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It was a success!

After all the preparation, work and angst the 25th Anniversary Muster in Wensleydale achieved what it set out to do.

Yes I know I would say that - but it did.

A number of our membership have written in agreeing (see later) and many others filling in the satisfaction sheets expressed their enjoyment of the weekend's events.

The two days flew by with hardly a moment for your Committee to draw breath as one event followed another with a rapidity only associated with that cartoon character - the road runner. One or two committee members (no names to protect the guilty) were seen emulating the character whilst driving between Hawes and West Burton to ensure adequate coverage was available at both locations!

Firstly on the Saturday it was the official opening at the Hawes Countryside Museum attended by upwards of one hundred people followed by the AGM at West Burton, the dinner at Bainbridge and a musical interlude (not forgetting two classic bus trips during the day) before the day came to a close.

Early risers were up and out to Nappa Hall before Sunday's piece de resistance - the Clan photograph. How over 150 people were processed, lined up and photographed in time for the big picture shoot was a success all of its own.

There were also speakers, research facilities, the cake cuttings (yes there were two cakes!), refreshments, lunches and stalls from other organisations (as well as our own) amongst other activities which should give you an idea of the pace of the Muster. No wonder the wash up session at West Burton at almost 7 o'clock on the Sunday evening was attended by a somewhat tired but thoroughly pleased committee!

The excitement was to continue on the Monday when it was discovered that two local papers were displaying the Clan picture (and carrying somewhat less than accurate information about the Society!) together with further updates that indicated some twelve new members had enrolled over the weekend - it was indeed a success!

Another surprise was at the end of September receiving a commendation from The Elizabeth Simpson Award Committee who look at the content and presentation of family history journals. I am not particularly in favour of these awards preferring to be judged by you on the magazine's suitability. Nonetheless it was decided to put in Issue No73 (April 2004) for consideration and Lo! and behold it came up with an award. I am surprised but none the less pleased!

This edition looks to give you a flavour of the anniversary and as a special we are producing it in an A4 size format to include a wide range of photographs so you can keep it as a memento of your Society's 25th Anniversary Muster. As this year comes to a close may I wish you and yours the

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON!



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!

TEST YOUR METCALFE DNA

Ever wondered whether we are truly part of one big family or just a loosely based group of families, like a Scottish clan? Or have you been struggling to link your family branch to another but the information is ambiguous or incomplete? Have you come to a dead end with researching your own tree and are looking for another tree to research that might connect to yours?

I was prompted at the Muster 2 years ago to think about the use of genetic testing for my family research after getting stuck at my g. g. grandfather. There were tentative links but the dates didn't quite match and I thought that if there was a current descendant of this potential link, then we could both test to see if we are related. After seeing the report from last year's event I decided not to wait any longer but to dive in myself. A year on, and following this year's Muster where I discussed my experiences with the members present, I have now volunteered (whether wisely, I'm not sure...) to organise a Metcalfe surname project through Family Tree DNA.

How does it work

For a single surname society like ours, what we are interested in is the male, or Y chromosome. As it suggests, this is only carried by males and is passed from father to son, through the generations. Because of this, only males carrying the Metcalfe name, or otherwise known to have descended from a Metcalfe through the male line, will be able to test for the project. A brother, uncle or cousin will generally carry similar enough DNA to show no differences, so only one person in a family generally needs to test.

Through each generation, there are occasional harmless mutations. It is these which are used to identify differences between individuals, the number of different mutations giving an indication of the degree of genetic difference and providing an estimate of the Most Recent Common Ancestor in terms of the number of generations. Thus, two people testing the same for all 37 markers tested have a 50% chance that they share a common ancestor 5 or less generations back - and 95% that the common ancestor is less than 20 generations. That is still quite a lot (equivalent to about 500 years) but some markers may mutate more rapidly and thus provide more detail.

Combined with family tree information gained from conventional research, the information from DNA testing can be much more powerful. It can disprove genetic links in families, whether that false link is due to faulty research, incorrect original records, adoption or ...a cuckoo in the nest! All these possibilities need to be considered. It may give strong indications of links where none were suspected. By comparing

different branches with similar DNA, it may be possible to work out how they are related, even if we can no longer identify the actual common ancestors who may be lost in time.

Why not test?

To gain the maximum benefit for our knowledge of the origins of the Metcalfe family, a broad spread of males from all the different branches we have on record should test. As mentioned earlier, only one (or two for added certainty) from each broad family (cousins, second cousins) need test - although for a large family tree with many generations more would be necessary to cover the wider genetic spread. So if you are interested, decide who is going to test in your family and visit the FT DNA web site (see below) to order a test and sign onto the project or contact me for more information. You can join the project anytime, but the more people that join in now, the sooner we will get some useful results back.

Why use

Family Tree DNA?

After carrying out some research on the web, I quickly discovered that Family Tree DNA are the leading commercial providers of DNA testing for genealogical research. Therein lies the downside - it's not free! I believe there were other efforts to get a University interested, but there are so many people interested in this field that there is now a thriving market. There are other companies setting up but FT DNA appears way out in front at present and the only one I know offering a 37 marker test, the minimum number I believe to be really useful - more would be better.

By setting up a project with FT DNA there are several advantages: a discount on the usual testing cost, they will provide copies of all the test results to the group administrator (ie me) to analyse, to maintain a database and be the link to other project members.

How much does it cost?

Be sure you order the right test. I strongly recommend the Y-DNA 37 test to get the most useful results, which with project discount costs \$223 including shipping (around £135). If you are interested also in knowing more about your maternal ancestral origin you can at the same time have a mitochondrial DNA test carried out - everyone carries mtDNA inherited from their mothers. Because mtDNA mutates more slowly, it is not as useful in family research but you may still find it interesting. A combined 'DNAplus' test costs \$363 with discount (about £220) and covers both tests.

What do I have to do?

After ordering online, in a few weeks time you receive a testing kit, which requires you only to brush the inside of your cheek with a small scraper and shake this in a tiny plastic bottle of liquid, repeat with a second sample and then return in the envelope provided. You are kept updated on the stage of testing and after a few weeks the full results are available.

The results given provide the actual variations for each marker which you can compare directly with anyone else who has been tested. The web site provides direct comparison with others who have tested with them (and agreed to release the data) and highlights all the close matches. It also provides a link to a public site where you can post your results for comparison with people who may have used another service. If you have subscribed to the Metcalfe Project, I will have access as Administrator to compare and feed back on all the test results.

Projects

At the time of writing, there is already a Midkiff project for Americans of that name and related names, including Metcalfe. Midkiff is thought to be an American variation. There has also been a Metcalfe Project set up recently for the descendants of Metcalfes who emigrated to America before the revolution. A second Metcalfe project has been set up to link with the Society's broader interest in all Metcalfes and closely related names.

What to do next...

Go to the main ftdna website at www.ftdna.com, or visit the project direct at www.familytreedna.com/public/Metcalfe/. You can browse it for more information, request to join the Project or contact me direct. **I can order tests for you and arrange for the kits to be sent to you with the invoice.** If the Project is not listed in the alphabetical list, enter 'Metcalfe' in the search box - this will pull up closely related projects as well, so make sure you access the right one.

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MECCA SIGHTINGS (and Soundings)

In the money - **Thomas Metcalfe** and his wife received money and ten quarters of Barley under the terms of the will of Stephen Smailes of Beverley, East Yorkshire made in 1584. **The Banyan Tree** page 34, October 2005.

Chemistry. **Ellie Metcalfe** set out to find her father and ended up marrying him. She thought **Tony Metcalfe** of Northampton was her long lost father but it turned out after DNA testing she was not a relative after all. She was so taken with him that she ended as his wife. **The Sun** page 30, 13 October 2005.

A rose by any other name. From the Adelaide Observer 3 September 1904. The Reverend **A Metcalfe**, rector of St. Peter's Dorchester married Charles Rose to a Rose Charles. **Family Tree Magazine**, page 18, October 2005.

To the rescue. Lt **Wills Metcalfe** Defence Attache at the British Embassy Moscow was the official UK spokesman commenting about the rescue of the Russian sub-mariners by the Royal Navy. **Radio 4 News** 17.00hrs 7 August 2005.

Victim. **Samuel James Metcalfe Hocking** of Devonport drowned when the Titanic sank in 1912.

News from The Family Records Centre

Family History Surgeries

Tuesday morning surgeries are now available for booking up to and including 2 May 2006. If you've come up against a brick wall in your research, our expert staff are on hand to help you work your way through the problem. The surgeries are free and are held every Tuesday morning (with the exception of Tuesday 27 December when the FRC is closed). Each surgery lasts for half an hour with sessions starting at 10:30, 11:00, 12:00 and 12:30.

Basic Computer Skills for Family Historians

Following a successful trial in the summer, we are now offering basic computer skills tutorials as part of the FRC's regular service. The half-hour one-to-one sessions will take place every Thursday at 11.00, 11.30, 14.00 and 14.30.

