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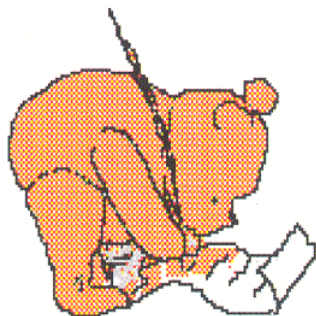
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FROM THE EDITOR



This is my 50th Mecca News. When I was asked to take on the editor's role I envisaged a relatively easy life - after all editors sat in a big office and had reporters supplying "the copy" - the editors task was to present it in a balanced readable format. Oh how naive!

Looking back at the first couple of issues they are not overly good! I had to come to terms with software which was at times quirky and photo reproduction which looked reasonable on screen but somewhat different when printed!

However with help and support, of in particular, Charles Metcalfe our President, I started to get the plot. I improved my understanding of layout and photo presentation; we used glossy paper and colour which improved the visual aspects but a lot depended (still does) on articles and without "reporters" articles which were not always available or at the time required. I learnt how to fill the magazine!

So after fifty issues I am getting the hang of it, find it most enjoyable and have learnt a lot. My thanks to all the contributors over the period and here's to the next issue.



Mecca Bits & Bobs

Blowing in the Wind. They tower 60m high and span over 80m. There are 26 of these grey structure dominating the sky line above Rochdale. The Scout Moor Wind Turbine Farm will produce electricity for 40,000 homes. However the wind farm does not meet with everyone's approval.

Ann Metcalf of Norden Rochdale located half a mile from the turbines led the fight against the siting and building of the structures but the local interest groups lost out and they are left with the result. Commenting Ann said "If Peel Holdings were to turn of the lights off at the Trafford Centre we would not need these turbines". *Manchester Evening News* 26 September 2008.

Garden Shed Painting. Painting in her garden shed she produces vibrant sea and landscape pictures. Described as "*little explosions of joy*" the paintings of Poynton Cheshire resident **Di Metcalfe** were exhibited in nearby Bollington at the White Gallery. *Cheshire Independent Issue* 17 May 2010.

The Enumerate. ICAEW Finalist November 2010 **T Metcalf**, London.

Accountancy Magazine January 2011.



The Bull Inn Sedbergh

*Extract from
**History & Traditions
of Ravenstonedale
Westmorland
by Rev W Nicholls.
First published 1877.***

gentleman inside; Willy Taylor and Tom Heavyside the driver outside. We travelled at a good speed up to Dicky Metcalfe's the Cross Keys Cautley a distance of about five miles and being a very cold morning Willy the Butcher and the driver went into the inn to have a taste of Dicky's gin but left no one in charge of the horses. Consequently they got tired of waiting and started full trot towards Kirkby Stephen. Metcalfe hearing the horses started off and ran a

In the first lecture I refer to the ancient roads which were in the first instance made for and used by pack horses. The most important coach road of modern times was that between Cautley Head and Kirkby Lane Head. It formed part of the main highway between Lancaster and Brough one mail coach passing each way daily through the parish. This was convenient to the dale's folk who wished to go abroad for a season. An anecdote is told of one very striking occurrence which took place on that road.

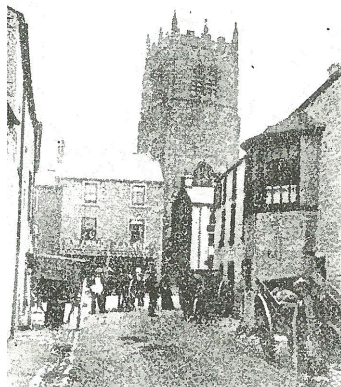
Just before entering our parish the horses ran away with the mail coach. It was in the winter time very early in the morning hence quite dark and the snow was lying very deep on the ground. The following is the account of it kindly forwarded to me by J Dover Esq of Sedbergh who was one of the passengers of the tiime. He says:- " It is about forty years since the writer commenced a journey to Newcastle-upon-Tyne from the Bull Inn Sedbergh about one o'clock one severe frosty morning in midwinter per the old Exmouth coach. The passengers consisted of myself and a lady and



The Howgills from the Kirkby Stephen Road

considerable distance after the coach clothed only in nightshirt and slippers but the speed of the horses being so great he had to give it up. During this time I was looking out of the coach windows but never mentioned what had happened to either the lady or gentleman.

This part of the road was narrow and very dangerous being entirely unprotected from a deep rocky river so that I decided to leave the inside and hold on behind until we reached the next steep hill called Rawthey Brow which was about a mile further on the road but in alighting from the step I fell upon a sheet of ice and this prevented me from again reaching the coach or informing the occupants of what had occurred but in their case ignorance was certainly bliss in crossing the moors on that dreary morning. Still I kept on running until I reached the inn at Cross Bank kept by Mr Shaw where I engaged a horse and without saddle followed after expecting



Kirkby Stephen

at the bottom of each steep hill to find the coach upset but to my great astonishment I found it standing in front of the King's Arms Kirkby Stephen its usual place and the lady and gentleman in great perplexity sitting in the inn wondering what had become of the driver and the person who had so abruptly left his seat in the coach without speaking a word and concluded I must have been either drunk or insane - or had robbed them. But when they found their money and watches all right they could not conjecture how they had lost the coachman nor what had caused me to decamp until I had revealed to them the mystery and told of the many dangers they

had escaped in their journey of ten miles without any driver while at the same time the reins were dragging about the horses legs. In consequence of the heavy drifts of snow which occurred in several parts of our journey the horses had to be driven to the very edge of the road.

We waited some time in Kirkby Stephen expecting the driver but as he never made his appearance I was compelled to mount the coach box and drove through Brough to Spittle a distance of ten miles at which place we obtained another driver. Before again proceeding on our journey I did not omit the usual practice of opening the coach door and in joke of course tipping my hat to the lady and gentleman who instead of bestowing the usual gift very politely acknowledged their appreciation of my exertions on their behalf."

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inside cover.

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The Annual AGM & Muster

will take place on Saturday 8th October 2011 at the
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes in Wensleydale
from 10am till 4pm.

Further details and a booking form are enclosed
with this magazine.

Note your diaries and book today!

The sale of the cd of the back issues of the Mecca News 1-89 (with index)

has gone well resulting in a new batch of cd's having to be produced.

If you missed copies of the magazine the first time around or just
need the space why don't you purchase a cd
at the bargain price of £9.99.

Full details at www.metcalfes-online.co.uk

I would like to thank the committee and the membership at the AGM for
nominating and voting for me as an Honorary Vice President of
The Metcalfe Society. I really do feel extremely honoured to be able
to accept such an invitation. **Diane Howarth M409**

I was utterly astonished to read that I had been included in the group
of society members awarded Honorary Membership. It is indeed
an honour and I thank everybody concerned.

Joan Metcalfe M63

DEADLINE for the AUGUST Mecca News is 6 June 2011.

Articles comments or snippets to the Editor.

THE NORTH WEST GROUP OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

held their annual fair at the Northgate Arena Chester on 6 November 2010. The Fair was not as well attended as previous years but a steady flow of visitors called in during the day.

Our Archivist Brian Metcalfe set up and manned the Society's table spelled by our Chairman David Lambert and Vice Chairman Peter Dobson who both also helped out with the NW Group's organisation on the day.



Brian (on right) dealing with an enquirer



The Metcalfe Society display at the 2010 Yorkshire Family History Fair.

This year's event, the 16th, will take place at York Racecourse on Saturday 25 June from 10am till 4pm.

Your Society will be there - call in and see us!

Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe George Buxton M3.

Talking to Peter Dobson about the Indian Mutiny I mentioned the above gentleman who became the 4th Baronet on the death of his brother Charles Theophilus Metcalfe in 1846. Chas Theo was made Baron Metcalfe of Fernhill by Queen Victoria shortly before his death. Thom Theo as I will call him, in my opinion led a colourful life; he died in 1853 long before the Mutiny took place. However I do think he had an influence on the event and certainly led a life of conflict with authority.

Thom Theo was born 2nd January 1795 and baptized 27th March 1795. He was educated at Eton until December 1809 when he was declared fit to enter Haileybury, the East India Company Civil Service College where pupils were educated to become civil servants for the East India Company. On the 17th April 1811 his father also Thomas Theophilus Metcalfe was appointed to the college committee. On the 13th November 1811 the chairman was advised that several students had broken into the college this resulted in Thom Theo with several others being expelled on 21st January 1812. His father must have pulled a few levers as he was re-instated on 22nd January 1812. Thom Theo had to sign a letter to the committee disclaiming the use of firearms during the riot. On the 15th April he wrote "expressing his grateful acknowledgment for the forgiveness of his late indiscretions at Haileybury" also for his appointment to the Bengal Establishment. He also promised to be a good boy. He was to spend the rest of his life in Bengal and Delhi.

Thom Theo was left £5,000 in his father's will. The money was to be assigned to him on his 25th birthday. On 28th January 1816 he wrote to Edmund Larkin, his brother's agent asking for the money. According to my maths a little early, however he married Grace Clark probably in 1816, which may have precipitated the request. His first son Theophilus Macpherson was baptized in November 1817 and Charles Theophilus Ridout was baptized on 18 January 1820.

In early 1824 Thom Theo and Grace stayed with his older brother Chas Theo in Calcutta; there Grace died on 15 April (a letter from Tom's mother to his sister Georgina dated 26 April says "she was a good amiable affectionate Creature.....She has suffered severely for a long time but bore all patiently..") - all her family died at a young age. On 26th October 1826 Thom Theo married Felicity Anne Brown. Her brother was the inventor of the Sam Brown belt. Their son Theo John was baptized 29th December 1828 and Emily Ann Theophila baptized 27th September 1830. A further daughter Georgina Theophila was born 20th August 1832.

