to identify naming patterns and family movements in an area for some three hundred years. A substantial aid to family historians.

The talk was stimulating and food for thought. Given that many of our family trees stall in the 1600's and with the number of Meccas across the Dales inhibiting easy identification perhaps research into Christian Names through the use of these older records may provide an opportunity to take back family linkages to the Middle Ages.

With the successful documentation of many 18th and 19th century records perhaps the Society's next project could be to look at these sources for the period before 1700?



The National Archives On line taster Sessions. Details from 020 8876 3444

Got a spare hour or two on Friday 23 September?

Attention all those who are planning to attend the 25th Mecca Muster in Wensleydale and are planning to arrive in Wensleydale on or before Friday 23 September. Can you spare an hour or two to help with the setup at either Hawes or West Burton? If so, please contact Diane Howarth as soon as possible (contact details in the front of this journal). Setup is at Hawes 1-5pm and West Burton 5-9pm. More hands make light work! Also, if you have a display eg your own family tree, do bring it along to either location during the above times to set it up.

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

We are well into our 25th anniversary year arrangements and I really am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in September to mark this milestone for our Society. I hope that the committee's decision in March to dispense with the day rate for attendance and to refund the amounts received to date will be welcomed by you and might persuade several of you to come for both days.

We need your input urgently. First we are mounting what in truth will be the world's largest ever Metcalfe exhibition at Hawes and want as many Family trees and memorabilia as possible to make this a varied and interesting display for the public as well as our members. Please help us by providing copies or lending us original material to copy. There are display cabinets which could house artifacts securely

Secondly we are planning the largest Metcalfe Photograph ever so even if you cannot make the weekend on both days please try to meet us at West Burton on Sunday for the photo.

I would like to draw your attention to the Gift aid scheme which enables the society to recover income from the Revenue. Maureen Thwaite has helped on this for two years now but owing to the very sad demise of her husband Alan she has indicated that she wishes to step down from this post having relinquished the Archivist's role already. I really appreciate all she has done for us and the support that Alan gave us. I was pleased that Peter Dobson and Edwin Metcalf M980 were able to attend Alan's funeral on behalf of the society last December.

David Lambert M11

STOP PRESSSTOP PRESS.....STOP

Limited places at the Saturday night dinner and Horn blowing event.

Book now to see a rare event in modern times -
the Metcalfe Horn being blown by a Metcalfe.

The horn was used in times gone by to bring late travellers into
Bainbridge from the wilds of the Wensleydale Forest.

Now experience it at first hand

but you need to act quickly!

See the booking form with this Issue.

MECCA BITS & BOBS

Putting people first. Conservative candidate for Ilford South **Stephen Metcalfe's** slogan. 2005 UK General election.

WWII Green Howards Veteran **Robert (Bob) William Metcalfe** died April 2005 in Ottawa Canada and was buried in the Canadian War Graves section at Beechwood Cemetery. Obituary Ottawa Citizen 11 April 2005. Provided by **Ian V Metcalfe M744** (Bob's book "*No Time for Dreams: A Soldier's Six-Year Journey through World War II*" was mentioned in Mecca News 65 page 39).

The Ravenstonedale Parish Registers 1571-1812 compiled by Rev **R W Metcalfe** for only 41 subscribers. For sale at £750 by RFG Hollett & Son Antiquarian Bookseller Sedbergh. Seen in catalogue by **Jean Metcalfe M316**.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat choreographer **Henry Metcalfe**. 2002 Handbill provided by **Leon Metcalfe M320**.

Workers at Farfield Mill near Sedbergh 1909. Large photograph on display at the mill names '**Kit Metcalf, Jack Metcalfe, Tom Metcalfe, Bob Metcalfe and Jim Metcalfe**'.

Concord Monitor New Hampshire USA dated 11 February 1999. An article on the Impressionist painter **Willard Metcalf**. Born in Lowell Mass in 1858 he spent most of his time in New Hampshire where a large number of his paintings were com-

pleted. Supplied by **Clifford A Metcalfe**.

Wensleydale Ranger. **Nigel Metcalfe**. Upper Wensleydale Newsletter March 2005.

Hand made slate urn made for Kim Wilde's Chelsea Flower Show Garden in 2005 by designer **Andrew Metcalfe**. Daily Express 21 May 2005.

Golf fanatic's 3000 golf clubs auctioned in Edinburgh by Thomson, Roddick & **Medcalf**. The Sun 31 March 2005 provided by **Paul Thomas**.

AGAIN! Thomson Roddick & **Medcalf**, Auctioneers since 1880 frequently advertise in the Westmorland Gazette

Eric Metcalfe - director of human rights policy at Justice (the civil liberties group) mentioned in the Law Society's Gazette of 29th April 2004

"**David Metcalf**, who organises the project in Cumbria with his wife Doreen, was overwhelmed at the generosity of people in the area" Report in the Westmorland Gazette 3rd December 2004, on Operation Christmas Child, which send shoeboxes of gifts to needy children in eastern Europe.

(All three items supplied by **Judith Robinson M631**)

What's New at the 25th Mecca Muster

Enclosed is the registration form for the Mecca Muster.

This is your final opportunity to register for this exciting event.

You really cannot afford to miss this super occasion. The registration form in this edition is not just a repeat of the previously distributed form. Your committee are pulling out all the stops to deliver this once in a lifetime experience for you, and offer even more activities for your enjoyment.

We are delighted to announce the following will also be available at this year's Mecca Muster :

* At the Saturday evening dinner, welcome our special guest Alistair Metcalfe, the official Bainbridge Hornblower, who will be blowing the old horn at the traditional time of 9pm on Bainbridge village green outside the Rose and Crown Inn where we are holding the dinner.

* A variety of specially commissioned new merchandise for the society, some of which are inscribed to commemorate the 25th anniversary. Limited availability.

* Remember the hit TV series 'Restoration' where Gayle Mill in Wensleydale came a superb third place overall? The Friends of Gayle Mill will also be our guests at Hawes over the full weekend. Here you can find out the progress they are making to bring Gayle Mill back to life, and also find out about the Metcalfe link with the Mill.

* Both the Upper Dales Family History Society and the Wharfedale Family History Society will also be our guests at Hawes for the weekend. So in addition to your Metcalfe family history interest, if you have a wider interest in family history in the Dales you have the opportunity to find out how they can help you. So bring along your full family history and potentially find out more about non-Metcalfes.

* Lunch at Hawes on Saturday will also be available (other than just West Burton) for those attending the opening ceremony by Lord Bolton and those on the morning bus trip.

An additional bus service from Hawes to West Burton will be provided after lunch on Saturday for those who want to enjoy the activities there.

Phew! So much on offer!

Can you afford to miss the Muster?

BOOK NOW!!

IRELAND'S METCALFE GATHERING SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2005 at PORTLAOISE

In late Spring I started sending out a double sided invitation & notice of a first ever Irish muster. It started off with postings to all my 3rd. cousins in Dublin, Co Laoise & England, the great great great grandchildren of JOHN M. & his wife Ann Pilsworth (descendant of 17th Bishop of Kildare). It is widely thought that John & Ann moved to Portlaoise in 1803 as John was a builder (like many of the Co. Laoise branch) and went there to help build the new Georgian church of Ireland, St. Peter's which replaced the original St. Peter's in the 16th 'Fort of Laoise' compound, built in Elizabethan times to quell the warsome O'Moores of that county. I sent an amazing 130 invites to Ireland in total, 41 to Ulster & 27 to Dublin from the telephone books.

I discovered St. Peter's celebrated its 200th anniversary only last October when the whole town took notice amidst the celebration and President MacAleese was presented with a bouquet by another distant relative! So Portlaoise was chosen for this occasion and we were given a huge welcome by the Anglican Rector, Revd. Hilary Dungan. We had 5 different denominations amongst our visiting 22 for the day which began at 10.45 with holy communion, a very lovely & sincere service indeed. A photograph of our group on the steps of the church after the service with a welcome coffee provided by the Parishioners is reproduced below which also appeared in the local Press.



We then went to the corner of the churchyard, beautifully kept, which was the town green before the 1804 building, and placed flowers on some of our ancestors graves. Revd. Hilary said prayers. After which we all crossed the road to the magnificent new Heritage Hotel for a fine Sunday lunch. Revd.

Hilary said grace and put name tags on us all! After lunch she had kindly arranged for me to have the college Principal take us on an extensive tour of the town showing us the original fort and how the town had to be built around it, the huge Catholic church (largest in the county) the famous prison, the 1914-18 War memorial, the court house and his college So a big thank you to Hilary & Michael for their devoted attention on a very happy day.

Finally we drove the 5 miles out to the the beautiful hills to the east and had a picnic tea on the ancient Rock of Dunamais with its superb views over miles on a lovely evening; everybody brought food and tea and the church wardens showed us their little church of Dysart Enos, looking over at Robert Metcalfe's Ballycarroll House.