If you would like to book a family history surgery or a basic computer skills tutorial, please phone us on 0208392 5300 or email us at: frc@nationalarchives.gov.uk.

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Dales Countryside Museum Display

At the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes there were a number of displays provided by members and there was a permanent display by the Museum which also had Metcalfe overtones. The article accompanying the dress in the display was reported in the Yorkshire Post 7 September 1999 edition as being "....worn by the members of a once great Yorkshire family but appear to have been hidden away for about 150 years." The article goes on to say that the dresses dating back to the 17th century had been rediscovered in Sussex and were to be auctioned. Attached labels dated 1866 mentioned that they had been worked on by an Agnes, Lucy and Bessie Metcalfe and had been handed down to a Mary Metcalfe in 1858 by her great-grand mother Powell. They were sent by members of the Sussex branch of the Clan who had inherited them from a sister. The paper claimed that certain of the clothing could have belonged to the Nappa Hall Metcalfes. All very interesting but as our President commented a number of years ago that the three sisters were born in Canterbury and there were no Nappa descendants! It would be nice to think they were directly related to Nappa Hall but it may just be wishful thinking.

One of the display panels at Hawes which wasn't contentious showed a copy of "The Pedigree of Metcalfe of Nappa, Seare Park, North Allerton etc copied by Sir Thomas Ingilby, Ripley Castle 17th June 1997". **Member 1481 Paul Johnson** was very interested and attached the following note seeking information "I am very interested in this Metcalfe tree. My great grandfather is listed at the bottom - Hope Cranston Metcalfe. Could you tell me where you got this copy and if I can order one?" Paul Johnson - 07996092873 email: www.shaw-hardwick.co.uk Can you help?



Paul by the large family tree

By a strange coincidence the following e-mail was put on the Society's website by a non-member at the end of August.

Your one-name society was mentioned on the Lancs gen list. One of my late husband's ancestors was HENRY CRANSTOUN METCALFE born 1812/11 in London [area NK in 1861 Census]. He was the son of THOMAS METCALFE [details of birth not known] and CHRISTIANA BRISBANE CRANSTOUN [her lineage is extensive]. I wonder whether you have these Metcalfes on your database. Best wishes Patricia Oliver Patol70@aol.com NB I have family for HCM Perhaps there is a connection?



DRESSED IN STYLE

Not all of the visitors to the Muster used conventional transport and came dressed in modern day clothes.

In the week leading up to the Muster there was a great deal of interest from the Bradford area with some seventy three phone calls made to our Muster Secretary due to an article appearing in the Bradford Telegraph & Argus in the weekend before the event. Some of those non-members who rang up came to see what the fuss was all about and most came by conventional means. However there was one couple in particular who came dressed in the style of the 1930's with the car to match.

Roger Metcalfe and Maureen Colbeck from Shipley arrived in an 1930 Austin 7 soft top tourer. They had a perfect day for the trip which they managed at a leisurely 25mph!

What you thought of this year's Muster.

Thank you to the many people who let us know what they thought of the Mecca Muster 2005, either through the official feedback forms that we asked all visitors to complete and also to those who sent many letters of thanks.

The main theme throughout all the feedback forms were that of thanks to the organisers for all the hard work in delivering so many activities for this special occasion. It appears that those who went on the classic coach tour and the guided walk thoroughly enjoyed themselves. First time visitors to the Dales saw it at its best on the Saturday during the coach tour as the weather was absolutely glorious. The Dalesfolk got toes a-tapping on the Saturday evening as they entertained 76 people to a varied selection of local folk songs. The traditional horn blowing ceremony at 9pm by Alistair Metcalfe was indeed a highlight.

The committee agrees with many delegates who commented on the sometimes disappointing lunches, eg insufficient quantity on Sunday at West Burton. Many people had booked lunch on Saturday at West Burton where the local WI had provided a sit down two course meal. However, quite a number chose to eat the sandwich lunch at Hawes as they were already there having attended the launch, and so missed out on the excellent lunch at West Burton a lesson in communication learned by your committee.

Only a few commented negatively about having to visit two locations but as the committee an-

Subscriptions are now due

Included with this journal is the subscription renewal form. On the reverse of the form you can check if you have paid your subscription in advance.

If your membership number is listed, then you need do nothing as you have already paid in advance for at least 2006. If not, please complete the subscription form and send it along with your payment to arrive with the society before 31 January 2006. Alternatively, you can pay online using your credit card at www.metcalfe.org.uk.

Subscriptions are not being increased this year but you never know for future years. So why not pay for a few years in advance and then you won't be affected by any future increases.

Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, why not complete the Gift Aid form on the subscription form. This allows the society to claim back a small sum from the taxman at no cost to you whatsoever.

nounced last year - if there was one large location in the Dales to accommodate the expected large numbers, we certainly would have used it. There are always small improvements to be made and the committee thank all our members and visitors for providing the constructive feedback - it is all very much appreciated.

....and what about next year's Mecca Muster?

Feedback from this year's special weekend Mecca Muster has overwhelmingly requested that the society holds our annual gathering in the Yorkshire Dales at our family roots.

Therefore we are delighted to announce that the event will be held on

Saturday 9 September 2006

at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. This is one of the locations that we used this year and received excellent service and support from the museum. Next year we will be reverting back to our one day event. But it certainly should not stop you from booking an early autumn weekend break in the Dales for the Muster.

Do book early as September is very much high season in the Yorkshire Dales, especially after the children have returned to school. Full details will be announced in next year's April Mecca News.

New archivist co-ordinator & committee member

At the Mecca Muster, the plea for volunteers by the chairman did not totally fall on deaf ears. We are absolutely delighted to welcome one of our newest members to the society

J. Brian Metcalfe (M1554)

who has joined the committee and also become our new archivist coordinator.

Brian has already taken over and been briefed by our retiring archivist coordinator Maureen Thwaite. As our chairman announced at the AGM, we are very thankful to Maureen for doing such a super job in being our first archivist coordinator and organising the workload to our all important research team.

Brian's contact details are on the inside front cover of this journal.

Sunday Morning Photograph Registration

To help identify the some one hundred and sixty people appearing on the Clan picture each person who wanted to be on the photograph was allocated a number, had their individual picture taken and then jostled for position with the mighty throng. This led to some interesting interchanges with various individuals. Here are some of them.



The Cardboard replica

- Number by your left hand cheek. No - left - that's the right.
- Up. No not over your face!
- No, not like a prison number. You did it that way the last time you had your photo taken!
- You can smile. No, its not a passport picture.
- We might not be able to recognise you on the photograph - unless you look like that when the picture is taken.
- Can you hold the cardboard replica up higher? Oh, it's only five foot high.
- Yes you need a number to go with your picture otherwise we wont be able to tell its you. You know who you are!
- That's a lovely smile - remember it for the photograph.

Gayle Mill Update

The Friends of Gayle Mill attended the Muster at Hawes and brought along and displayed on their stall a number of products and information relating to the Mill. They now have some 300 Friends of the Mill.

After the highly Successful appearance on the BBC TV series - Restoration, the Mill has received significant funding which should allow the North of England Civic Trust to complete its activities and have the Mill running by the end of 2005. A meeting to outline progress was being held the weekend after the Muster.

It was expected that the Gayle Mill Trust will take over the running of the Mill during 2006 with the public being allowed access after the transfer is effected.

Singles Only!

From 5 December 2005 the terms batchelor and spinster will be banned from civil marriage registers.

So no longer will "spinster / batchelor of this parish" appear on marriage registers but only the more mundane "single".

The Church of England is not currently covered by the change issued by the Registrar Generals office.

From a grave in Henley on Thames.

The inscription reads
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF WALTER
 LECKENBY METCALFE BORN NOV 19
 1884 DIED JAN 27 1885
 SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME
 UNTO ME AND FORBID THEM NOT.

Maureen Thwaite M897



Having only joined the Society very recently, I have been reading the back issues of Mecca News which I received. Imagine my surprise, when on page 31 of the December 2004 issue, I saw the name of my youngest brother Jack Metcalfe. It had been spotted by a visitor to Harewood House near Leeds.

Jack is co-author of "The Marquetry Course", a beautifully illustrated book for anyone who is interested in the subject. A number of projects were undertaken when the book was being prepared. One of them was to make a copy of a pier table by Thomas Chippendale which is on display in Harewood House. When it was finished, Harewood House asked if they could have it on loan to show alongside the original.

A video of the table being made can also be viewed there. Jack has also made copies of some panels in another of Chippendale's masterpieces, in order to illustrate the glorious colours which have faded over the years. These panels can be seen alongside the original in Temple Newsam House in Leeds.

Any members who are interested in marquetry might like to view the website: www.the-marquetry-course.net where they will find details of the book etc.

Brian Metcalfe (M1554)

Further to my e-mail re brother Jack: He tells me that when on holiday in Canada he came across a small village called "Metcalfe" and when in Montreal stayed in a hotel on "Metcalfe Street".