On 19th April 1826 an injunction was served upon him so he could

not issue orders without the approval of the Board of Revenue to prevent offending the religious prejudices of the people. This was subsequently withdrawn. In 1830 he annoyed the King of Delhi when he interfered with Palace administration in connection with criminal acts committed within the Palace.



Thom Theo had to explain the lack of control of public money by the local Town Duty Officers. In 1832 the East India Company instigated a tax on all salt brought into Delhi via nominated gates. Naturally the movement of salt moved to other gates, Thom Theo suggested all salt brought into Delhi should be seized. For this idea he was praised.

In May 1838 David Munro who was essentially bookkeeper to Thom Theo was dismissed. The 1st complaint was Thom Theo had allowed his private luggage to be charged to the public purse. 2nd - Making false claims drawing salary in advance of due payment. 3rd - Giving his friends produce from his official residence. 4th - Dismissing an old and faithful servant to replace him with a friend. 5th - Making unauthorised interference with internal offices of the palace. 6th - Exacting an advance for the clerk of his office. 7th - Reducing the interest of the late Nawab by giving a wrong opinion on claims. 8th - Taking over a parcel of land from an inhabitant of Delhi and annexing it to his personal estate. 9th - Apparently making an advance then demanding a full return of the money.

Thom Theo made a full explanation on all charges except the 1st and when Mr. Munro pointed this out to him he repaid the 181 rupees immediately. As Thom Theo was a Judge and Agent for the EIC living in his official residence he was allowed to do pretty much as he wanted. Thom Theo did say he had dismissed Mr Munro as he was unworthy of confidences as he was using confidential information to his personal benefit. In February 1840. Mr. Munro again made an official complaint against Thom Theo, to the fact that Thom Theo was in debt to an Indian bank. On learning of the situation the Governor General of India reprimanded Thom Theo; this had the desired effect as the debt was cleared.

Thom Theo as a Judge and Commissioner for the EIC made tours of his area; on one such trip he had his own doctor at 20 rupees a month and the use of a government elephant. On the 22nd August 1842 his daughter was baptized and he was also the subject of another complaint by a Mr. A R Bell, a magistrate in Delhi. The claim was dismissed with costs. In December 1852 yet another complaint was announced, this time an Indian made a complaint concerning the administration of a tribal estate of the King of Delhi by the British. The locals complaint was that they had been deprived of their

rights by the EIC. Thom Theo wrote a report and again he was exonerated.

In 1837 Shah Akbar succeed to the throne, the Governor General instructed Thom Theo to get the Shah to remove all claims against the East India Company, this the Shah refused to comply with. The result was a committee was set up with the intention was to manipulate the situation to the benefit of the EIC. The committee consisted of three European and two Indian members; Thom Theo looked to manipulate other members of the Delhi royal family. This caused aggravation and resentment with younger sons of the King of Delhi who were not part of the intrigue.

The committee was going about its business and interfering with local customs and traditions. For example a native was found guilty and Thom Theo wanted the punishment to be a capital sentence but the local law office decided on life, to which the Shah agreed, causing further aggravation. This caused a high degree of friction between the Commissioners and the Royal Family especially the Queen. She had a pathological hatred of the British. The King had his own sanctuary in Delhi which was not subject to British Rule where criminals and malcontents sheltered. The British decided to bring this arrangement to an end when the King died. Negotiations with the heir apparent were successful but his Mother vowed vengeance on all who had been part of the deliberations. The heir apparent was killed by poison shortly afterwards and on 1st November 1853, Thom Theo died seemingly also by a subtle vegetable poison.



THE BEGUM ZURAT MAHAL.
Chief Wife of the King of Delhi.

I have tried to paint a picture of a hard working family man who was caught up in the trials and tribulations of living in an alien environment. His first wife and family died; he was instructed by the Governor General, who in turn was under pressure from the British Government, who had no or very little understanding of the situation developing in India; the British were sitting on a volcano which would lead to the 1857 Mutiny. The position he found himself in did mean he made enemies in Delhi and certain of his actions didn't help matters. There is no indication of corruption, more of a man used to getting his own way. Thom Theo certainly held his family great affection; he wrote to his children on the death of his second wife and was so upset that he sent the letter to Sussex and not Suffolk.

On the death of his brother Charles Theophilus Metcalfe in 1846, Thom Theo had all the contents of Fernhill sent to his new house built on 1,000 acres of land, just outside Delhi. This was to seriously affect the fortunes of the family, as will be revealed in a future article on Thom Theo's son - Theophilus John.

Dates!!

Have you noticed that this year we will have some unusual dates?
Mathematicians have! We've already had two of them, but there will be
two more in the autumn. 1/1/11 and 11/1/11. 1/11/11 and 11/11/11
The clever bit is this: Take the last 2 digits of the year you were born and
add that number to the age you will be this year.....
It will give you 111 or 11 if you were only born this century.

Lesley Longworth M68

SANDEMANIANS & INGHAMITES After the 2010 AGM at Hawes I visited the Sandemanian graveyard at Gayle. As a result of subsequent research, into the music of the Inghamites and Sandemanians with particular reference to James Allen of Gayle, I feel confident enough to correct a couple of errors in the articles in the last two magazines and to add a little more to the story.

The Holy Club at Cambridge which is regarded as the source of Methodism is also the source of other denominations. George Whitefield became a major spiritual leader of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connection. Benjamin (not John) Ingham led the Inghamites. All these from just 13 original members of the Holy Club.

It is correct to highlight how each of these were set up as societies within the Church of England and were forced out after years of outrageous intolerance. For the Inghamites the Vicar of Colne was the main culprit. In the end (is it OK to speak of 1755 as the end?) the Society at Wheatley decided to register as dissidents for their own protection. Having their meeting house licensed as such made an enormous difference and the violence diminished substantially. (Incidentally the Vicar of Colne repented totally before dying.

The "Church History" ledger of the Inghamites gave an insight into the Inghamite connections in Wensleydale and Gayle.

~William Blades of Burtsett was called by George Whitefield in London in 1748.

~In August 1749 Benjamin Ingham went to Gayle and preached there for the first time at the home of Richard Allen "whose wife had long desired it".

~It is said that James Allen first heard Benjamin Ingham in 1749 so he must have been there at his uncle's house for that first visit.

~"On 29 April 1750 Richard Allen died peacefully his brother Oswald now began to be hearty & friendly to preachers".

~In 1750 Benjamin Ingham went to Gayle again and in 1751 settled a society there which James Allen joined the following year (Oct 30).

~He had first heard the gospel preached in Gayle by J Moore in 1749. Moore was one of the Moravians who worked closely with Benjamin Ingham for a number of years.

~In April 1758 Marget Medcalf was supporting the society in a small way. 4d out of a total of 16s 3d.

~James Allen left the Inghamites in 1762 to join the Sandemanians. The Sandemanians excommunicated him in 1769.

It follows that the description of the graveyard as Sandemanian is only approximately correct. It is also approximately Inghamite and fairly substantially Independent - certainly up to 1804 when James Allen (who was the minister of the church throughout the period 1752 to 1804) died.

Shirley Withers M33 says that "The Sandemanians gave me a lot of difficulty because they did not believe in baptism"(Mecca News 92-Ed.). That is very far from the truth. Originally, and mainly, the Sandemanians were paedobaptists. The problem is that as many of the chapels were not long lived the registers were lost long before the need to keep them for posterity was known so only the 8 or so mentioned in the first article survive. Additionally there was a sizeable element of the sect who came to believe in believers baptism. In England they came to be known as Scotch Baptists and I am one of those. The first Scotch Baptist church in England was at Haggate in Briercliffe and the church where I found faith was Angle Street in Burnley which was a daughter church of Haggate. I can therefore guarantee that their teachings have not yet become extinct. Regards. **Marsden P Holden M1513**

YOUR EMAILS AND LETTERS

My younger brother who lives in Columbia ,Missouri went to a conference where he noticed a Lee Metcalf also attending . Lee got to know all about the Metcalfe Society through my brother! Seems there is quite a branch of Metcalfs whom Lee keeps in touch with. Their English roots are in York & Lee has forwarded a photo of a seat at Kirkham Abbey near Stamford Bridge. Seat dedicated to Lee's father. See photo (do I feel your eyes lighting up, Peter - another seat to feature in Mecca News?!). **M186 John Chippendale** (*Yes you do! See back Cover - Ed*)

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: While browsing recently in the parish church of St Mary's, Bowdon, :
: Cheshire - my local, I saw a plaque on the left rear wall :
: to the dead of World War I. :
:

: Not many are listed but amongst them is one **J W Metcalfe**. :
: I hope this will be of interest to Members 4,11,41,46,135,731&790 :
: All requests for a photograph when / if accompanied by a quart of :
: brandy, will be acknowledged! **CS Metcalfe M305**. :
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My grandad William Henry Metcalfe married Ann Ethel Wooler on 23 January 1917 at St Mary's Church Long Preston.

The photo (on the left) is my grandad and gran in 1917.

The one on the right is my grandad volunteering on Settle cricket field in September 1914.

A man called H G Tunstill asked for one hundred volunteers for the war. My grandad was one of them.



He was in the 10th service battalion Duke of Wellingtons West Riding Regiment. Then in the horse transport section Army Service Corps as a driver. He served in France for four years came out after demob and got a job on the railways. **Alan Wm Metcalfe M1832**



YOUR EMAILS AND LETTERS

Metamorphosis. Some years ago I wrote to 'Mecca News' about variant spellings of the name METCALFE in areas in which it was not a common name. I have recently been trying to sort out loose ends in my family history and have come across even more extreme cases.

One of my 2nd gt grandmothers was married as Hannah METCALF at Millbrook HAM (now in the City of Southampton) on 30 Nov 1843. She had been baptised at Dawlish DEV on 17 July 1808 dau of Edward & Mary MEDCRAFT. Edward was bur on 6 May 1825 but Mary and her other children then disappeared off the radar.

