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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Supporting our Communities in the Durham Dales



Autumn Newsletter...

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Autumn community newsletter...

As usual, there's lots in this edition, from Middleton carnival round up and training update, to LOTS of upcoming events as well as information about services available in and around Teesdale and the Durham Dales.

If you have anything for the next newsletter. which will cover December, January and

February; it could be a story, an event or an advertisement.

Please email details to me

emma@utass.org Best Wishes, **Emma**

King & Queen of Lesotho Visit the Dale...

UTASS were delighted to have been asked by the Diocese of Durham to host part of a 3 day visit in June by King Letsie III of Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso and their Royal Party.

The visit commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the link between the Durham Diocese and Lesotho. Whilst details of the visit were embargoed by the Diocese and Lieutenancy Office until the day before the visit, UTASS Patrons, Trustees, Staff, Volunteers, Members and Funders provided a full programme for the visitors at UTASS, Middleton Farmers Mart and Watersmeeting Farm on Saturday 25th June 2016. UTASS Volunteer David Henderson did a sterling job in organising the event and ensuring the programme on the day went as it should.

The King and Queen were welcomed to Middleton-in-Teesdale by local school children who vigorously waved Lesotho flags. Community members and tourists also joined in to give the warmest of greetings. Inside the UTASS office the King and Queen met with a wide range of people who spoke about the various with a hand knitted

elements of our work with and for the community. The King was very interested to hear from some of our Farmers about the complex paperwork required in the running of a farm in the UK. The Queen seemed particularly comfortable talking with some of the young people who attend the evening drop in sessions at UTASS and Hettie Hutchinson presented the Queen with a copy of the Addicted to Sheep DVD.

At the Mart the King and Queen laid a through stone, donated by Dunhouse, to commemorate the visit. They asked lots of pertinent questions whilst they watched a range of topical activities and skills demonstrations. The Kings passion for horses clearly shone through as he spoke at length with

Eccles family Dales about their Ponies. The hand versus electric sheep shearing competition really entertained all of the visitors and Anna Johnson from Chaotic Crafters Knitting Club presented the Queen

posy of blue gentians.

It was then onto the minibuses up to Watersmeeting Farm. Despite some heavy rain at this point Richard and Dodge Betton gave the King, Queen and others in the Royal Party an insight into farming up the dale. Not surprisingly the King was engrossed by Richards talk about the Aberdeen Angus cattle at Watersmeeting. Before the Royal Party left for their evening engagement at Auckland Castle Dodge Betton and Neville Turner presented topical books to the

On behalf of everyone at UTASS enormous thanks goes to all who helped make the day such a memorable occasion. Your support and involvement was truly appreciated.



"Middleton in Teesdale Carnival, how was it for You?" This year's Middleton-in-Teesdale Carnival events have brought miles of smiles to the Dale. The appearance on the village

New Committee ask...

green of all the pupils of Forest of Teesdale School reproduced as life-like scarecrows, and some more traditional scarecrows from the classes of Middleton-in-Teesdale School and young community groups, turned quite a few heads and had cameras clicking. Well-dressed scarecrows also appeared in front gardens and with the new bunting along the procession route, there was a true carnival atmosphere for the village treasure hunt which saw 21 teams working through tricky clues. After the brain workout, it was a test of speed, with fast and furious pedalling in the highly competitive Children's cycle races.

The Carnival weekend got underway on Friday evening with the crowning of the Carnival Queen, Lucy Watson and with the Family Night at the Sports and Social Club.

On Carnival Day, large crowds enioved the fun. of the procession of floats and

walkers, jazz and pipe bands, circus entertainers and the Fire and Rescue Service. On the school field those with a head for heights took a ride on the

Fire and Rescue Services Aerial Ladder Platform, others kept their feet on the ground and enjoyed traditional carnival entertainment and refreshments.