My husband found the following info when reading: The Marine from Manadaly by James Leasor, printed 1988. p 56.

The **Rev Neveille METCALFE**, chaplain to the 7th Hussars was in Rangoon, Burma in 1942 - at the fall of the city. Rangoon Zoo was in disarray because the keepers absconded so the senior staff set the animals free because they could not feed them.

The Rev Neveille Metcalfe was about to sit down on the trunk of a fallen tree when he saw that the trunk had eyes and teeth.....he had nearly sat on the snout of an escaped alligator!

This may be of interest to someone.

Best wishes, **Joan Hamilton**...former member.

Mecca Muster

Hi Lesley

Sam and I had a great weekend in Wensleydale and I know he became a member. This is also my intention in the near future. The weekend was well organised and an enormous amount of effort had obviously gone into the preparations.

I'm starting to get into trying to trace the family back to Ireland through internet sources and it's quite exciting. The only thing is that one has to stop and go to bed in the evening.

Best regards, **Libby GRENET**

Your Letters and e-mails

I just had to say thank you for all the information just received. I'm amazed at all the work and organisation that has gone into this weekend and so many details to ensure that no one is not sure of what is going on and where to be at the right time and place for all events. Thank you so much for all your hard work and that of the Committee on our behalf. I'm really looking forward to my weekend in Wensleydale, and in fact we've decided to stay in the area for the whole week and are renting a cottage.

Pam Jarmain (Mrs.) M123

We have just returned from our week in the Yorkshire Dales, but I felt I must write to say how much we enjoyed "The Muster". It was a fantastic success and we enjoyed everything about the weekend. Particularly though the walk to Nappa Hall, the dinner at "The Rose and Crown" and the entertainment that evening. However, everything was so well organised that I cannot find fault with a single event. The 24th September was actually my birthday, and it certainly was one of the most enjoyable and memorable birthdays I've had.

My sincere thanks to you and all the Committee for all the hard work and effort put into making such a memorable celebration of the 25th anniversary of The Metcalfe Society.

Best wishes **Pam Jarmain (Mrs.) M123**

On page 149 of "Metcalf - History of the Clan" there is some information about my 7 x great grandfather – Anthony Metcalfe (c1699 – 1775). Added to other information from letters and writings that John had collected, largely from other members, a picture was given of Anthony being something of a landowner. There were, however, no specific details of his interests in land that I could see. The story goes on to suggest that his son Anthony squandered his inheritance.

During the early summer I had an enforced day off work and spent part of it putting family names into Google to see what appeared. As a result I have ended up owning 3 indentures – 2 entered into by Anthony and 1 by his son Anthony. I have also obtained a copy of a 3rd document transacted by the elder Anthony.

A seller on Ebay had come into possession of a box of legal documents that had been the property of a solicitor/lawyer either in West Burton or Hawes and had been in an attic ever since. They all relate to Wensleydale – mostly Upper Wensleydale. I am sure that many of these items from the 17th and 18th and early 19th centuries would have been of interest to members.

The documents are as follows

- 1) 12/08/1751 – Samuel Swire, John Yarker and Morris Robinson, the executors of Samuel Buckle sell to Anthony Metcalfe, Yeoman of Gayle and James Jackson, Taylor of Gayle, Redshaw Farm, Widdale for

800 years from 02/02/1730 for £300. That document bears the seals and signatures of the executors.

- 2) 15/04/1760 – Jackson and Metcalfe had, by indenture dated 28/10/1754, split their joint interests in the farm to take a full interest in stipulated parts. At this time Anthony pays £203 to buy Jackson out and take the whole farm. This conveyance document bears the seal and signature of Jackson and the seal and mark of Anthony.
- 3) 18/11/1760 - a release and assignment linked to the above.
- 4) 13/05/1805 - Anthony Metcalfe Jnr, Yeoman sells to Christopher Whaley, Hosier, both of Gayle, for £100 "all that messuage, tenement or dwelling house now inhabited by the said Anthony Metcalfe, Thomas Iveson and Jeffrey Spicer" in Gayle. The document bears the seal and signature of Anthony Jnr.

I am quite happy to let any interested member have a copy or transcript of any or all of the above. Please email me or write my details were in the April 2005 Mecca News.

Marsden P Holden

M1513

From **Gary Smith, M581**:

I was just reading through this week's free York Star newspaper, and there's an article on the closure of the Terry's factory which caught my eye - they had photos on the walls of employees who had completed 50 years' service there, and one of them is a Francis Metcalfe (1906-1956 - presumably the years he worked there, not his birth/death years!). There's even a little picture of him in the Star.

If anyone is a living relative and wants the photograph, they should get in touch with Terry's in writing as soon as possible before they throw them away.

Contact details are : HR Dept., Kraft Foods, Bishopthorpe Road, York. YO23 1YE. (stating in block capitals that you are interested in the Francis Metcalfe 1906-1956 photograph and giving your name, address, postcode, telephone number and relationship to him).

A useful website that members may wish to investigate is :

www.earth.google.com

which gives interesting birds eye views of anywhere in the world. Broadband needed.

John H Metcalfe M567 writes:

Before Clare and I left West Burton on the Monday morning I bought a Northern Echo. When I arrived home and read it I was pleasantly surprised to find a photograph on page 11.

I must say Clare and I smiled at what was supposed to have happened at Nappa Hall.

We thought the weekend was excellent and the atmosphere, food and entertainment was well above expectations.
Well worth the effort.

I was perusing eBay and thought it would be worthwhile to mention in the magazine that if anyone with internet types in "metcalfe" and "all categories" on ebay they will find a variety of books written by / goods manufactured by a Metcalfe. **Lesley Longworth M68**

WHO IS THE RELATIVE?



The ring was found in amongst the possessions of the sister-in-law of **John Metcalfe M567** but it does not relate to his family line and John would like to know where it comes from.

The ring is described as:

an 18ct, Gold Ring, old cut & rose cut diamond set in gold. The ring face is an eight pointed star surrounded with black enamel (showing signs of wear). One rose cut diamond is missing. Either side on the shoulders of the ring are four wavy lines in black.

Inside the ring is the following engraving **Oct 25th June 1865 Oct 80 C.M. Metcalf.**
Have you any information to help clear up the mystery? If so contact John direct or via the Editor.

At the end of July 2005 Carol Arkwright our New Members Secretary received the following from Mr Ernest Hay in Bromley Kent.

**Austin E B Metcalfe
of Sunderland**

I am writing in the hopes you might be able to help me trace a Mr Austin E B Metcalfe who was some time living in the Sunderland Area.

I am now 80 years of age and back in 1944 I served with the RAF at Spilsby in Lincolnshire with 207 Squadron Bomber Command and Austin together with five other lads and myself were all part of one crew.



Ernest Hay is on the extreme left with Austin Metcalfe on the extreme right.

On the night of 7/8 July 1944 our aircraft was shot down over France while returning from a bombing raid. I have since found out that we all survived, two members of the crew were taken prisoner and the other five including myself evaded capture and after some time in Occupied France returned to the UK.

I have managed to trace my Pilot Navigator and Wireless Operator and am in regular contact with them and I know that another member of the crew - the Bomb Aimer has since passed away.

Recently I found amongst old papers a photograph of Austin together with three crew members and the back of the photograph was signed by Austin and he had added Sunderland to the signature so I thought I would try to contact him. Austin would be about my age and I am writing in the hopes that you may have the name in your records.

In early September **Nina Benson M28** sent the following e-mail.

Dear All - no doubt you all remember the original enquiry going to Carol Arkwright about Austin E.B.Metcalfe....being a member of an RAF crew shot down over France during WW2.

I worked out via our database that he was a distant relative of XM508 and current M861 and tried his listed e-mail to no effect so I then managed via BT Internet Web to telephone him (John Metcalfe of Pontypool). After he made enquiries through the family I heard from him this afternoon that Austin went over to the USA after the end of the war and has in fact sadly died over there.

I telephoned Ernest Hay this afternoon and he was out playing bowls! I spoke to his wife [who had nothing but praise for the "kind lady who sent all the info on the Metcalfe Society" ie Carol Arkwright] and have passed on the news to her.

So thanks all round to all who contributed, sad end but we did our best.
Cheers Nina

Waltzing Matilda

A visit to the Muster by a brand new Society Member.

Just over two weeks before the Muster Lesley Longworth our Muster organiser received an e-mail from a Graham Metcalf in Australia. Graham wasn't a member, never been out of Oz but was very enthusiastic about attending our Anniversary Muster. This was part of his e-mail: *Lesley, I live in Perth Western Australia. Heritage researched by a Cousin, Laurie Metcalf (now deceased), traced our Grandfather Frederick Metcalf back to Ebberston North Yorkshire where he was born in 1881/1882.*

I am not a member of the Society, but yesterday evening happened to be given an extract of the September edition of Australian Family Tree Connections, which contained an article promulgating the forthcoming Muster on 24/25 September 2005. I am interested in attending, but it is not without some hesitation. You see, I have never travelled outside Australia and although that is not a major issue for me, the simple fact that I am unfamiliar with the whole environment there, including transportation and accommodation, is rather daunting.

