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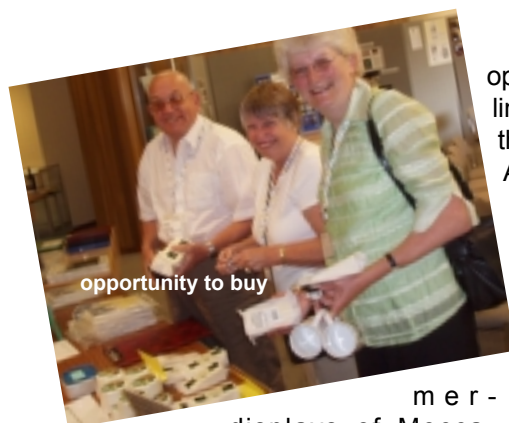
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Muster Roundup



The 2006 Mecca Muster took place at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes, Wensleydale on Saturday 9 September. A somewhat low key affair compared to the 25th Anniversary event the year before but still well attended and seemingly enjoyed.

The morning started slowly as the hard work had been carried out the afternoon before by a willing band of volunteers. A few early arrivals were on hand when the Museum opened at 10am and took the opportunity to buy some items from the stalls. A steady flow of members and friends built up to a torrent just before the AGM started around 10.30.

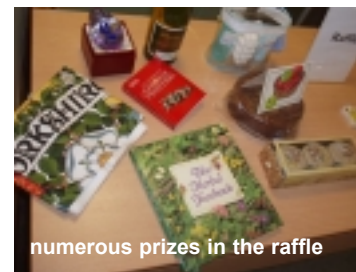


Our Chairman David Lambert opened the event and the reports outlining the activities of your Society for the last year were considered. The AGM was concluded in around about an hour with some 90 present at the close.

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Lunch was a do it yourself job, or a trip to one of two restaurants in Hawes booked for the occasion. Suitably replenished the afternoon session was opened by a talk by Marion Moverley entitled "Travelling through the Dales" which gave details of early travellers and tourists to the area.



The remainder of the afternoon was given over to the displays and research as well as an opportunity to win numerous prizes in the raffle.

As with all good things the Muster was reluctantly closed shortly after 4pm to allow time to be out by 5pm when the Museum closed.

Over 100 people called in during the day and the consensus was that another fine Muster had been enjoyed.

Next Year's Muster is again at Hawes. Why don't you come along and see what goes on at your Society's AGM?



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to note your diary for the **Mecca Muster** to be held on Saturday **8 September 2007** at Hawes. Booking forms available in the April Mecca News.

The Family History Society of Cheshire is holding a Family History Day on Saturday **24 February 2007** at the Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich. 10am - 4pm. Admission £1. Free car parking. Further details from www.fhsc.org.uk

The Luddite Connection: Part 1 - Good to Bad

This article was suggested by Alan Boardman M1430 and is based upon extracts and information supplied by him concerning the unrest in England's North West in 1812. Other relevant background and details have been compiled from information and research -Editor.

The late 18th century was a period of great change and upheaval across Europe and North America. The British Colony in what was to become the United States of America had thrown off the ill considered administration and taxation imposed upon it, leaving Britain with only Canada in the North American continent. The Ancien Regimes of Europe continued to remain in control although their inhabitants were becoming restive under the oppressive restrictions placed upon them. Great Britain engaged in its centuries old love/hate relationship with France whilst it became the world's first industrial power. The changes to its industries started slowly with the improvement in communications - mainly canals, rivers and roads (our own Blind Jack Metcalfe was a pioneer in this area, being in the forefront of road development from the 1750's) - followed by mechanisation of many of its traditional industries which threw it into the forefront of the world's economy fed by raw materials from its overseas colonies including the West Indies, West Africa and India.

By the latter part of the century Britain was deserving of its "Great" title and many of its population were seeing the rewards of the new age. Traders in London, manufacturers in the North all felt the benefits of the Industrial Revolution. An example of this was recorded in *Deane Parish* published in 1904 but drawing on Aikin in 1795 who said " *...handloom weavers of Bolton and neighbourhood enjoyed so much prosperity that they are said to have brought home their work in top boots and ruffle shirts, carried a cane and frequently walked around the streets with a £5 Bank of England note spread out under their hat bands.*"

However matters were to change. The French Revolution of 1789 saw its old monarchy overthrown to be replaced by a new Republic which initially was beneficial to Great Britain; the chaos allowing Scottish and English traders to seize opportunities with the disruption to their rival. The rise of Napoleon Bonaparte and the initial skirmishes with the fledgling Empire fuelled the need for more manufacturing output both at home and for Britain's European Allies. The relations with the new USA also improved and business saw a need for better and more efficient processes and bigger mills in which to house the new machinery. In the last three years of the 18th century the value of Britain's foreign trade increased by nearly 50% to £73.5m¹. Whilst many of the owners of these large industrial complexes made financial gains and the production of goods became more efficient there was a downside - namely to those same home workers - the handloom weavers.

The fragile peace of Amiens brokered in 1802 was quickly replaced by the second Napoleonic War which lasted from 1803 until 1814 (before being finally resolved in 1815). This second war was to have a significant effect on Great Britain and especially its industrial workforce.

The changes in manufacturing in the Midlands and North of England in particular, saw more and more people working in the new manufactories. The change in processes led to the relatively high skills of home workers being replaced by machine minders and factory hands who earned less than their skilled colleagues. Changes due to land enclosures, new methods of farming including mechanisation saw agricultural labourers looking for work in the new manufacturing areas again adding to the already challenging wage situation in the factories.

After some eight years of bitter struggle against the French Republic and its charismatic Emperor {in which Britain had - seen its allies battle without success against the might of the French armies; secured the seas by the defeat of the French and Spanish navies and gained some success in the Iberian Peninsula (although the situation was still on a knife edge and Wellington still had some way to go to claim victory)} the country was still resolute but weary. This was not helped by the increasing anger in the working classes against the erosion of wage levels and increasing mechanisation.

Deteriorating relations with the USA put further pressure on the manufacturing industries and food prices start to rise. Against this background in early 1811 workers anger and concern turned to action. The first threats appeared in the Spring when letters signed by General Ned Ludd and the Army of Redressers were sent to employers in the East Midlands. These threatening letters were followed by the destruction of machinery in factories. The disruptions spread to neighbouring counties in particular Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire³.

The movement was popularly known as Luddism but from documents of the time it appears that there was no overall structure or control; more individual workers in separate areas combining to take on the threats to their own and their families livelihoods. There were a few looking to overthrow traditional law and order using the discontent for their own aims but they were much in the minority.

A number of associations to protect workers rights were set up in the North West of England in Stockport, Manchester and Bolton. Organised along military lines as secret societies, using aliases to protect the identity of the participants, they were in the main extolling fiery rhetoric with little real action

undertaken. However the authorities fearful that the disruption could lead to a French style revolution responded during the remainder of 1811 by employing hundreds of special constables to protect the mills and apprehend the perpetrators. Whilst this action had some success the disorder and damage continued.

1812 was to be a significant year for Europe, Great Britain and a number of Bolton, Lancashire inhabitants including one of the Mecca Clan. In February of that year the destruction of machinery and damage to factories was made a capital offence and thousands of troops were sent to the areas of unrest. This draconian approach did not stop the unrest if anything it made it worse. At the same time the price of potatoes and oats was rising steeply and all parties were becoming edgy.

Disturbances broke out in the North West at Ashton under Lyne, Oldham, Manchester and Bolton. The Ashton unrest was mainly around the price of food but it was followed by the breaking of factory windows and intimidation of mill owners and their families which saw the local militia called out. A number of arrests were made and the alleged rioters incarcerated in Lancaster Jail.

Stories and wild rumours abounded some spread by authority spies within the ranks of the workers which added to the tension. In March a group of workers from the Bolton area decided to attack the Wray & Duncroff mill at Chequerbent (Chowbent) near Westhoughton outside Bolton. Their efforts were in some ways farcical with their actions failing to gain support in the necessary numbers and the plans often going awry. All they succeeded in doing, over a number of weeks, was to raise the temperature and make the military and civil authorities aware of their proposed actions.

On 19 April the Bolton Luddites met on the moors around the town and took oaths of allegiance and finalised their plans to attack the mill. Over the previous weeks they had also forced those they met to take an oath of support for their cause. So that night when around thirty of the attackers were on their way to Westhoughton they came across Holland Bowden (Boaden) a sergeant in the Bolton Regiment of the Lancashire Militia and forced him to take an oath which was to affect some of their lives significantly. They did not go on to Chowbent afterwards hearing that soldiers were waiting for them.

Again on 24 April the military were alerted that the wreckers were about to attack the mill but when the soldiers arrived there was no one to be seen and the mill was intact. They left around noon but later that afternoon up to fifty Luddites arrived, proceeded to fire the premises, destroying the mill and causing £6000 worth of damage. They had dispersed by the time the local militia returned.