This year has seen a new team at the helm, and Eileen Dent, the Chair of the new Committee was full of praise for the way the whole community had come together to support the Carnival and related events in so many different ways. "People have been very generous with their time, money and donations. The great turnout, with so many people having a good day out, has made it all worthwhile. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed and took part this year and helped those of us new to the team work our way through all that needs to be done to organise and run a



Carnival – which is far more than booking attractions and setting up the gazebos! Going forward, we want to build on this year's success and make sure Carnival has something for everyone and runs as smoothly as possible".

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So the Committee would like to hear from you about what you liked or didn't like, what could be done better and what you would like to see on the Carnival Programme in future. along to an open meeting just to let us know your thoughts at 7:30pm Thursday 15th September in the Masonic Hall or if you can't make it, give your comments to any committee member or send to curriedm@btopenworld.com or to Hill House, 42 Hill Terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0SL before the meeting. The Annual General meeting will take place later in October.

Carnival 2017 - Saturday 5th August - Save the date!

Committee Members: Eileen Dent. Laura Robinson. Robert Kirbv. Diana Currie, Alan and Pam Wood, Jimmy Gibson, Anne and Tom Ridley.



SUPPORTING UTASS

YOU CAN NOW SUPPORT UTASS VIA VIRGIN MONEY GIVING.

YOU CAN VISIT WWW.UTASS.ORG AND IN THE "SUPPORT US" TAB YOU'LL FIND A LINK TO OUR VIRGIN MONEY GIVING PAGE. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN USE THE QR CODE OPPOSITE.



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FRIDAY 02/09/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - Opening Sale of Store Lambs. Entries for catalogue close Friday 26th August 9.30am
TUESDAY 06/09/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - Prize show & Sale of Mule & Cont. Shearlings & Ewes Also sale Continental & Suffolk Rams Entries close Tuesday 30th August at 9.30am
WEDNESDAY 14/09/2016	MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE - Mule Gimmer lambs (on behalf of N.E.M.S.A) Entries close 30th August 2016
THURSDAY 15/09/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - Prize Show & Sale of Mule Gimmer lambs (on behalf of N.E.M.S.A) Entries close Wednesday 31st August at 9.30am And the catalogue will be drawn by public ballot at 1pm on the same day.
FRIDAY 16/09/2016	MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE - Swaledale Gimmer lambs Show & Sale Entries close 7th September 2016
TUESDAY 20/09/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - OTM Cattle, Breeding Cattle, Feeding Bulls and Store Cattle.
FRIDAY 23/09/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF MULE GIMMER LAMBS. Show for NEMSA Members only, sale open to non members. Entries close Wednesday 14th September at 9.30am And the catalogue will be drawn by public ballot at 1pm on the same day.
FRIDAY 23/09/2016	MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE - Swaledale ewes. Bluefaced Leicester rams - show and sale also other breed rams Entries close 15th September 2016
SATURDAY 24/09/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - Prize Show and Sale of Swaledale Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs Entries for catalogue close Wednesday 14th September 9.30am
MONDAY 26/09/2016	MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE - Swaledale ewes and shearlings - show and sale Entries close 19th September 2016
SATURDAY 01/10/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - Sale of store lambs, and breeding sheep of all classes, also Rams.
TUESDAY 04/10/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - 2ND PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF MULE GIMMER LAMBS, Also BF Leicester, Cont & Suff Rams and breeding sheep of all classes.
TUESDAY 11/10/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - SWALEDALE SHEEP BREEDERS D DISTRICT RAM SALE
WEDNESDAY 12/10/2016	MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE - Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association A district ram sales Entries close 28/09/2016
TUESDAY 18/10/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - OTM Cattle, Breeding Cattle, Feeding Bulls and Store Cattle.
SATURDAY 22/10/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - Store lambs, breeding * feeding ewes, gimmer lambs and Rams. Also Prize show & sale of single lamb shown by a young handler (under 16).
TUESDAY 01/11/2016	MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE - Swaledale ewes and gimmer lambs, ewes and lambs of all breeds also rams. Store lambs. Also Store cattle and suckled calves - show and sale Entries close 10.00am 24/10/2016
SATURDAY 05/11/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - ANNUAL PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF SUCKLED CALVES.
TUESDAY 08/11/2016	MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE - Suckled calves - show and sale Entries close 31/10/2016
SATURDAY 12/11/2016	ST JOHNS CHAPEL - Store lambs & feeding ewes.
TUESDAY 15/11/2016	BARNARD CASTLE - CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW AND SALE OF FEEDING BULLS AND STORE CATTLE, Also OTM Cattle.
TUESDAY 22/11/2016	MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE - Beef breeding cattle Entries close 14/11/2016