The Metcalfe Muster is manifesting itself as the impetus for me to jump on a plane and experience my first overseas trip, with the 25th Anniversary being so special. I have seen a travel agent and made a tentative flight booking to arrive in London on 16 September, with a return flight booked for departure on 4 October. I have no doubt that I can find my accommodation around places I will plan in my itinerary, but I would really appreciate some direction on accommodation near the Muster location in Wensleydale, not to mention a few tips on transport facilities in and out of there. Can you provide any guidance for me in these and any other respects please?

After telephoning Lesley, Graham felt comfortable with the situation and made his arrangements. A week before the Muster was on his way to the UK!

Speaking with Graham on the morning of the Muster as he was enrolling as Member 1572 he had already had an enjoyable time. He had been in London, seen parts of Scotland, visited the village of Ebberston - home of his Metcalfe ancestors and was off after the Muster weekend to see a painting called "Ruth & Niaomi" in a Liverpool art gallery (which his mother used to paint for him when he was a child) before spending a few days in Ireland! During the weekend he visited both Hawes and West Burton and took part in the main Muster events. Now that's what I call enthusiasm!



New Member Graham Metcalf

BRAVO!

I felt very privileged to be able to attend the 25th anniversary Metcalfe muster held on the 24th and 25th of September this year. To be able to meet so many of the other members, and to meet people who were just names before, and just as importantly to be able to walk in the footsteps of one's ancestors.

Bravo! to the Society for organising such a wonderful event.

Yours very sincerely

David Metcalfe M583 B C , Canada

Board & Residence

*The Times Newspaper
Saturday 1st October 1892.*

Board & Residence Rock Mansion Brighton.
Several vacancies having just occurred in this establishment an eligible opportunity offer for selecting good rooms with private sitting room if required.

Address: Mrs Metcalfe,
7 Lower Rock Gardens, Brighton

From **Mrs Jose L Gay M816**

Chairman's Jottings

It has been an extremely busy three months since the last Mecca News mostly due to our special Silver Jubilee Muster: with its colour co-ordinated bunting, official birthday cake(s), a coat of arms for use by the Society, a special photograph to record our birthday, the special blowing of the Bainbridge Horn in our honour, a new publication (the Metcalfe's in India), some excellent lectures, an impressive array of Metcalfe memorabilia (thanks to generous donors), presentations and many new items to purchase.

My suggestion last year that we embark upon a DNA project, during our 25th anniversary year, was followed up during the AGM. Please read Martin Metcalfe's article explaining how to become involved. I appreciate his enthusiasm as well as his knowledge of the subject and most of all for agreeing to co-ordinate things.

I find it impossible to accept that the Muster took place six weeks ago as I write this and that when you read this it will be no more than a happy memory of three months. I believe I can say "happy memory" since so many of you have kindly written to Lesley and others to say how much you enjoyed our two day extravaganza in Wensleydale. We promised it would be different and an experience. I like to think that thanks to several individuals it really did turn out well. Indeed I shudder to think what could have gone wrong. Some things did of course but we seemed to overcome them.

The unavoidable absence of Lord Bolton did not auger well but we were well served by Glenys Marriott. She has, thanks to Jose Hopper, found a Metcalfe ancestor and intends to join the Society so she can attend next year in her own right as a member rather than guest.

I really cannot name everyone who helped over the weekend as it turned out to be quite a list. There were truly too many to name now: some helping on the Friday to set up; others helping over the weekend, in many guises from washers up to computer operators; others stayed on after the Muster finished to help the committee to tidy up. All the assistance was very much appreciated.

Diane Howarth and I have written to as many individuals as possible as well as the stall holders at Hawes, including the North Yorkshire Record Office Archivist, the Upper Dales Family History Society, the

Friends of Gayle Mill and of course the Dales Countryside Museum itself. They were all marvellous.

Despite what I say above I must thank certain individuals, namely Diane, Jose and Lesley who masterminded and ran the organising committee for the event. I also want to mention Carol Herbert's help in obtaining the new products displaying the coat of arms we have been allowed by Margaret Condon to use. These items proved to be very popular and were snapped up by eager purchasers. The coat of arms and our new display panels featuring it were greatly admired in both locations. My thanks to Margaret Condon for permitting us to use the arms.

I would like to thank the members at the AGM who re-elected me and the rest of the committee for another year. We still have vacancies on the committee so please think about helping. I am delighted to report that at least one vacant office was filled after the AGM. Brian Metcalfe will take on the archivist co-ordinator role, taking this over from Maureen Thwaite, who, I am delighted to say, will continue this year to process our Gift Aid claim. Many thanks to both of them.

I hope, if you were unable to attend the Muster, you will gain some idea of the event from the pages of this special edition of the Mecca News. For the fortunate ones who attended it will I trust bring back happy memories

The success of the new venue in Hawes has emboldened the committee to book the Main Hall and side room next year for our 26th AGM. This will be a one day event but we might be able to arrange an evening social get-together and possibly an informal visit or outing on the Sunday. Early days yet to announce what we plan: we have only just recovered from the Muster this year!

I end by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

David Lambert M11

News From The National Archives, Kew Seamen's Service Records Online

You can now search and download the service registers of more than 500,000 seamen who joined the Royal Navy between 1853 and 1923. The records, which give details of an individual's service along with their date and place of birth, are available on the DocumentsOnline website at:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline.

You can search the index for free and download digital images of the documents for £3.50 each.



NAPPA HALL AHEAD

Guided walk Sunday 25 September 2005, 9am -11am to Nappa Hall via meadows; Nappa Mill to Nappa Hall and back the short way over the road wall path to Askrigg. Approximately 4 miles. Guide Tony Dyke.

We walked from the car park on the edge of Askrigg, passed the Kings Arms Hotel to St Oswald's Cross and church where James Metcalfe founded his Chantry Chapel dedicated to St Anne in 1467. A number of

the Metcalfe family are buried in the church yard. Across the road is the house used as the vet's in All Creatures Great and Small - a TV success of the 1980's.

We passed down the side of the house along Pudding Lane to the base of the old railway line closed in the early 1960's. Then down towards the River Ure, on towards Askrigg Bottoms - here the quarrymen carried a stone flag apiece to lay along the path on their way home from work. It could be very wet in bad weather and was a right of way for the people to go to church and the village.



The views are lovely along the dale and hills on every side. We reach the river then turned North East towards Nappa Mill where the Metcalfes milled their corn. Climbing up through the Metcalfe fields the old railway embankment on the left hand side we could see Nappa Hall ahead. Many photos taken as we passed by only being able to look through the archway to see part of the east tower and farm buildings.

The three sheepdogs barked their welcome?



Climbing up to the road above Nappa passing the west tower we had a good view of Nappa from the road with the full top of the hall down to the river. More photos! Then the rain came but only for five minutes. As we passed the road on the right going up to Newbiggin one of our party, local to the area, pointed out to me Willie Metcalfe owner of Nappa watching us from his doorway. What was he thinking?

We made our way back to the car park the shortest route by way of a path close to the road because of the time - we had to get back to West Burton in time for the big family picture!



Thank you to all involved especially our guide Tony. A lovely time was had by all.

Joe Metcalfe M24



New Metcalfe Coat of Arms

You will have noticed that for the first time with this issue we are using a new Metcalfe Coat of Arms. This now appears on many of the Society's products.

The original achievement was granted to the Reverend Thomas Metcalfe by the College of Arms in January 1920.

The use of the arms has been allowed by his granddaughter Mrs Margaret Condon.

THE METCALFE SOCIETY Established 1980

The achievement is described as:

Coat of arms of a commoner's family. Reverend Thomas Metcalfe 1856-1937 of Sunnyside, Lancaster, who traced his ancestry back to James Metcalfe, founder of Nappa, through Ottiwell.

Description from Armorial Families: Fox Davies.

- (a) Argent, three calves passant sable, on a chief of the last a rose of the first, barbed and seeded proper. Mantling sable and argent. Crest on a wreath of the colours, a satyr affrontee, holding on the dexter hand a club over the shoulder, on the sinister the stump of a tree all proper.
- (b) Translation Shield. Three black calves on a silver field, above them a silver rose with thorns and seeds on a blackfield. NB The shield is not impaled or quartered because the Rev Thomas has not included his wife (whose family may not have been armigerous).
- Mantling Black and silver. In this case it is in profile with visor closed - sign of a commoner. A satyr front on holding a club in its right hand resting on its shoulder, on its left the stump of a tree in natural colours. Wreath Colours to match the mantle.