The action caused an instant and ruthless response from the authorities. They rounded up all those identified as being involved with the Luddite group, the taking of oaths and in the disturbance at Chequerbent and quickly took them off to Lancaster jail to face trial.

Amongst their number was one Christopher Medcalf.

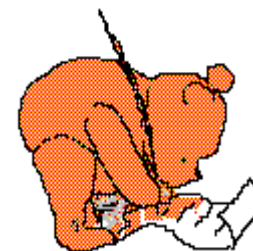
¹Arthur Bryant Years of Victory 1802-1812

²www.learningcurve.gov.uk - Power, Politics and Protest.

Next Issue ***Trial and Tribulation...***



FROM THE EDITOR



At the Muster I was provided with information for the magazine by Doug Cutting M855. The details described a poignant story of a Metcalfe family from Burnley in Lancashire whose sons went off to the Great War never to return.

As on occasions when I consider items for the News other associated information can appear, in this instance it was a leaflet from the Royal Mail concerning the release of a new stamp (one of many these days) commemorating the end of the Battle of the Somme in November 1916 during which over a million British French and German troops died. The leaflet somewhat unsympathetically is entitled "**a tragic waste**" but does go on to remind us to remember the fallen. As I edit the article a few days before Armistice Day this latter consideration seems rather more appropriate especially for that family of the Clan that paid the ultimate price.

I have now been a retired person for some three months. I was expecting that once I had the time I would be able to carry out all those tasks I never had time for (or did in a rush) when working. Oh naive simpleton! I hear you say and can only agree. Time now has wings and I am still some distance away from undertaking those projects I thought would be underway. However I am still hopeful of bringing some structure to my retirement but in the meanwhile I am more relaxed!

Compliments of the season to you and yours.



Urgent need for Sales Despatch Volunteer

The Sales department of the society is desperately seeking a volunteer who is prepared to pack and ship out orders of society merchandise.

All orders will come to this volunteer by email from either Carol Herbert (who manages the orders received via the web site) and Diane Howarth (who manages the orders received via ordinary post). The volunteer would hold a small set of merchandise that would not take a great deal of space

for storage that would be replenished on request. All the volunteer has to do is to pack the orders into boxes/packaging and then take them to their local post office for despatch. The volunteer would be given a 'float' of money to use to cover the postage and this would be replenished as required. There will be no need to manage the funds that are received for these orders - Carol and Diane will manage that.

Hence, if you live in the north of England (so a committee member can easily deliver stocks from the storage on a regular basis), have access to email and are prepared to despatch items on a semi-regular basis, we really would like to hear from you. If you are interested but unsure, then you are more than welcome to 'give it a go' for a few months. The existing committee members just do not have the bandwidth to take on the extra responsibility.

If you are interested in discussing it further please contact

Diane Howarth on ☎ 01256 883633

The value of the written Metcalfe word

Many members of the society have a copy of the society book 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan'. Inside the book readers will see reference that much of the content is taken from the book "Metcalfe Records" by Walter & Gilbert Metcalfe in 1891. There were only 50 copies of this book ever written and the whereabouts of only a few copies are known.

One additional copy has just surfaced in the last few weeks. The Dales historian Marie Hartley died in May at the age of 100. Many of you who know the Dales will be totally familiar with Marie and the chronicles of Dales life that have been written by her and her

writing partners over the years.

Part of her estate were sold at auction in November and committee members became aware of the sale. Josie Hopper and Diane Howarth agreed to put in a bid up to a value of £150 - either on behalf of the society (if they later got permission) or Diane would buy it as a private purchase. Little did they realise how valuable this book has now become. It was sold to a dealer for £400 yes £400.

So if you happen to come across one of these rare books in the coming years, it will most certainly be worth a small fortune. **Diane Howarth (M409)**

Mecca Sightings

Our President's Secret Day Job? **Charles Metcalfe** has designed the gown for the emeritus chancellor of Liverpool's John Moores University Cherie Booth wife of the UK's Prime Minister Tony Blair. Booth has held the post of chancellor for seven years and was attending the graduation ceremony in July 2006 at the city's cathedral. The Charles Metcalfe? He was the university's former head of fashion.

From The Independent 27 July 2006 supplied by Joan Metcalfe M63.

Another Designer. **Percy Metcalfe** (1895-1970) was the designer of the George Cross. Details of the medal and awards can be found at www.64-baker-street.org/honours.

End of the Road? A driver was refused insurance by four motor insurance companies purely because of his age. **Alan Metcalfe** (82) of South Manchester looked around when his insurance became due and even though he had a perfect driving record for 50 years as soon as he gave his age he was refused. Eventually Age Concern were able to offer support. *Manchester Metro News 17 February 2006.*

A Life on the Ocean Waves. A couple have sold their house, bought a yacht and are to sail around the Greek Islands. **John and Sue Metcalfe** from Dysert Denbighshire have retired, used their house and pension lump sum monies to buy the 34 foot boat and will tour the region for a year or more before heading off to relatives in Australia. *Financial Mail, The Mail on Sunday 30 April 2006.*

Golden Couple. Extracted from the *North Eastern Daily Gazette - 25 years of Wedding Anniversary Photographs 1908 - 1933* an entry for 19 July 1924 Golden Wedding Anniversary **T Metcalfe** Haverton Hill Middlesborough. Details on microfilm at Middlesborough Reference Library. *From Cleveland FHS Journal July 2004.*

What's in an Name? Name changes are more common than in the past and could cause difficulties for future family historians. One notable name change was to Jellyfish McSaveloy (from Steven Lane). Even Meccas have got in on the act but perhaps not as unrealistic - **Richard Metcalfe** of Oldham changed his name to **Richard Oldham Athletic Metcalfe**! Guess which football team he supports. *The Sun 22 December 2005.* Supplied by **Paul Thomas**.

Double Jeopardy. Law firm **Metcalfe** Copeman & Pettefar of Peterborough were to double their housing, family, crime, commercial and litigation business over five years to well over one hundred staff. *Law Gazette 4 September 2003.* Supplied by **David Lambert M11**.

Ohio Mystery Solved

I attach the Metcalfe history in Chardon, Geauga County, Ohio, which I expect might explain the Geauga County traffic sign pictured in Mecca, August 2006, page 17. BTW, it's pronounced Jee-awh'-gah county.

I surmise from the sign that the reference is to a crossing of a road for which there is no stop sign on the Metcalf road, hence traffic on the Metcalf road won't stop at this crossing. Using Mapquest, Expedia Maps, Terraserver, etc., I was unable to find a Metcalf road/street/etc. in Chardon, though there was one in neighboring Lake County.

In any case, Thomas Metcalf was prominent in Chardon, Geauga County, OH, so it's reasonable to suspect that the name stuck here and there, possibly near his homesite in Chardon.

Please keep up the great work! I'm working on the second edition of "Some Descendants of Rev. Leonard Metcalf of Tatterford Parish, Norfolk, England," which probably will be published on CD-ROM in PDF in a year or so. I will send you a copy for your library when done.

Best regards,

Howard Metcalfe M585

We Owe a Great Deal

I have just read in my copy (MN77) of Mecca Newsletter No. 8 dated December 1982 that Helen Offer had attended the first Clan Meeting [all 13 of them] at Claremont, Leeds, and who had brought along 'her 4 shoe boxes containing the Metcalfe Index!!

Could any of us then have envisaged the Society as it is today? What a great success it has been, all due to the hard work put in by past and present members to whom we owe a great deal.

Dorothy Pope M55

Thank You

(Letter to our Chairman David Lambert regarding the Mecca Muster - Editor.)

Thank you for the lovely day at Hawes last week. Hilary and I enjoyed the whole day and thank you for seeing us through so elegantly. We realise a great deal of preparation had been needed to make the event such a success.

Douglas Jefferies M1510

YOUR LETTERS & E-MAILS

A description of the area found on a Geauga County website - Editor.
CHARDON is 170 miles NE. of Columbus, and 28 from Cleveland. It was laid out about the year 1808, for the county seat, and named for Peter Chardon Brookes, of Boston, then proprietor of the soil. There are but few villages in Ohio, that stand upon such an elevated, commanding ridge as this, and it can be seen in some directions for several miles: although but about 14 miles from Lake Erie, it is computed to be 600 feet above it. The village is scattered and small. In the center is a handsome green, of about eleven acres, on which stands the public buildings. Chardon has 6 stores, a newspaper, printing office, and in 1840, had 446 inhabitants.

Does anyone want Agnes?

The following titbit came from the Family Tree of a Lancashire family!
William Adamthwaite born 1711 died 1756 married Agnes Metcalf at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale on 26 July 1742. Does anyone need Agnes to help with their tree?
Supplied by **Doug Cutting M855**

Dear Editor,

Just reading the latest edition of MECCA NEWS (No 79) I notice a reference to the name MEDCRAFT, on page 12. A few days later a copy of the RUGBY TIMES dated 12 Aug. 2006, that a STANLEY MEDCRAFT had passed away in Coventry.

Dear Editor

I enclose an obituary notice (Yorkshire Post 3 February 2006) for Walter Medd.

