



CARLBECK CENTRE WINTER NEWSLETTER 2015

THANK YOU, MARY

Having given notice of her intention to stand down, after more than 11 years of service, Mary Wilson carried out her last official duty at the September AGM by welcoming in the new Chairman and committee.

Together with a strong nucleus of volunteers and members of the community Mary has been the driving force behind the refurbishment and redevelopment of Carlbeck Centre since 2004.

An unerring determination to have a community building for the dale meant countless hours of grant form filling, fundraising, event organising and in the early days, hands-on dismantling, cleaning and painting.

Finally getting the Hall refurbished and officially opened by the The Earl of

Strathmore & Kinghorne it might have seemed that her work was done. However, the redevelopment had cost more than the grant would cover so the next four years were dedicated to paying off the community loan.

With Carlbeck now solvent and newly decorated it is the perfect time to hand over the reins.

Thank you also to Alison Sayer and Richard Proud, the other members of the committee who have stood down this year, for their support and work for the community since 2004.

Welcome to Eileen Dent as the Chairman and Helen, Julia, Helen, Nick and Sid as new committee members. You can find a full list of members of our new committee overleaf.



Mary and the Earl of Strathmore & Kinghorne at the official opening of the Carlbeck Centre

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CARLBECK?

Thanks to Roy Oxby for doing a professional job of painting the Carlbeck Centre inside and out; it is looking pristine and has received many compliments. The painting was completed in good time for the June Craft Exhibition and our Sunday afternoon teas. Thank you also to the County Durham Community Foundation for supplying the grant to enable the work to be done.

June Craft Exhibition:

The hall was once again filled to capacity with an outstanding range of crafts and more than 60 visitors came to enjoy the displays and sample teas and cakes. Most of the items have taken many hours of patient work, however the item that had taken longest to complete was an embroidered tablecloth begun in the early

1960s and completed in 2015! These crafters are a determined lot!

Sunday Teas:

2015 has been the most successful season for Sunday teas. Producers of cakes, servers of cakes and consumers of cakes loyally support them on a weekly basis and even bring thank you cards and take photos on the last afternoon. There's often a real party atmosphere and lots of news exchanged and even some crafting gets done.

Easyfundraising:

Thank you to the Internet spenders who have signed up and are helping fundraise for their favourite charity, Carlbeck. The total raised so far - at no cost to any of them - is £103.61. If you buy on-line please sign up - it's totally free and Carlbeck benefits.

CRAFT GROUP CHANGES

Following the popularity last winter of the Monday afternoon craft sessions these have continued throughout the year and will remain as long as there is a demand.

The twice monthly Wednesday Sewing and Pattern Drafting Group has now merged with the weekly Monday evening Craft Group and no longer meets on Wednesdays. The new Embroidery group is very popular and exquisite pieces of work are being produced.

All the groups are very welcoming and anyone can come along to any of the groups; no matter what skill level, you will be assured of help, inspiration, and enthusiasm in very comfortable and sociable surroundings.



AND COMING UP?

Carlbeck Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 5th December

10.00 - 3.00pm

Solve all your Christmas gift problems in one go and enjoy delicious homemade scones, cakes and light savouries as well!!! A wide range of affordable handmade crafts will be available. Prizes in the raffle include a wonderful sheep rag rug (see below for details), lots of handmade crafts and a few mystery items!. Entrance to the craft fair is free and everyone is welcome.

Marriage Kneeler:

A number of Carlbeck Crafters are helping to complete a beautiful cross-stitch double kneeler for use during marriage services at Laithkirk Church. Anyone with time to spare, from a few minutes to several hours, is welcome to join in. Please contact Penny Sunderland 640447 for details of how, where and when you can get involved.

Sheep with Excellent Pedigree:

Spinners and Weavers have produced this wonderful 'hooky' rag rug. It has been specially crafted for the fair and will be the first prize in the Carlbeck Christmas raffle. Thanks to everyone who worked on this beautiful rug.

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PIECING TOGETHER THE LOGO

Ever wondered why the Carlbeck logo looks like a jigsaw puzzle, with different coloured pieces?

No, it's not just a random drawing thrown together because it looks good - although it does! There are well thought out reasons for those particular colours and shape.

The jigsaw pieces represent the Carlbeck community - individuals and groups joining together to make more as a group than they do as single pieces.

Cleverly they interlock with each other but are not closed or complete, remaining open for other pieces to join them, representing openness and welcoming new people, ideas and experiences.

The colours all have their place too, representing different aspects of the local landscape.

Purple:

moors and heather, the Pennine Way, farmers, gamekeepers and the shooting fraternity

Grey:

stone walls, buildings and man's influence on the dale, historical quarrying and the land following the Enclosures Act

Blue:

water and skies, fishermen and sailing, reservoirs providing water and hydro electricity for others in the Tees Valley

Green:

fields, meadows and trees supporting productivity

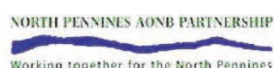
So there you have it - the Carlbeck jigsaw explained.

The Carlbeck Centre, Lunedale, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 ONX

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 by phone on 640 078 or email: laithkirk9.muriel@btinternet.com

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Committee Members:

Eileen Dent, Chairman	640 349
Ruth Craggs, Vice Chairman	640 408
Keith Roberts, Treasurer	641 575
Margaret Dent, Secretary/ Heritage	640 763
<i>E-mail: margaretdent@uwclub.net</i>	
Judith Carter Bookings secretary	640 078
Carole Pinkney	640 195
Helen Wilson	640 791
Julia Nelson	641 392
Nick Browne	640 194
Helen Finnimore	640 471
Sid Wilkinson	640 840

Weekly:

Craft Group (general)
Sewing and Pattern adaptation
Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing
Pilates

Day/ time:

Monday 1.30-3.30pm AND 7-9pm
Monday 7-9pm
Tuesday 10am-1pm
Tuesday 7-8pm

Contact person:

Mary Wilson
Penny Sunderland
Marie Wray
Laura Bailey
Teesdale Physio

Phone:

640 791
604 447
640 177
641 202

Twice a month:

Patchwork & Quilting

1st & 3rd Wed of month 10 -1pm

Pauline Stokoe

641 216

Monthly:

Needle Felting
Teesdale Knitting & Crochet
Guild
Flower Arranging
Domino Drive
Scrabble

4th Monday of month, 1.30-3.30pm
4th Saturday of month, 2-5pm
next sessions to be arranged
1st Wed from Sept-April 7.30pm
1st Wed from May-August 7.30pm

Lynn Morse

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New Group for Embroidery began April 29th and will meet in months with a 5th Wednesday 10am - 3.00pm. Next meeting is provisionally Wednesday 30th Dec, date to be confirmed.

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.**