I had thought it likely that she had re-married but was unable to find the marriage. A recent search of the "Ancestry" website threw up an entry in the 1851 Census for Dawlish for a John MATECROFT. He turned out to be a sailor born in Dawlish and was living with a John PARR and his wife Mary who was also born in Dawlish and was aged 70. This matched up with my 3rd gt grandmother and a quick check on the IGI produced the marriage of John Parr to Maey MADECROFT at Dawlish St Gregory on 17 Nov 1827.

I then had no difficulty in finding her burial at Dawlish on 2 Nov 1862. John MATECROFT was described as a relative of John PARR but Mary's details make it clear she was his mother so he was a stepson of the head of the household. **Don Halliday M187.**

The California Gold Rush of 1849, began with the first discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill on January 24, 1848. Never in the history of the world had such wealth been found and not controlled by a government or a small group of powerful men. This discovery was termed "Any Man's Gold" and it brought people from all over the world to California and set the stage for the later discoveries in Alaska, Nevada, and Black Hills of the Dakota's.

It's commonly argued that this single event had more of an impact on the culture of the United States than any other event before or after. The perception of the "Ideal Life" which included an orderly life of hard work and dedication to family and the land, changed within a short time to a more entrepreneurial spirit that saw many American men leaving their families and property in good care and striking out to the gold fields to make their fortune. Some did "Strike it Rich", as my great grandfather could attest finding \$18,000 in gold in 1849 but many did not and returned to their families with nothing but broken dreams.

Following is a list of the members of the various Metcalfe families that were shown in the 1850 Census of California:

Calaveras County: **Metcalf - George, G.A., G.C., J., L.C., Jason, John, John T.**

El Dorado County: **Metcalf - Benjamin, Daniel W., Edward H., George, Jabez, John, John, William.**

Mariposa County: **Jason Metcalf.**

Sacramento County: **Metcalf - C.A., G.S., Joseph, Thomas. Metcalfe - Samuel.**

San Diego County: **Jacob Metcalf.**

Tuolumne County: **John J. Metcalf.**

Yuba County: **J.W. Metcalf.**

Chris Metcalfe M1480

New Years Greetings to you and the Metcalfes .

Doing a quick scan through the 1911 census summary books and found this chap - I so wish he belonged to my line !!

Regards

Stephanie Santaana M1308

Name:	Mr Metcalf
Number of Males:	1
Household schedule number:	14
Street address:	Cycle Shop Cock Up
Civil Parish:	Green Hammerton
Ecclesiastical parish:	Whixley The Ascension
County/Island:	Yorkshire West Riding
Country:	England
Registration district:	Great Ouseburn

As I write we are into March with my birthday in a few days time: a time for reflection about the future for myself as well as the Society. Personally, after virtually 35 years being a partner in my firm, I have decided to retire and become in effect a part-timer with the prospect of more time to do things I would like to do. I am well aware that others who have followed a similar route to retirement tell me that the 'dream' of more time for one's self does not necessarily happen! We shall see!

It will be very strange not getting up early in the morning and coming home late at night 5 days a week but something with which I think I can live. What is odder is growing older if I am honest! To find I no longer have to pay for prescriptions and can get a Senior Rail Card is a definite advantage and welcome! To find oneself falling asleep in the middle of typing up jottings like these is less welcome and something of a shock, especially when it's the laptop slipping onto the floor that wakes me up!! To be offered by a young lady a priority seat reserved for 'the disabled, pregnant women and the elderly' on the London Underground, as I was last week, both amused and surprised me! It's never happened before and I presume I must have been seen to fit into the last category. I don't feel it! I declined, by the way, seeing that there were others more deserving of her kindness I felt!

Chairman's Jottings

I was travelling to the Who Do You Think You Are Event-LIVE at Olympia to represent us on the North West group tables and also help on The Federation of Family History Societies stand. It was being held over 3 days and was very busy-more so I think than last year. At least 2 members of the public showed a close interest in our family, one being a lapsed member who promised to check out the Website and to rejoin. Various others expressed knowledge of friends or neighbours' who were Metcalfe's and so were duly given our society's details to pass on.

There was a vast array of exhibitors. A series of lectures giving help to members of the public ran continuously. Groups with Military interests, especially World War One, were very busy as were those who were identifying old family photographs. Eric Knowles from the BBC's Antique Roadshow was present helping to identify family heirlooms. Irish, Welsh and Scottish were well catered for as were those who wanted help from the GSU, Ancestry and Family Heritage. As usual the Society of Genealogists (in its centenary year) was extremely busy giving help and running courses as well selling books and publications. I do not have time to list everyone and indeed was unable to visit every stand myself during the 2 days I was there.

As usual, having been to this event and the Society of Genealogists Fair in previous years, I never cease to be amazed at how many individuals carry out their research in isolation, a large number of course on the internet without thinking of joining a society like ours. The same goes for Family History Societies. When one is able to explain what we can offer and the areas of research we have done and intend to carry out, they in turn are surprised and interested.

Several Fairs are held locally in the summer and autumn. We will be at York in June for example. It is worthwhile attending these events as I am sure many of you reading this will agree. We are always delighted to meet our members and to be able to encourage non-members to consider joining. It is one of the important ways we can demonstrate that we are giving 'public benefit' thereby complying with our charitable obligations.

I am delighted to say that we have been asked if we can provide a speaker on the Metcalfes of Nappa Hall. Isobel Jenkins from the Middleham and Dales Local History Group have been given permission by the new owner to visit Nappa Hall on 19th July 2011. Exciting news I feel sure you will all agree! The tentative plan for the day is that the Middleham Society should meet in Askrigg village hall in the morning about 10am - 10.30 have a talk about the Metcalfes and then a talk about the building- lunch in one of the pubs- and then a visit to the hall with our experts as guides if possible. I very much hope that one of us will be able to assist and also to see if we could also arrange a visit at the Muster weekend if at all possible in October. The Hall is currently undergoing restoration and remedial work.

Seeing the news of revolutions in North Africa and the Middle East as I write this underlines for me how lucky we are in the UK to live in the society and location we do, whether one agrees politically or not with the government of the day. We are not arrested because we oppose the government and never heard of again. We actually pay the Leader of the Opposition to oppose the government. After an election the change in government takes place openly and peacefully. One Prime Minister leaves through the back door and the new one enters publicly through the front door of No.10. It took many centuries of conflict and struggle for us to reach this.

Our ancestors faced life-changing events too. The 17th century saw our Civil War and the overthrow of the Monarchy followed by its Restoration. The establishment of the British Empire was something my age learnt about at school, seeing its zenith at the end of the 19th century. One quarter of the globe was coloured pink! The 20th century saw how we dismantled it. Countless of our ancestors will have been involved in military escapades, imperial government. Have you found them? We are well aware from George Buxton's research how Metcalfe's played a pivotal role in India for example. Certain years saw great civil unrest and revolution in Europe (1848 for example), the establishment and decline of communism in the 20th century in the aftermath of the ending of the 1914-1918 Great War. These were tumultuous events with many lives changed or lost.

It was not just armed revolution that accounted for change. Social and economic reasons resulted in changes to ways of life. The Industrial Revolution resulted in a dramatic effect on the rural economy. The Chartists movement carried out its activities for several decades. It was effectively a collection of several groups desiring social, electoral and political reform, as well as desperate artisans who saw their livelihoods being snatched away from them. Many of our ancestors if we care to delve further will have been

involved. They are not necessarily online yet but await us at record offices. Have you tried to discover if your ancestors were involved?

The North Yorkshire Record Office is indexing its Quarter Sessions Records and conserving them. These quarterly meetings of the Justices of the Peace contain a mass of information which could be a family historian's dream! They include a large variety of disparate documents and registers but include public disorder records. They also contain a quantity of administrative and regulatory records: papers covering elections, licensing, poor relief, friendly societies, militia papers, criminal cases and prison records. That is not a complete list! The movement to industrial cities and establishment of factories explained why our ancestors moved from the Dales. Last year the Upper Dales Family History Group held its fascinating exhibition at Leyburn on the theme "Those Who Left The Dales". Their book with the same title is well worth reading. Why not tell us of your success in locating ancestors in what might be less well known records?

The committee's first meeting of the year will take place at the end of this month –probably too late to contain a report in the April Mecca News. However we will report before the AGM upon the outcome of our review of the society and how we operate and what we can offer you as members. This will give you the opportunity of considering any amendments which we might recommend to the constitution or the way in which we operate. I find it very positive that we have at least 2 potential new committee members. I refer above to evolutionary changes and mull over my advancing years! To flourish the society needs new committee members and ideas so they will be most welcome!

I have remained awake through out typing this and the laptop has not fallen onto to the floor!

David Lambert M11

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Boxing Day Cricket. This time not in Australia but on Latrigg summit near Keswick. The match between the villages of Threlkeld and Braithwaite in the Lake District was an eight a side affair watched by some hundred people. The opener for Threlkeld was **Mike Metcalfe**. His team amassed 92 runs in their 12 overs beating Braithwaite by seven runs in the final over. *Cumberland & Westmorland Herald 1 January 2011.*

Supplied by R Metcalfe- Gibson M854.