Could this name be derived from Medcalfe?

Phill Metcalfe M710

YOUR LETTERS & E-MAILS

Who is a Metcalfe?

My suggestions for "accepted" names are as follows: (This does not include mistyped or badly spelled names. I am sure that most of the variations are due to bad hearing, spelling or carelessness.) **Patrick Malham M444**

Matcalfe*

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MIDG

Mitcalf *

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Midgaffe*

MIDGE

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*Possibly only one family of each left - may even have died out now

UNCERTAIN

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Medd; Medcraft; Medcroft; variations of Meadowcra/oft

A New and Quite Different Project

Eighteen months ago my son enrolled me in the Metcalfe Society as a present for my fifty fourth birthday. He knew that for many years I'd been involved in researching our family's contribution to the founding of the United States, but I had never researched any overseas family members. This would be a new and quite different project.

In the beginning, it seemed that I had a major challenge ahead of me. I knew only a few scattered stories about the Metcalfe's and had only three relatives who could possibly tell me more. With this as a starting point, I contacted my father's cousin and was told that my grandfather was born in Hawes and the family immigrated to America around 1890. My great grandfather began a stone quarry near Ft. Collins, Colorado, and it was believed that he had learned his trade through his family who were in the same occupation. The only other bit of information was that our family was rumoured to have been supporters of the ill fated Mary Queen of Scots, and that any lands or position we may have held were wiped out with the demise of the catholic queen. With this limited background, and with some birth and death records from the family bible, I set out to see what the Metcalfe Society could further tell me. I soon realized that there is not only a wealth of information to be gathered but also a lot of helpful people to see you through on your quest for information. I was fortunate to initially come into contact with Maureen Thwaite, the prior archivist, who helped me immeasurably in sorting out the details of the various names in my family bible and took my family lineage back to the 1700's.

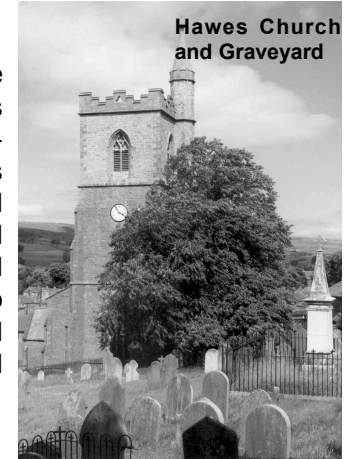


Hawes on the other hand held some mystery

hand held some mystery. Was it going to be an industrial town? Was it possibly the crime capital of England? Remember, I live on the west coast of America and had never heard of the Yorkshire Dales, let alone Hawes (which is

not listed on about half of the published maps). Be assured that my fears were without merit. The Yorkshire Dales are what we would call a National Preservation Area and Hawes one of its most beautiful towns. The pristine waters of the Ure River and the large rolling hills of Wensleydale area are captivating sights that you will long remember. All members should plan to one day see the home of the Metcalfe's.

While awaiting the start of the Muster, my wife and I made a pilgrimage (which I later was told is common to all new members) to the local graveyards where I knew my forefathers were buried. This lasted only a short while until my wife complained about being spooked at the sight of our names, and the names of our children, being prominently etched in slate headstones. It definitely was a reminder to both of us that we are only here for a short time and sooner or later will be counted among these dead ancestors that we are just now getting to know.



Hawes Church and Graveyard

Next, we ventured to the museum in Hawes where the Muster would be held. This was a wonderful asset to the community and to the preservation of the history of that area. The staff found us lodging for the week and became one of the key resources for buying books on local history. In fact, one of their publications was on my forefather's quarry in Burtersett and even had a picture, taken around 1900, of an uncle and all of his quarrymen on the front cover. This was quite a find and my next question to the staff was if I could make arrangements to visit the quarry. They referred us to Tom Metcalfe, a local shepherd, who grazes his sheep in these pastures and had knowledge of the site.

The following day found us in Burtersett at the door of Tom Metcalfe, who not only was familiar with the property but remembered as a boy the wagons coming down the hill with their huge payloads of slate destined for the railhead in Hawes. So off we went on an adventure, up the rock lined road, through a well secured gate, and up a steep incline to the stone tailings that can be seen from miles away. Evidence of the stone cutting was scattered everywhere, however, an enormous flat area at the top of tailings marked the spot where all of the work was performed. I then realized, all of my prior beliefs of the family working open pit quarries were incorrect. This quarrying was done through a large tunnel which cut into the base of the mountain and was now partially filled with water. I later found out that the tunnel had been surveyed and that only a portion of the

total size could be assessed because the workers used open space to stack rock wastes, thus filling in a large portion of the area they once worked. After a lot of picture taking and poking around, we were off to begin putting together some of the fragmented information we had gathered.

This research indicated that at one time 1/6th of the population of Wensleydale were Metcalfes. Also, I found that the forefather who began operation of the quarries had actually learned his trade from his father. He had been selling the same type of slate flag (as these stones were called) in Gayle as early as the 1840's. I also found the property we visited had been the pasture land for three prior generations of my great grandmothers family. So the reason for the selection of that quarry site became clear.

The next day we became involved in the Muster which lasted for two days. The events were enjoyable and the people warm and inviting. I did meet Miles Metcalfe a member of the society and who happened to be the descendant of the Metcalfe who owned the property that housed the quarry and to whom my forefathers paid their annual rent. He told me that some of the receipts of this payment were still in his possession. Now, I was beginning to approach overload. Too much information, too many places, and too many people, would I ever sort it all out?

The answer was yes! I've spent the last year reading books, comparing notes taken, and remembering one of the best experiences of my life. I await a return to the Metcalfe homeland within the next year and hope to have my son, who signed me up for this adventure, accompany me.

I will write again soon and tell you about the Metcalfes of Colorado and what they've contributed to the development of America and the western plains area.

Chris Metcalfe M1480

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!

Chairman's Jottings

Christmas 2006 looms and the new year 2007 fast approaches with its hopes and resolutions .



David Lambert, Chairman

Where do the days go? It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming a new Century, then celebrating our 21st anniversary not to say last year our highly successful 25th anniversary. I cannot believe it is just me getting older but think it has a lot to do with the pace of modern life.

No doubt comments echoed in the early 19th century with the introduction of railways, especially in rural areas and the opening up of transport. Our Muster this year was held once again at the splendid Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, which is housed in the railway station buildings of the town. The station master at Hawes in the 19th century could never have dreamt that the station would be closed and become the home of a local history museum or that the railway sidings would be filled with strange-looking horseless carriages (a car park to you and me!).

The 2006 Muster could have been an anti-climax after such a phenomenal weekend in 2005. I need not have been worried! We had approaching 90 attendees and visitors . Everyone I spoke to enjoyed their day which as ever passed all too quickly, rather like the year ! I was delighted to be able to announce that our journal had been commended for content by the judges of the Elizabeth Simpson Award for the best journal of 2005. A fitting tribute to Peter Dobson, our editor, and everyone who contributed to the Mecca News. Well done!

The AGM heard that financially we were solvent and that a record number of you had completed Gift Aid forms allowing us to recover a substantial amount back from the Revenue; worth several 10's of subscriptions just by the tax-paying members signing a simple form. Thanks to all of you who pay your subscriptions this way. Please continue to do so. If anyone is interested in making a Gift Aid donation please indicate on the subscription renewal form. My thanks to Carol Herbert for completing the accounts and having them checked and examined by our auditors.

I was sorry that at this year's AGM our other Carol (Arkwright) resigned as our librarian, sales and new membership secretary. Posts she has held ably and efficiently for a good many years. She and her husband David handed over the contents of the library and new members packs after the Muster for the next Librarian. I very much appreciate the hard work and dedication of Carol during the years she has held office, not forgetting her husband David, for his help at Musters as well as.

We were able to fill one of her posts (the new members secretary) thanks to Ena (Metcalf) agreeing to take this on. We are also able to deal with sales in the short term thanks to Carol Herbert and Diane Howarth but need a volunteer long term. If there is anyone interested in taking on the role on please let Diane know (see page 8). I am pleased to confirm that all other members on the committee were duly re-elected and would like to thank each of them for everything they do for us. See their names at the front cover of this magazine.

Those of you with access to the internet will no doubt have seen our "new and improved" web site, updated and maintained thanks to Carol Herbert. Do visit the site. You can now easily buy many of our sales items. Such products are of course ancillary to our main objects as a charitable society interested in finding out as much as possible about the family but are an interesting keep sake or memento. Our *Metcalf History of the Clan* is still available as are other publications including the *Metcalf's in India*. Our next committee meeting will be considering the future safe use of the Society's Website and access for you to more of our records, which are only available at the Muster, if indeed then. We intend to announce our ideas to you next year.

Life moves on as I say at the beginning of this piece; I see with some perspicacity I said in 2002 "....within a generation, the world we know can change beyond our wildest dreams" and "....a great financial threat to Societies generally lies in the ability of commercial businesses to replicate their project work onto CD Roms for financial gain. Societies such as our[s]...might be safe for the time being ...but the warning signs are there and we will ignore them at our peril !" In 2006 practically all Family History Societies reported static or declining numbers of members and falling revenues (dramatically so in many instances). The on-line availability of indexes and copies of the census together now of parish records, for so long the core project work of Societies (as well as being their primary source of finance) means my concerns are coming true.