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AND CHAPERONES NEEDED

Could you spare a couple of hours once every 2 months – particularly on a Thursday evening? If so we'd love to hear from you. Volunteer Drivers would need to be aged over 25 with a clean driving licence appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (DBS checks) will need to be undertaken.

Contact Jen on 01833 641010 or email jen@utass.org

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UTASS and Castle Vets are hosting a Microchipping Event at...

Middleton in Teesdale Auction Mart on Friday 2nd September 10am - 12.30pm £10 (Inc VAT) per dog

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - Contact UTASS on 01833 641010 to book your place.



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Animals arriving at our abattoir are treated with kindness and respect. Animal welfare is one of our top priorities.

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The booking in system is easy.

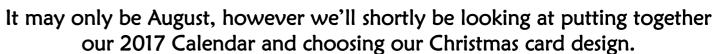
Ring to discuss your requirements on 01388 718264

Take a look at our website

www.joesimpsonsbutchers.co.uk



UTASS Christmas Cards & 2017 Calendar



If you have any photographs you'd like to offer for the 2016 Christmas card or the 2017 calendar please email them to emma@utass.org

If you would like to advertise your business in the calendar, get in touch for sponsorship details.

The UTASS Newsletter is sponsored by

GEORGE F.WHITE

The George F. White Group provides property and business consultancy services on a regional basis from Southern Scotland down to North Lincolnshire.

The roots of our business are firmly planted in the agricultural and rural sector and we have extensive knowledge and experience on all issues relating to property.

We are a business that provides innovative solutions for our clients. Using our breadth and depth of knowledge we provide clarity, direction and support to help people make the right decisions and achieve the best outcome. We have a team of 120 people (and growing!) that operate from our seven offices. We have a culture of innovation, inspiration, honesty and commitment. We work collaboratively to bring excellent people together to deliver the right solutions for our clients.

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OUTREACH FACILITIES AT UTASS



Mobile Beauty Therapist Emma Richardson of Tranquil Treatments works from UTASS every Friday.

Her treatment menu and price list is on the UTASS website, www.utass.org

fight against Alzheimer's fight again dementia Society

Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be based at UTASS on Fridays, with a remit to help people living with Dementia, their carers and families, by providing information, advice and support.

For further details contact her on 07484 040630 or email: Nicola.Tulloch@ alzheimers.org.uk

Foot Health Professional

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RACHEL LOGAN

Telephone: 07825314487 e-mail: rachy87@hotmail.com

Rachel visits UTASS every 6 weeks, offering nail trimming & correction, skin conditions, heel pain, removal of hard skin, corns, callus, verrucae, blisters, athletes foot, fungal infections, diabetic toenails and general foot care

GEORGE F.WHITE

George F White Partner, Robyn Peat, is available on the first Monday of every month for professional and business advice at UTASS.

Free appointments can be made through UTASS (01833 641010 or info@utass.org) or by phoning George F White's on 01388 527966



carers support

Helen Fothergill, a carer support worker from Durham County Carers Support visits UTASS every other Friday, supporting carers in our local community.

You can find out more information by visiting www.ddcarers.org contact Helen on 01833 600 577.