As well as us 3rd. cousins plus Middleton, Sergeant, Dobbin, Wilson and Metcalfe families, we were joined by Ronald & Freda Medcalf from 200 miles away in Portrush on the north coast & Michael & Patricia Metcalfe-Hassett from Tramore on the south coast 100 miles away! It would seem after discussion that both belong to other lines of our Co. Laoise Mtes and I will be panning out the extensive Family tree shortly. Big new connections discovered!

I have also visited members of the old & extensive branch descended from Sir Anthony Metcalfe of the 1650 Cromwell period and living in Donard in the lovely Wicklow hills and only 30 miles east of Portlaoise. They have extensive family data with a member of their families in Dublin and another member of the Metcalfe Society living in Macclesfield, Brendan M910. I visited them in glorious sunshine the evening before our gathering at their farm called Crehelp and the ancient churchyard where Metcalfes of this branch have been buried for 350 years.

The day after the 12th I was in Co. Clare and called on Frank Metcalfe and his wife in Ennistymon - their tree goes back to 18th. c from Wensleydale to the manager of the Killaloe quarries in Co. Clare with its ancient cathedral. Frank remembers well the Crehelp Metcalfe brothers from 50 years ago with their racing greyhounds but of course and like us, different branches.

In Waterford later, very old freinds lent me the splendid book of Quaker Meeting Houses of Ireland and it may be a coincidence that Lurgan in Co. Armagh had one of the biggest congregations from the north of England and that here also is the largest number of Metcalfes in Ireland ..the Co,Laoise Metcalfes descend from Quaker Francis & wife Alice Slade from Wensleydale 1656 and they were in Ulster for 4 years before moving south. It would be good to put together a concise history of the 'Clan in Ireland' but certainly this event on 12th June, my other meetings and the 130 notices to around 450 Metcalfes in the country has aroused interest. **Jonathan Metcalfe M961**

A CURVE OF MEMORY.....

THROUGH UPPER SWALEDALE - Dr Mary Craig Gardner

(A short series of articles provided to Charles Metcalfe M305)

It used to be a green hill with a Norman castle on the top.

The keep still stands looking grand.

A black iron railing surrounding it removed it from immediate interest - no gate apparent.

Quite forbidding, in the middle of the cobbled public market place.

A visitor, I join the bustle of northern dales people buying from merchant stalls that sell everything - hardware, crockery, eggs, cheese and freshly baked goods, farm tools. Saturday is market day.

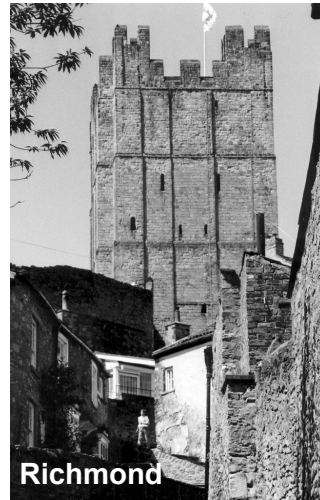
Clustered round the market place are the old houses and shops, crumpled by centuries of human wear and tear.

And beyond this nucleus - the suburbs.

I'm in Richmond, Yorkshire - a small town through which runs the River Swale.

Every summer before World War 2 my father drove the family through this market place, usually on a Sunday morning, on the long journey from our home town to a small village about 18 miles west of Richmond, half way up the Swale valley. 7-8 miles further west beyond our destination lies the head of the dale.

When we reach Richmond, we know we are nearly there.



Moors rounded by prolonged glaciation.

The road now bends and twists frequently and often unexpectedly.

Beyond Richmond the road narrows enough room only for one vehicle in each direction.

On the last leg of the journey, the hedgerows and stone walls come close to the road.

Sometimes my father has to pull into the hedge to let an oncoming vehicle go by.

This road, shaded with overhanging foliage in summer, climbs, ever higher onto the moors of Swaledale.

Scarcely any straight stretches. We usually reach our destination shortly after 1 o'clock.

Memory funds everything.

Childhood holidays seared in memory are the gold coin of this realm.

Day after day, in this small village, we (my sister and I) live under blue skies, on the warm earth, enfolded in August's hot summer roundness spending each day in an endless stretch of play and fantasy.

Earth's great beneficence taken for granted. Not an atom of gratitude in me.

Memory, a long distilled brandy that I

now drink slowly meditatively, bit by bit retrieving glimpses of every day life in the dale — miniatures as it were, burnished with a sheen, a pastoral patina, the adult city dweller's idyllisation of rural life.

Beneficence is the right word now. Not a child's word.

Other words arrive to sting the mind with the intensity of these early experiences.

At the time it was the enough to be alive in dazzling sunlight all day.

Sunlight. Not the opacity of pigment, not the eerie glow of a diode.

Not video, photograph, print, television.

All lack sunlight's actuality.

Childhood images — everything matters — the red campion in the hedge, a particular bend of the road, the river running swiftly, clear and shining, the small leaf on the ground, the roadside wall with a flattened top that we can walk on, all suspended in the bright light particles of memory's palette — a pure sensorily refracted sunlight.

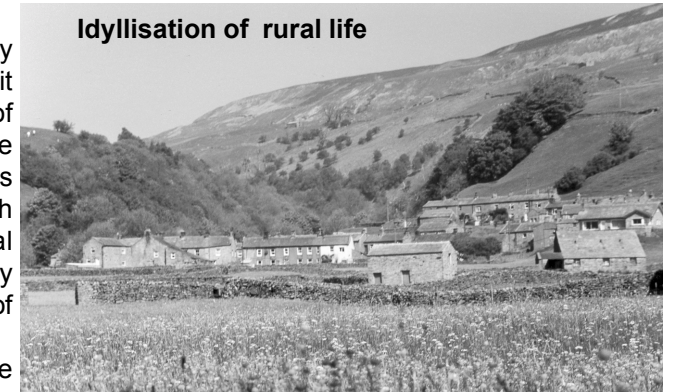
And now memory gives it all back to me.

Not as something simply recorded.

No. Something impregnated with the warmth of life itself, shaped by memory's own index and reference system. And garnished with adult dreams and desires.

The shades of Proust surround me.

I now know what drove him.



Occasionally a rainy day intrudes into the endless bright sunny days.

Large grey masses of water vapour heap up over the Atlantic.
Driven by westerly winds they sail over the Pennines and the moors of N. Yorkshire to expire gradually on England's east coast.
Clouds so low that on rainy days I can see only the footings of the hills and moors.

On a rainy day, at first we stay in and watch the dismal outside through windows blurred by the gloppy fat rain drops elongating themselves as they negotiate the smooth slippery window glass.

Sometimes if the rain is heavy, it stots off the ground before steadily aggregating into pools.

Sometimes we put on mackintoshes and go out.

Rain is a special event in sun laden holidays.

More often we play board games, like ludo and snakes and ladders to pass the time.

By evening usually the rain clears. The clouds lift.

They are still blowing down from the head of the dale, but no rain.

After such a confining day, all the family goes out into the cool, evening air.

Drying up the flag stones, the roads, the houses and roofs.

We wander out to see the beck (the local stream) in full flood.

The rocks normally used for hopping across the stream have disappeared under the rushing water.

Sometimes we go down the road to watch the swirling brown waters of the River Swale itself.

By the next morning we shall see the purple heather on the moors again

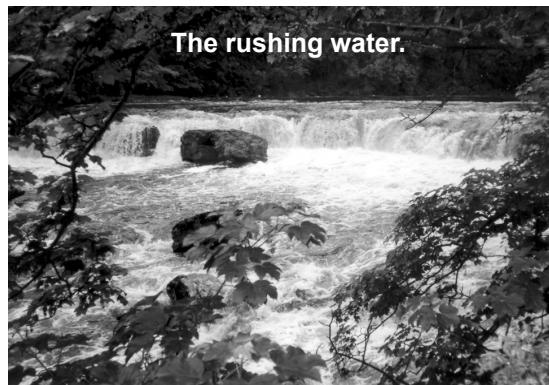
The blacksmith in his forge. I don't remember at all.

Looking at an old photograph later in life someone shows me where the forge was.

But not even the stirring business of looking at an old photograph can awaken this memory.

John Robert, both cobbler and shoemaker. A hunched back man with a very friendly smile lighting a delicate sensitive face.

His little workshop, above Miss Heseltine's shop is a gathering place for the



youth of the village after school.



He makes clogs for everyone, big and small - Clogs have dark unsoftened leather uppers and wooden soles strengthened with large iron cleats which make a big clatter on the paved road..

After a rainy day, John Robert puts on his long rubber waders, picks up his fishing tackle and, his bag slung over his shoulder and he heads for the swollen River Swale.