It is important that this Society controls the information you have given us for our mutual benefit and how it should be made available to all of our members. I feel we will be able to retain such project work for our mutual benefit simply because the information on one family is only of limited value to the family historian generally. We do however need to be alert!

Despite what I say above I am optimist about our future; I am certain we will make wise decisions in 2007 which will enhance your membership and help to sustain the Society for some years to come. To make this happen more quickly though can I ask that you consider in 2007 helping with new project work or completing existing ones too?

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

More Mecca Sightings

Successful Number Cruncher. A successful candidate for the Advanced Stage of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales in November 2005 was **R Metcalfe** of Newcastle Upon Tyne. *Accountancy January 2006*.

A Hedge of a Party. A big celebratory event was held by the Hedge Fund Industry to congratulate the more successful wheelers and dealers of their financial sector. The bun fight was reported by the *10 o'clock BBC1 TV News* and one of those interviewed was **Piers Metcalfe** a Hedge Fund Manager.

On Ilkley Moor b'at 'at. Interviewed on *You and Yours BBC Radio programme* on Wednesday 31 May 2006 - **Diedrie Metcalfe** about the Pack Horse tracks across Ilkley Moor in Yorkshire.

Mourners. The obituary of Mr John Thompson of Kirkoswald appeared in the *Mid Cumberland and North Westmorland Herald* on Saturday 14 December 1901 and mentioned that officers of the Sons of Temperance attended the funeral. Included amongst their number were **Mr Metcalfe** of Glassonby and **Mr Metcalfe** of Scales. From *Cumbria FHS Newsletter* page 9, August 2002.

No place like Home. Residents of a Sisters of Mercy residential home for the elderly in Horsforth in Leeds were given short notice of the closure of the home in spite of earlier reassurances about the long term future of the care facility. One of the residents pictured in the Yorkshire Evening Post article of 4 February 2006 was **Una Medcalfe**. Supplied by **Phil Metcalfe M710**.

Waste not want not. Farmers with a waste plastic problem were provided with a recycling solution by **M Metcalfe & Sons** of Tunstall, Richmond N.Yorks. *Darlington & Stockton Times* 3 February 2006. Supplied by **David E Thompson M1603**.

Help yourself! The Allerton Community Library in Liverpool introduced the first self issue system in the North of England. Introducing the new system from the beginning of 2006 and with responsibility for control was **Alan Metcalf** the Customer Service Manager. As a result of the new system self issue numbers had risen towards 20% of borrowings. *3M's The Tattler Issue 19 April 2006*.

Helping Others. From Charity Commissioners Register September 2003 - The **Metcalf Shannon Trust** (Support and Assistance of Canadian ex-servicemen and their dependants); **John Metcalfe Publishing Trust** (promoting the Christian Faith). Provided by **David Lambert M11**. Fundraiser for the ME Association **Nicholas Metcalfe**. *ME Magazine - Perspectives Summer 2001*.

Lest We Forget

The information for this article was provided courtesy of the Townley Hall Archivist, Burnley to **Doug Cutting M855**.

The Burnley Express of Nov 26th 1916 reported:-

Mr and Mrs Metcalfe of 4 Norman Street, Burnley have had the sad news that one of their soldier sons has been killed and another wounded. The son killed is Pte. Fred Metcalfe of the Manchester Regt. aged 20. He was formerly a weaver at Messrs. Bancroft & Co., Elm Street and enlisted on February 29th last., being attached first of all to the 3rd East Lancashire Regt., and later transferred to the Manchesters. He had been at the front since July 8th and was killed on October 31st.



A member of the Burnley Lads Club and a keen footballer. The news of his death came in a letter from Cpl. E Thompstone, who wrote: "I am just sending you a few lines to perform a very unpleasant duty. I am very sorry to say that your son Fred was killed by a sniper in the first line trenches. He was acting as a runner, and had repeatedly done several brave deeds in going between our two lines. He just started on a message when he met his death. He was a good lad and was liked by all his comrades in the platoon. He was always very willing and did his duty fine. It happened on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 31st and he was buried the same day. All the lads send their deepest sympathies and best respects and condole with you in your loss."

Fred Metcalfe enlisted in Burnley serving as Private 24704 in the East Lancashire Regiment transferring to be Private 44534 in the 12th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment. He was killed in action aged 20 on Tuesday 31st October 1916.

He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial on Pier and Face 13A and 14C.

The Burnley Express May 26 1917: -
 "Another Double Loss. Two Brothers Killed and One Wounded.
 The Metcalfe family of 4, Norman Street, Burnley have been hard hit in this war and much sympathy will be felt for them under the circumstances. Last October Mr and Mrs Metcalfe lost their 26-year-old son Fred. A sniper killing him as he was acting as a runner, and after he had performed several brave deeds. A few days later their son

Herbert who was a bombardier in the R.F.A. was wounded in the neck and foot.. This week the parents have received the official news that their other son, Pte. (18176) Sam Metcalfe who was in the East Lancashire Regt., has been killed in an Eastern battle sphere the date given being April 28. Pte. Sam Metcalfe, who was aged 26 years and single, enlisted on December 31st 1914, and went out to France in August 1915. He left that country in November, 1915, and had been ever since in the country in which he was killed. The unfortunate soldier, who as formerly a weaver, attended Stoneyholme Wesleyan Church, and was a member of the school cricket team."

The 9th Battalion arrived in Salonika in 1915 and the War Diary reported:-

"28th April 1917. Shelter Ravine. Enemy artillery active during the day. Shelling increased in intensity at 16.00hrs. Barrage signal put up by 8th Battalion Kings Own Royal Liverpool Regiment at 20.00hrs. Enemy replied with 2 barrages. Our barrage stopped enemy infantry action if any were intended. Fire died down from 21.00hrs.

Casualties 1 officer and 9 other ranks killed

2 officers and 36 other ranks wounded."

Sam Metcalfe enlisted at Nelson and served as Private 18176 in "D" Company of the 9th Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment. He was killed in action aged 26 on Saturday 28th April 1917. He is buried at Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece in Grave E 973.

The Burnley Express of January 5th 1918 reported:-

"Fourth loss for Burnley Parents. Few families have suffered such serious bereavements as Mr and Mrs Metcalfe of 4 Norman street, Burnley. Two of their sons have been killed in the war – Fred, of the Manchester Regiment, who met his fate on October 31st 1916, and Sam of the East Lancashires, aged 26, who was killed on an Eastern Front on August 28th

1917. In addition another son who was not a soldier, died in June 1917. News of a further misfortune has reached them this week. Their son Bombardier Herbert Metcalfe of the R.F.A., is officially reported missing since November 30th. This soldier was wounded in the neck and foot by a shell as reported in the "Express" at the time."

The Burnley Express of August 23rd 1918:-

"Third Son to Fall. Burnley Lane Family's Loss.

Few families have suffered such a series of bereavements as Mr and Mrs Metcalfe of 4, Norman Street, Burnley. Three of their sons have been killed in the war. Fred, of the Manchester Regiment, who met his fate on October 31st 1916 in France. Sam, of the East Lancashires, aged 26 who was killed on April 28th 1918 in Salonika and now Cpl. Herbert, of the R.F.A who after a long period of uncertainty, has now been officially presumed dead as from November 30th last. In addition another son, aged 32, who was not a soldier, died in June 1917.

Cpl. Herbert Metcalfe (24551) of the R.F.A. had been reported missing from

November 30th 1917, and the most that could be learned of him that he was wounded in the head and lower part of the body, but none of his comrades seemed to have known what had afterwards become of him, and he is now presumed to have died then. He was 24 years of age and enlisted a month after the outbreak of war, and had been out since about April 1915. He was wounded in the neck and leg and leg on November 5th 1916. Previous to enlisting Cpl H Metcalfe was a skip weigher at Messrs. Grey's Mill."