County **Durham**

Teesdale Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offer a drop-in service at UTASS fortnightly on Mondays. 1pm - 4pm.



UTASS Youth Sessions

Monday's

Girls Group 6pm til 8pm 8 - 14 year olds Wednesday's

Off Site visits 6pm til 8pm 8 - 16 year olds

6pm til 7.30pm 8 - 11 year olds 7.30pm til 9pm 12 - 19 year olds We champion ourselves

If you have any

suggestions,

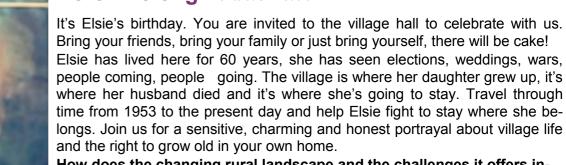
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upon the youth sessions working, because they are what the young people want.

All Sessions £1 per child per session

COMING TO UTASS

Here I Belong Pentabus Theatre



How does the changing rural landscape and the challenges it offers influence your choices?

At what point do you have to admit defeat?

Coming to UTASS on Friday 11th November 2016 - 7.30pm

TICKETS: Adults - £10 Children - £7

You can book tickets on line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/269947 or you can call UTASS.

NE First Credit Union Opportunities at UTASS

Did you know you can join NE First Credit Union and pay in to your account via UTASS?

Adults can join the credit union for a £1 fee and can now apply immediately for a loan up to a maximum of £15,000. Loan interest rates are calculated daily on a reducing balance basis. There is also free life insurance with every loan. Young people can also save with the credit union and they do not pay any joining fee. Young savers aged under 8 years also receive a free piggy bank.

Information about NE Credit Union and application packs are available from UTASS during office hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and the collection point service is available on Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm.

Buiness Unit at TTTASS

Pip - Unit 5 - Steve Messam

An environmental artist based in the North of England. With his site-specific installations, he sets visual accents in rural or urban settings, which include historical relics and vacant architecture

that make us perceive the familiar environment in a new way.

Steve's next project will be to transform three simple whitewashed barns into a unique and stunning artwork called Waterfall which will run across 14-16 and 21-23 October.

Waterfall is part of Durham County Council's fresh approach to visual

arts and this remarkable artwork will draw on the rich history, geography and characteristics of the area around it. Steve will film each of the waterfalls of the River Tees - Cauldron Snout, High Force and Low Force - in high definition, slow motion video. The films will then be projected onto all four sides of three whitewashed barns that cascade down the hillside to the east of Bowlees Visitor Centre, effectively wrapping them in mesmerising slow motion pulses of water.

Waterfall has been organised by Durham County Council in association with North Pennines AONB Partnership and is produced by kind permission of Raby Estates.



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The Aspire Building

Middleton in Teesdale Auction Mart, DL12 0NG

Yan - Unit 1 - H&H Land & Property



H&H Land and Property - Our team can assist with AMC applications and valuations of property, estate management, landlord & tenant and dispute resolution and compulsory purchase. We have an extensive farm business management service which includes a broad range of issues from farm budgets and entitlement trading to name but a few. We also have a dedicated sales and agency team who can assist you with a sale, purchase or letting of land, farm and equine property – whatever the size. Our Middleton-in-Teesdale office will be permanently open on weekdays in September 2016 from 12th September to 26th September and we hope to be able to service local farmers professional needs. Out of those dates the office is open during sale dates or at a convenient time for clients. We hope to be of service.

Tyan - Unit 2 - Olwen Williams - Fine Art

Olwen Williams is a local artist, Olwen mainly works on large oil paintings but does create small preliminary studies in water colour and they are available to purchase with all monies received being donated to charity.