Sometimes I go down to the swollen river and watch him wading out into the river, swinging out his line

over the rushing waters. The usually clear brown water is now muddy brown from the churned up sediment.

He catches fresh brown trout, and my mother often buys them.

His workshop is a haven for teenagers after school.

Beneath John Robert's workshop is Miss Heseltine's shop, one of the four village shops.

They all sell everything. And most importantly to us children, sweets — black bullets, also known as gobstoppers, black liquorice sticks, small pink cube candies, sherbets with a liquorice straw, sticky toffees wrapped in coloured wrappers. Each item costs a penny or a halfpenny.

My sister and I receive a penny each day during the holiday.

Miss Heseltine's shop is my favourite.

In her tiny store with its small four paned window she stands tall and thin, wearing a clean apron or cotton dress, behind her wooden counter.

As you go into the shop, a small bell tinkles and out she comes from the kitchen which is behind the shop.

She waits patiently, looking on us benignly through her thick spectacles, as we hum and ha over making the big purchase of the day.

A small shop, no bigger than half a living room, it is quite dim even in daylight.

Mrs. Winter's sweet shop at the top end of the village also gets honoured by our visit - She is not a local dales person. She comes from Darlington, 30 miles away by road and a universe away in atmosphere.

Sometimes we go to Mrs. Percival's shop in the middle of the village.

From outside, you have to step down into it.

Small, cosy and packed with canned goods, vegetables and fruit, and groceries

and best of all she has a different variety of sweets to offer.

She is round and fat and jolly. I feel very comfortable in her shop.

Big Percival's shop, on the opposite side of the road, is usually presided over by big Miss Percival, a very large woman who moves slowly when she comes out of the back room to serve you.

Big Percival's is painted a dull rusty brown - a colour so clear in my memory, I could reproduce it.

Outside it has a petrol (gas) pump. Mainly for buses.

The Percival family owns and runs the dale's red buses made by the Leyland Company in Leeds. Some buses are small seating only about 25 people.

The larger ones look more like regular intercity buses.

Buses are hired by the Sunday School or the Women's Institute for tours of the dales or even further a field.

Big Percival's shop is large and empty. Even now I feel its emptiness.

Not much on the shelves.

I feel quite small, almost invisible.

Here and there, coloured cardboard stands advertise this and that.

I cannot remember buying anything there.

Sometimes we go to all of the sweet shops looking carefully, experienced shoppers that we are, to see what is the best buy for the day.

Miss Cissie Rutter is a small postmistress of a small post office.

In a small room at the front of a house, next door to big Percival's.

She sells stamps for the postcards we send to our friends.

From the post office the postman, Tommy, daily collects his batch of letters for delivery. Besides delivering in the village, often he walks many, many miles to deliver letters to farms scattered over the moors. In all weathers.

To mail our letters and postcards, we have to be at the bus stop for the 5.20 pm. bus to Richmond.

We put our letters and postcards into the red post office box standing next to the driver of the bus.

Miss Rutter is also schoolmistress in the two roomed village school and organist at the Methodist chapel.

Sunday evenings we attend the chapel service (it goes with being a village inhabitant, even if only temporarily).

The choir sits in a row on bench

The Methodist chapel



directly in front of the organ up on the second level.

My eyes are riveted on Mrs Hannah Rutter her very large droopy bosom moving heavily up and down as she sings with great thrust and energy.

Sitting beside her is dark complexioned Miss Rosa Sunter.

She is always better dressed (children spot things like this easily) than any one else. The village belle perhaps.

The congregation sits in pews mostly on the ground level, facing a raised table - the altar.

Some sit upstairs on a level with the choir and organ.

The chapel is situated in the middle of what looks like an ordinary field of grass.

Under this grassy area lie the dead of the village.

Gravestones, usually white, bear the names and dates of the village's past inhabitants. People from the upper dale are also laid to rest here.

In the more distant past the dead were carried in coffins six miles further down the dale to Grinton.

When we take a walk along the coffin walk - a pathway beside the river, we always remark the coffin stone, as we pass near Ivelet bridge.

(To be continued)

Gift Aid Report August 2005

By the time you are reading this report we should have received another Tax Refund from the Inland Revenue. This year has been a better year than last and I notice that more of you are signing up to the Gift Aid Scheme.

Remember just so long as you pay £2.80 per year Income Tax you can sign up to our Gift Aid Scheme.

Every small refund we receive from the Revenue helps to swell the coffers and this in turn helps the Society to subsidise the activities such as this years 25th Birthday Celebrations.

As with the Archiving I have said I want to step down from my position as Gift Aid Secretary due to new Family Commitments.

I must say I have really enjoyed the challenge and it is not a difficult or time consuming job, only once a year at the end of the financial Year, and our Treasurer is most helpful with details of subscription payments received.

If you like figures and filling in forms it is just the job for you.

Maureen Thwaite M897

Gift Aid Secretary.

Mobile Meccas

Two of our Committee members have been mobile but for different reasons here are their stories.

This is a transcript of an article by Greg MacVicar of the Canadian Herald - headed CROSS-COUNTRY TREK BOOSTS BRIT, British cyclist feels more self-confident after trip.

David Metcalfe figures he ate 150 Mars bars during his cross Canada bicycle Trip. "I must have gone through three a day," said the cyclist from Yorkshire England. "But I'm sure I lost weight."

Mr Metcalfe, 49, hopped on his 18-speed touring bike in Vancouver on 22 April, one day after landing in Canada. On Monday, 52 days later, he arrived in Halifax, after pedalling 7,147 kilometres. "I was a bit emotional," he said. "I just sat by the ferry terminal and looked over the harbour." He said he didn't do anything ceremonial such as dipping his foot into the ocean. "It's a bit cold this time of year," he said. "And my bike is too expensive to throw in the water."

Mr Metcalfe who works as a civil servant with the British military decided to cycle across Canada just for the challenge. "And it's a way of celebrating my birthday," he said. He turns 50 this year. "It's certainly given me more self-confidence."

Despite reports of flooding across Canada, Mr Metcalfe had only three days of rain.

"When I set off from Vancouver it was a heat wave," he said. He took the Rockies in his stride, although he found a 24-kilometre hill out of Osoyoos, B.C., "a bit tough." He said he's used to cycling hills in the Yorkshire Dales. "But they're shorter and sharper."

Wind was the problem once he hit the flatlands. "Oh crikey, I've had some terrible headwinds coming across the Prairies," he said. Mr Metcalfe said his bicycle loaded down with saddlebags had "the aerodynamic properties of a brick." "You just cannot do anything about a headwind," he said. "You just



put your head down and push." He found the roads rough too. "It's the winters - it must kill them," he said. "Some of the holes...crickey. You can't look around at the scenery."

Mr Metcalfe who's flying back to England today said he's looking forward to getting back in front of his computer after 52 days on a narrow bike seat. "I'm looking forward to a comfy seat," he said. And he's looking forward to showing his co-workers photos from his cross-country sojourn. "Colleagues at work said, 'You'll never do that,' he said. "Oh crickey, I'll show them."

David set off in early April arriving back in late May. At the recent Committee Meeting in July he looked fit, tanned and thinner although his gait seemed a little strange but after 52 days on a cycle seat perhaps there is no wonder ?! Carol Herbert our Treasurer took to the roads but in a much grander style. The Committee received the following e-mail from Carol in early April.

Hi All

Now it is in my possession I can finally believe it - I WON A CAR!

Yep - you read right! A brand spanking new Skoda Fabia.

For the last 10 years I have been a member of a market research panel. I scan the bar codes on all my grocery shopping, recording prices, special offers etc, and in return I get points which you can redeem in their mini

Argos-type catalogue, for household goods, toys, games and even balloon flights etc.

Every month all the panel members are entered into a draw, and they have a main prize and 10 runners up small prizes.

They are always the same - 1 month is a computer, next a home cinema system, garden furniture, European breaks,

and the main yearly one of a car, usually a very small one like a Ka or Clio. However this year the Car fell on their 200 magazine issue, so it is better than usual, and after 10 years of not winning a thing

my number finally comes up!

They rang on March 29th - but obviously being so near to April 1st I did not really believe it until it was delivered this morning.

Anyway thats my bit of good luck, hope some of it rubs off.

Carol

Film Quiz competition deadline approaches

Have you submitted your Film Quiz competition entry?

If not, find it in your April Mecca News.

A reminder that the closing date for entries is 31 August 2005.

You could win a year's subscription to the society - not bad for the cost of a stamp and the use of a few brain cells!



Metcalfes Muster at their Wensleydale Roots

Celebrating 25 Years of The Metcalfe Society

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September 2005



To celebrate the Society's 25th birthday, this year's Muster and AGM will be a 2-day event held simultaneously at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes and the West Burton Village Hall, Wensleydale, North Yorkshire.