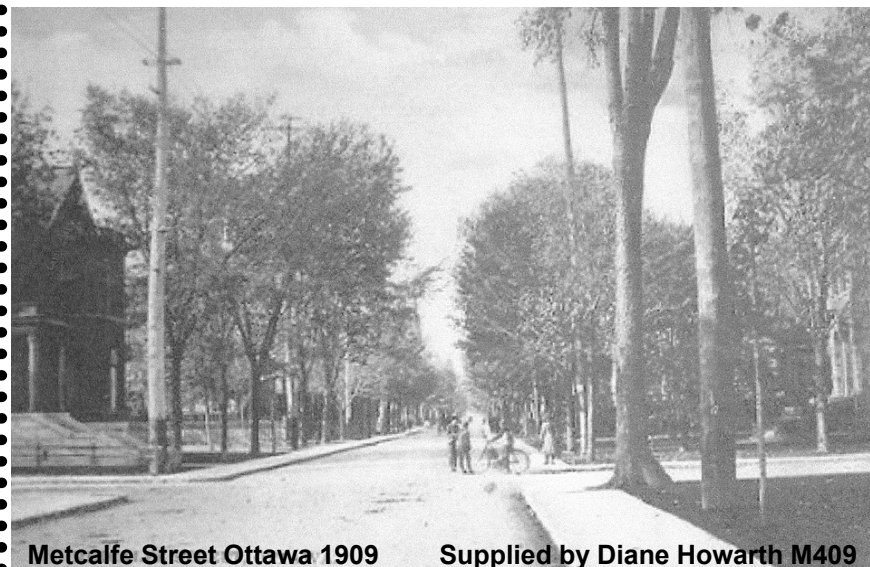
Herbert Metcalfe enlisted in Nelson serving as Corporal 24551 in the 376th Battery, 169th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action aged 24 on Friday 30th November 1917. He is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord France Panel 1.

Patrons

Spotted on different plaques at Chester Zoo
"We are grateful to the following for adopting our..."

Green Mambas - **Ian Metcalf**

Penguins - **Camilla Metcalf**



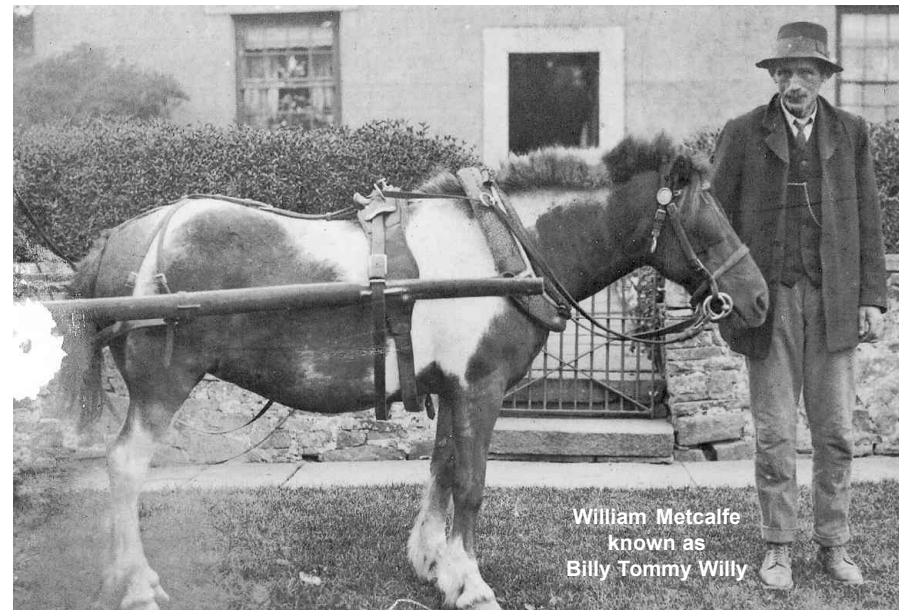
Metcalfe Street Ottawa 1909

Supplied by Diane Howarth M409

Billy Tommy Willy ot'h condle mill

Alan Boardman M1430 writes:

"In the December Mecca News (*Mecca News* 77 page 31- Ed) there was an article on the candle factory in Burtsett and its owner - my great grandfather - William Metcalfe.



William Metcalfe
 known as
 Billy Tommy Willy

Billy Tommy Willy ot'h condle mill and Billy Willy of the village shop were the same person; he was named like this because he was William the son of Thomas who was in turn the son of William Metcalfe.

On the 1891 census William is down as a farmer living at West Garth but by the 1901 census he is a grocer shopkeeper and then in 1912 he is back to being a farmer on his sons marriage certificate. To the best of my knowledge he never lived at the candle factory but only at West Garth.

By 1912 one son ran the shop, the other son - my grandfather - ran the farm and he made the candles. By 1917 he had moved to another farm in Salford in Lancashire where he died in 1937.

The Federation of Family History Societies Publications
 are available from www.genfair.com
 also data online from www.familyhistoryonline.net

FLAGS COTTAGE

Some years ago our Editor, Peter Dobson, [also of my line of Metcalfes] discovered a stone cottage in Gayle, near Hawes, and kindly gave me copies of the pictures he had taken. There was a nameplate giving the cottage's name as Flags Cottage, and over the door lintel a small sign giving the initials A&E M. with the date 1669. This has intrigued our branch of the Metcalfe family ever since, but further research into what 'Flags' meant has defeated us. I will try to explain why we are interested in Flags Cottage.



Flags Cottage, Gayle, Wensleydale

In the early 1980s at a Mecca Muster of the Metcalfe Society, one of our members, the late [and very much missed] Ruth Kay gave me a copy of a Metcalfe Family Tree which she had somehow acquired. It was not of her family line, but during our conversation she thought that it was probably part of my family. Scanning through it I soon realised that it was indeed part of my ancestral line. About the same time, I discovered that there were 4 other members of the Society who were also descended from Anthony and Ann Metcalfe of Hardraw c1600. The late John Holden, M6: Eunice Herring, M50 William [Bill] Metcalfe, M63, and Peter Dobson, M69 and since then we have found about 10 other

members descended from the same source, not least of whom is my cousin Warwick Metcalfe, M256 who I found had a veritable treasure trove of our Metcalfe ancestor's memorabilia and documents.

Warwick and I discovered that the 'Ruth Kay tree' as we named it, had been drawn up in the mid 19th century by our mutual cousin Richard Metcalfe of Nappa House, Barking, Essex. Richard, a lawyer, was born 1800 in Keighley, the son of Cuthbert, also a lawyer, and Isabella Allen. We found from letters in Warwick's possession, that Richard had been approached by Margaret [Williamson] widow of Lister Washington Metcalfe b1777 Muker, Warwick's Gt. Grandparents, for information on her late husband's ancestors and this tree was the result.

It was a roughly drawn tree and obviously from memory as there were many inaccuracies. In part of an explanation at the top of the tree, Richard refers to our ancestor 'Anthony Metcalfe, a freeholder at Gayle, who on the 26th April 1676 exchanged with one Foster of Askrigg, for the Renny Parrock Close, and in 1698 he conveyed the Renny Parrock Close to Leonard Allen of Gayle'. Richard then goes on to say – 'this Anthony I assume to have been "Anton of the Flags". Who, what or where, were the Flags? Does anyone know?

We would also be grateful for any information anyone might have about who owned Flags Cottage in the 17th century or later. Do the initials A&E M and date 1669 refer to our Gt. Grandparents Anthony and Elizabeth [Wynn] Metcalfe who married sometime in the mid 17th century? We know from wills that they are our ancestors, but was the present day Flags Cottage in fact originally the farm house in which they lived? The cottage which is in superb condition, is now a tourist holiday home and is hemmed in by more recent buildings.



Dorothy Pope M55

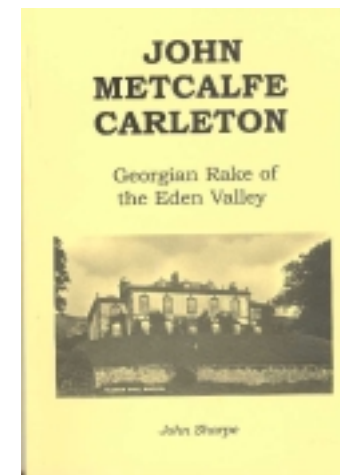
Book Review

John Metcalfe Carleton. *Georgian Rake of the Eden Valley* by John Sharpe.

Mr Sharpe has written about the machinations of one 18th century Metcalfe who changed his name to secure property rights, had a series of ups and downs and undertook a variety of underhand dealings but always seemingly landed on his feet.

An interesting 52 page booklet which gives a flavour of local life in what was then Westmorland; shows how one generation's wishes can cause long term family disputes and a more general feel to legal matters in the 1800's.

The publication has copies of original correspondence and is interspersed with b&w photographs of the main locations. At £4.50 from various booksellers and newsagents in East Cumbria (between Carlisle and Kirkby Stephen) or at £5 (including p&p) direct from John Sharpe at Brackenbank, Clifton, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 2EA (☎ 01768 864139) you shouldn't be disappointed if you decide to purchase.



ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

While submissions of birth briefs have been relatively quiet during the months of good weather we have enjoyed, the influx of new members has continued at a steady pace. Our research team are ready to compare any information that you have, with our large database and other records.

We hope to be able to add to the research that you have done, which can often lead to links with other members and to ancestors of whom you had little, or no knowledge. So please, let's be hearing from you.

Our new Birth Brief Booklet (BBB), updated to August 2006, includes all the BB's we have received from members M1 to M1655, one of our more recent recruits. It can make fascinating reading and sometimes lead to connections of which you were totally unaware.

The BBB is on offer at COST PRICE! ie; £5 plus postage.

Further details are available either on our website;
www.metcalfe-online.co.uk or by post to our Publications Officer
(see inside front cover)

PS. Would M437 & M1383 look closely at the BB below for M780. You could find it interesting.