The Latin Motto - *Virtutes felices sunt*
freely translates as
"Virtuous people are happy"

Money Mecca

In the last Mecca News (August 2005 Issue 76) we reported the death of **Robert Metcalfe M1220**. We had given a resume of Robert's history and a book he had written about his exploits in an earlier Mecca News. We now find that his legacy is set to continue as he appears as a figure on the Canadian \$10 bill. How he was chosen for this is a mystery even to his family. He was asked to go for a photo shoot and later they were informed that he was shown on the note. Supplied by **CS Metcalfe M305**.



**Robert Metcalfe stands
on the right**

MUSTER MONTAGE



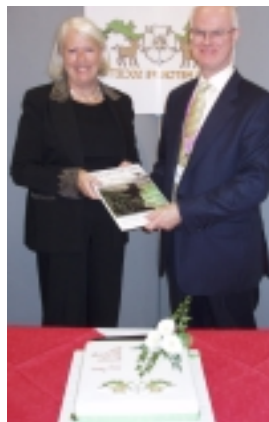
**Classic Coach Trip
around Wensleydale**



**Saturday Night
Dinner Location**



**The twin locations
Hawes Museum & West Burton**

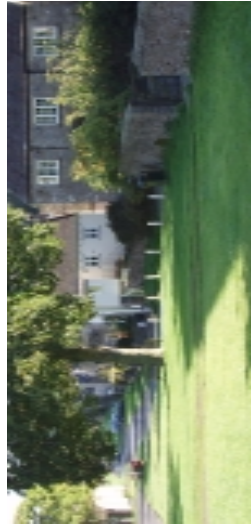


The official opening at Hawes Museum

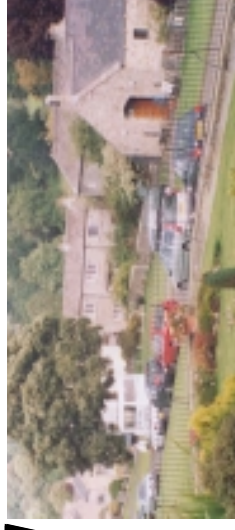


**Saturday Night.
Hornblowing, wining and dining and the Dales Folk**

THE GATHERING OF THE CLAN



Where is the Clan?
The calm before the gathering!



From another angle.
The Gathering location.



Metcalfe's Muster at their Wensleydale Roots
The Metcalfe Society, September 2005



Rounding up sheep is easier
than organising Mecca's
for a photograph!



The opening at West Burton

The Official Photo - Got your copy?

The official photo of the 25th anniversary of the Mecca Muster is of excellent quality and a great memento of this memorable weekend. Have you got your copy of the official photo of the 25th anniversary of the Muster?

Do you want any extra copies?

There are a few spare copies of the photo still available at £1 each.

Remember to add a total of 30p P&P for up to 5 photos. Send your cheque made payable to

The Metcalfe Society to Diane Howarth,

(contact details on the inside cover of this journal).

THE FIRST CLAN MEETING

Dear Member,

Thirteen has always been considered an unlucky number but this was far from the case when thirteen of us met for the first Clan Meeting at Claremont on 4th September. We would like to thank all who attended and brought their researches and family trees for display, and particularly Mrs Helen Offer who brought her four shoe boxes containing the Metcalfe Index. I think I can truthfully say 'a good time was had by all'. This is echoed by Mrs Helen Offer whose full account of the proceedings is included in this issue.(see below)

It has been suggested we hold another Clan Meeting sometime. Has anyone any suggestions as to where such a meeting could be held, as so far we have been unable to find a venue? We welcome any ideas you may have on the subject.

Vera Adams Editor

Mecca News No 8 December, 1982

SATURDAY 4th Sept. What a marvellous day! As I set off the day before on my 300 mile journey, I had wondered whether it was all going to be worth it. It was. Every single mile of the long trek.

Ruth Kay, with whom I stayed for the weekend, and I arrived just before ten at the Yorkshire Archeological Society's Claremont' House, in Leeds, to be met with a very warm welcome from the organising triumvirate, Vera Adams, Nina Benson and Mary Metcalfe, and then to join members already arrived. We put up our Family Trees and then went to talk to other members who had already done the same. Eventually there were six trees displayed and many were the discussions thereon.

The Yorkshire Archeological Society had arranged a screen showing old prints of different rural pursuits and maps showing parishes. These, along with books on Metcalfe history and a file of McLaughlan short treatises, 13 in all, on different aids to genealogy such as Census Returns, Parish Registers, Bastardy Bonds, Apprenticeship Indentures, etc. etc. what information they gave, where to find them and the best way to use them for family research, helped many of those present.

When the 13 members - Marian Collins, Ruth Kay, Margaret Metcalfe, Helen Offer, Pat Russell, David Galloway. David Metcalfe, Joseph Metcalfe, and his son David, a visitor, David Lambert and the triumvirate could be induced to stop chatting, a short informal meeting was held with Mrs Benson in the chair welcoming us to this, the first meeting of the Metcalfe Clan.

Mrs Benson gave a resume of the growth of the Society, which now has 52 members, six of whom are from overseas, and said that the Mormon Microfiches for Yorkshire, Cumbria, Northumberland and Lincolnshire had been acquired, and a very attractive letter

heading had been designed by Mrs Mary Metcalfe, our resident artist, who had also designed the headings for the successive 'Mecca News.' Mrs Mary Metcalfe, as Treasurer, reported that the expense of acquiring the microfiches, which she was sure would prove a great asset, had been considerable and that, with increased postal and printing charges would necessitate the subscription being increased to £2.00. Mrs Helen Offer gave a very brief description of the Metcalfe Index and how it worked and finally there was a general discussion, principally about the need for the articles for the Newsletter and for more members. It was hoped that there would be four issues of the 'News' a year, to keep members informed.

Then we adjourned for lunch and not the anticipated cup of coffee and a few sandwiches, but a sit-down super spread, all home cooked by the gallant triumvirate, consisting of quiches, sausage rolls, vol-au-vents, sandwiches of great variety and salads of several kinds, helped down with apple or orange juice. A second course of flans or gateaux had us all surfeited. We finished with coffee to take us up again.

After this gargantuan meal we wandered round the Search Rooms of the Archeolgoical Society and many of us were able to do some research, Mrs Marian Collins being overjoyed at finding a wanted marriage. Others consulted the Microfiches or the Metcalfe or Spouse Indexes. and the meeting room sometimes took on an air of an examination room, so many members were writing diligently.

Another welcome break for more talk, tea and cakes at 3.30 and then at 4 o'clock we had, most regretfully, to take down our pedigrees, pack up our books, jottings and all we had brought, say our farewells and drive away.

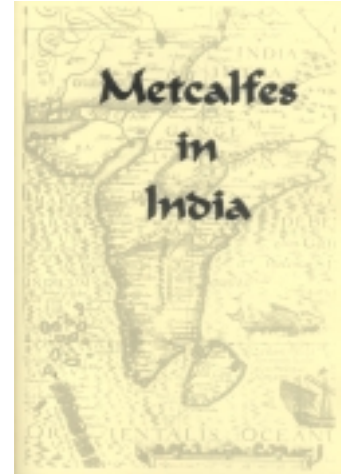
A wonderfully successful meeting and our most heartfelt thanks must go to Vera Adams, Nina Benson and Mary Metcalfe for their great organising ability and for all the trouble they took to make sure we all enjoyed the day.

📖 Books 📖

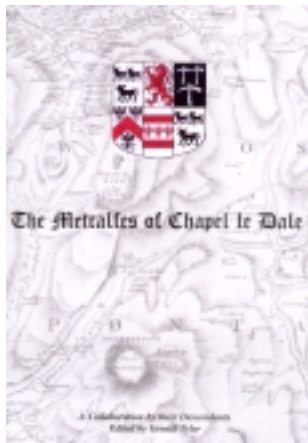
At this year's mecca Muster we had two new books appearing for sale. The first produced by those involved with Metcalfe - History of the Clan, namely Warwick Metcalfe, George Buxton and Charles Metcalfe. The book in gestation for a number of years is based upon the extensive research carried out by George, the writing talents of Warwick and the drive and determination of Charles to get it into print. This is the first volume of what is hoped to be a series of books relating to the arrival in and involvement with the Indian sub-continent from the early years of exploitation by British traders to Indian independence in 1947.

This volume gives background to early European trading contact before English merchants appear in the early 1600's - which was as you would expect is when the Metcalfe's also made an appearance!

An easy to read production this volume covers the main Metcalfe entrepreneurs who were involved in the trade up to 1700. Even if you don't have Metcalfes who made it to India this book gives a fascinating insight into some of the conditions facing those that did and at £5 well worth purchasing. A5 - 56 pages.



The second book was edited by Gerald Tyler and is an account of the Metcalfe families who lived in Chapel le Dale near Ingleton, North Yorkshire in the 18th and 19th centuries.