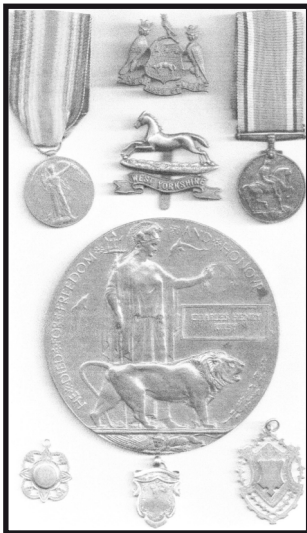
Non-EU Students Cut. Chairman of the Migration Advisory Committee Professor **David Metcalf** said that the number of students and their families from outside the EU would need to be cut by 80% in order to achieve the 2014 migration figure of 50,000. The reduction could not be achieved solely by cutting the number of workers which would amount to 20% of the total - those studying would have to take the balance. *The Times 19 November 2010.* **Supplied by David Major M324.**

On the Trail of a York Hero

Some thirteen years ago the York Evening Press was running a series of articles on 'Heroes of York'. Not, you understand, heroes of national or international import but men or women who, within their family or circle of friends or associates, were perceived to be 'a bit special'. It was at the same time that we discovered, in our intimate section of the Metcalfe family, that we had somehow 'lost' the Death Plaque, (the four inch bronze medallion awarded to widows or parents who had suffered a loss in the Great 1914 - 18 War).

Joseph Metcalfe, my grandfather, by giving his life, like so many others of his generation, for the sake of his country ensured that his widow, Margaret, received the 'Widow's Penny'. With the passing of Margaret, Joseph's possessions were 'spread' among the family. One son received the Plaque and his fishing medals, while another, my father, received the war medals and the silver pocket watch with the 'Albert', the silver chain, still attached.

Naturally there came a time for 'stock-taking' and storytelling where the younger generation not only receives the worldly possessions passed down as family heirlooms but the stories and remembrances of the original owner. When our time for 'stock-taking' came round the horror of war first came to light, then the realisation that perhaps the most tangible and meaningful icon, Joseph's 'Death Plaque', had been mislaid and lost to the family. At this point I contacted Stephen Lewis of the York Evening Press, and provided him with Joseph's heroic tale purely with the aim of getting readers of the Press to search for and hopefully find our 'treasure'. Needless to say it failed and the hunt continues.



However, Joseph's story to us Metcalfes, may well be of more than passing interest to others. When the War started he was in a 'reserved' occupation working in a York iron foundry which, no doubt, was soon converted to producing armament for the War Effort, perhaps in the form of heavy artillery pieces. Joseph perhaps thought he was 'doing his bit' in his work to help foil the Kaiser's efforts at European domination. All may have remained thus, with Joseph happily married to Margaret and bringing up their four sons and daughter, Violet, if it had not been for an escalation in the methods of war-making. Joseph, along with the rest of the citizens of York, became aware of this new threat as it affected them all directly. The Kaiser had decided to bring the

battle directly to the British public. The German airships, the Zeppelins, became the first bombers and gun-ships aimed against civilians. York was one of their targets and this was too much for Joseph, reserved occupation or not! He decided he was not doing enough if his fine city of York was to be bombed and strafed, so he enlisted in the Army at the age of 34.

He was trained in the United Kingdom and posted to a 'Pals' battalion, the Leeds Pals which like so many other of these ultimately battle-hardened amateurs had become decimated by the trench warfare techniques of the period. His battalion, to give it its full title, was the 15th Service Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) and was initially formed by beginning enlistment on the 1st September 1914, in Leeds and it soon numbered over a thousand strong, each with the Leeds City arms as its cap badge.



Joseph died, and earned his 'Widow's Penny' on a very fateful day for the Leeds Pals. The generals decided that, after a very heavy shelling barrage of the German trenches near Gavrelle, close to Arras, where the Pals had been held in assembly trenches, an attack would be made to secure the German held Gavrelle Trench. At the time for attack at 3.45am, the moon was shining brightly out of a cloudless, starry sky and the enemy could look down from their elevated position on to the West Yorks. Regiment preparing for the assault. Immediately the Pals came 'over the top' they found themselves in searing gunfire from the German rifles, machine guns and heavy artillery shells. Steadfastly the 15th advanced, with great losses, and ultimately gained and occupied their first objective, the very recently evacuated Gavrelle Trench. Perhaps they were too successful and advanced too quickly, for they found themselves remote from their support Battalions and came under heavy and concentrated German fire. It was well aimed for, of course, the enemy artillery knew the exact bearings and locations of their own trench system. It was carnage! The final death toll was ten officers and, among the 164 other ranks, was Joseph. The date – 3rd May 1917. All except 13 of the soldiers' graves were lost and my grandad was amongst the last group.

Joseph's 'memorabilia' have now been brought together in one location, and his family two and three generations on, know they are in a safe place, and hopefully no others will go missing and possibly more will be found.

The accompanying illustration (see page 17) from top left, with the other

medal, at top right, are the two which all soldiers involved received, and they are stamped on the edge with 33078 'Pte. J. Metcalfe W. Yorks. R'. The upper one of the two cap badges shows the Coat of Arms of the City of Leeds, where 'The Pals' battalion was raised, whilst the lower one depicts the galloping horse of the West Yorkshire regiment. In the centre, dominating the illustration is 'The Death Plaque', the widow's penny. It is cast in bronze and bears the name of the fallen soldier. Usually they are a dull bronze matt finish, but I preferred to buff it up to give it a 'looked after and loved' finish. The sad thing, as you already know, is that it is not the one awarded to Joseph.

How we came by it is an interesting story in itself. My wife and I were spending the day near Chesterfield and decided to go to the huge street market held there. Almost as if by a controlling hand, we were drawn to a particular stall on which rested a 'Death Plaque'. I instinctively knew that I had to have it and so with virtually no haggling we made it 'ours'. When I read the Dedication which came with all plaques we discovered that not only had Charles Henry Kirby died on the same day as Joseph in the same battle but his 2/5th (TE) York & Lancaster Regiment was supporting the West Yorks. in their task of over-running the Gavrelle Trench!

The three silver medallions completing the illustration were all Joseph's and



therefore pre-war, and each was won in fishing competitions. He was a member of the Layerthorpe Adult School Angling Club in York. The adjacent photograph shows him in the centre of the front row, in 1910. A careful study will reveal his medallions hanging from his watch chain, all of which I still have and treasure.

Leon Metcalfe M320

From the Westmorland Gazette.

Lunesdale Agricultural Show had a record number of entries in 2010 said Chairman **Bert Metcalfe**. 12 August 2010.

Victor Metcalfe 1922-2003 - a professional footballer born in Barrow in Furness played for Huddersfield Town and Hull City. 10 June 2010.

Horse of the Year debut for **Anna Metcalfe** of Killington. 30 September 2010.

Ambleside Civic Trust Craftmanship joint award winner **Andrew Metcalfe** for the design and creation of a slate sculpture in a garden setting.

29 October 2009. **All Supplied by Judith Robinson M631.**

(If you find any Mecca newspaper cuttings please forward them onto our Scrapbook Keeper Mrs Stephanie Fidell at The Viking, Helperthorpe, Malton YO17 8TQ or send for inclusion in the Mecca News to me and I will then forward them on to Stephanie. - Editor)



Books&Articles



You might be interested in this for the Metcalfe society I've finally published something that I started researching in 2002 by adding my latest research. I'd always thought I would write a small book, but the whole thing has ended up too short for a book and much too long for an article.

It tells the story in three parts, of one of our ancestors,

Blind Jack of Knaresborough - Road Builder

and a most extraordinary Yorkshireman:

- His story
- His family connections with Gee Cross in Hyde, Macclesfield and Saddleworth
- The History of Spout House Farm in Gee Cross (where his daughter lived), dating back to at least 1680.

Covering the surnames: Metcalfe in Saddleworth and Macclesfield; Jackson, Cartwright and Newton in Hyde and Openshaw; Barlow, Newton and Stanley in Stalybridge.

I have uploaded the articles to two websites:
www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk/articles.htm

tamesidefamilyhistory.co.uk/contents.htm

I hope someone finds it of interest.

Gay J Oliver, Stalybridge, Cheshire

Westmorland Hearth Tax

by Colin Philips, Catherine Ferguson & Andrew Wareham CWAAS and British Record Society. £30.

List of names from the 1670 Hearth Returns at the National Archives and the survey of 1674-5 from the Fleming Manuscripts at Kendal Record Office.

Have you looked at the **National Archives online bookshop**? If not it is perhaps worth a visit. There are hundreds of books covering all topics relating to family history and records. Why not pay a visit to www.nationalarchives.co.uk/bookshop?

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Radio 4. Hull Youth Justice Service Manager **Nick Metcalfe** being interviewed on the *PM programme* on 16 January 2011 at 17.15.

Musical Interlude. *The BBC Music Magazine* in its June 2010 issue comments on the album of Matthew Barley who performs works for cello and electronics as *retaining the soulful beauty of classical cello with kaleidoscopic extra dimensions of colour and voice created by cutting edge technology*. Barley was performing the works of **John Metcalfe**. Supplied by Joan Metcalfe M63.

ARCHIVIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

My thanks to those who have submitted their research, enabling us to compare it with our own data & thus establish a brief, which is as accurate as the information available to us allows.

Our two assistant archivists, Nina Benson & Margaret Hodgson, have as usual, carried out their tasks with great diligence & we must all be most grateful for that. David Metcalfe is continuing to add to the data, all the new facts, as they become available to us. He is also working his way through the database, checking the entries & correcting any errors, should they be discovered. As I write this at the end of February, he informs me that over 8,000 entries have already been done. As this still leaves in excess of 100,000 still to be checked, you will realise what an enormous task this is. It is something which requires enormous amounts of both time & patience. We are most fortunate to have someone like David, who is prepared to devote his skills to performing this job.

A good example of this can be seen with the brief for M1838, which you will find below. Two wills have revealed information, which has led to a revision of facts, which we had previously believed to be accurate. Please keep informing us, if you discover something which raises a question about data previously regarded as reliable. We may not be able to investigate immediately, so please be patient.

Your Society is planning to be represented at the NYCRO History Day in Northallerton on 26th March & at Fairs in Pudsey on 2nd April & York on 25th June. The NWFHS group are preparing a Fair in Manchester in October, where we will also have a stand.