Brian Metcalfe (M1554) Archivist

DELAYED BIRTH BRIEFS, REJOINED MEMBERS, UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

M780 Derek S Medcalf 3 Alwyns Close, Barnpark Road, Teignmouth, Devon. TQ14 8PL. S.o Harold Spencer & Emily Ethel Blanche (Wiltshire) Md m 25 Dec 1924 Edmonton, London. Harold Spencer b 1902 Edmonton, London s.o. Edward Charles & Charlotte Amelia (Heard) Md m 21 Apr 1892 Wandsworth, London. Edward Charles b 13 Dec 1868 Islington, London s.o. Thomas William & Elizabeth (Malyon) Md m 12 Nov 1864 Clerkenwell, London. Thomas William b 22 Mar 1841 Shoreditch, London s.o. Theophilus Edward & Elizabeth (Leverge) Md m 6 Nov 1837 Hackney, London. Theophilus Edward b 12 Jun 1818 Shoreditch, London s.o. Thomas & Mary Ann B. (?) Md. Thomas bpt 11 May 1791 Cheshunt, Hrt s.o. John & Sarah (Carter) Md m 7 Jun 1778 Cheshunt, Hrt. John b c1750 Cheshunt, Hrt. **Connections XM432 M437 XM563 XM751 M1383.**

M1313 Mrs Pat Spratt, 10 High Park, Knowle, Bristol, BS14 9AH.
email; patspratt2002@yahoo.co.uk. Maternal grandmother Florence Smith

b c1878 Bradford d/o Isaac & Sarah (nee Metcalfe) Smith. Sarah b c1843 Manningham, Bradford d/o William Tomlin & Elizabeth/Betty (Stead) Mte. William Tomlin bpt 19 Aug 1814 Middleham s/o Anthony & his 1st wf Sarah (Tomlin) Mte m 29 Nov 1813 Thornton Steward. Anthony bpt 26 Nov 1792 Thornton Steward s/o Anthony & Jane (Collinson) Mte m 13 Sep 1786 Bedale. Anthony bpt 19 July 1766 Thornton Watlass s/o Anthony & Margaret (Mte (a)) Mte m 5 Mar 1764 Thornton Watlass. Anthony bpt 8 Jun 1740 Thornton Watlass s/o Stephen & Ellen (Moody) Mte m 19 Sep 1734 Thornton Watlass. Stephen b c1715 Rookwith. **Connections M123 M165 M266 M480 M493 M522 M545 M616 M644 M1269 M1341 M1404 & M1487.**

(a) Margaret Mte bpt 23 Sep 1739 Thornton Watlass d/o Thomas & Ann (Meek) Mte m 23 Nov 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704 Thornton Watlass s/o Elias Mte. Elias b c1657 s/o James Mte. James s/o Roger & Anne Mte. **Connections M123 XM127 XM162 XM626 XM632 & XM843.**

M1425 Paul Metcalfe 41 Chilfrome Close, Poole, Dorset. BH17 9WE
email; paul.metcalfe@mac.com S.o. Raymond & Jennifer Ann (Ogdon) Mte m 7 Dec 1963 West Bridgford, Notts. Raymond b 31 Mar 1935 Nottingham s.o. William & Ethel Mary (Leverton) Mte m 7 Apr 1918 Sneinton, Nottingham. William b 1887 Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs s.o. Thomas & Selina (Sansom) Mte m 24 Mar 1884 Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs. Thomas b 9 May 1857 St Crux, York, Yks s.o. William & Hannah (?) Mte. William b 1819 Stillington, Yks. S.o. William & Jane (Allenby) Mte m 7 Apr 1822 Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yks. William bpt 22 Aug 1802 Farlington, Yks natural s.o. Mary Mte. Mary bpt 21 Oct 1762 Farlington, Yks d.o. Percival & Anne (Swales) Mte m 29 Dec 1761 Farlington, Yks. Percival bpt 30 Apr 1735 Middlesmoor, Yks s.o. John & Mary (?) Mte. John bpt 14 Sep 1705 Middlesmoor, Yks s.o. John & Isabel (Atkinson) Mte m 6 Aug 1704 Middlesmoor, Yks. **Connections XM8 et al**

M1522 Maureen Alison Metcalfe 4 Barncroft Way, St Albans. AL1 5QZ
Gd.o Christopher James b 22 May 1914 Shildon s.o. James Henry & Elsie (Johnston) Mte m 1907 Shildon. James Henry b 25 Apr 1883 Shildon s.o. James & Ann (Manners) Mte m 23 Aug 1875 Shildon. James b 2 May 1849 bpt 12 May 1849 Downholme s.o. Leonard & Ann/Nancy (Jefferson) Mte m 24 Nov 1840 Downholme. Leonard bpt 9 Jun 1818 Spennithorne s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Raw) Mte m 31 May 1803 East Hauxwell. Thomas b 11 Nov 1781 Garriston bpt 16 Dec 1781 East Hauxwell s.o. James & Mary Jane (Croft) Mte m 15 May 1781 East Hauxwell. James bpt 1 Oct 1758 East Hauxwell s.o. Thomas & Elizabeth (Plews) Mte m 13 Nov 1757 East Hauxwell.

M1540 Mrs Ann Cline 18 Picton Crescent, Thornaby, Cleveland. TS17 0EZ
Grd d.o Mary Ann Mt b 18 Mar 1886 d.o Richard & Eleanor (Ward) Mt m 23 Jun 1873 South Shields. Richard b c1853 Scotland s.o. Robert & Mary (Ecclesfield)

Mt m 11 May 1850 Peebles. Robert b c1824 Newcastle s.o William & Ann (Doughty) Mt m 28 Aug 1821 All Saints, Newcastle. William bpt 15 Aug 1796 Great Ayton s.o John & Jane (Ward) Mt m 16 May 1795 Great Ayton. John b c1766. **Connections M164 XM463 XM575 XM1160 XM1431.**

M1556 Peter English Metcalf, 49 Adams Avenue, Pembroke, Massachusetts 02359 USA. email; Papa.pete4@verizon.net. Peter E b 17 Feb 1944 Weymouth, MA, USA s/o Albert Dexter & Helen (English) Mt. Albert D b 23 Sep 1914 Boston MA s/o Frank Leon & Sadie Deming (Bishop) Mt. Frank L. b 21 Aug 1879 Talmadge, Maine s/o Oliver & Helen (Leon) Mt m 15 Aug 1875 Topsfield, Maine. Oliver b 22 Oct 1850 Talmadge, Maine s/o Amos Janer & Margaret / Maria (Eagle/Eagles) Mt m 20 Oct 1841. Amos J. b 28 Sep 1820 River Phillip, Nova Scotia s/o James & Elizabeth (Dickinson) Mte m 14 Feb 1810 Nunnington, Yks, England. James bpt 15 Aug 1790 Nunnington s/o Joseph & Elizabeth (Brown) Mte m 22 Nov 1785 Sutton on the Forest. Joseph bpt 01 Jan 1758 Hawnby s/o James & Mary (Pybus) Mte m 24 Jan 1743/4 Hawnby. James bpt 24 Nov 1706 Dale Side, Hawnby s/o Richard & Cecily Mte of Eppy Head, Hawnby. **Connection to XM629, XM1224.**

M1571 Mrs Colleen Dorothy Gray "Sunnybank", Gwernllwynchwyth, Heollas, Swansea. SA7 9DS. email; dollygray@btopenworld.com Grt grd d.o. John & Elizabeth (Mte) Moore m 27 Nov 1879 Bethel Chapel, Hawes. Elizabeth b c1857 Burtersett d.o. Thomas & Mary (Moore) Mte m 19 Sep 1857 Hawes. Thomas bpt 16 Feb 1834 Hawes s.o. William & Elizabeth (Marsden) Mte m 16 Feb 1817 Slaidburn. William bpt 30 Sep 1792 Hawes s.o. James & Isabel (Blenkiron) Mte m 17 May 1790 Stalling Busk. James bpt 10 Dec 1759 Askrigg s.o. James Mte of Askrigg. **Connection XM307 XM317 XM475 XM591 XM664 XM769 M824 M1076 XM1077 M1227 XM1419 M1480 M1539**

M1603 David E Thompson 4 Worsley Close, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees. TS16 0BW email; davidethompson@ntlworld.com Grd s.o. Albert & Vera (Mte) Dodds m 28 Jan 1931 West Hartlepool Methodist Church. Vera Annie Mte b 26 Mar 1908 West Hartlepool, Durham d.o. William & Alice Maud (Willey) Mte m 18 Jun 1902 Tow Law, Durham. William b c1876 died 18 Mar 1951 Tadcaster.