Her studio is open Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9am - 5pm

Tethera - Unit 3 - Farm, Pet & Equine



Stock a complete range of Farm, Pet and Equine supplies including:

- Stable Supplies -
- Tack and Horse Rugs
- Saddles, Bridles and Ropes
- Livestock Health Products and Supplements
- Equestrian Wear

- Outdoor Clothing
- New products include Dog and Horse Feed
- Outdoor Glottilling
- New products include Dog and Horse Fee
- And much more ...
- The price you see is what you pay
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(includes VAT and free delivery to UK mainland).

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm and Sunday 10am-2pm

If you require further information about our products, please contact Mike on 01833 641111 or 07747002184

Email: mike@farmpetandequine.uk or visit the website: www.farmpetandequine.uk

Farm, Pet and Equine will be attending Bowes and Eggelston Show

Methera - Unit 4 - Sweet Tooth

Ali Collinson, owner of Sweet Tooth is the first 'Young Rural Entrepreneur' to take up the offer of a programme provided by H&H Group and UTASS.

Sweet Tooth offers sweet treats for any occasion, from party bags to wedding favours, other specialities include sweet trees and gift boxed treats.

You can contact Ali at Sweet Tooth on 07891173729 or email ali_tarn_116@hotmail.com or visit her Facebook page SweetToothAli



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September Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 1pm - 4pm.
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS every Friday.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday, with a coffee morning happening on Friday 23rd.
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 2nd Dog Micro Chipping Event at Middleton Mart
- 3rd & 4th Wolsingham Agricultural Show.
- 8th UTASS open night at Middleton Mart.
- 10th & 11th Stanhope Agricultural Show
- 10th & 11th Food & Craft Festival,
 Masonic Hall, in Middleton, 10am 3.30pm.
- 13th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 14th St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 15th Rachel Logan, Chiropodist at UTASS. (contact details on page 5)
- 17th Eggleston Agricultural Show.
- 24th Langdon Beck Sheep Show.
- 25th Farmers Market & Craft Fair in Middleton.
- 27th Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2pm - 3pm.
- 29th Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.

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October Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 1pm - 4pm.
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS every Friday.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday, with a coffee morning happening on Friday 21st.
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 11th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 12th St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 20th Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 24th to 28th UTASS office closed.
- 25th Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2pm - 3pm.
- 30th Farmers Market & Craft Fair in Middleton.

DAVEY ARTHUR & FRIENDS CONCERT

Due to circumstances
beyond our control The
"DAVEY ARTHUR &
FRIENDS" concert planned
for Friday 16th September
has been cancelled.

November 2016

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November Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 1pm - 4pm.
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS every Friday.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday, with a coffee morning happening on Friday 18th.
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 9th St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 15th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 17th Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 22nd Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2pm - 3pm.
- 26th Middleton Mart Christmas Fair (Further details on the back page) and Christmas Lights switch on.
- 27th Farmers Market & Craft Fair in Middleton.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF UTASS OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October, re-opening Monday 31st October

Thursday 22nd December, re-opening Tuesday 3rd January 2017

All ARAMS / BCMS enquiries will be dealt with on a daily basis

Have you changed your email address?

Please keep us up to date & let us know of any change to your email address. This will help UTASS minimise exceeding our deferred limit of failed email attempts on our server. To update any of your contact details please send amendments to ann@utass.org

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ARTISTS, FARMERS **AND PHILOSOPHERS**

Locals, farmers and land managers are invited to attend a special session during the three day Artists, Farmers and Philosophers' symposium

Hill Farming in the 21st Century

Mickleton Village Hall, Thursday 8th September between 2:30pm & 5:00pm Tea & cake will be served.

Keynote speaker Lord Inglewood (Landowner, Member of The House of Lords) will discuss hill farming and the uplands. Dr Margaret Bradshaw MBE will explain the importance of grazing and hefting in preserving a biodiversity treasure - the Teesdale Assemblage of Flowering Plants. Kay and Tom Hutchinson, stars of TV & film documentary Addicted to Sheep, will talk about a year on their tenant farm and explain how the international response to the film has influenced them.