The society will be hosting as many Metcalfes as they can muster for a clan photograph

at 10.30 on Sunday 25 September at West Burton village green.

All those who were born or married a Metcalfe are invited to participate at this historic gathering, whether a member of The Metcalfe Society or not.

So bring along your relatives!

Other events & facilities include:

- Opening of the celebratory activities by Lord Bolton
- Half-day tour in a classic 1950's coach along Wensleydale with commentary and stops at Metcalfe places of interest
- Guided Walk from Askrigg to Nappa Hall (& return!) viewing the historic building from the public footpath in front of the hall
- Evening social gathering with dinner & enjoying 'The Dalesfolk', a local folk group with a rich & varied selection of songs
- Blowing of the ceremonial horn at Bainbridge at 9pm on Saturday evening – a traditional still upheld by a Metcalfe today.
- Presentations about 'The Metcalfes of Pateley Bridge' and a recital of 'Dialect Poetry'
- Cuttingand eating... of the 25th birthday cake
- Annual General Meeting. Opportunity to hear and join in with what is happening in the society
- Displays including family trees, 25 years of the society, history of the name, where in the world to see the name etc
- Representatives & information from Northallerton County Record Office, other Family History societies

and Friends of Gayle Mill

- Opportunity to meet Metcalfe 'relatives'
- 'Metcalfes in India' - launch of the new A5 publication from the society compiled as a result of the original research started when developing the content for 'Metcalfe - History of the Clan'
- Birth Brief Booklet Addendum will be available which includes the birth briefs from member 1251 to date.
- Society sales table :
 - o Metcalfe merchandise, including 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' book, Christmas cards, society journal, stationery to record and store family tree information
 - o Yorkshire Dales & related merchandise available
 - o Bookstall - including Federation 'how to' guides
- Access society records held on computer databases (assistance available) or search through paper records at leisure
- Lending library available on books about Metcalfe, Yorkshire and other related subjects.
- Mini-bus service between West Burton and Hawes for those without their own transport or who just don't want to drive!

Full details of events, prices and booking information can be found with this magazine
or on The Society's website at www.metcalfe.org.uk
or by email muster@metcalfe.org.uk

NORTH WEST GROUP of FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Family History Fair

with

Internet Connection

Saturday 1st October 2005 10.00am — 4.00pm

Manchester Velodrome,

The National Cycling Centre,

“Sport City”, Stuart Street, Manchester.

(opposite Manchester City Football Stadium,

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**Free Lectures:- “Basic Sources of Family History”,
and “Family History Research OnLine”.**

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Computer Drawn Trees, Map dealers, Family History Booksellers

Admission £2.00

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Details :- Mr E.W. Gullick,

4 Lawrence Avenue, Simonstone,

Burnley, Lancashire. BB12 7HX

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METCALFE

History of the Clan

A new member

or just looking for a present?

Why not buy a copy (or more!) of your own Society's definitive book
on the roots of the family from early times in the Dales
down to the 19th century?

At £26 per copy (less for more copies!) (plus post and packaging)
this A4 hardback of 256 pages, is complete with illustrations, maps,
family stories and trees and a separate index.

A great present or just a good reference book.

For a book order form or further details contact

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Celebrating 25 Years of The Metcalfe Society

*I am a member of the Metcalfe society and I have never been to any of the events held by
the society and would like to come along with my Mother
who is also a Society member to this years Metcalfe Muster. .*

*I am the great grandson of Hope Cranstoun Metcalfe, who was quite a successful writer
during the first half of the 20th C. We have a number of books written by him and also his
Metcalfe/Cranstoun coats of arms.*

*During my research into our Metcalfe descent I came across a very old pamphlet advertis-
ing a genealogical table showing the descent from certain aristocratic families in Britain.
This was made in 1870 by one, a great ancestor of mine, John Henry Metcalfe. It is quite
incredible all the work he put into making this table and if you have not seen it I would
imagine you would be very interested to do so. It is in the British Library and I really want
to bring it with me to show at the Muster. But, I will need the help of the society in writing to
the British Library in requesting the loan of this item.*

Paul Johnson M1481

Hopefully we will be able to help Paul secure the loan of this family tree in time for our
anniversary weekend and it is still not too late for you
to show off your family heirlooms at this special Clan gathering.

However to date we have had a rather disappointing response to this request. This is your
opportunity to share your own Metcalfe stories and
momentoes with the rest of the world.

Full details of how you can contribute to what we hope will be a magnificent display of the
Metcalfe clan around the world are below.

There are secure display cabinets which will allow those special items rarely seen outside
of the family home to be shown safely.

Why not bring them along to celebrate our 25th anniversary?

Also don't forget your family trees.

For details contact Margaret Hodgson

by ☎ 01772 555272

e-mail : minutes@metcalfe.org.uk,

or write to her at

14 Garsdale Close, Walton le Dale, Preston, Lancs PR5 4BU.

Do not send anything valuable in the post

unless it is by registered post

and you have advised Margaret in advance.

We look forward to seeing your Metcalfe family history!

mecca miscellany

Cumberland 1847 Directory

Carlisle - Builder **Metcalf Robt** Butchergate; Cork Cutter **Metcalf Chpr** 37 Lowthr St; Stone Mason **Metcalf Robt**; Bothergate (sic)

Gamblesby **Metcalf Joseph** weaver; Glassonby **Metcalf John** yeoman Itonfield township

Richard Metcalfe vict, Elephant Inn; farmer **Richard Metcalfe** Broadfield

Gosforth parish **Metcalf Thomas** basket maker

Whitehaven Anchor & Ship Smith **Metcalf Rt**, Alison place

Allerdale Ward Joiner & Cabinet Mkr, **Metcalf Thos**, 5 George St

Shopkeeper & Flour Dealer **Metcalf Stephen**, 97 Queen St

From **Charles Metcalfe M305**

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professional's publication "Update", Vol 4 (4) April 2005 said "Sue Hoyle pointed to the work of **Beverly Alimo-Metcalfe** (Professor of Leadership Studies, Nuffield Institute, Leeds University)...", From **Suzanne Dobson**

Serve and leadership management styles. Commentator **Beverley Metcalfe**. Radio 4 - 5 April 2005 16.00hrs.

Bedford Area Committee fund raiser and Office Volunteer for the Civil Service Benevolent Fund - **Robert Metcalfe**. CSBF Annual Review 2004.

Class of '04 - **Jenny C Metcalfe**, Sheffield University T-shirt.

The Strong Arm of the Law

On 13 January 1899, Henry Dickenson was charged with being drunk on duty. His papers record his length of service as eight years and two months and the fact that he had previously been charged in 1891 with being drunk off duty.

The papers give the full details of the events of 13th:

*The above Constable was found drunk on duty in Bury New Road at 1.25am by Acting Sergeant Verdon who took him to Derby Street Sub Station, and afterwards with the assistance of **B155 Metcalf** to his residence. On the way the Constable's helmet fell off and was damaged, and when passing the Derby Arms, Derby Street, Cheetham, he drew his arm loose from Metcalf and threw his pipe at the window doing damage to the extent of 3/6 (18p) The Constable was suspended and eventually fined 40 shillings (£2). From Greater Manchester Police Museum. Appeared in Practical Family History - May 2005 provided by **CS Metcalfe M305***

When I took over as FRC Visitor in 1997 I was able to provide a worthwhile service to our members. At that time, certificates ordered direct cost £12 but at the FRC and giving the GRO ref, they cost only £6.

Gradually over the years and with the introduction of new technology, centres opened up all over the country, and the price of certificates ordered direct dropped to £8.50 as opposed to £7 at FRC. This meant there was still a small saving but from my point of view I was not prepared to spend 2½ to 3 hours travelling for just a couple of certificates, although I did not mind if I had to go there to resolve queries for Patrick Malham or indeed, any other member. Patrick's queries have now dried up, either because his records are perfect or because he now has a local centre where he can obtain the information.

Family Records Centre (FRC) Visitor

Then on my last visit to the FRC I found that the service I give is now available on line at the same price! The website address is **www.gro.gov.uk** With the GRO ref, the cost is £7.00 and this is even cheaper than ordering through me, as no additional postage is involved. In view of the fact that most of our members world-wide either have a computer with internet access or they know a child of school age who can assist in this respect, I am now completely redundant.

I would still be prepared to visit the FRC to support the committee should they have a query that cannot be resolved locally. But otherwise, the information to new members needs to be updated and members advised in the Mecca News. **Julian Metcalfe M902**

Number Break

This should take less than a minute to calculate, whatever you do - don't cheat, work it out as you read. It's good fun, give it a go!

Firstly, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have a pint of beer or glass of wine (if you put once you're fibbing!)