If you need assistance with your research, or any aids to carry it out, you will be most welcome at any of these events. I look forward to either seeing you, or hearing from you, during the coming months.

Brian Metcalfe (M1554)

AMENDMENTS & BIRTH BRIEFS FROM EXISTING MEMBERS

M1073 Graham Metcalf 156 Beckfield Lane, Acomb, York, North Yorkshire YO26 5QT grahmetc@hotmail.com Amended & extended brief. S.o. Harland & Amy (Raynes) Mt m 25 Aug 1945 Fulford, York. Harland b 31 Jul 1914 York s.o. Robert & Mary Ellen (Pexton) Mt m 1913 York. Robert b 29 Jan 1884 Londesborough Wold s.o. George & Harriet (Gell) Mt m 21 Jun 1873 Middleton on the Wolds. George bpt 18 Aug 1848 Huggate s.o. Harland & Jane (Mitchell) Mt m 24 Feb 1844 Pocklington district. Harland b 20 Dec 1823 South Cave s.o. John & Jane (Taylor) Mt m 8 Nov 1823 South Cave. John bpt 3 Jun 1788 Keyingham s.o. Peter & Barbara (Tavender) Mt m 19 Dec 1776 Burton Pidsea. Peter bpt 14 Feb 1751/2 Swine s.o. John & Mary (Dixon) Mt m 17 Jul 1743 Leven. John bpt 20 Apl 1711 Brandesburton s.o. Janson & Elizabeth

(Hardy) Mt m 23 Nov 1710 Brandesburton. Janson b c1685 brd 4 Jun 1752 Brandesburton. **Conn M318 M387 M1552**

M1817 Mark Sanford Metcalf 417 Leaning Tree Street, Krum, Texas 76249, USA dusty3219@hotmail.com S.o. Sanford Alander & Eleanor Grace (Bowsher) Mt. Sanford A b 16 Nov 1922 Dothan, Alabama USA s.o. Dock Alander & Alice Rebecca (Story) Mt. Dock A b Oct 1898 Geneva, Alabama, s.o. Minnis Porter & Pennie (Dillard) Mt m 11 Nov 1886 Dale, Alabama. Minnis P b Oct 1870 Alabama s.o. Marion Lafayette & Martha Jane (Brackin) Mt m c1868 Alabama. Marion Lafayette/Fate Mt b c1843 Alabama s.o. John & Sarah Mt. John b c1814 Georgia, USA.

M1828 Mr Peter Fidell The Viking, Helperthorpe, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 8TQ peter.fidell@btinternet.com Further investigation has discovered a probable link with another member. We believe that Francis Grasham Mte bpt 19 Aug 1821 Pickhill, Thirsk, is the brother of William Grassam Mte b c1815 s.o. John & Elizabeth (Grassam) Mte m 20 Sept 1802 Pickhill. The different spelling could be either a transcription or a recording error. The name Grasham/Grassam is too unusual for it not to be one family. **Conn M1859**

M1832 Mr Alan William Metcalfe 3 Park Hill, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5BU metcalfe870@hotmail.com Born Settle, Yorks s.o. James Henry & Margaret Joan (Daniels) Mte m Dec 1941 Settle. James H b 14 Apr 1920 Long Preston, Yks s.o. William Henry & Ann Ethel (Wooler) Mte m 23 Jan 1917 Long Preston. William H bpt 10 Nov 1889 Aysgarth s.o. Thomas & 2nd wife Eleanor (Routh) Mte m Dec 1880 Aysgarth. Thomas b c1847 Bellerby, Yks bpt 31 May 1847 Spennithorne, Yks s.o. John & 1st wife Judith (Horn) Mte m 2 Dec 1839 Aysgarth. John bpt 8 Mar 1818 Stalling Busk, Yks s.o. William & Sarah (Dinsdale) Mte m 18 May 1811 Stalling Busk. William s.o. William & Anne (Tomlin) Mte (m not traced). William b 18 Sep 1757 bpt 13 May 1759 Stalling Busk s.o. John & Barbara (Mte*a) Mte m 12 May 1756 Hawes. John b c1727 Marsett s.o. William & 1st wife Margaret (?) Mte. William brd 1753 Stalling Busk "of Marsett"

*a Barbara Mte bpt 31 Jul 1729 Hawes d.o. Anthony & Alice (Mte*b) Mte m 18 Aug 1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b c1699 Hawes s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Symondson) Mte m 1694. Cuthbert b c1660-1663 s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Winn) Mte (m not traced). Anthony a yeoman of Gayle b c1640 s.o. Margaret Mte spinster d.o. Anthony of Hardrow & Anne (Hudson) Mte (m not traced). Anthony a yeoman of Hardrow died 1658/9.

*b Alice Mte b c1704 Hawes d.o. Philip of Gayle & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes. Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/7 Hawes so Thomas Mte of Hawes.

Conn M28 M50 M55 M63 M69 M173 M178 M256 M277 M288 M384 M415 M419 M427 M512 M528 M538 M539 M550 M606 M676 M748 M821 M859 M875 M897 M916 M987 M997 M1099 M1141 M1280 M1319 M1345 M1369 M1392 M1415 M1430 M1492 M1521 M1586 M1665 M1669 M1857 M1887 M1838 Mrs Gill Holmes 12 Oathills, Malpas, Cheshire SY14 8HX HOLM-GILLI@aol.com 2 x grt grd d.o. James & Elizabeth (Mte) Thwaite m 8 Sep

1855 Aysgarth. Elizabeth bpt 19 Jun 1827 Hawes d.o. Ninion & Isabella (Mason) Mte m 19 Mar 1825 Dent. Ninion bpt 30 Dec 1798 Ingleton Fells s.o. Alexander & Jane (Mte*a) Mte m 8 Mar 1794 Hawes. Alexander bpt 12 Jun 1764 Hawes s.o. John & Eleanor (?) Mte of Widdale. Connects to M62 et al. *a Jane Mte bpt 5 Mar 1771 Hawes d.o. Ninion & Ellin (Mte*b) Mte m 17 Nov 1766 Hawes. Ninion bpt 22 Mar 1739 Hawes s.o. Thomas & Margaret (Lambert) Mte m 29 Aug 1734 Hawes. Thomas bpt 25 Mar 1694 Askrigg s.o. Richard & Alice (Stockdale) Mte m 4 May 1678 Askrigg. Richard b c1660 s.o. Thomas & 2nd wife Elizabeth (Rucroft) Mte m 1640. Thomas b c1610 s.o. Thomas Mte b c1580. **Connects to M33 et al.**

*b Ellin Mte The data which we had previously thought to be accurate, now appears not to be so. According to a will made by Christopher Mte, Appersett nr Hawes, 1793 in which he refers to

“my two Grandaughters Margaret & Jane the two daughters of my Daughter Ellin late wife to Ninyon Metcalfe (sic)” would seem to be more reliable.

We have two possible bpt dates for an Ellen/Elin d.o. Christopher Mte, though we are uncertain which of them is the right one. Assuming the information in the will to be correct, we can say that Ellin (possibly bpt 8 Apl 1739) was d.o. Christopher & Jane (Dent) Mte m 10 May 1738 Aysgarth. Christopher bpt 10 Apl 1717 Askrigg s.o. James Mte of Bainbridge.

N.B. Would any members connected to the lines mentioned above, particularly those involving Ninion/Ninyon, please note the information concerning Ellin. We are still investigating this family & will welcome any facts which might help us to be more certain.

M1857 Mrs Gail Newbury (Contact details withheld at member's request)

We have found two marriage dates to add to the brief in the December 2010 MN. In both cases the surname Cockburn is shown as Cockbone, which could be either a transcription error or a deliberate change. They are as follows: John & Margaret Agnes (Cockbone) Mte m 16 May 1896 Aysgarth. Her father Thomas Cockbone marries her mother Agnes Mason (Mte) 7 Oct 1871 Askrigg. If anyone can identify the husband of M1857's grandmother Doris Mte, please let me know, as we have located the burial place of M1857's great uncle Christopher Bushby Mte in Earby Cemetery. **M1857 is also connected to the *a Barbara Mte line in the brief for M1832 shown above & M1887 below.**

M1866 Ms Wendy Harris Metcalfe 85 Willow Park, Pontefract, West Yorkshire WF8 2SY wendy.met@live.co.uk Our apologies to M1866, for having missed out a generation in the brief published in the December 2010 MN. It should have read; Joseph bpt 4 Feb 1775 Wakefield **s.o Martin & Mary (Mortyman) Mt m 19 Feb 1770 Wakefield. Martin bpt 8 Dec 1744 Wakefield** s.o. Joseph & Mary (Robdes) Mt m 25 Feb 1743 Wakefield. The missing generation is shown in bold print.