Other speakers at this session include Lord Barnard, local farmer Richard Betton and Natural England board member Julia Aglionby.

There are 100 free places available and booking is required.

Those wishing to attend should call and register either at: Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services on 01833 641010 OR Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership on 03000 260842

For more information contact Ewan Allinson, CEO Landscape and Arts Network, and chair of the symposium steering group.

e-mail: e allinson@hotmail.co.uk

phone: 07840-277505

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Christmas Products



UTASS will be offering FREE monthly music and memories sessions between 2pm and 3pm.

> Tuesday 27th September Tuesday 25th October - TBC Tuesday 22nd November - TBC

The aim of the session is to provide a warm, welcoming and caring setting where people can come together for a singalong, socialise, cup of tea and a cake. The Monday Night Girls Group at UTASS will bake the cakes for participants to share, ost ale agel

at the music and memories sessions.

Transport to and from UTASS may also be available if required.

If you want to come along please contact UTASS on 01833 641010.

TRAINING UPDATE

Please contact Julia Stephenson or Charlotte Fletcher on 01833 641010 or email julia@utass.org /charlotte@utass.org for more information (Please remember UTASS is closed on Wednesdays)

Spray Training & Assessments

Another 16 trainees attended the final round of training over four days for the NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides (PA or Grandfather route) at UTASS and Middleton Mart. Training and assessments covered Handheld or Mounted/Mounted +Weedwiper, with practical assessments finishing on 19th August. Five assessments for the Certificate of Competence for the Transport of Livestock - Cattle and Sheep, have also been completed. Additional information regarding the Safe Use of pesticides or Safe Use of Sheep Dip qualification can be found on the Training Opportunities page of our website.

Our thanks go to Middleton Mart, Edwin Parkin, Jane Philbrick, Carl Stephenson, Craig Gibson and Martin Sayer for the loan of equipment to make this training possible and to Middleton Mart for the use of their facilities for a venue and to Bill Metcalf for help with arrangements.



Vehicle Training to Improve Employability

We were delighted to hear that we have been awarded funding from The Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. The funding will provide car & trailer lessons, car driving lessons, guad bike or pre-test training Lantra 13-16 tractor (Application form downloadable from our website or from UTASS.)

Our thanks go to The Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust whose funding is coming to an end, with some of the trailer and quad bike training being finished off over the summer. Lantra 13-16 Tractor driving was held on 23rd July (pictured opposite). Grateful thanks go for the team effort to make this training possible - this time involving a tractor & trailer kindly loaned by Lloyd Limited, Bishop Auckland, a venue provided by kind permission of Barnard Castle Auction Mart and voluntary help from John and Fay Hutchinson and other UTASS Members. Thanks too to Terry Maw, the Lantra trainer who has been delivering

this excellent training for over 9 years and makes it such a enjoyable learning experience for the two trainees.

BWMB Shearing Course

Thanks to Weardale Action Partnership and The Heart of Teesdale for each providing part funding for the mix of eligible trainees, reducing the cost for two days to £90 including VAT. We had an excellent venue at Tow Law for 22 & 23 June – we've had really good feedback, with Blue, Bronze & Silver Seals being achieved! Thanks to Linda & Peter O'Shea for kindly providing the venue.

Funding for Weardale Rural Skills Training

So far nine trainees have been part funded by Weardale Action Partnership towards their spray training and two for the Semex DIY AI for Cattle training held on 13-16th June, two for British Wool Marketing Board Sheep Shearing on 22 & 23 June and three for Lantra Chainsaw training held at Hamsterley Forest on 29 & 30 June (pictured below). Rough Terrain Forklift Truck training is also being

planned for the middle of September to be held in Weardale.