- Multiply this number by 2.

- Add 5 (to make your consumption more realistic!)

- Multiply this figure by 50 (I'll hang on whilst you dig out your calculator)

- If you have already had your birthday this year add 1755, if not, add 1754.

- Now subtract the four digit year you were born.

- This should leave you with a 3 digit number

- The first digit is the original number you selected. (i.e. how many times you fancy a slurp per week)

- The next two numbers are your..... age! (Oh yes it is!!!!)

THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR IT WILL EVER WORK .

Doug Cutting M855

Archivist Report August 2005

As you will see when reading the number of Birth Briefs there are, that the last four months have been very busy and it is all thanks to our two Researchers without whom none of the Birth Briefs would have been raised. We do still have a few Member queries that we are unable to include in this issue. All queries that I received after the 1st of June hopefully will be included in the December issue of Mecca News. As I have decided to step down as Archivist this may well be my last report. I have enjoyed doing the job but I now have other Family Commitments that will take up most of my time.

I must reiterate that when asking for information on ancestors that your Metcalfe number is always stated, and we will endeavour to do our utmost to give you a satisfactory result.

Maureen Thwaite M897 Archive Co-ordinator .

BIRTH BRIEF SECTION

Abbreviations:- MT=Metcalf: MTE=Metcalfe: MD=Medcalf: MDE=Medcalfe:dau=daughter:d.o=daughter of: s=son of: s.o=son of: m=married: b=born: bpt=baptised: d=died.

BIRTH BRIEF and NEW MEMBERS

To whom we extend a hearty welcome.

M1383 Miss Frances Haydon. 650 Abbey Lane Sheffield S11 9NB. D.o Frederick William & Rosaline Eleanor Drage(Md) Haydon m 30/11/1907 Islington. Rosaline Eleanor Drage b 6/5/1877 d.o Edward & Sarah Ann (Drage)Md m 27/6/1869 Islington. Edward b 20/8/1847 s.o Theophilus Edward & Elizabeth (Leverge) Md m 6/11/1837 Hackney. Theophilus Edward bpt. 5/5/1819 Shoreditch s.o Thomas & Mary Ann(?)Md.

M1442 Mrs. A & Ms. Nadine Medcalf, 3008 Dundee Drive, Prince George, British Columbia, Canada V2K 3R4 email m7609@telus.net Nadine born Canada d.o Homer Lee & Ann (Devitt)Md m. 1952 Canada. Homer Lee b 1927 Broderick, Sask. Canada s.o Homer Collingwood & Sara (Lee)Md m. 1926. Homer Collingwood b. 1/7/1892 Kirksville Missouri USA s.o John Collingwood & Anna May (Smith)Md m 25/10/1891 Clay County, Adair, Missouri. John Collingwood b May 1870

Hancock, Illinois s.o Henry Hodgson & his second wife Mary J. (Howell)Md. Henry Hodgson b 26/10/1829 Liverpool, England s.o Cuthbert Collingwood and his first wife Mary (?)Md. Cuthbert collingwood bpt. 30/9/1807 St. Nicholas, Liverpool s.o Townley & Margaret (Hodgson)Md. Townley bpt. 16/8/1772 St. Peter, Liverpool.s.o Cuthbert & Jane (Slater)Md m. 8/9/1771 St Peter, Liverpool. Cuthbert a watch engraver. **Connects to XM233.**

M1466 Bryan Medcalf, 23 Briar Rd, Skellow, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN6 8HY. S.o Arnold & Margaret (Edington)Md m.1946. Arnold b. 1921 s.o Tom Conway & Alice (Pearson)Md m.1920 Bury, Lancs. Tom Conway b. 1898 Burton-on-Trent s.o John & Frances Elizabeth (Farmer)Md. m.1890 Ashby de la Zouche. John b. 1861 Bolton s.o James Moseley & Mary (Ward)Md. m.16/9/1858 St. Peters, Halliwall, Bolton. James Moseley b.c 1832 s.o John & Mary (Moseley)Md. m. 8/7/1832 St. Peters, Bolton le Moors, Lancs. John bpt. 24/2/1809 St. Peters, Bolton le Moors. s/o James & Margaret(Houghton)Md. m. 16/8/1807 St. Peters, Bolton le Moors, Lancs.

M1475 Mrs. Susan Needham, 9 Cawder Green, Skipton, Yorkshire. BD23 2QB Email sue@desu.co.uk Born Skipton, Yorks d.o Arhtur & Esther (Lord)Metcalfe. m 2/6/1948. Arthur b 21/9/1922 Skipton s.o Maurice & Mary (Whitaker)Mte m 21/2/1914 Cononly Baptist. Maurice b 6/6/1888 Skipton s.o Frederick & Mary (Lloyd)Mte m 13/6/1885 Skipton. Frederick b 18/1/1866 Bell Busk nr Skipton s.o Frederick & Jane (Knowles)Mte m. 10/11/1853 Settle Yks. Frederick b.c. 1825 Blackburn Lancs s.o. Christopher & Mary (Mason)Mte m 4/5/1817 Giggleswick. Christopher b.c 1792

M1484 Mrs Helen & Mr Paul Johnson, 23 Cromwell Rd, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3LB Email pauljohnnyjohnson@yahoo.com Daughter & Grandson respectively of Robert Edward & Helen Julia Katherine (Metcalfe) Wright m 1934 Westminster Ldn. Helen J.K. b 1907 Fulham Ldn d.o Hope Cranstoun & his second wife Edith (Kirkpatrick)Mte m 1894 Chelsea Ldn. Hope Cranstoun b 22.2.1866 Penang, Malaya s.o Major Ernest & Julia Catherine (Shaw)Mte m 23/7/1861 Kensington Ldn. Ernest b 1823 London s.o Thomas & Christiana Brisbane (Cranstoun)Mte. Thomas b 16/10/1781 Manchester Lancs s.o Cornelius & Sarah (Bayley)Mte m 20/12/1773 Manchester Cathedral. Cornelius b 6/10/1749 Skeffington Leics. s.o Rev Thomas & Anne (Smelte)Mte. m 1742 Walton on Thames Surrey. Thomas bpt 28/3/1706 Bossall Yks s.o Thomas & his 2nd wife Anne (Green)Mte. Thomas b.c 1661 Northallerton Yks. s.o William & Anne (Marwood)Mte m 21/5/1657 Stokesley Yks. William b.c. 1635 Northallerton s.o George & Elizabeth (Talbot)Mte m 29/7/1624 St Helens York. George b 1600 Northallerton s.o Richard & Margaret (Wilson)Mte. Richard b.c 1543 s.o George of Hood Grange near Kilburn Yks & Elizabeth (Banks)Mte. George b.c 1516 s.o James of Swinithwaite in Wensleydale & his wife. James b.c 1490 s.o Ottiwell of

Swinithwaite & Margaret his wife. Ottiwell b.c 1451 s.o Thomas of Nappa Hall & Elizabeth (de Hertington)Mte. Thomas b.c 1424 Nappa Hall s.o Sir James of Worton & Alice (Gibson)Mte. James b.c 1389 s.o John of Nappa & Bear Park & Alice his wife. Connects to M566, M659, M758, M1148.

M1490 Mr Jack Metcalfe, Manor House, Ingleton via Carnforth, Lancs, LA6 3JJ. Jack (John Swinbank Metcalfe) b. Beezley Farm, Ingleton Yks s.o James & Alice (Lund)Mte m 25/4/1928 Clapham Yks. James b 24/1/1895 Borren Head, Cowgill, Dent s.o George & Alice (Swinbank)Mte m 15/6/1893 Chapel le Dale. George b 1863 Liverpool s.o James & his first wife Mary(Lambert)Mte m 1860. James b 24 February or March 1833 Gunnerfleet, bpt. 28/4/1833 Ingleton Fells s.o George of Ivescar & Elizabeth(?)Mte his wife. George bpt. 13/2/1791 Ingleton Fells s.o George of Hodge Hole & his second wife Agnes (Burkitt)Mte m 23/5/1785 Ingleton Fells. George bpt. 2/7/1758 Ingleton Fells s.o. John of Ellerbeck& Dorothy (Brown)Mte m. 3/7/1749 Dent. John born circa 1709. **Connects to M259 & M1453.**

M1499 Barbara Webber, 38 Wycke Lane, Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex CM9 8ST. Daughter of Alfred George & Florence Maud (Md)Denham m. 20/12/1941 Pancras. Florence Maud b. 13/3/1920 d.o Charles William & Florence Maud (Manning)Md m. 3/1/1920 Pancras. Charles William b. 4/11/1884 Burton End, Haverhill, Sfk s.o Arthur William & Harriet (Webb) Md m 25/12/1879 Haverhill Sfk. Arthur William b. 27/7/1856 s.o Sarah Ann Md. Sarah bpt 2/4/1837 Withersfield, Sfk.d.o Charles & Lydia (Sparkes)Md m. 1/10/1830 Withersfield. Charles bpt. 19.6.1808 Withersfield s.o George & Sarah (Copping)Mt m. 5/11/1795 Great Thurlow, Sfk. George bpt 8/6/1767 Withersfield, Sfk s.o Isaac & Elizabeth (Webb)Mt. m. 11/10/1744 Great Wrattling, Sfk.