M1871 Mr Michael Simon (Mike) Metcalfe 5 Chandos Road, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire MK18 1AH metcalfe_mike@hotmail.com S.o. John &

Mary (Flynn) Mte m 1955 Birmingham, West Midlands. John b 14 Apl 1925 Winnipeg, Canada s.o. Joseph & Mary Ellen (Clifton) Mte m 1920 Lancashire. Joseph b 31 Oct 1886 Holtby, North Yks s.o. William & Catherine (Ruddy) Mte m 8 May 1886 Boston Spa, North Yks. William b 10 dec 1837 Snape, North Yks s.o. Joseph & Ann (Smith) Mte m 7 Oct 1837 Well, North Yks. Joseph bpt 15 May 1811 Bedale natural s.o. Margaret Mte of Bedale. Margaret bpt 5 may 1782 Bedale d.o. John & Margaret (Howson) Mte m 15 Nov 1768. **Connects M68 M981**

M1873 Mrs Nicola Metcalfe 15 Falcon Close, Adwick le Street, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN6 7US nic.metcalfe@gmail.com Husband David Julian Mte is s.o. Keith & Margaret (Dalton) Mte m 28 Mar 1953. Keith b 7 Oct 1934 Ripon s.o. Frederick Laws & Mary Jane (Simpson) Mte. Frederick Laws b 1 Jul 1909 s.o. Christopher & Lillian Lottie (Laws) Mte m Sept 1902 Ripon. Christopher bpt 22 Feb 1881 Ripon Cathedral s.o. William Pinkney & Margaret (Shepherd) Mte m 28 Jan 1877 Ripon. William Pinkney bpt 20 Feb 1859 Sharow s.o. Christopher & Jane (Pinkney) Mte m 7 Nov 1857 Ripon. Christopher bpt 9 Sept 1833 Arkengarthdale s.o. Richard & Jane (Yoeman) Mte m 23 Nov 1826 Aysgarth. Richard bpt 6 May 1804 s.o. Richard & 1st wife Sybil (Whitfield) Mte m 20 Mar 1793 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. Richard bpt 17 Jan 1773 Askrigg s.o John Mte of Low Coat. **Connects M144 M145 M389 M658 M807 M810 M1044 M1161 M1549 M1554 M1594 M1605 M1792**

M1874 Mrs Anne Elder 18 Swinburn Drive, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 0PY anne.elder@sky.com Dtr-in-law is grd d.o George Henry Mte b 24 May 1900 Counden Grange, Durham s.o. Robert & Elizabeth (Cowen) Mte m 2Q 1880 Guisborough, Yks. Robert bpt 2 Nov 1857 Ainderby Steeple Parish Church s.o. Thomas & Ellen (Ellis) Mte m 30 May 1842 Thirsk. Thomas bpt 16 Sep 1809 Ainderby Steeple s.o. Elias & 2nd wife Mary (Hunter) Mte m 22 Nov 1806 Ainderby Steeple. Elias bpt 15 Sep 1746 Thornton Watlass s.o. Thomas & Ann (Meek) Mte m 23 Nov 1728 Thornton Watlass. Thomas bpt 4 Mar 1704 Thornton Watlass s.o. Elias b c1657. Elias s.o. James Mte. James s.o. Roger & Ann Mte. **Connects M123 M127 M162 M626 M632 M843**

M1878 Mrs Glenys G Pengilley 22 Glebe Field Drive, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 6WG alan.pengilly@ntlworld.com D.o. Joseph William & Joyce (Dent) Mte m May 1948 Westmorland North District. Joseph William b 10 Oct 1915 East Ward District, Wes s.o. Joseph & Elizabeth (Watson) Mte m Jun 1909 Westmorland. Joseph bpt 3 Mar 1870 Mallerstang s.o. James & Mary (Allinson) Mte m 28 Oct 1867. James bpt 14 Apr 1830 Mallerstang s.o. William & Catherine (Middleton) Mte m 22 May 1822 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. William b c1790 Appersett bpt 19 Mar 1843 Lunds, age 53 yrs, s.o Thomas & ? Ann (Blades) Mte m 16 Jun 1788 Hawes. **Connects M155 et al**

Also 2 x grt grd d.o.Christopher & Mary (Mte) Kipling m 17 May 1862 Romaldkirk. Mary bpt 26 Jan 1831 Kirkby Stephen, Wes d.o. Thomas & Mary (Bousfield) Mte m 1 Nov 1825 Kirkby Stephen. Thomas bpt 17 Oct 1783 Kirkby Stephen s.o. James & Elizabeth (Smith) Mte m 2 May 1773 Kirkby

Stephen. **Connects M982**

M1882 Robert Metcalf 34 Dudley Gardens, Egguckland, Plymouth, Devon PL6 5PE cpomeael@hotmail.co.uk S.o. Henry & Mary Clare (Coubrough) Mt m 11 Jul 1953 Buckie, Banffshire, Scotland. Henry b 26 Oct 1927 Deptford, London s.o. Robert William & Lydia Ellen (Gilbert) Mt m 2 Jun 1920 Greenwich, London. Robert b 12 Oct 1896 Deptford s.o. James John & Elizabeth Jane (Townsend) Mt m 31 May 1886 Deptford. James b 15 Mar 1860 Rotherhithe, Surrey s.o. William & Mary Ann (Evans) Mt. William b c1821.

M1883 Mrs Anne Rosemary Sidebottom Kirkmabrech Burn, Carsluith, Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway DG8 7DN a.sidebottom77@btinternet.com **This corrects a wrong entry in the December Mecca News, of both the name & the address.** D.o. William & Moyra (Pape) Mte m 4Q 1939 Westmorland South. William b 31 Aug 1913 West Ward, Wes s.o. William Richard & Annie (Blackstock) Mte m 26 Dec 1900 Crosby Ravensworth, Wes. William Richard b 13 Feb 1876 Reagill, Wes s.o. John & Jane (Dobson) Mte m19 Oct 1861 Morland, Wes. John bpt 3 Jan 1836 Crosby s.o. Robert & Mary (Fawcett) Mte m15 Feb 1825 Crosby. Robert bpt 11 Oct 1795 Orton. Wes s.o. Anthony & Mary (Sanderson) Mte m 21 Aug 1786 Orton. Anthony bpt 15 Apr 1758 s.o. William & Isabel (Fothergill) Mte m2 May 1748 Kirkby Stephen, Wes. William bc1717, brd 10 May 1789 Ravenstonedale, a farmer age 72 of Beckstones. **Conn M117,M667,M719,M805,M1022,M1389, M1727.**

NEW MEMBERS WITH OR AWAITING BIRTH BRIEFS

M1887 Mrs Frances Glanville 1 Holt Villas, Wishaw Lane, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 9DU francesglanville449@btinternet.com 3 x grt grd d.o. Thomas & Margaret (Mte) Raw m 1796 Muker. Margaret bpt 13 Jan 1776 Muker d.o. Rev Lister & Isabella (Simm) Mte m 2-22 Oct 1764 Sedbergh. Lister bpt 14 Jun 1740 Hawes s.o. Anthony & Alice (*a Mte) Mte m 1724 Ingleton Fells. Anthony b c1699 Hawes s.o. Cuthbert & Barbara (Simondston/Symondson) Mte m 1694 Kettlewell. Cuthbert b c1660/3 s.o. Anthony & Elizabeth (Wynn/Winn) Mte of Gayle. Anthony illegitimate s.o. Margaret Mte d.o. Anthony & Anne (Hudson) Mte. Anthony yeoman of Hardraw in Abbotside died 1658/9. **Connects M50 M55 M69 M173 M256 M288 M384 M427 M748 M821 M997 M1141 M1319 M1832 M1857** (*a) Alice b c1704 d.o. Philip & Alice (Jackson) Mte m 31 Jul 1698 Hawes. Philip bpt 13 Feb 1676/7 Hawes s.o. Thomas Mte brd 7 Aug 1737 Hawes.

M1888 Mr John Metcalfe 226 Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 6JZ johnandtrudie@hotmail.co.uk

S.o. William Frederick & Seraphine Maria (Sampt) Mte m Aug 1948 Carlisle. William b 4 April 1918 Carlisle s.o. Frederick George & Margaret Jane (Johnstone) Mte. Frederick b 1880 Scaleby parish, District of Longtown s.o. William & Sarah Jane (Lavery) Mte m 20 May 1874 Penrith. William b 1847 Casterton, Westmoreland s.o. John & Ann (Hardacre) Mte m 20 April 1840 Casterton. John b 9 Jan 1813 Casterton natural s.o. Margaret Mte. Margaret

b 14 Aug 1791 Casterton d.o. George & Isabella (Thackstone) Mte m 26 March 1788 Hawes. George b c1758.

M1889 Mr John Panton Kinn, Braithwaite, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5SX
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M1895 Mrs Elizabeth Sheppard 10 Chestnut Avenue, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 9RB lizshep10@hotmail.com

M1896 Mr Henry Robert Hallam 2879 Philip Street, Duncan BC, V9L 2A6, Canada. rhallam@telus.net

We regret to inform members of the deaths of the following:

George Metcalfe White M1303 on May 16 2010 age 83

Mrs Sheila Preston nee (Metcalf) M1537 on 7 January 2011 age 70

Paul Graham M684 died October 2010.

HELP WANTED

Graham Metcalf M1073 writes: I am fairly certain about the line (see page 21) as far back as John's marriage in 1743, however, the link to Janson is not proven. I would welcome any help with this connection, as I would for the origin of Janson, also known as Jenson, Hianson and Johnson. So far I have drawn a blank with him. I have a theory which links this family to the Hood Grange Metcalfes, but this is just a guess. I look forward to any comments that other members may put forward.

From **Michael Peel M1698**. Alice Metcalfe (number 3072 in the Metcalfe Society's computer index) was a daughter of John Metcalfe and Jane Ann nee Hodgson. She was born at Copt Hewick near Ripon on 27 March 1868 (from a list written down by her sister Eliza Metcalfe). She lived with her parents in Copt Hewick (age 3) and 1881 (age 12), and in Finkle Street, Ripon in 1891 (age 23). She was last heard of in 1901 working as a cook housekeeper age 34 in the household of John Evelyn Gladstone at the address Dimrod (if I have read this correctly), Torwood, Torquay. Sir John E. Gladstone, baronet, was a nephew of William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898) leader of the liberal party and prime minister. I would appreciate any information on Alice's whereabouts after this date. michaelhpeel@ntlworld.com

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FAMILY

Pam Jarmain M123

My Father, Percy METCALFE was born on the 17th April, 1903, but because my interest in genealogy didn't commence 'till nearly ten years after his death in 1975, he wasn't around to answer questions, and it has been a real struggle trying to trace my METCALFE ancestors. Also, unlike my Mother's family of SPURGE, they didn't seem to conform and seldom had their babies baptised or even worried about getting married in the first place. In theory I should still have been able to locate deaths and burials, but even these haven't been easy to find despite a fairly common name like METCALFE.