Funding from Weardale Action Partnership, over two years, is being made available to farmers living or working in Weardale towards the cost of a wide range of rural skills, with a First Aid course being free of charge. Mostly accredited, training on offer includes Artificial Insemination for Cattle, Emergency First Aid at Work (outdoor related); British Wool Marketing Board shearing training, Car + Trailer driving lessons; NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides; NPTC Rough Terrain Forklift Truck, Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting, as well as Drystone Walling.

Application forms can be downloaded fro the UTASS website.

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Educational Links

Funding is kindly being provided by the Heart of Teesdale for one more educational visit to Middleton Mart by Woodland Primary School to take place on Tuesday, 20th September, after the last visit in May by the Reception Class from Middleton School. We are most grateful to the Heart of Teesdale who have funded these visits and also for the four educational banners which have been extensively used for these visits, as well as for local shows and other venues to provide engaging information about local farming and the farming seasons.

UTASS Open Evening—Thursday, 8th September—6-8pm at Middleton Mart

This event will be held on Thursday. 8th September at Middleton Mart following requests from those who attend the Drop In, one of whom is bringing along his rare breed poultry, the event will include a Farm Safety Awareness session, A Nail Bar, a model of the S & A Roundhouse, BWMB information on fleeces, emergency services, a display of antique veterinary equipment and the Business Units at the Mart will be opening up for the evening. Community members are welcome to join in these activities, as well as find out more information about our new 10 seater minibus (which doesn't require volunteer drivers to have D1 on their licence and makes it accessible to drivers who passed their test after 1.1.97). Refreshments and hot supper will be served and we would like to thank The Heart of Teesdale for sponsoring this event.

INFORMATION ON TRAINING COURSES

(please check as some may already be included on college courses!)

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AGE	Details	Duration	Cost to Trainee	Funder details
12+	Lambing Course (see information sheet)	2 Hours	FREE OF CHARGE	Castle Vets
13-16	Lantra 13-16 Tractor Driving	1 Day	Approx £160 + VAT	New funding confirmed
15+	British Wool Marketing Board Shearing Course	2 Days	£150 + VAT	Heart of Teesdale/WAP
16+	Pre Tractor Test training (own venue with tractor)	1.5 hrs	Approx £50	New funding confirmed
16+	Quad Bike (All Terrain Vehicle) Training	1 Day	Approx £150 + VAT	New funding confirmed
16+	NPTC Certificate of Competence for the Transport of Livestock	Assess only	Approx £50	Not usually funded
16+	NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides - theory & practical	2 Days + Assess	Approx £310 inc VAT	Not usually funded
16+	NPTC Safe Use of Sheep Dip	1 Day + Assess	Approx £150 + VAT	Not usually funded
16+	Lantra Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross Cutting	2 Days	£270 + VAT	Not usually funded
16+	DIY Artificial Insemination for Cattle	3 Days + Assess	£450 + VAT	Not usually funded
16+	NPTC Level 2 Cert of Comp in Forklift Truck Operations	2 days	Approx £425+VAT	Not usually funded
16+	Lantra Level 1 (& 2) Award in Drystone Walling	Variable	Min £110	Not usually funded
16+	Hedgelaying/Drystone Walling funded by Heart of Teesdale	2 days	FREE OF CHARGE	Funding coming to an end
17+	B + E Test - Car & Trailer Lessons (needed to tow livestock)	Min 4 lessons	£120 + VAT/3 hr lesson	New funding confirmed



Note Regarding the disposal of dead Vermin killed with rodenticide

The Environment Agency confirmed for us that vermin killed on your farm can be buried on the farm without the need for any licences/permits from them.



AUTUMN 2016

Fourth Middleton Mart Christmas Fair to take place in November

The fourth Middleton Mart Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 26th November, alongside the 'Christmas Lights Switch On' in the village.

Booking forms are now available for those wishing to exhibit at the event.

We are also keen to take applications from local community groups who would like to 'host' the café as a fund raising exercise.

Please email Emma (emma@utass.org) further information and to request a booking form.



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