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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Supporting our Communities in the Durham Dales

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Summer Newsletter...

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Summer community newsletter...

As usual, there's lots in this edition, there's an update from the Middleton-in-Teesdale Carnival Committee with exciting new events for this years

carnival, there's our usual training update and also information about events and services available in and around Teesdale and the Durham Dales.

If you have anything for the Autumn newsletter, which will be out at the end of August and will cover September, October & November; it could be a story, an event or an advertisement, please email details to me at

emma@utass.org Best Wishes, Emma

The Mad 'Potters' Tea Party, The Great Get Together....

UTASS are planning an open day event as part of The Jo Cox Foundations', 'The Great Get Together', a community event that will be held on the weekend of the 17th - 18th June to mark the anniversary of Jo's death.

16 – 18 June, will see the biggest neighbourhood celebrations being organised since the Jubilee street parties. It's called The Great Get Together and we're going to be part of it!

We want to 'grow' our sense of community. Our community is what binds us together, Jo Cox once said. "We are far more united and have more in common than that which divides us."

On Saturday 17th June we're planning a 'A mad 'potters' tea party'.



family event and hoping to 'Grow' our community Spirit.

One of many activities will be to 'design-a-pot' and plant a seed in it, then gift it to someone in the community, they may be elderly, or new to the area, let them watch it arow, and then later on in the summer we'll have a competition to see who's sunflower has grown the tallest.

We're also holding a table top sale. Anyone who would like to book a table for the table top sale should contact UTASS. Tables are £5, which will be donated to the Jo Cox Foundation.

There will be a book stall and plant stall, with some plants grown from seed by the UTASS youth groups.

We'll have a tombola along with face painting and arcade games for the children.

The police are going to call in with tips for keeping us all safe in our community.

We're also planning a balloon release; hopefully news of our great community will fly high and travel far.

Refreshments will beina served all afternoon.

Let our great community arow!

Units at The Aspire Building Middleton in Teesdale Auction Mart, DL12 ONG And UTASS 9-11 Chapel Row, DL12 0SN

Yan - Unit 1 - H&H Land & 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 open on during sale dates or at a convenient time.

Tvan - Unit 2 - AVAILABLE TO LET 250sqft / 23sqm

Workshop for office and light manufacturing use, targeted at new or expanding *up to defined limits small enterprises. Includes an entrance lobby/reception. £250 inc VAT per calendar month, which includes phone & broadband* Available to let - Call Diane on 01833 641010 for full details.

Tethera - Unit 3 - Farm, Pet & Equine



- Stable Supplies - Livestock Health Products and Supplements - Outdoor Clothing

- And much more ...

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 - AVAILABLE TO LET

250sqft / 23sqm

Workshop for office and light manufacturing use, targeted at new or expanding small enterprises.

£250 inc VAT per calendar month, which includes phone & broadband* Available to let - Call Diane on 01833 641010 for full details.

Pip - Unit 5 - AT UTASS - 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.



H&H LAND AND PROPERTY

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NEW EVENTS, A SUMO SPRINT, A QUEEN

(and possibly someone off the telly) **IT'S THE MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE CARNIVAL!**

Yes, it's nearly summer and the announcement that Laura Thompson is to be the 2017 Middleton-in-**Teesdale Carnival Queen** has started the build up to this year's Carnival.

The excitement at the Carnival Disco was electric and a huge cheer went up as Eileen Dent, the Carnival Chair broke the news that Laura is to be this year's Queen, and again as Laura drew the names of her two attendants. Laura has taken part in the Carnival for a number of years, but this year will be crowned as Queen and along with her attendants Poppy Kindleyside and Shannon Hague, ride the Procession route in style on the Carnival Queen float.

For anyone else who likes to dress up for the Carnival, there's the Carnival Parade to prepare for. Whether you want to be on a float or a walker, all ages are welcome to join the parade through the village accompanied by jazz and pipe bands, clowns, entertainers, morris men and more.