M1652 David Metcalf "The Neuk", 1a Bridge Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2SY. Desc of Charles Henry Mt b 28 Jan 1894 Leeds s.o. Christopher & Martha (Copeland) Mte m 1890 Leeds. Christopher bpt 22 Mar 1868 Bedale s.o. George & Elizabeth (Gatenby) Mte m 21 May 1859 Bedale. George bpt 23 Jul 1837 Bedale s.o. George & Margaret (Barwick) Mte m 8 Dec 1832 Bedale. George bpt 3 Dec 1809 Bedale s.o. William & Betty (Gale) Mte m 1 Jan 1807 Bedale. William Bpt 21 May 1786 Bedale s.o. William & Ann (Turbot) Mte m 22 Nov 1775 Bedale. William b c1727. **Connections M81 XM156 XM603.**

NEW MEMBERS (WITH OR WITHOUT BIRTH BRIEFS)

M1630 Miss Linda Anne Cunningham 3 Holywell Dene Glasshoughton Castleford West Yorkshire WF10 4RG. Awaiting details

M1631 Thomas Wurth 4409 Greenbriar Street S.E. Lacey WA 98503 – 4356 U.S.A. email; txwurth@comcast.net Awaiting details

M1632 William George Metcalfe 6 Puckleside Langdon Hills Basildon Essex SS16 5XD email: williammetcalfe@hotmail.com Awaiting details

M1633 Andrew Metcalfe 5 Clay Drove, West Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincs, PE11 3NB, email; mettie2000@hotmail.com Awaiting details

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M1635 Mrs Mary Fenwick 23 Cedar Mews Hurworth Place Darlington Co. Durham DL2 2HU. Awaiting details

M1636 Mrs Melanie Metcalfe-Thompson 5 Grange Road Leconfield Beverley East Yorkshire HU17 7LE, email; noctuleuk@aol.com Awaiting details

M1637 Philip Cobham 24 Churchfields Ormskirk Lancashire L39 3AR email; phil@cobham.demon.co.uk Awaiting details

M1638 Miss Lisa Metcalfe 22 Bradbury Court New Hartley Whitley Bay Tyne & Wear NE25 0SW. email; sjblcm@aol.com Awaiting details

M1639 Ms Penelope West 14 West McDougal Road Cochrane Alberta T4C 1L3 Canada email; westden@telusplanet.net Awaiting details

M1640 Myles A Mobbs 6 Camborne Close Delapre Northampton NN4 8PH email mylesmobbs@btinternet.com Awaiting details

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M1642 Ms Vivien Ellis 14 Ritson Road, Newton Aycliffe, Durham DL5 5NA Desc of Charlotte Mte bpt 15 Nov 1818 at Sandhutton d.o. Michael & Ann (?) Mte. Michael b c1782. email vivienellis@btinternet.com

M1644 Charles David Metcalfe Afton View, Blackbridge Road, Freshwater, IoW. PO40 9QL. Awaiting details. e-mail: davidmetcalfechs@hotmail.com

M1645 Mrs Penelope Pursey Chippies, Broadlands Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex. RH15 0BG email: pennypursey@hotmail.com Awaiting details

M1653 Mrs Angela Clarke 125 Nipsells Chase Mayland Essex CM3 6EJ email; angela@angelaandedie.fsnet.co.uk Awaiting details

M1654 David Barrington Metcalfe 20 Oakfield Road Poynton Cheshire SK12 1AR email; david.metcalfe20@ntlworld.com Awaiting details

M1655 Stephen M. Kayley 11 Firbank House, School Lane, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, TS9 6SF. Email; email; KFOULER438@aol.com. Grandson of Job Henry & Ada (Metcalfe) Kayley m 12 Apr Carleton in Craven. Ada b 07 Mar 1870 Carleton d/o Alexander & Betty (Whitehead) Metcalfe m 26 Feb 1859 Carleton. Alexander bpt 26 Nov 1826 Gargrave s/o Stephen & his 2nd wife Mary (Rushworth) Mte m 31 Aug 1822 Gargrave. Stephen b c1800 bpt 25 Feb 1803 Hawes s/o John & his 1st wife Eleanor (Dinsdale) Mte m 29 Nov 1786 Hawes. John bpt 07 Jun 1767 Stalling Busk s/o Henry & Mary (Branton) Mte m 04 Jul 1764 Aysgarth. Henry bpt 27 Feb 1740 Aysgarth s/o John Mte of Longrigg in Deepdale & ? Agnes Williamson of Bishopdale m 06 May 1732 Aysgarth. **Connects to XM56.**

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We have left a "?" in front of Agnes Williamson because there is no way we can confirm the connection but she is certainly a highly likely candidate.

M1656 Colin Metcalfe Blaen-y-Foel Nebo CAERNARFON Gwynedd LL54 6EH Awaiting details

It is with regret we report the death of
Jack Adams
 husband of Vera Adams M2
 on 31 July 2006

James Mowbray Metcalfe M20
 on 4 June 2006

and

Dr Charles E Hinks M1230
 on 2 November 2006

We extend our sympathy
 to both relatives and friends.

London & Middlesex Mecca's

Holy Trinity, Minories, London. Marriage Register 26/3/1676 - 22/6/1683

Entry no			
179	Medcalf Mary of Saviour, Southwark	m 5/6/1679	Patrick Gough of St Mary Whitechapel
65	Medcalfe William	m 15/4/1677	Susanna Andrewes
201	both of Tatnam High Cross Metcalfe Anthony of St Leonard, Shoreditch	m 28/9/1679	Elizabeth Bigworth of Stepney

Banns of Marriage Christ Church, Spitalfields, Middx. 1/1845 - 9/1861

First Banns Called		If married in Christ Church (CS)
26/7/1846	N	Metcalfe Eliza, spinster / Franklin J. bachelor both of CS
3/12/1848	Y	Metcalfe Eliza, spinster / Haddon J. widower both of CS
23/5/1852	N	Medcalf Ann, spinster / Chance J. bachelor both of CS
25/9/1853	N	Metcalfe James, bachelor / Tunbridge C. spinster both of CS
25/8/1861	Y	Medcalf Phillip James bachelor / Gentle E spinster both of CS

Barnet Middlesex. Parish of South Mimms, Christ Church. MI's 1900 - 1983. MI = headstone.

				Grave ref	Place of Abode
Metcalf	Blanche	17/10/1908	23m	E179	Barnet
Metcalf	Frederic	24/10/1966	52	H343X- MI	Barnet

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We've Done it Again!

After last year's success in gaining a Commended certificate in the Elizabeth Simpson Award for family history journals it was decided to enter again with our 25th Anniversary Issue which had received such a positive response from the membership.

The results of this year's competition were announced at the FFHS Conference at the University of Northampton on 2 September 2006 and we came away a Commended award for the content of the magazine.



SPRING CONFERENCE

The NorthWest Group of Family History Societies will be holding its annual Spring Conference on Saturday **12 May 2007**.

The event hosted by the Family History Society of Cheshire is entitled

Working Lives

will be held at the Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich.

Cost will be approx £15. Further details from David Lambert

e-mail dlambert@easynet.co.uk.

Earlier Censuses

Some earlier Censuses were taken in 1801, 1811, 1821 and 1831.

The returns were not preserved in their complete form, however there are some areas where returns for those years have been found surviving in local authority libraries and archives. The dates of the Censuses are as follows:

1801 - 10 March ; 1811- 27 May

1821 - 28 May ; 1831 -30 May

Doug Cutting M855

THE WEDDING PARTY. Celia Humphrey M1214 writes " I wonder if any member could help to identify any of the group. The bride is Gladys Medcalf who married Bertram Tyson about 1920. The couple on either side of the bride and groom are Gladys's parents - George Medcalf and Isabella nee Freeman. The young girl standing on the left of the photo is my husband's mother's sister Joyce Medcalf."



If you can assist contact Celia via e-mail - ianandcelia.humphrey@ntlworld.com or by ordinary mail at 26 Rosehill Park, Reading RG4 8XE.

I wrote this article on my New Zealand Metcalfe family which has been printed in the New Zealand Society of Genealogists magazine. Lyn Dalley M1309

THE METCALFE ORPHANS OF CHRISTCHURCH

Often we hear or read the success stories of our early colonial times, but early New Zealand did not guarantee prosperity to all the new settlers. Life was often brutal and short, and sometimes the children paid the price.

I had always known that Great grandma Chapman had been orphaned at an early age when her father was drowned crossing the Rakaia River. My very great thanks go to Marie Corser who dug in the Archives to solve the mystery of her childhood.

The earliest record of her family is the marriage of Joseph Metcalf age 21 to Harriet Dowson aged 23, both farm servants, in the parish of Beeford in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Joseph's father is given as James Metcalf, gardener and Harriet's father as Richard Dowson, labourer. The young couple are still living in the area in the 1851 census, where Joseph's birthplace is given as Thornton, and Harriet's as Bridlington.

They shortly after embark on the ship Canterbury for New Zealand as part of the Canterbury Association settlement. During the four month voyage out Harriet had a son, born on September 8th and named Martin. Martin died in October 1852 and is buried in the Barbadoes St Cemetery in Christchurch.

In January 1853 a daughter is born and baptised Sarah Elizabeth, then in 1854 my great, great grandmother is born, and baptised Mary Jane. Another daughter Emma is also born fairly soon after, although her birth is not recorded or registered. (She gives her age as 21 years on her marriage in 1876.)