M1500 John Hamer, 3 St Mary's, Netherthong, Holmfirth, West Yorks, HD9 3XW. Great grd s.o Francis & Mary (Md) Jackson m. 1/8/1887 Kendal. Mary b. 1/4/1865 Kendal d.o John & Nancy(?)Md m. Kendal 1856. John bpt. 29/9/1833 Kendal s.o Thomas & Sarah(Dent)Md m. 13/8/1832 Kendal. Thomas b. 17/1/1812 Kendal s.o Caleb & Mary (Birkett)Md m. 3/8/1801 Kendal. Caleb bpt. 8/9/1776 Kendal s.o John & Eleanor (?)Md. **Connects to M694 & M829.**

M1505 Thomas E. Sadler, 157 Avon Way, Colchester,Essex CO4 3YP. S.o Reginald Ernest & Doris Hilda (Mt) Sadler m 1/6/1940. Doris Hilda b 1911 d.o Thomas James & Lillian May (Reeve)Mt. Thomas James b 1889 King's Lynn s.o James Burrell & Esther Robertson (Fielding)Mt m 7/10/1886 King's Lynn. James Burrell b 8/3/1860 s.o Henry & Emma (Higgins)Mt m 27/8/1846 Norwich. Henry b.c 1818 Norwich s.o William & Mary Ann (Palmer)Mt m 10/7/1815 St Pauls, Norwich. William b.c 1791 Norwich.

M1514 Mrs. Heather R Smethurst, 118 Pheasant Rise, Bar Hill Cambridge. Email: h.r.smethurst@ntlworld.com Dau of John Philip & Helen (Metcalfe)Clarke m 23/4/1962. Helen b 6/7/1938 Urmston, Manchester d.o Leonard & Lucy(Bradfield)Mte m 1928 Burnley. Leonard b 20/1/1903 Burnley s.o (John) Thomas & Ada (Smith)Mte m 1901 Burnley. J. Thomas b.c 1875 g.s.o William &(?)Mte. William bpt 18/3/1821 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o Adam & Mary (Dodgson)Mte m 26/12/1809 Thornton in Lonsdale. Adam bpt. 4/1/1789 Thornton in Lonsdale s.o Thomas & (?)Mte **Connects to XM929.**

M1515 David Cousins, 1 Old Hall Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Malden, Essex. CM9 8TP. Great Grandson of Joseph Nathan & Jane (Metcalfe)Cousins m 20/3/1907 Appleby, Westmorland. Mary Jane b.c 1888 Orton, Westmorland d.o Christopher & Isabella (Parkin)Mte m 14/10/1867 Long Marton. Christhopher bpt. 10/5/1829 Orton Westmorland s.o John & Elizabeth (Bentham)Mte m 30/7/1821. John bpt. 20/3/1799 Orton s.o Thomas & Mary (Christian)Mte m 10/11/1791 Asby, they farmed at Bowderdale. **Connects to M862.**

M1516 Mr Christopher T C Metcalfe 165 Acklam Rd, Middlesbrough TS5 5QH S.o John Christopher & Vera Irene(Hoskins)Mte m 9/12/1939. John Christopher b 7/2/1912 Richmond, Yks s.o Walter John & Jane Ann (Craven)Mte. Walter John b 7/2/1873 Richmond, Yks s.o George Christopher & Margaret (Biggar)Mte m 27/5/1865 St Clement Danes, London. George Christopher b 7/11/1839 Richmond. Yks.s.o William & Charlotte (Farr)Mte m 17/12/1838 St Clement Danes, London. William b. 28/7/1811 Richmond, Yks s.o Christopher & Ann (Galloway)Mte m 25/5/1795 Richmond Yks. Christopher b.c 1772 Richmond, Yks. **Connects M474**

M1521 Mr David W. Metcalfe, 32 Wellside Wynd, Kingswells, Aberdeen AB15 8EZ. Son of Leonard Douglas & Dorothy Muriel (Tarn)Mte m 20/10/1954 Woodland, Co Durham. Leonard Douglas b. 18/7/1918 Barnard Castle s.o Thomas Leonard & Annie (Mt)* Mte m. 22/6/1916 Barnard Castle. Thomas Leonard b. 20/8/1864 Scargill s.o Reuben & Elizabeth(Mte)**Mte m 26/3/1860 Bowes. Reuben bpt. 30/10/1825 Barningham s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Alderson)Mte m. 18/11/1805 Barningham. Thomas b. 25/4/1784 Muker s.o Thomas & Annas (Binks)Mte m. 16/10/1769 Grinton. Thomas b.c.1745.

*Annie b. 22/6/1916 Barnard Castle d.o Ralph & Margaret Jane (Stephenson)Mt m. 20/4/1867 Barnard Castle. Ralph bpt. 5/3/1823 Barton s.o James & Eleanor (Gibson)Mt m. 23/5/1829 Barton. James bpt. 25/12/1801 Bowes s.o Ralph & Susannah (Deanham)Mte m. 12/4/1784 Bowes. Ralph b.c 1751 Mallerstang.

**Elizabeth bpt 2/5/1835 Mallerstang d.o Anthony & Isabella (Turner)Mte m 16/11/1833 Ravenstonedale. Anthony bpt. 2/2/1812 Stalling Busk s.o James &

Elizabeth (Lambert)Mte m. 9/5/1805 Stalling Busk. James bpt 12/7/1772 Stalling Busk s.o John & Barbara (Mte)*** Mte m. 12/5/1756 Hawes. John b.c 1727 Marsett.

***Barbara bpt 31/7/1729 Hawes d.o Anthony & Alice (Mte)Mte m 18/8/1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b.c. 1699 Hawes s.o Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondston/Simonston)Mte m. 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert b.c. 1660/3 s.o Anthony & Elizabeth(Wynn/Winn)Mte. Anthony b.c 1640 s.o Margaret Mte.

Also Grd s.o William Robert & Susanna (Mte)Tarn m 21/10/1900 Barnard Castle. Susanna b 12/10/1901 d.o John Stephenson & Beatrice Elizabeth (Bell)Mt m 21/9/1897 Barnard Castle. John Stephenson b 6/4/1869 Langleydale s.o Ralph & Margaret Jane (Stephenson)Mte m 20/4/1867 Barnard Castle.

M1523 Mrs Sheila A. Snuggs, The Coach House, Church Lane, Buckland Vipers, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4BT. Email: sheila.snuggs@tesco.net Grand d.o Claretta Sarah Feltham b. 1882 d.o Richard & Elizabeth(Metcalf)Feltham m. 3/7/1882 Camberwell, Surrey. Elizabeth b.c 1857-9 St Johns, Middlesex d.o John & Emma Claretta(?)Mt. In 1861 Census for Westminster sub district St John The Evangelist, 29 Lillington St, John aged 37 b.c 1824 born Yorkshire a watch maker, Emma 26 (b.c1835)b. Kent together with sons John F aged 14 and Joseph W aged 10, daus. Elizabeth aged 2 and Clara aged 5 mths. We suspect that Emma (nee Searls) is the second wife of John.

1524 Mr. Gordon Coverley Medcalf, Willow Cottage, Westfield Common, Woking, Surrey, GU22 9NT email gcmecalf@aol.com Son of Leslie Robert & Mary Cowan Third (Coverley)Md m 1928 Wallasey. Leslie Robert b 25/7/1906 Aigburth, Liverpool s.o Edward Cecil & Margaret Lucy (Lang)Md m 1903. Edward Cecil b 5/5/1877 Hertford s.o James Driver & Susan (Price)Md m 1875 Hertford [former marriage James Driver & Rose (King) Md m 1854.] James Driver b 30/9/1832 Hertford s.o Thomas Driver & Mary Ann (Harris)Md.[Subsequent marriage Thomas Driver & Elizabeth(?)Md]. Thomas Driver b.c 1803 s.o James & Sarah Driver (Taylor)Md m. Sept 1802 Hertford. James probably s.o Richard & Judith (Jervin)Md

M1525 Mrs. Jean Summers, 1 Hannah Rd, Woodhouse, Sheffield, S13 7RU Email tony_summers@hotmail.com Grand d.o Robert John & Mary known as Minnie (nee Metcalf)McDonald. Mary/Minnie b 1/11/1897 Derrinraw, co Armagh, Northern Ireland d.o Lizzie/Elizabeth Mt father's name unknown. Mary/Minnie had known siblings Ellen Jane b1886 m Robert Ramsey; Ann/Annie b 1901 m Charles Stoddard; and Joseph. Another un-named brother may have emigrated to Canada.