The Metcalfe Society have a wealth of information about the name which can be traced back to the time of Henry V (1413-1422) when a Metcalfe from Wensleydale, Yorkshire, fought in the battle of Agincourt. Many stories abound about "The Metcalfe Clan" - it's said the only English Clan. However, despite so much information being available about the METCALFEs I can only trace my Father's branch back to 1715.

My early METCALFEs were also from Wensleydale, which is a beautiful area of Yorkshire, where we spent a most enjoyable holiday in 2005 and were able to explore these small villages where my ancestors had lived and worked mostly in rural farming communities. Stephen METCALFE was baptised in 1715 in Rockwith, but later married Ellen MOODY in the 14th century church of St. Mary's, Thornton Watlass in 1734, where he was also buried in 1780. They had eight children, six boys and two girls but it was their son Anthony, who went on to continue the line. He lived in the same village where he was baptised, married and buried and he and wife Margaret, who was also a METCALFE from another branch, went on to have four children, three girls, and Anthony junior to continue the line. It was not surprising that Anthony senior married a METCALFE as there were many with the name in Wensleydale. Its rumoured that at one time one could go into a pub in the area, ask to speak to Mr. METCALFE, and everyone would stand up!!!

Anthony junior although baptised in Thornton Watlass went on to marry Jane COLLINSON in Bedale in 1786, where they stayed producing eight children, again six boys and two girls, but his was one of those burials I never did find. Their first born, Thomas, was baptised in Bedale in 1789, but seems to be more mobile, as he married Mary BROWN in 1812 In Finghall, but was buried in 1852 in Thornton Steward. It's unbelievable but they also produced eight children but this time four boys and four girls. However, we have to thank yet another Thomas for continuing my METCALFE line. I never have been able to locate his marriage to Ann DODSWORTH around 1843, so assume they never married. However, they still managed to produce eleven

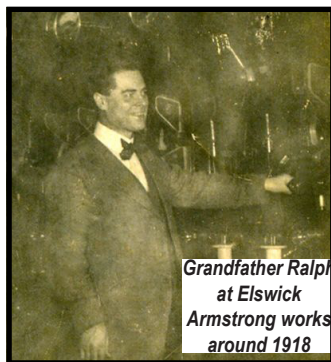
children, seven boys and five girls.

At some point Thomas and Anne moved up to Co Durham where my Gt. Grandfather Ralph, was born in 1850 in Stonebridge Street, Swalwell. It would seem from details in various census surveys that his many brothers and sisters were also born in the same area, although I have not in fact purchased Birth Certificates for the other ten children. This now being the Victorian era, one has access to much more information apart from being able to obtain the relevant Certificates due to Civil Registration as well as the census taken every ten years. My Gt. Grandfather, Ralph, married twice, firstly in 1869 to Elizabeth RODDICK, and later in 1892 to Jannette STEPHENSON. Elizabeth gave birth to seven children, although I'm not sure if the youngest, Ruth, is her daughter or that of wife No. 2, as the information available is somewhat confusing. Elizabeth died in May 1891, and in less than a year Ralph had married Jannette, and there were then three more sons, two of whom died in infancy. Ralph was a watchmaker and had a business in Newcastle-upon-Tyne at 166-168 Scotswood Road. This was the address on the 2nd Marriage Certificate and also appears in several issues of the Kelly's Directory for the area. It would seem that Ralph and Elizabeth's son William also had a watchmakers business in Middlesborough, and likewise Ralph and Jannette's son, Henry. His card which I found in my Father's "bits and pieces" stated:-

H Metcalfe FBHI
Certified Watch and Clockmaker
and Optician
Electric Clockmaker to Armstrongs
Works Newcastle
38 Archer Street, Bayswater,
London W
Clock wound by contract

This address in Bayswater also appears on Ralph's Death Certificate, although he died in Middlesex Hospital.

My grandfather was named Ralph after his father and born in Wickham, Co Durham, on the 11th October 1874 son of Elizabeth RODDICK from Ralph senior's first marriage. I'm assuming his Birth Certificate is correct as all other instances during his life do not tie in with this date, and I can only think that for various reasons he constantly lied about his age. He appears in four census returns for 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911 plus his age is also given at the time of both his marriages, and even on the Death Certificate in 1951 the age is not consistent with his birth.



I never met this grandfather, although I would have been ten at the time of his death on the 18th March 1951.

I can remember my father receiving a letter and refusing to go and see him when he was dying, saying he wasn't going to go just to see what he could get! My Father's brother, William who emigrated to Australia, also wasn't very fond of his father either and I can only guess that my grandfather was a very strict intolerant Victorian man and especially where his sons were concerned.

Ralph junior seems to have had many jobs but mostly either to do with watchmaking or electricity. I know that he did repair barometers on ships for Swan & Edgar in Newcastle-upon-Tyne as I have copies of Job applications and reference to that company that he wrote. I also have a photograph of him taken when he was employed by Armstrongs at their Elswick Works (Newcastle) in 1918. I'm not sure at which date the family moved to Newcastle-upon-Tyne but it was before the 1891 census, and certainly they were living there when my grandparents married on the 12th January, 1892, as well as at the time of my Gt. Grandfather's 2nd marriage in the same year. I never met my grandmother, Dorothy SPARK, either, as she died on the 17th January 1934 before I was born. She was known as Dora and I gather was rather large weighing twenty stone. I have one photograph of her and she does look huge! According to the 1901 census she was born in Kye in Co. Durham, around 1875 and her father was a coal miner but I've never located the birth. My Father always used to tell me I would end up

weighing twenty stone as well, but I do not weigh twenty stone!!!!

My Grandparents, Ralph junior and Dora had twelve children but I've been unable to locate all these births and the majority of information I have actually came from my cousin, Norma, whose mother, Hilda, was born in 1896. It would seem that there were four boys including my father, Percy, yet another Ralph, Sydney Arthur and William Frederick. Ralph appears in the 1901 census a few months old, and I could never find his birth. However, the 1911 census revealed he was 18 years old, and would have been eight years at the time of the 1901 census and not eight months! I soon found the relevant birth, marriage to Sarah Elliott, birth of two children, Ralph and Brenda, and sadly his death from wounds during the First World War. William Frederick emigrated to Australia in December 1928 and married Margaret Mary Beale in 1934, who he met on board "The Barrabool" during the journey to Sydney. They had eight children, and I have actually met five of them and their families during visits to Australia.

I know even less about my Father's eight sisters and in fact have only met one of them, Minnie and her husband Eddie. All of his family lived in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area and as we lived "down South" in Ilford, Essex, we had no contact with them. Minnie and Eddie had no children but I do have other cousins "up North" apart from Norma, already mentioned. She was one of six. Sis-

ter Maud had one son John who emigrated to Canada with his wife Sylvia; sister Dorothy Sophia (also known as Dora) had two daughters, Minnie and Dorothy, and sister Lily, the youngest, had (I think) eight children from her three marriages. Three of these cousins also emigrated to Australia, and I have met one of them, John, during his visit to the UK a couple of years ago now. I know very little about the other three sisters of my Father, Florence, Josephine and Eva, except that Eva was killed during the 2nd World War in an air raid shelter in London. After that apparently my Father refused to let my Mother take us into air raid shelters.

My grandmother, Dora, died on the 17th January, 1934, but by December of the same year grandfather Ralph, had remarried to Alice Louisa Toase, who was said to be a friend of his daughter Maud, and much younger than him. They had four children, and I met the eldest, Audrey, back in the 1980s when I first started researching the METCALFE family history. All of them married and had children, so I also have many half cousins living in the Birmingham area. Audrey died in 2005 and also her brother Gordon died back in 1996, but I'm in contact with his wife Valerie.

It does seem to be the trend with recent generations of the family to marry twice, and my Father also did conform, although I'm descended from his second marriage to my Mother, Elsie Lilian SPURGE. He married his first wife, Elizabeth BRIERLEY in 1929 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and its rumoured they were next door neighbours. However the Marriage Certificate does not bear this out. They had six children, two boys and four girls, one girl dying in infancy. They lived in Eltham, South London, but moved back up to Newcastle in early 1940 soon after the 2nd World War started. The three eldest children Vera, Ronald and Kenneth have died during the last few years but I have met half brother Kenneth and his family living in Widnes and half sisters, Vera and Sylvia and their family, living in Newcastle. All five children married, had children and now grandchildren, so I do have many many relations whom I've never met.

The company my Mother worked for in the City of London evacuated her to Basingstoke during the 2nd World War. She apparently met my Father on a train travelling there, while he in the RAF was on route to Boscombe Down on the edge of Salisbury Plain, where he was stationed at the time. This was why I was born in Weston-super-Mare, near another RAF Station, and later we lived in Rugeley, Staffordshire, and Leicester. My Father, was a good looking charming man but as far as us children were concerned, very strict, and if it hadn't been for my Mother's influence, would have expected us to be brought up as a Victorian family. He didn't think he should have to eat his meals with the children and was very quick tempered if we didn't do as he said. I was the only one out of the four of us



Dad in the RAF

who wasn't afraid of him, and even my Mother seemed to run around after him like a "frightened chicken"!

Its amazing how little I do know about my Father's life, and although at home when we were children he would occasionally mention his sisters, mostly he moaned about colleagues at work where they were employed by The Express Diary. In fact he would come in from work every evening, pick up "The Daily Herald" and proceed to moan and complain about its contents as well as about everything and everyone else, himself being the only exception! He was in the "Boy Service" of the RAF in 1919 at the age of sixteen and I now have a copy of his service record. Otherwise he seems to have worked for the Express Diary for the rest of his working life apart from service in the RAF during the 2nd World War. I also am not really sure what he did, except that it was something to do with engineering and designing machinery. I can remember him telling my Mother about a machine they were working on that would seal lids on cartons of yoghurt, but would be easy to remove for consumption. That was in the days when yoghurt first became popular and was readily available in stores. He used to mend our shoes and do all the decorating at home but never touched the garden. I learnt from one of my half sisters that when she was a child he was keen on gardening and very proud of his roses. He left home before we were up in the mornings as he had to travel by train to depots the other side of London and was always in well after we had finished our tea in the evenings. He also worked on a Saturday morning and then would retire to bed for the afternoon. Sundays also he had an afternoon nap. He loved the radio and would have it on so loud, that the neighbours complained. He enjoyed popular classical music, and in fact liked all music really. His reading choice was science fiction stories.

