



CARLBECK CENTRE WINTER NEWSLETTER 2014

SUMMER SENSATIONS

Carlbeck was host to a couple of very successful open events this summer.

In June we showcased the talents of our crafters in our Summer Craft exhibition. This was well attended and attracted a great deal of interest in how the exhibits were created. Luckily some of the crafters were on hand to explain and demonstrate the techniques used.

In August the committee staged a 10th anniversary picnic to celebrate the success of Carlbeck Centre. It was termed a 'pot luck' picnic as supporters were asked to bring along some items of food to share with others. The event was well attended and most enjoyable.

TEA TIME

Our Sunday afternoon season was yet again a success. It was particularly well attended when the sun came out and always attracted a band of loyal followers whatever the weather. Memories include the day we had a queue of motorcycle riders, in full leathers, standing in line from the outer door to the servery to buy their tea and cakes. Let us hope they remember us for next year and spread the word to fellow bikers.

A few of our crafters came along to join us and display their skills to our visitors. This created a great deal of interest and we would like to continue this next year. We also trialled a small craft table with a limited number of items for sale either privately or for the benefit of Carlbeck. This proved popular and may be repeated next year.

On a practical note we would welcome more helpers during the season, both to bake cakes in advance and help with serving and washing up on the day.

The Carlbeck Centre AGM followed the picnic and many people stayed on for the meeting where they heard that the hall is well used and heading towards a strong financial position.

Mary Wilson and Margaret Dent announced that this will be their last year as Chairman and Secretary respectively as they felt it was time for a change.

They believe that there are members of our community who will now feel able to take on the roles and ask that anyone interested should, initially, speak to a member of the committee before being nominated for the positions which will become vacant in Autumn 2015.



SEARCHING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

How many times do you search for something on the Internet? Once or twice per day? But actually the important thing is not how many searches you make but which company you use to make them.

Most major search engines make money from sponsors. If only they would pass on some of this cash to a good cause. Well there is one search engine which does just that - easysearch.

Does the name sound vaguely familiar? For the past twelve months we've been telling you about easyfundraising, asking you to sign up and go Internet shopping through the site, as every purchase generates funds for Carlbeck. To date there are nine regular supporters who between them raised £43.50 in the last year.

CRAFTY IDEAS

If you are reading this newsletter over tea and cake at our annual Christmas Craft Fair, we do hope you will find plenty of ideas for presents this year. Our crafters have worked hard over the past twelve months to create superb hand crafted items of the highest quality which really do show off the talents and skills that Teesdale has to offer. We've also got cakes for sale, a 'name the Christmas Angel' competition and a super raffle with the main prize this year of a beautiful multi-coloured, pastel cotton crocheted throw; other prizes include a woven scarf, gingerbread house and treats, crocheted cushion, bag and hand knitted socks.

Some of our readers will receive this newsletter after the event, having been unable to join us for any number of reasons. We do, however, display craft items in the hall during the year so if you get the chance to visit us during the summer you should be able to see some of the work produced in our small centre. We also launch our Christmas raffle in the Autumn; if you think you can help us to sell tickets next year, please contact Margaret Dent on 01833 640763.

Our thanks go to them for their sterling fundraising efforts.

Now we can all raise money for Carlbeck just as easily by changing to easysearch.org.uk. Every search helps you find what you are looking for on the Internet and most importantly, generates cash for your favourite good cause - without costing you a penny.

So if you are a regular on-line shopper please remember to register at easyfundraising.org.uk before heading off into the ether to do your Christmas shopping. If you are more of a knowledge seeker then make sure you switch to [easysearch](http://easysearch.org.uk) as your regular search engine. Thank you. Cause: Carlbeck Centre - Lunedale easyfundraising.org.uk easysearch.org.uk



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BOX CLEVER

A self-help box making day has been arranged for Saturday 17 January from 10am - 4pm. Cost for a full day is £4 and for a half day £2; please bring your own lunch.

Other crafters are welcome to come along and bring their own projects if they want to.

STOP PRESS

An additional general craft session has been started on Mondays between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. These have been requested by some crafters who preferred not to drive in the dark during the winter months. The sessions will continue as long as demand exists for them but in the meantime, the existing evening session from 7-9pm continues as usual.

The new hanging rail system in the hall has been put to good use this year. Barnard Castle Art Group yet again displayed some of their work around the walls of the hall and successfully sold some paintings. There was also a display of bags made by the crafters and some beautiful quilts which attracted interest from our visitors.

The committee are looking for new and innovative ways to use the hall in 2015. Are there any hobbies / interests that you would like to see taking place at Carlbeck? All ideas are welcome; contact a member of the committee to discuss your ideas.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone for their support of Carlbeck over the past year. Whether you attend one of our craft sessions, enjoy playing Scrabble or Dominoes with your friends in the hall, drop in for a Sunday afternoon tea in the Summer or just buy raffle tickets for our fantastic prize draws, we do appreciate your help. Every penny raised for Carlbeck ensures that our debts are paid off more quickly and we can progress towards a firm financial future, which will mean we are able to offer more activities to a wider audience over the coming years.

The Carlbeck Centre, Lunedale, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0NX



Approximately three miles from Middleton and Mickleton on the B6276, Carlbeck Centre is a warm and comfortable venue for private events, meetings and workshops.

Self service catering facilities are available to all users. Workshops are also arranged on a regular basis, please ask for details. Bookings can be made through Judith Carter; see right for contact details.

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Committee Members:

Mary Wilson, Chairman	640 791
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Weekly:	Day/ time:	Contact person:	Phone:
Craft Group (general)	Mondays 1.30-3.30pm AND 7-9pm	Mary Wilson	640 791
Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing	Tuesdays 10am-1pm	Marie Wray	640 177
Pilates	Tuesdays 7-9pm	Laura Bailey	641 202
		Teesdale Physio	
Twice a month:			
Patchwork & Quilting	1st & 3rd Wed of month 10 -1pm	Pauline Stokoe	641 216
Sewing and Pattern adaptation	2nd & 4th Wednesday of month, 7-9pm	Penny Sunderland	604 447
Scrabble	2nd & 4th Friday of month, 7pm but please check first with	Margaret Dent	640 763
Monthly:			
Needle Felting	4th Monday of month, 7-9pm	Lynn Morse	638 893
Teesdale Knitting & Crochet Guild	4th Saturday of month, 2-5pm	Ruth Craggs	640 408
Flower Arranging	next sessions to be arranged	Margaret Dent	640 763
Domino Drive	1st Wed from Sept-April 7.30pm	Margaret Dent	640 763

Please Note: Most groups are informal drop-in sessions and you are not making a commitment or signing up to every session. They are not taught as such however, there is a wealth of expertise in each group and all skill levels, including beginners, are catered for. The exceptions are Pilates and Flower Arranging which must be booked in advance. **Everyone is welcome.**