M1527 Mrs. Dorothy M. Barker, 8 Wavertree Road, South Woodford, London E18 1BL. Daughter of John & Lydia Mary (Mte)Clark m 8/5/1950. Lydia Mary d.o Thomas Miles & Lydia (Anderson)Mte m 1916 Durham. Thomas Miles s.o Thomas & Mary A.(White)Mte m 9/4/1881 Wesleyan Chapel, Barnard Castle. Thomas s.o Miles & Ann (Dent)Mte m 29/4/1854 Startforth. Miles s.o Thomas & Elizabeth (Alderson)Mte m 18/11/1805 Barningham. Thomas s.o Thomas & Annas (Binks)Mte m 16/10/1769 Grinton. Thomas b.c 1745.

M1528 Mrs. Linda Fagan, 37 Meadow Court, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9RB email linda_faganuk@yahoo.co.uk Gt grand dau of Albert & Lydia Mary(nee Metcalfe) Batt m. 1898 Hartlepool Co. Durham. Lydia Mary b 1878 Hartlepool d.o Christopher & Eliza Jane(Carter) Mte m 25/12/1875 Hartlepool. Christopher bpt. 2/10/1853 Finghall in Wensleydale, Yks. s.o Matthew and his second wife Lydia(Bushby)Mte m 17/5/1848 Finghall. Matthew bpt.19/1/1802 Hudswell Yks. s.o James & Elizabeth (Kirkbride)Mte m 17/1/1792 West Witton Yks. James born circa 1768. **Connects to M234.**

M1529 Ms. Jaqueline Metcalfe, 36 Woodcrest Rd, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2V5 Canada. Email jacmetcalfe@gmail.com Born 10/5/1973 North York, Ontario Canada d.o Larry Metcalfe & Barbara (Davies)Mte. Larry E. b. 1 Aug 1947/8 Toronto s.o Harold Jack & Alma (Zimmerman)Mte. Harold J. (birth not traced) s.o Jack Cephas & Annie Margaret (Martin)Mte. Jack C. b. 7 June 1900 Fenlon Township, Ontario.

M1530 Mrs. Neryl Medcalf, 39 Badgery Crescent, Lawson, NSW 2783, Australia. Email nerylmedcal@hermes.net.au Awaiting details.

M1531 Linda Moralee, 29 Rouen Way, Ashby De La Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 2QX. Email i.moralee@ntlworld.com Great gt g.d.o John Robinson & Mary (Metcalf)Houghton m. 11/12/1837 Masham, Yks. Mary b. 14/9/1811 bpt 27/9/1811 at East Witton, Yks. d.o Matthew & Ann (Sadler)Mte m 19/1/1807 Topcliffe, Yks. Matthew bpt. 8/3/1775 East Witton s.o Matthew & Elizabeth (Topham)Mte m 2/4/1759 East Witton. Matthew bpt 15/7/1733 Masham s.o Thomas & his first wife Mary (Askwith) m 10/4/1720 Masham. Thomas bpt 13/5/1693 Healey near Masham s.o Thomas & Jane (Thorpe)Mte m 2/2/1690/91 Healey. Thomas b 11/3/ and bpt 18/3/1659/60 Masham s.o John Mte of Sourmire. **Connects to M882 M558 M515 M962 and to M218 M459 M710 M200 M732 M593 M440 M445 &M640.**

M1532 Kristy Coulter, 160 Hale Road, Hale, Cheshire WA15 8SQ U.K. Email home@coultercorp.com Great G.d.o Joseph & Nellie Partridge(Mte)Waters m Dec 1901. Nellie b 23/5/1871 d.o James William & Fanny (Partridge)Mte m 16/

7/1870 Old Church, St Pancras, London. James William b 22/6/1846 s.o James & Elizabeth (Stock)Mte. James b. 1821 s.o James George & Ann (Perkins)Mte. James George b 1799 s.o Frances Metcalfe

M1533 Megan Smith, 4 Glenhurst Avenue, Toronto. Ontario, Canada, M6C 1H7 Great gt gr dau of Robert & Ann (Mte)Fishwick m 21/05/1863 Stockton. Ann bpt. 12/11/1842 Partick Brompton d.o William & Elizabeth (Mitchell)Mte m 17/06/1838 Hhornby. William Bpt 24/03/1799 Hornby s.o Abraham & Marthe(Joyce)Mte m 17/04/1797 Kirkby Fleetham. Abraham bpt 8/07/1770 Hornby s.o Joseph & Elizabeth(Thirkell)Mtem 22/01/1759 Burneston. Joseph bpt 1/01/1736 Hornby s.o William & Margaret(Walton)Mte m 16/11/1732 Hornby. William bpt 27/09/1708 Burneston s.o William Mte

M1536 Mr Leslie Griffiths, 30 Burcroft Hill, Conisbrough, Doncaster DN12 3EE. Grandson of Jane Elizabeth Mte b 10/3/1884 Darnbrook near Arncliffe Yks d.o Christopher and his first wife Mary Ann (Swinbank)Mte m 27/5/1882 Long Preston. Christopher bpt. 18/3/1854 Halton Gill s.o James and his first wife Jane(Petty)Mte m 12/11/1853 Horton in Ribblesdale. James b 6/6/1825 Halton Gill s.o Christopher & Nanny/Ann (Burton)Mte m 18/11 or 12/1823 Halton Gill. Christopher bpt. 7/5/1786 Arncliffe s.o Christopher & Sarah(Foster)Mte m 18/5/1778 Giggleswick. Christopher bpt. 28/2/1754 Arcliffe s.o George and his second wife Margaret (Howson)Mte m 27/6/1745 Horton in Ribblesdale. George bpt. 28/1/1697 Arncliffe s.o Thomas senior of Cosh and Foxup. **Connects to M31 M47 M208 M209 M660 M792 & M1048**

M1537 Mr W & Mrs. S. Preston, 34 Sugar Lane off Leeds Rd, Dewsbury WF12 7AN. Sheila born Dewsbury dau of Albert & Ethel (Spencer)Mte.

M1538 Mr Paul Metcalfe Newkin House, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorks. Awaiting details

M1539 Mrs. Andrea Moore, 16 Carr Hill Gardens, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 6PU email michael@netbreeze.co.uk Awaiting details.

M1542 Mr. J. A. Akhurst, 5 Mill Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN14 5BU UK email mutley52uk@yahoo.co.uk S.o James Edward & Violet Carlton (Mte) Akhurst m. 1947 Tonbridge. Violet Carlton b. 12/8/1912 D.o Herbert & Annie (Fyfield)Mte. Herbert b. 16/2/1876 s.o William John & Sarah Jane (Walker)Mte. m. 18/12/1859 Shoreditch. William John b. 17/4/1840 s.o James & Hannah (Wright)Mte m. 30/5/1837. James b.c. 1812.

M1543 Christine Mcgaghey, 14 Muntz Street, Chisholm, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory 2905, Australia, email icewalk1@tpg.com.au

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M1544 John Metcalf, 17 Maplewood Lane, Unit #304, Madison, WI 53704-3973, United States email jmetcalf@wmc>org Awaiting details.

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M1547 Andrew Metcalfe, 18 Ravenswood Gardens, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4JG. email : andrew.metcalfe25@virgin.net Awaiting details.

REJOINED MEMBERS to whom we extend a welcome return.

M1268 Mrs. Pam Nelson, 129 Aragon Rd, Morden, Surrey SM4 4QG. Email thenomads@btinternet.com Awaiting details

UPDATED BIRTH BRIEF

M631 Mrs. Judith Robinson, 3 Abbey Drive, Natland, Kendal LA9 7QN email judithrobinson@tesco.net Great g.d of Rowland & Mary Elizabeth (Metcalf)Atkinson m. 20/9/1876 Hawes Yks. Mary Elizabeth known as Polly b 6/2/1849 Hawes d.o Ralph Tiplady & Mary (Blyth)Mte m. 10/4/1845 Hawes. Ralph Tiplady bpt. 13/2/1813 Hardraw s.o John & Jane* (Tiplady)Mte m 5/5/1810 Hardraw. John b.c. 1787 Hawes s.o John & Margaret(Routh)Mte m 17/4/1780 Hawes. John bpt. 27/12/1756 Hardraw s.o John & (??)Mte of Cotterdale. John died 1817 aged 88 therefore b.c 1729. **Connects to M246 .**
*Jane Tiplady bpt 1786 Askrigg d.o Ralph & Mary(Potts)Tiplady. Ralph s.o Edmund & Jane (Metcalf)Tiplady m 26/5/1752 Muker. Jane bpt 20/1/1727/8 Muker d.o Anthony of Dyke Heads. **Connects to M178and M1369.**

M1476 Mrs Irene Hailstone, 37 Stockarth Lane, Oughtibridge, Sheffield S35 0HT. Wife of Roy Lambert Hailstone b 1917 Sheffield Yks s.o William & Martha Alice (nee Metcalf)Hailstone m. 1907 Sheffield. Martha Alice b 1883 Middlesbrough Yks d.o John & Isabella (Swalwell)Mt m 1882 Middlesbrough. John b. 7/12/1856 Mexbrough Yks s.o Josiah & Martha (Dyson)Mt m 1855 Rotherham. Josiah b.c 1833 Masborough s.o John & Ann (Goulding)Mt m 1832 Mexbrough. John b.c 1806 Tinsley/Tickhill, Yks.