We know nothing of their life in the next four years. Then in April of 1859 a letter to the Police Office says:

" I beg leave to bring under your notice the circumstances of a case calling for some assistance from the Charitable Aid Fund.

On the Officers of the Police Force proceeding about 14 days ago to arrest on a charge of larceny a man named Metcalf living near the Lincoln Rd they found his wife in a dying state, nearly paralysed, lying with hardly any covering over her in a bed which was rotten. She had had no medical attendance and was in a condition of filth, starvation and neglect which can hardly be described. The children were nearly naked and were covered as was everything in the house , with vermin.

..... I caused Mrs Metcalf to be removed to the Lyttleton Hospital where she still lingers without hope of recovery. For the children, three in number, I caused a supply of clothing to be made and during the first week after Metcalf's imprisonment, had goods sent for them from Christchurch and located in Metcalf's house a person named Groves whose wife has looked after and cooked for the children. For this service and for attendance upon Mrs Metcalf prior to her removal I have paid 20/-. At the expiration of the the first week I made an arrangement with Groves to maintain the children for a weekly payment of 10/- each.

..... Metcalf has no relatives in the colony to whom application could be made for the support of these children."

Harriet Metcalf died in Lyttleton Hospital on May 16th 1859, cause of death given as " Disease of the brain / Paralysis".

How long Joseph Metcalf was imprisoned I don't yet know, but the inquest on his death in 1861 records that the open sided dray he was travelling in tipped while crossing the Rakaia River, and he was fatally injured.

The Metcalf children at this time are being looked after by a Mrs Hemmings, who is paid 5 shillings a week from the Charitable Aid Fund. In 1862 Mary Jane Metcalf is admitted to the Christchurch Orphan Asylum, along with Sarah, who dies there in 1863. Emma appears to have remained in a foster home until 1870 when she too goes to the Orphanage.

Emma leaves the Orphanage in 1871 aged 13 years to go into domestic service for Mr Stoddart Esq on the Peninsula. Mary Jane is admitted to Christchurch Hospital in 1871 where it is recorded that she is in service to Mr Hastie of Hurunui.

In 1875 Mary Jane is married in Wellington to Walter Chapman, a baker and sometime ship's cook, and they have nine children. They eventually settle in Taranaki. Of their seven sons one dies young of tuberculosis, and two are killed in WWI – one in Egypt after being wounded at Gallipoli and the other in France. Another comes home but with his lungs destroyed by mustard gas and dies just a few years later.

On 12th April 1876 Emma marries William Anderson, a mariner in Lyttleton. I have not been able to find any record of children from this marriage as yet. But I would dearly love to make contact with Emma Metcalf's descendants, so if any-one has any more information on this family they could contact me on k.l.dalley@xtra.co.nz.

Well Travelled Meccas

My son has just returned (February 2006) from Australia and took this photograph from Sydney harbour of an area called 'The Rocks'. I was not sure if you had seen it before and wondered if it might be of use as a Metcalfe sighting photograph for the Mecca News.

Edwin Metcalf M980



My step son was in Sydney last year and saw this building with the Metcalfe name on it. The location is very close to the Opera House. Unfortunately he did not have the time to check the history. Perhaps it may be something for the Journal. Kind regards
John Metcalfe M1352

We have just returned from living in Sydney (June 2003). While there we had to visit the Metcalfe Arcade and enclosed is some information about the building.

Mrs Pam Jarmain M123

Originally the Australian Steam Navigation Company building founded in 1839 by a prominent Sydney merchant Michael Metcalfe.

The Metcalfe Bond Stores was part of the rebuilding of the Rocks in the early 1900's. Initially a warehouse it became offices and retail space in 1973 when it was renamed the Metcalfe Arcade.

Now houses restaurants, craft and collectable shops.

(See Mecca News 51 & 65 for more information about Michael - Editor)



As we were travelling to Canada (1999) we noticed the sign for a town called Metcalfe so made a detour. The town was on route 6 just outside of Ottawa. Several stores were called Metcalfe including the one opposite. The town was very attractive with some houses of character interspersed with the shops. I was aware of many trees and green spaces. Wonder who the first Metcalfe was?



Mrs Olive Sherrard M763

If you have any other Metcalfe photographs from your travels don't hesitate to send them in. It may take awhile for them to appear - see some of the dates shown! - but I will look to use them in the future. - Editor -

SOUTHPORT FAIR 2006

The Society again attended the Annual Fair of the North West Group of Family History Societies after a gap of three years.

The Fair held at Southport Floral Hall on 23 September 2006 saw over a hundred stalls from a variety of commercial and FHS exhibitors. On a sunny day in the resort over 850 people (an improvement on recent years' attendances) came along to have a look, seek advice and listen to a range of family history speakers.

Attending for our Society were David Lambert M11, Ena & Brian Metcalfe M1554 and Margaret Hodgson M515 (who are pictured opposite - except Brian who was helping with the NWGFHS organisers at the time the picture was taken!). Also at the Fair but in his capacity as Chairman of the NW Group was our editor Peter Dobson M69.

An apology to Margaret Hodgson for failing to include her in the acknowledgements for the York Fair reported in Mecca News 79 page 18 - Editor.



A MODEST HERO

The Westmorland Gazette of 11 June 2004 reported that a young woman had her life saved by a Kendal man **Richard Metcalfe**.

Richard the owner of Classic Finish Printers was in the businesses offices at Longpool Kendal when he was alerted by a commotion outside the building. Twenty nine year old Catherine Straughan had been pinned by her right arm to a wall by an articulated lorry. The lorry was moved to release Mrs Straughan who then collapsed due to the severe injuries she suffered. Richard stepped in and held the arm until an ambulance arrived.

The victim was taken to Lancaster then Preston hospitals and warned that she could lose her arm. The arm was saved but she lost her middle finger. Mrs Straughan thanked Mr Metcalfe for his prompt action which she believed saved her arm. Richard also received a letter from Cumbria Constabulary for his help but remained modest about his role.

Provided by **Judith Robinson M631**

And (almost) ending on a festive note.....

Young Mecca received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every phrase out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. Mecca tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music, and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary. Finally, Mecca was fed up, and he shouted at the parrot. The parrot shouted back. he shook the parrot, the parrot got angrier and even ruder. Mecca, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird, and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet; not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, Mecca quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto his outstretched arm and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour".

Mecca was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Supplied to **Doug Cutting M855** by **Chris Cutting**

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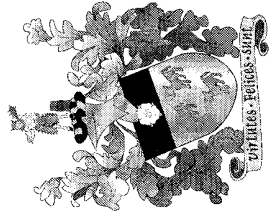
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Mecca Buildings: The Metcalfe Arms, Hawstead, Suffolk

Supplied by Mrs Pat Jarman M123



THE METCALFE SOCIETY
Established 1980

Minutes of the AGM of The Metcalfe Society Saturday 9th September 2006, held at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:

David welcomed all members and guests to the 26th Annual General Meeting, in particular mentioning the presence of members from overseas.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Charles Metcalfe, Vera Adams, Mary Metcalfe, Julian & Pamela Metcalfe, Paul Johnson, Roberta Johnson.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 2005 :

Having been circulated, were signed as a correct record, after one correction: Charles Metcalfe, as President, serves a three year term and thus was not subject to election last year.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 & 6. REPORTS:

Executive reports for the following had been circulated in written form to the meeting.

Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer	Archivist Co-ordinator
New Members' Secretary	Editor	Gift Aid Secretary	Agents' Reports
Web Administrator	Despatch	Computer Index	Publications
Sales & Library	Affiliations	Conference Secretary	Fairs
			Projects

They were all accepted by the meeting without alteration. David announced that the 'Mecca News' had received a commendation for content in the Elizabeth Simpson Awards.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2007:

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

8. ELECTIONS:

- Charles Metcalfe was re-elected as President. Mary Metcalfe, Vera Metcalfe & Helen Offer were re-elected as Vice-Presidents.
- David Lambert was re-elected as Chairman, Ena Metcalfe as Secretary and Carol Herbert as Treasurer.
- Carol Arkwright, who had previously notified the Committee that she would not be seeking re-election, was thanked for her valuable contribution over many years to the work of the Committee and the Society as a whole.
- The rest of the Committee was unanimously re-elected: Peter Dobson; Margaret Hodgson; Jose Hopper; Diane Howarth; Lesley Longworth; Brian Metcalfe; David Metcalfe.

9. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts had been circulated in written form. Some further explanation on some specific points was requested by the meeting and was given by Carol Herbert.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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

11. A.O.B:

- There was a question on access to Society records. In response, the privacy policy regarding members' personal details was reiterated. On a separate note, members will be able to search various general records in the members' area of the website (which is password protected) but this will not allow any mass downloading of records by any individual.
- A member who queried what progress had been made on the DNA project was referred to the resume in the August 'Mecca News'.

The meeting was closed at 12-00.

12. DATE OF 2007 AGM: Saturday 8th September 2007 at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.