Dad retired in 1968, but seemed to be content doing nothing. He didn't even go and collect his own pension but sent my Mother to the Post Office each week. He did go for a lunch time drink at a nearby pub and I suppose enjoyed the male company there putting the world to rights and generally moaning about the youth of the day, the Government, and anyone else who wasn't there to defend themselves! He died on the 10th April 1975 from Cancer a couple of weeks before my parents were due to move to a bungalow in Clacton-on-Sea.

My sister, Pauline and I both have children and I also have grandchildren, but neither of our brothers have to carry on the name of METCALFE. Unfortunately Gordon died many years ago now, and Derek never married. However, as previously mentioned I have many METCALFE relations, so there is no fear of the name ever vanishing as far as our branch is concerned as both half brothers had sons and grandsons to carry on the name, not to mention all my many cousins and half cousins world-wide.

Obviously one never completes a family history, and certainly as far as my METCALFE family is concerned, there is much missing information to keep me busy for many years to come.

MECCA COIN COUNTERFEITERS & EXPERTS

Sing a Song of Sixpence(s)....

Elizabeth Metcalfe and Ann Metcalfe both of the Parish of St. Giles's without Cripplegate were indicted for High-Treason in Clipping 20 Shillings and 20 Sixpences on the 28th of September in the Sixth Year of the Reign of the King and the late Queen(1695); it appeared by the Evidence, that going up staires in hast, they found them at work with the Doors open, and came upon the Prisoners before they were aware of themselves; the Prisoners alledged and said, that they never did any such thing in all their lives, and that they always endeavoured to get an honest Livelihood; the Jury found them both not guilty. From Old Bailey Records.

Printing Money

An Anaheim man was sentenced today to three years in federal prison for counterfeiting as much as \$120,000 in United States currency and corporate checks, United States Attorney Alejandro N. Mayorkas announced. **Kevin Metcalf**, 38, who used a computer and a scanner at his former home in Yorba Linda to manufacture the counterfeit items, was sentenced by United States District Judge Shirley Wohl Kram, sitting in Los Angeles.

Metcalf was found guilty in May 1998 on conspiracy and four counts of counterfeiting. At trial, Assistant United States Attorney James W. Spertus presented evidence showing that Metcalf and a confederate scanned \$20 Federal Reserve Notes and used Metcalf's computer to print fake currency. Metcalf and his co-conspirator also used the computer to print counterfeit checks that appeared to be drawn on the accounts of mortgage companies and other firms. Metcalf was arrested after his co-conspirator attempted to sell counterfeit checks to an undercover Secret Service agent following a two-week undercover sting operation. The co-conspirator pleaded guilty to federal charges.

In addition to the three-year prison term, Judge Kram ordered Metcalf to pay a \$15,000 criminal fine and \$2,068 in restitution to California Federal Bank. In sentencing Metcalf, Judge Kram found that the defendant obstructed justice by giving false testimony during his trial and that he was the organizer of the conspiracy. Judge Kram rejected Metcalf's request for a reduced sentence based on his claims that the counterfeiting operation was "aberrant behavior" because he was a Jehovah's Witness who was active in charitable causes. For sentencing purposes, Judge Kram determined that the amount of loss in this case was between \$70,000 and \$120,000.

From Jehovah-Witness.net

Coin Expert

Dr Michael Metcalf, of Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, examined the coins with X-ray equipment and announced yesterday: "The coins contained only a very small amount of tin".

From RAM (Royal Australian Mint) annual report 1970-71.

WHAT'S ON

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| April 9 | North Yorkshire County Record Office (NYCRO) -
Family History Beginners Day |
| April 16 | Cleveland, Nth Yorks & Sth Durham FHS -
Family History Day "Unlocking Your Past" . Scotch Corner. |
| April 17 | Oxfordshire & Bucks FHS Fair Kidlington Oxford. 10am-5pm |
| May 7-8 | Family History Weekend. Ryedale Folk Museum. Folk tales,
family history groups, family story making and more. |
| May 18 | Ryedale Family History Group. Linda Turnbull North York-
shire County Record Office at The Village Hall, Hovingham
YO62 4LF ☎01653 628952 or 628132. |
| May 22 | Kent FHS Fair, Maidstone, Kent. 10am-4pm. |
| May 28 | Society of Genealogists London (SOG). "I'm Stuck". |
| May 29 | Family & Local History Day, Taunton Somerset. |
| June 4 | Shropshire FHS Open Day, Shrewsbury. |
| June 11 | Gwent FHS Fair & Open Day, Cwmbran |
| June 11 | NYCRO. Family History Skills Day. |
| June 15 | Ryedale Family History Group. WRVS Centre Pickering.
Paul Jennings "The Census: a Practical Guide for the
Family & Local Historian". |
| June 25 | Yorkshire Family History Fair York Racecourse. |
| July 9 | Powys FHS Open Day Brecon. |
| July 9 | SW Area Group FHS Fair, Weston super Mare. |
| July 9 | SOG. "My Ancestor came from Hertfordshire". |
| July 16 | SOG. "Records of the Great Courts of
Chancery & Exchequer". |
| July 30 | Buckhamshire FHS Open Day. Aylesbury. |
| August 6 | West Midlands Area Group Fair. Worcester. |
| August 14 | Ryedale Family History Group.
Family & Local History Fair, Malton. |

***For further details of the above and other events go to
<http://geneva.weald.org.uk>***

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. 5 June. The history of knitting in the Dales 1 – 4pm free Kate Trusson. For full 2011 events programme look on the website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk or ☎ 01969 666210.

Grassington Folk Museum. Exhibits of lead mining, Dales farming, period costumes and Yorkshire Dales Railway information.

www.grassingtonfolkmuseum.org.uk

Craven Museum. www.cravenmuseum.org

Nidderdale Museum, *Pateley Bridge*. Displays of agriculture, industries, religion, transport and costume plus local photographs.

www.nidderdalemuseum.com



Mentioned in the Domesday Book the village is some three miles south of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk near to the Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire county borders.

Metcalfe connections to the village seem primarily through Philip Metcalfe who was baptised in Much Hadham Hertfordshire in 1733

Philip Metcalfe was the son of Roger Metcalfe a surgeon practising out of Drury Lane in London in the 1730's. Roger was born in Stokesley in the shadow of the Cleveland Hills in 1680 and this line goes back to Hood Grange Kilburn North Yorkshire and ultimately Ottiwell son of James of Nappa Hall. See pages 98, 137 & 138 *Metcalfe History of the Clan*.

Through marriage in the 17th century the family goes back to another senior line emanating from Tatterford Norfolk.

A Metcalfe Village

Hawstead Suffolk

Photographs provided by
Leon Metcalfe M320



A Metcalfe Grave in the Churchyard of All Saints the Parish Church





Philip Metcalfe provided the almshouse (below) in 1811 for six old people.

A successful businessman involved in the wines and spirits trade he owned a distillery in East London. Through his various connections he became an MP for nearly thirty years representing Horsham,



Plympton and Malmesbury. He was also a patron of the arts and

included amongst his friends Joshua Reynolds; he was an executor of the painter's will.

A portrait of Philip painted by the Italian artist Pompeo Batoni hangs in Beningborough Hall near York.

When he died he left some £500,000 in his will.



Mecca Bits & Bobs 4

All Round Athlete. From the *Department of Trade and Industry Annual South Wales Sports Day Programme* of August 1984 - **C Metcalfe** : Mixed Wheelbarrow, Sack Race (2nd), Mixed Three Legged, 1500m, Obstacle Race (3rd) and 5000m (3rd).

Whistle Blower. Afghanistan was again in the news when a report on the perilous state of the military position in the country was leaked by a senior military advisor **Charles Metcalfe MacGregor**. From *Radio 4* 26 October 2010 at 9am (and again at 9pm). *When did this occur? 1880!*

Duz tha speak Yowkshire?

From **Lesley Longworth M68**

Mecca takes his cat to the vet.

Mecca: "Ayup, lad, I need to talk to thee about me cat."

Vet: "Is it a tom?"

Mecca: "Nay, ave browt it with mi."

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A Yorkshire man's dog dies and as it was a favourite pet he decides to have a gold statue made by a jeweller to remember the dog by.

Yorkshireman: "Can tha mek us a gold statue of yon dog?"

Jeweller: "Do you want it 18 carat?"

Yorkshireman: "No I want it chewin' a bone yer daft bugger!"

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Bloke from Barnsley with piles asks chemist "Nah then lad, does tha sell ar se cream?" Chemist replies "Aye, Magnum or Cornetto?"

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A Yorkshire man's wife dies and the widower decides that her headstone should have the words "She were thine" engraved on it.

He calls the stone mason, who assures him that the headstone will be ready a few days after the funeral.

True to his word the stone mason calls the widower to say that the headstone is ready and would he like to come and have a look.

When the widower gets there he takes one look at the stone to see that it's been engraved "She were thin".

He explodes: "'ells bells man, you've left the blood y "e" out, you've left the blood y "e" out!"

The stone mason apologises profusely and assures the poor widower that it will be rectified the following morning.

Next day comes and the widower returns to the stone mason:

"There you go sir, I've put the "e" on the stone for you".

The widower looks at the stone and then reads out aloud:

"E, she were thin".  
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