**It is with regret we inform members of the passing of
Alan Thwaite M897
husband of Maureen Thwaite our Archivist Co-ordinator
in December 2004.
Also**

**Mr P Cowles M1269 and Robert Metcalfe M1220
We extend our condolences to both family and friends.**

FIGHTING MECCAS

The following numbers of Australians enlisted and served with the Australian forces in what was known as the Great War (1914-1918) and the Second World War (1939-1945)

World War One (1914-1918)

53 Metcalfes served (15 were killed in action or died of wounds)
14 Metcalfs served (4 were killed in action or died of wounds)
13 Metcalfs served (1 was killed or died from another cause)
1 Metcalfe served (survived)

World War Two (1939-1945)

132 Metcalfes served
(6 were killed in action or died from wounds or another cause)
100 Metcalfs served (3 were killed in action etc)
46 Metcalfs served (none were killed in action etc)

The Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Database will give you many details of those killed as well as the Australian War Two Nominal Roll which gives details of the names of those who served and also you are able to print a certificate of service.

From **Nancy Metcalfe M115**

Table of Parochial Fees From 1 January 2005

SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS	£
Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837	
(for up to one hour)	18.00
(for each subsequent hour or part of an hour)	15.00
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Only one chance to take part in this event which promises to bring together a Clan Muster of a size not seen for centuries.

Can you afford not to be part of this gathering?

Don't delay book now!!

YORK FAIR – Saturday 24th June 2005

This was again an enjoyable day with the Society being represented by David Metcalfe, Nina Benson, Jose Hopper and Margaret Hodgson.

Three new members were recruited.

The stand was visited by a number of current members, some of whom were able to usefully further their own research through the access to the Society's database.

Visiting members were Rosemary Netzel, Joan Grundy, Gary Smith, Tony Hayden, Mrs Jayne Bennett M1489 and Mrs Denise Wilks M1418.

However sales were lower than last year, perhaps reflecting the increasingly high profile of commercial firms selling products for the genealogist.

Margaret Hodgson M515

Your Letters and e-mails

Below is an extract of an e-mail I received from my cousin, Bob Metcalfe. You never know, some members may be looking for these people!

Best wishes **Pam Jarman M123**

On a recent holiday to Tasmania I chanced upon a computer at Port Arthur that gives a history of inmates from the 1800's. To my complete amazement I came across 3 Metcalfe's and thought these details could be of interest to you.

Port Arthur was a secondary punishment. i.e. these persons were convicted in the UK and sent to Australia to work on farms etc. If they offended again in Australia they were sent to places like Port Arthur for further punishment. Not all details were kept, mainly their arrival as most died in Port Arthur of scurvy or dysentery and were buried on the island of the dead, which has to be seen to be believed.

10th August 1828

James Metcalfe

Police number 764

Ship: Bengal Merchant

He was released and returned for further imprisonment.

18th January 1830 Ship: Bussorah Merchant.

24th August 1844

Edward Metcalfe

Police number 13732

Ship: Cadet (1)

Convicted in Dublin

Sentence 7 years for Felony.

28th May 1851

George Metcalfe

Police number 24198

Ship Lady Kennaway (2)

Some of your readers could be interested in the recent availability of the 1871 Scottish Census at www.scotlandspeople.org.uk

Arnold Metcalf M891

An update to the article The Metcalfes of Fordham - Mecca News No 75 April 2005 page 14.

You will recall that I passed some Metcalfe information to you that lead from Charles of India to Fordham Abbey in Cambridgeshire when Charles returned with his youngest son William after his oldest son died at Fort St George.

Just after Christmas I was photographing Fordham Abbey from the driveway of the road when the owner came across me and I was invited to take a closer photograph as well as photograph in the house old oil paintings of the original Abbey that may have been knocked down by William Metcalfe to build the present house. I sent them what I knew of the

Metcalfe occupancy as they had been so friendly and helpful and they have now come back to me to point out that when William Metcalfe married Catherine Afflick he was said to be a gent of Lidgate. He was not from Dalton Hall (as our data shows) but of Dalham Hall in Cambridgeshire which abuts Lidgate. They have also pointed out to me that a pub in Lidgate is called the 'Afflick Arms'. Yet another pub in Suffolk with 'connections'.

William Metcalfe & Catherine Afflick's first child was Catherine who married William Symons at Fordham on 18 December 1776. It was her and her brother James Metcalfe (who married Susanna Banyard) who are mentioned along with their father William in the article in the December Mecca News from Julian Metcalfe. Regards. **Edwin Metcalf M980**

Dear Editor re British Empire Union medal 1929 (*Mecca News April 2005*)

A similar medal was produced in 1928. The bust is that of the Prince of Wales with "For God King and Country" in the exergue. The reverse had the female figure of the Mother Country seated holding caduceus and laurel Empire Day May 24th. by P. Metcalfe /T.H.Paget

In 1929 the Union requested the Mint, who had struck the medal in 1928 to provide a new reverse which would appeal more to children and perhaps "fire them with enthusiasm to emulate the deeds of their forefathers"

So Female figure of Mother Country seated encourages 2 children by her side to go forth and perform great deeds.

Percy Metcalf CVO, RDI (1895 to 1970)

Percy designed some Olympic Stamps. He also designed Coins, Medals and Seals. The George Cross was designed by Percy he was also responsible for the crowned head of George VI used on the George Medal and the 1939 to 1945 War Medal. He is associated with the Great Seal of England. I haven't as yet located his birthplace but I am surprised that Spinks did not offer any help as they portray some of his earlier medals in their book by Brown, originally published by Seaby but now taken over by Spink. The above reference was from British Commemorative Medals and their Values by Christopher Eimer Nos. 2010 and 2016.

I hope this helps Mr Leon Metcalfe in some small way.

Irene Hailstone M1476

The following website www.1837online.com may be useful to members who have access to a computer. It lists all registered births, marriages, deaths, adoptions etc from 1837 to 1983 within the limits stated. There is a need to register and it is not free, but the costs are not too onerous.

Regards **Doug Cutting M855**

Is there Anybody out There?

Over forty years ago I first made a visit to the Dales and felt at home. I had always understood the family was of Northumbrian stock and had no links to the south. It wasn't until some 15 years later when I became interested in family history that I discovered I had stayed only a few miles from where some of my antecedents lived and may well have trod in their footsteps.

Others have descibed even closer coincidences - staying in buildings where they later discovered their forebears had lived or worked or suddenly finding graves or information after years of fruitless endeavour and seemingly being led to the source.

In a recent received family history magazine one of the subscribers asked "Why don't family historians use mediums?". Just think - those vexing questions could be resolved in seconds and you could keep going back through the generations. No more need for paper records, those tedious trips to record offices or the hassle of DNA testing. Who knows how far you could go back?

So perhaps there is encouragement from the past, we just need to tap into it? Has any of the membership experienced similar happenings? Or tried to make contact with the past? Was it successful? Perhaps this is another valid tool for family historians along with DNA testing? What do you think? Comments to the editor.



and finally.....

Everyone can do their bit to support the Muster and win a prize!

Enclosed with this edition you will find an A5 copy of the poster for the 25th Mecca Muster. No matter where you are in the world, could every one do their bit to support the Muster and arrange for this poster to be affixed somewhere locally to promote the event. The ideal locations are your local library, meeting place of the local family history society or family history research facilites eg County Record Office. Please feel free to photocopy it and post it in multiple locations.

To make it a little more fun, here's a challenge.

Send a photograph and/or a description of where the poster is affixed to Diane Howarth and the best three will receive a specially commissioned momento of the 25th Mecca Muster.

The society is making available a variety of merchandise for this special occasion, so even if you cannot attend, you could have a momento

In the expectation that you will rise to the occasion, we will also create a display at the Muster of the input received.

Diane's contact details are on the inside front cover of this journal - send by post and/or ideally viaemail.

Judges decision is final!

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