The book is a collaborative account by some of the Dale's Metcalfe descendants to record the lives of the various branches of Metcalfes who made their home in the Dale. The book gives a useful background on the local history of the area before concentrating on the family branches starting with William Metcalfe of Pryhouse, Wensleydale who purchased farm holdings in the Dale in the 1720's. As with the Indian book even if you don't have any direct connections this publication adds to the store of Metcalfe knowledge and is worth a read.

Consisting of 80 A4 pages of text, over 50 photographs and 7 pages of appendices the book costs £10 plus p&p from Gerald Tyler, Shepherd's Cottage, Winshaw, Chapel le Dale, Ingleton via Carnforth LA6 3AT.

Have you seen the society's new merchandise?

If you attended this year's Mecca Muster you will have seen and probably bought some of the new merchandise the society has to offer - all of which have the new society coat of arms.

The china mug was so well liked they all sold by the Saturday lunchtime!

But more are now available along with the new society keyring and coasterson which to put your new society mug of course!

So don't delay order now!

The new society coat of arms is also available as a colour photo that you can mount in a standard 7"x5" frame.

Along with the new merchandise, you can now order the new society publication

'Metcalfes in India'

(see above) and don't forget Metcalfe - History of the Clan which is still available and the only definitive history of the Metcalfe family.

All of these items can be found on the revised society sales order form, which now includes pictures of each of the items, a copy of which is enclosed with this edition of the Mecca News.

If you want to pay by credit card, you can do so by ordering online at www.metcalfe.org.uk.

MUSTER FACTS & FIGURES

Saturday 24 September

- At least two hundred people attend the official opening at Hawes by Glenys Marriott or visit the displays and facilities
- Nearly 800 visit Hawes Museum - staff report a doubling of visitor numbers with much of the increase attributed to the Mecca Muster
- Metcalfes from Australia, America, Canada and France as well from across the UK and Ireland attend
 - Nearly fifty people travel around Wensleydale by Classic Coach
- Significant numbers of Metcalfes from the Bradford and surrounding area visiting Hawes and West Burton due to an article appearing in the local paper a week before the Muster.
- In excess of fifty people attend the AGM with over 100 attending West Burton throughout the day
 - Around forty listen to the Metcalfes of Patley Bridge talk
- Some eighty members and guests enjoy not one, not two but three blowings of the Wensleydale Horn by Alistair Metcalf, a sumptuous dinner and music by the local folk group The Dales Folk at the Rose and Crown at Bainbridge.



Sunday 25 September

- Nappa Hall visited by some twenty Mecca walkers who avoid most of the morning showers
- Some 200 people descend on West Burton for the picture session with around 160 appearing on the Clan photograph
 - At least sixty listen to the local dialect presentation at the two locations
 - Over one hundred visit Hawes during the day
 - Two large birthday cakes demolished.



Over the two days

- Hundreds of cups of tea, coffee, soft drinks and glasses of celebratory wine provided and consumed
 - Lunches for some 200 supplied
 - Twelve new members enrolled
- Sales of the Metcalfe book into double figures
- All the new Metcalfe mugs sold including the samples



Monday 26 September

- Clan photograph appears in the Yorkshire Post and Northern Echo
- Hawes sells out of editions of the Northern Echo by 9.30am quickly followed by Bainbridge
 - Three new members join overnight via the website

Muster Raffle

Do you have the following ticket numbers?

Brown 46, 54 or 96.

Well if you do you have won a prize!
To claim send your details together with the appropriate ticket to our Chairman David Lambert (address on the front cover).

Wensleydale Fingers

4oz (100gms) Wensleydale Cheese
4oz (100gms) Flakey Pastry
Horseradish Sauce
& Extra Cheese.

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Roll out pastry put in cheese  
cover in sauce add extra cheese.  
Cook in oven at 450°F (230°C).

# Didn't we do well!

25 September 2005

Dear Mr Dobson

## Elizabeth Simpson Award

Thank you for entering the Award.  
Your entry was Commended. Congratulations!

The comments of the judges on your journal were:

### Presentation

Clearly laid out with the good use of illustrations. Not sure about the clip art, though!

### Articles

Considering the relatively small membership there was a very good range of articles from a number of members. I particularly liked the article 'Vegetarianism: the Mecca Connection': a most unusual subject to find in a family history journal.

### Information

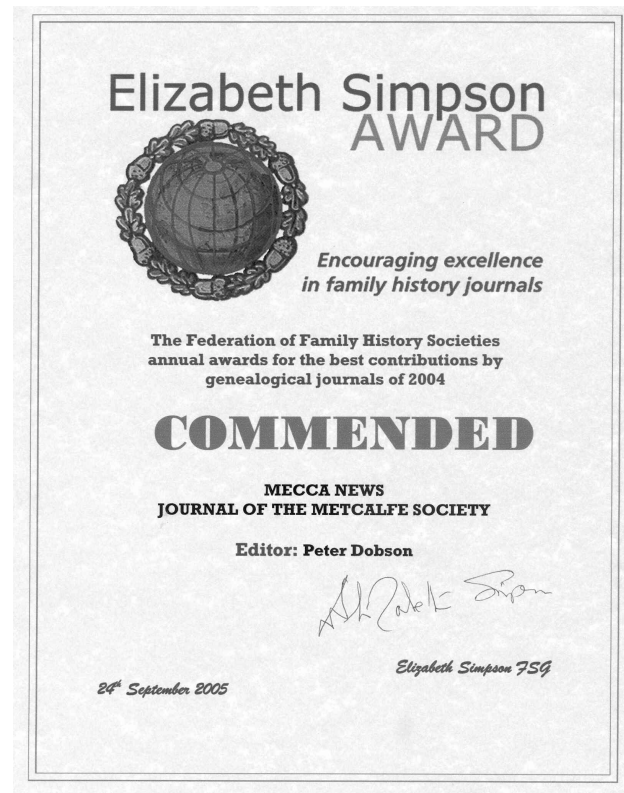
Again a good range of information presented in an interesting way, particularly the society news pages.

If you would like more feedback please contact me.

I enclose a list of the winners and those entries which were commended. Also enclosed is a list of suggestions to improve family history society journals compiled by the judges that you may find useful.

**Yours sincerely,**

Simon Fowler Chairman  
Elizabeth Simpson Awards Committee  
Federation of Family History Societies



### THE ELIZABETH SIMPSON AWARD 2004 Nominations

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Winner</b> | Cornwall        |
| <b>Second</b> | Tunbridge Wells |
| <b>Third</b>  | Leicester       |

#### Highly Commended (Alphabetical Order)

Berkshire  
Cumbria  
East Surrey

#### Commended (Alphabetical Order)

**Metcalfe**  
Sussex  
Victoria

#### Commended for Content (Alphabetical Order)

Anglo-German  
Braund  
Powys

The Society's website at <http://www.metcalfe.org.uk> has been updated .  
To ensure that you see all that has been added don't forget to check out the  
What's New - Updates Archive link

which can be found in the 'Latest News' box on the home page.

Don't forget, if you have any items you feel would interest other Metcalfe researchers don't hesitate to send them to either myself or the Mecca News Editor, Peter Dobson ([editor@metcalfe.org.uk](mailto:editor@metcalfe.org.uk)).

Carol Herbert - Web Administrator

## A CURVE OF MEMORY.....

### THROUGH UPPER SWALEDALE - Dr Mary Craig Gardner

(The second in a short series of articles provided to Charles Metcalfe M305)

The beck -

A super playing venue.

A beck in which we play often all day

Using arrangements of rocks and adding others to build our make-believe houses,

Some days we go down to the beck (stream) and build little houses by piling up the stones, just high enough for them not to fall over.

We gather anything we can find in the water or on the banks - stones weeds old tin cans - to make a store. Then we sell to each other.

Sometimes we build a dam across the beck to see if we can make a pool to wade in.

Human beavers.

I cannot imagine kids being allowed to do this these days.

My sister, who in the nineties, had travelled back to visit this old playground, told me how she watched children come from the city for a day's visit.

From the trunk of the car they bring out yellow wellington boots.

Put them on to wade in the beck.

After a short time they come back to the car.

Take off the boots, put them back in the trunk of the car and off they go.

We are both amused at this and think that by our measure they had a poor time.



Our wading in the beck is done wearing sandals. Or just bare feet.

The water in this small beck, brown tinged (from the peat on the moors) is shallow, bubbling over a stone strewn bed.

One summer I was given one whole shilling by a visiting family relative.

This was a great richness

Such a lovely shiny silver coin - I want to see it shining through the clear sunlit water of the beck.

I place it carefully in the water on a flat stone.

Immediately it floats away.

I am astounded. My childhood physics tells me that metal is heavy. It should sink.

But it is gone. Irretrievable.

Sometimes, I can still hear that gentle burble of the stream going all day and all night.

On one side of the beck - cow hill, rich with trees bearing hazel nuts still unripe in their bright frilly green cups, rises.

Sometimes, being hopeful or greedy, we pick them.

This is the best place to go for nuts, but they are not ripe until October.

