



CARLBECK CENTRE Winter 2022



STABLE OUTLOOK FOR CARLBECK

Carlbeck Centre's recent AGM revealed that the current financial outlook is stable and that the bank balance is healthy. However, it was noted that attendee numbers are down on pre-pandemic levels in 2019 which has resulted in a downturn in income.

Jane Wilkinson was reappointed as Chair and Mary Wilson joins as Vice Chair.

Two officers retired at the meeting: Treasurer Keith Roberts is replaced by Rob Carter while the Secretary role, previously held by Margaret

Dent, is now vacant; Julia Nelson was co-opted as temporary Minute Secretary.

Keith was thanked for the excellent work he has done while Treasurer. Margaret was also thanked by the Chair and the meeting gave a vote of thanks for her untiring contribution to the running of the Centre, over and beyond her role of Secretary.

Margaret remains a member of the general committee alongside Amanda Thomas, Sid Wilkinson and Helen Finnimore.



EGGLESTON SHOW

Carlbeck Crafters held an exhibition of their work at Eggleston Show in September. Organised by June Dent, with contributions from all the craft groups, the varied display attracted a lot of visitors who were very complimentary and interested to know more about Carlbeck. So interested in fact that all the leaflets created for the day disappeared before lunchtime. Memo to selves: print more for next time!

NI(e)CE WORK, PENNY

This beautiful wedding dress was created and sewn by Penny Sunderland using just a photograph as inspiration! Bride Sarah spotted a similar dress on the internet and decided that it was just what she wanted for her own special day. Aunt Penny stepped up to help, drawing the pattern and sewing the dress, finishing it with delicate hand stitching.

Starting with a petticoat and linings made from silk habutai, purchased from an on-line supplier, the dress was layered with a soft silk satin underskirt and draped with a silk organza overskirt.

There was just one caveat for the dress - Sarah and groom Nick planned a Ceilidh for the evening and she wanted to be able to dance. She did!

Sarah (and the dress), pictured with Penny's husband Roger



COMING UP

From learning how to use an overlocker to making lace, there are plenty of workshops to keep us busy in 2023.

Ruskin Lace - tutor Karen Quickfall

22 and 23 April

24 and 25 June

28 and 29 October

Contact Mary Wilson on 07766 546 729



Calico Gardens - tutor Angie Burt

11 and 12 March

20 and 21 May

15 and 16 July

23 and 24 September

Contact June Dent on 01833 640 573

Overlocking for the terrified -

tutor Helen Finnimore

Complete beginners course

and a more advanced course later in the year. Dates to be decided.

Contact Helen Finnimore 01833 640471

Bra making - tutor Helen Finnimore

Complete beginners

Date to be decided, depending on demand

Contact Helen as above

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Raising money for charity has never been as challenging as it is in the current financial circumstances. So it's good to know that you can donate money to Carlbeck without it costing you a penny! How?

Simply do what we all love doing - go shopping on-line and every purchase earns Carlbeck a percentage of your spend. All you need to do is register your chosen charity and the websites do the rest.

Easyfundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>
Carlbeck Centre - Lunedale

Amazon Smile:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Carlbeck>
What have you got to lose?

WORKSHOP NEWS

Just as we went to press with our Summer newsletter Helen Finnimore held a two day beginners course in making bras. Ten ladies took part and it was a great success with most leaving the second day with a finished made to measure bra.

Since then some participants have gone on to make more bras and some have even progressed to matching knickers! We're told it was a great atmosphere on a gloriously sunny day and there was a lot of laughter.

Helen has offered to hold another beginners course in 2023 if there is sufficient demand. If you would like to take part please call Helen to let her know. Contact details overleaf.



It seems that a lot of Carlbeck machine users have bought themselves an overlocker at some time but never had the courage to use it!

Helen Finnimore, a talented seamstress and overlocker user, offered to show them and in September she held a course entitled: Overlocking for the Terrified!

Twelve ladies went along to learn about the bits of the machine and how to overcome threading nightmares. Cries of "I didn't know it did that" and "I wondered what that was for" were heard around the room and after lots of practise they all made a lined tote bag.

At the end of the day everyone agreed that it had been great fun and they now want to move on to a more advanced course.

The Spinning and Weaving group continues to attract new members from as far afield as Kirby Stephen, Reeth and Threlkeld.

Members regularly share their skills and run small workshops such as the recent one by Janet Phillips, founder of the Threshing Barn, where everyone had a go at producing yarns for present wrapping.



CRAFT GROUPS

New members are always welcome

Weekly

Monday:	1.30-3.30pm General needle crafts	Margaret Dent 640 763
Monday:	7.00-9.00pm Dressmaking, pattern adaptation & general crafts	Penny Sunderland 640 447
Tuesday:	10.00-1.00pm Spinning, weaving & dyeing & general wool crafts	Marie Wray 640 177
Wednesday:	10.00-3.00pm Patchwork, quilting, embroidery, sewing machine skills & general crafts	June Dent 640 573
Monthly		
1st Thursday:	2.00-5.00pm Knitting and Crochet Guild	Ruth Craggs 640 408

Please Note: All groups are informal drop-in sessions and by attending one week you are not making any commitment or signing up to every session. The groups are not taught as such however there is a wealth of expertise in each group and all skill levels, including beginners, are catered for. Everyone is welcome at each session.

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

Website: <http://carlbeckcentre.org.uk> Village Halls website: www.thevillagehalls.co.uk

Approximately three miles from Middleton and Mickleton on the B6276, the Carlbeck Centre is a warm and comfortable venue for private events, meetings and workshops. Self service catering facilities are available to all users.

There is a regular programme of craft and leisure sessions, organised for and by the community; workshops are also arranged on a variety of subjects. Details of these can be obtained from Margaret Dent, on 01833 640 763. If you have an idea for a workshop that you would like to attend or perhaps you could pass on your own skill and knowledge to others through a workshop, please contact Margaret.

**Bookings for the hall can be made with Judith Carter on 01833 640 078
Carlbeck Centre, Lunedale Charity No. 1115465**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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