We have long gone by then. Gone back to the town and to school.

Another favourite play venue is an abandoned 1930s Morris motor vehicle, parked on a patch of grass at the back the village.

We take it over, 'fix it up' and take turns 'driving' to many wonderful places. Without moving an inch.

Yet another favourite venue is Spen Bank on the River Swale. I don't know why it is so called.

To get there we walk on a footpath across five fields.

All the fields are enclosed by stone walls so we have to climb over stiles.

Stiles usually have two steps up, out of one field, giving access to a narrow opening in the wall and two steps down into the next field.

My stout aunt has to heave her bosom up in order to get through.

At Spen Bank we all run down the short hill to the river, climb into bathing suits, wade into the shallow water and swim in a pool that is deep enough for us kids.

The grown ups play with a bat and ball. Then we have tea and sandwiches and cakes.

In the early evening we all trek back up the hill, back across the five fields to our 'home', and to bed.

Swaledale still wild with peat, heather, rocks and grouse.

A grouse shoot happens every year, beginning August 12

A Lord Rochdale owns a fine shooting lodge near the village.

Each year his invited friends and himself are driven out in the shooting brake...

a green coloured type of SUV with canvas top and sides, to shoot the grouse on the moors.

The people in the dale are independent but men from the village to earn extra money go out onto the moors to frighten the birds into flight by beating the heather with sticks.

The grouse fly up and the hunters shoot their guns and the birds drop out of the sky.

The dogs go and retrieve them.

Game will be on the menu up at the lodge that evening.

We kids hang around the gate to the road leading up to the lodge.

We ride the swinging gate back and forth.

When the posh cars arrive for the shoot we open it.

Occasionally the odd coin is thrown to us from one of the cars.

More often we just hang about for a while, have a swing on the gate to pass the time.

Then leave.

Remembering the happiness of childhood's golden age is what we older folks do.

It's one of the blessings of being older. You cannot have it in its fullness before you are 65 years.

Or so I think.

Writing it all down is all very pleasurable.

We also hope that future generations of our families will like to read it.

This landscape is man-made in spite of its wild heathery look. Long covered over are the ancient rocks of the Triassic and Jurassic eras and the ravages of 7th century Scandinavian pillaging and burning.



Not yet covered are 19th century lead mining horizontal shaft openings and the sand hills (remains of lead smelting) up on the moor.

These sand hills are a favourite destination if we are in the mood for a good climb.

About 500 -600 feet climb straight up onto the moors.

There is nothing much to see there... one or two cave openings -lateral entrances to the mine.

We do not venture into them.

The sand hills look almost as natural as the moors themselves



For me it is all just there. An unquestioned landscape that includes grass, sheep, cattle, hens fields, daisies, buttercups, dandelions, red campion, canterbury bells, blue bells, harebells, foxgloves, (I collect the flowers and paste them into a school exercise book - a record of the summer)  
 Alder and ash trees growing beside the streams.  
 Hedges of brambles and hawthorn.  
 Nettles that sting. Dock leaves to cure the sting growing beside them  
 Rosehips are gathered to make jam. Brambles to make jelly. And sloes to make gin.  
 Elderflowers and berries to make elderberry wine and jam,  
 And roses. Roses are everywhere gracing everyone's garden,  
 hanging on trellises or curling round the top of doorways.  
 Small, robust and red, they need no tending.  
 Pink and white roses bloom wild in the roadside hedges.  
 For me the miles and miles of moor land stretching to the horizon  
 are simply the earth - real earth stuff.

At school in town, I boast that the Swale is the fastest flowing river in Yorkshire. perhaps in England.  
 It's my claim to fame.  
 The only serious competitors to my love affair with the dale are the seashore, an old cemetery  
 and the local park with a duck pond in the town where we live during the rest of the year.

I remember the streets of the town like the palm of my hand.  
 But streets never qualify in this childhood lexicon of the earth's topography.  
 Still don't. An urban child, I see only that in Swaledale the earth is real  
 Miles and miles of the real stuff. This makes me feel real, part of the real world.  
 Not that the seaside and the town were not real.  
 In the memory of childhood, Swaledale and its river are more real.  
 The tiny garden patch at the back of the family house in town just doesn't count.  
 The countryside sets my identity.

I belong to the place where farmers work.  
 Where farmers' wives, in their stone cottages, bake cakes of delicious sweetness, jams and pastries,  
 which after a long hike through the dale and over the moors,  
 are a welcome refreshment served with tea for a shilling  
 per person, in the farm kitchen.  
 Mandatory ritual - eat one piece of each cake or tart.

This countryside is the earth.  
 With all the unknowingness of passion,  
 I subscribe to the earth as Arcadia.  
 A landscape that seems to me natural, God given from  
 time immemorial  
 yet also the work of generations of sheep and cattle farmers  
 and of their wives.  
 Now it's a dedicated pastoral countryside, a National Park.  
 Driving, cycling and walking are the only ways to get around.  
 No trains.

Driving over the moors, sometimes the road in the middle  
 distance seems to disappear.  
 Then it re-emerges on the next moor.  
 Sometimes the road stutters along in bumps and humps  
 known to us as switchbacks.  
 Nothing to do with slowing down urban traffic.  
 There isn't any.  
 Walking is the way to go.  
 So many times we have trod these dale roads on foot.  
 Too many to count.  
 Walking to a farm or a distant village ...  
 long walks and full of clear air.  
 And the wide sky measuring day and night  
 seamlessly folds us into its timeless embrace.

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# Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum

I am sure members who attended the Muster in Wensleydale were impressed by our museum at Hawes, and those of you who found time to go round would have gained a real flavour of how your ancestors lived and worked. If you did not have time this year, come back and visit again!

The Friends of the D.C.M. was formed in August 1982 at the suggestion of Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby whose private collection started in 1930 when Ella Pontefract & Marie Hartley were given and collected items from farm sales while working on their first book 'Swaledale'. To be followed by 'Wensleydale' and 'Wharfedale' and three more books. Sadly Ella died at an early age in 1945. Later Marie continued writing and collecting and was joined by Joan Ingilby and together they were to write 14 books, 2 transcriptions for the County Record Office and 6 monographs of how things were made. All of their books are invaluable for first hand reference of life and work in the Dales. They talked to many older people who spoke about their families and lives in the 19C and the necessity of moving on when times were hard.

The formation of 'Friends' is for:

'Anyone whether in the dale or outside it, who has an interest in the history of the dales and the bygones which interpret that history, to share in the enjoyment

of it and to feel that they can play a part in the progress of the museum'.

The aims and objects of the Friends of the D.C.M. are: -

- To promote the improvement of the museum.
- To raise funds to help in maintaining and enlarging the collection.
- To arrange events for the interest and education of Friends.

To become a member you pay an annual subscription of £5. This entitles you to free admission to the museum whenever it is open, and to participate in all activities. You also receive a magazine annually, which has news items and usually about 10 articles written by members. It is called 'Now Then' which is a local dialect greeting, 'now then, how is'ta'? (How are you?) the reply could usually have been 'middlin'(moderate) or 'nobbut middlin' or 'nobbut varra middlin' (only very moderate).

So do consider becoming a friend, especially if you holiday or visit in the area, it's a real bargain. Unlimited access for a year for a fiver!

**Josephine Hopper (M810)**

**The Local Studies Room at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes** is a wonderful resource for Upper Wensleydale. The nucleus of the library is a collection of over a thousand books - many of particular interest to the Upper Dales - put together in the first place by Scott Macfie, prior to 1935 and at a later date by Kit Calvert.

In addition to the books there are typed or printed copies of local parish registers; Bishopdale Booklets which contain censuses from 1841 to 1901 for many local villages; microfilms on loan from NYCRO and a reader and the IGI microfiches for Yorkshire.

The room, with its annexe, is a quiet haven for anyone wishing for a few hours of browsing or serious work. It is very easy to be diverted by reading the five volumes of "The Wensleydale Advertiser" published in Hawes in the 1840s or other early publications.

It is essential to book the room in advance by ringing the museum on **01969666210**.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Denny Minnit M410**

**Overheard in the bar of the Rose and Crown at Bainbridge at the Muster Dinner.**

***Not a troublemaker amongst them.  
They can't be Metcalfe's!***

Could the member who talked to me at the Muster at Hawes, about David Martell of Black Hedley Northumberland & the Hopper family please contact me as I have mislaid his name and number.

**Josephine Hopper (M810)**  
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## Archivist Report

# Memberships Details

Well folks, you will all be pleased to read that I am now a grand mother. He was born three and half weeks early and is called James Alan. He is gorgeous and as he is the first grandchild will be spoiled rotten. We all love him to bits and he has come as a breath of fresh air after the dreadful year the whole family have been through.

This is my last report to you all. May I say I have enjoyed trying to help you all with your queries but we now have another member who has volunteered to take over -

**Brian Metcalfe M1554** he is a fairly new member but I feel sure he will do a very good job answering your queries together with our most helpful researchers. I have told Brian that if he has any difficulties whilst he is settling in he is to contact me. I want to say a great big thank you to both of our researchers who have done a superb job whilst I have been Archive Co-ordinator and I know the good work will continue. May I wish you all success in your researching.

I have taken up new hobbies which will take up lots of my spare time and also I will be making use of my crafting abilities once more. Hopefully one day I will feel in the frame of mind to start researching again. Cheerio, **Maureen Thwaite M897**.

**Mecca Muster/Birth Briefs** - to all Members who received new data for their family lines at the Muster. We were unable to record the details you received so before your Birth Brief (or up-dated Birth Brief) can be published in the Mecca News and added into our Society database, we need you to send your family lines to the Archivist Co-ordinator as soon as possible. Due to the (happily) unprecedented numbers of new members in recent weeks there may have been some delay in you receiving data from the Archivist's department, we apologise for this and trust that you understand that we are reluctant to reduce the quality of service we offer, for the sake of expediency. **Nina Benson M29**.

### Birth Brief Section

Abbreviations:- MT-Metcalfe MTE-Metcalfe: MD- MDE-Medcalfe: dau-daughter: d.o –daughter 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.

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#### **M1448 Gordon Ainscough & the late Mrs.Dorothy Ainscough 15 Dickens Rd, Rugby CV22 5RW.**

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#### **M1530 Neryl Medcalf 39 Badgery Crescent, Lawson, NSW,2783, Australia.**

Widow of Sidney MD. Sidney b. 1935 Sydney NSW, Australia s.o Sidney Benjamin & Sybil(Morrow)Md. Sidney Benjamin b. 1901 Sydney NSW Australia, s.o Sidney Benjamin & Clara (Alcock)Md. Sidney Benjamin b. 1870 Sydney NSW Australia s.o Joseph & Ellen (Harris)Md. Joseph b 2/5/1841 Sydney, NSW Australia s.o Joseph Beddy & Ruth(Unthank)Md. Joseph Beddy b 1810 Dublin, Ireland s.o John & Mary (Beddy)Md

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**It is with regret we inform members of the passing of**  
**Mr Richard Metcalfe of New Zealand M718 died on 8/3/2005**

**Mr P Cowles M1269**

**Mrs Dorothy Ainscough M1448 died 24/12/2004**

**We extend our condolences to both family and friends.**

## **BURTERSETT THE HIGH LEVEL SEATA, WHERE THE SUN ALWAYS SHINES!**

Most of the houses in the village were built in the nineteenth century, though it was a settlement in Edward I's time when it had a forest lodge. There are a few seventeenth century houses, Hilary Hall, for example, and remnants of older cottages display signs of an earlier time. The 'boom' time was when the stone quarries to the east of the village were exploited. The time when, with the railway running the length of the Dale, fifteen thousand tons per month of building stone and flags were hauled from the quarries down to Hawes station. The quarry nearest the village was known as Seavy, and the other as Burtersett.

Quarrying activities were started in earnest in the 1860's by Richard Moore and Thomas Metcalfe. By 1867 Moore was paying a Royalty to the Manor of £5.00, while Metcalfe's contribution was £7.00, later to become £9.00 in 1872. By 1876 - 78 extraction increased until each owner employed fifty men. Richard Metcalfe (known locally as Dicky Bocketer, I know not why) had taken charge from Moore, his step-father; and he and his father Thomas Metcalfe, were each paying £80.00 a year Royalties.

The quarries were worked on levels - much the same as coal mines - following the richest and best flag limestone seams. As the seams progressed deeper and deeper into the hillside, the rock was hauled out by light horses pulling bogies which ran on narrow gauge railway lines. From the quarries, after being roughly dressed; the stone was transported by four-wheeled wagons down the hillside via parallel slab (flag) wheel-ways again pulled by horses, but this time by heavy shire horses, Clydesdales and the like. At its peak this meant carting seven loads of approximately six tons of stone - upwards of 50 tons in total to the station every two days. Here it was further 'dressed' before loading onto rail-carts and taken out of the Dale to the growing towns and cities of Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Richard Metcalfe built nine houses on the east side of the street in Burtersett for his senior workmen and manager, but most workers walked to work from Gayle, Hawes, Sedbusk and Hardraw using the still extant flagged paths set down for the purpose. By the time Thomas Metcalfe died in 1899 the demise of the quarries was imminent and by 1906 a much reduced work force was operating. In one guise or another, usually with a Metcalfe's hand in the 'mix': the quarries staggered on via bankruptcy in the First World War period to final closure on October 20th, 1931.

'Blow-up' time for the quarrymen was 7.30am (they finished at 4.00pm and had Sundays and Christmas Day off!) and Billy Willie, at the village shop, opened early for half an hour to sell tobacco to the men on their way to work with their 'bait' and a bottle of cold tea. He kept two boxes, a penny 'twist and a halfpenny 'screw'.

Another Willie - to give him his full title 'Billy Tommy Willie Metcalfe 'o't Condle Mill' (could he be one and the same? The suggestion that Candle Willie and Billy Willie could be one and the same is worthy of some speculation knowing, as I do the opportunistic and entrepreneurial skills(?) of the Metcalfes!) - was a key member of the quarrying society. He lived, worked and traded from the now derelict building. Its 'eyes' are gone, the floors are just memories to the walls, but atop the three storeys the jackdaws are content and tell their young of busier times at t'Mill when Willie were mekin t'candles fert' miners. (I still covet the building and its views!)

The building, sitting beside the mill stream, Eller Beck, to the east and north of the village, was once a silk mill. Willie thought it better to make candles for the quarrymen and this he did, using the water power to raise and lower the tow (wick), attached to a wheel, in and out of the tallow, then



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into the beck to chill and harden off. Repeated actions of this nature produced the best paralleled sided candles in the Dale. The quarry workers had to supply their own 'light' to work in, hence a visit to Candle Willie's 'afore every shift. 'Tis said that "Chap as followed 'im med pear-shaped condles!" But nothing is forever, and with the advent of wax candles and oil lamps the mill's trade was lost.

I say nothing is forever but Burterset's most famous don, Kit Calvert, is likely to remain known for longer than most people or things. Born in the village in 1903 he loved the 'last lost lamb!' of the place and the Upper Dale. He started the first successful dairy and cheese-making cooperative and, despite the efforts of Dairy Crest and the Milk Marketing Board in the 1980's, his dream lives on in the Wensleydale Creamery providing nurture to its workforce and the Upper Dales farms and visiting consumers, whilst their minds can be enlightened by the continued existence of his second-hand book shop in Hawes.

**Leon Metcalfe M320**

*Burterset is a hill village on the south side of Wensleydale, about a mile east of Hawes, near the head of the Dale.*

## COMING OF AGE

The Alderson Society sent felicitations to the Society on the holding of our 25th Anniversary and they themselves are celebrating their "Coming of Age" having being formed in 1984.

To commemorate this event they have produced a 56 page A4 Magazine called "**Aldersons and the Northern Dales. A horizon to the World**".

Upper Swaledale is associated with the Aldersons and is also the area settled by Metcalfes so there are many similarities and interactions between the two families. The magazine has a range of articles which has resonance with the Clan and I am sure at £3 plus P&P of £1UK; £1.50 Europe or £2.50 other countries, you will find something of interest.

Copies are available from Sales Officer, Mrs Ruth Hewlett, 80 Aylmer Road, London W12 9LQ.

## Film Quiz Results

Thank you to all those members who entered this year's Mecca News competition 'That was the Film Year that was!' where you had to guess when 50 famous films were released.

There are obviously quite a few film buffs out there as the scores were very high, especially the top three who only slipped up marginally.

The overall winner is **M21 Mrs Patricia Russell** of Chester who was only one year out guessing the release date of Zulu! All the other 49 answers were correct. So well done Patricia, you win a year's free membership to The Metcalfe Society.

The question and answer sheets can be found on the society website - a good game for the family over Christmas!

## America's foremost poet

An interesting Metcalfe book bought on ebay by **M409 Diane Howarth**  
**'Poem Portraits' by James J Metcalfe,**  
 first edition published in 1948 in New York.

The book is dedicated to his wife - Lillian born in Norway, two sons - Jimmie and Donnie, born in Chicago and one daughter - Kristina Maria, born in Texas.

In the foreword, it refers to James Metcalfe as 'America's foremost poet today.'

He was born in Berlin, Germany on 16 September 1906, was educated at the University of Notre Dame and took a law degree at Loyola University, Chicago - the hard way, in night school.

He spent 4 years in the FBI and 9 years investigating for the US Dept of Agriculture, interspersed with two years of reporting and feature writing for the Chicago Times.

As the family lived in Dallas, Texas, the book is autographed by James J. Metcalfe to the holder Betty June Miller of Dallas on 1 June 1949.

Does this James Metcalfe belong to your line?  
 If so, contact Diane Howarth, contact details on inside front cover.

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