When the Parade reaches the school field, the Carnival



afternoon will get underway, with a variety of entertainment planned. Younger children will be well catered for. especially if they want to ride, slide or bounce and our popular clowns will be returning too.

This year there will also be plenty for the older and more adventurous to do with a Rodeo bull, bungee run and pillow warz to test both skill and fitness (or lack of it).

Or if your canine friend is more skilled or fit than you are - the dog show will give them the chance to shine.

In a return to popular events of yesteryear, teams will be able to compete for the Tug-o-War trophy. No previous experience necessary. Just pull yourselves together into a team of 5 and enter.



And for all those keen to see a return to 'It's a Knockout' style events - come along and enter or watch the Sumo Sprint. Who will be the fastest person to sprint round the arena dressed in one of our supersized Sumo suits?

So, for the less energetic, there'll be plenty to watch in the arena, community, craft and traditional carnival stalls, and a good helping of food and drink available. Although it's too soon to confirm at the



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time of going to print, but this year may also see an appearance of people you may have seen on TV.

But you don't have to wait for Carnival Day for the fun to start. As the summer school term winds to a close, our Gold Award winning Blooming village will be decorated in Carnival style. Up will go the freshly untangled bunting and we hope to see a merry band of scarecrows appearing on the green, in gardens and anywhere else that will bring a smile to anyone who spots them. There will also be other fun events in late July and early August to get us all in the Carnival mood, including a Treasure Hunt, Scarecrow Trail, Children's cycle races, and the Crowning Ceremony of the Queen followed by a Family Night. More details nearer the time.

Keep an eye on the Middleton-in -Teesdale Carnival Facebook page or adverts in the village and upper dale for updates. Tell your friends and come and join in the fun:

Middleton-in-Teesdale **Carnival Day** Saturday 5th August 2017

At the insistence of Joan Drewe Open Garden plans went ahead over the May Bank Holidav weekend despite the sad news of Joan's passing on Tuesday 23rd May.

Joan's wish was granted and her magnificent garden was open to the public on Sunday 28th May.

The sun shone all afternoon whilst visitors enjoyed quiet contemplation and appreciation of the surroundings and all that Joan did to help others.

Syke Cottage garden was loved by Joan and she dearly wanted people to enjoy it.

Over 130 people visited the garden, some of whom used the UTASS minibus service that was provided.

Donations given at the event amounted to £380. UTASS would like to convey our sincere thanks to all involved.



Photographs courtesy of Lizzie Anderson, The Northern Echo

Summer 2017 GEORGE F.WHITE

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.



"Fantastic hillside garden at 1120ft with breathtaking views"

Sunday 28th May - 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Syke Cottage, Snaisgill, Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0RP





OUTREACH FACILITIES AT UTASS





Her treatment menu and price list can be found on the UTASS website, www.utass.org by searching "mobile beauty by Emma"

RACHEL LOGAN

Foot Health Professional

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

foot assessments, ingrowing

toenails and general foot care



Helen Mills, 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 or contact Helen on 01833 600 577.



Teesdale Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offer a drop-in service at UTASS fortnightly on Mondays. 10am - 1pm.



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

GEORGE F.WHITE

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

advice.

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



UTASS Young People's Sessions

Mondays

Girls Group 6pm til 8pm

Off site visits in School Holidays



All Sessions £1 per person

If you have any suggestions, please do get in touch with jen@utass.org or gina@utass.org



PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD AT UTASS

To explore the possibility of building a fibre to the home broadband network in Upper Teesdale

UTASS has signed up to the BT Community Fibre Partnership and are working with BT, Digital Durham, Landowners and Libby Bateman (community champion who led the Fell End Broadband project which connected 58 properties to superfast

fibre network in rural Cumbria).

Full details of the Fell End project can be found at http://www.ravenstonedale.org/events/fellendbroadband.html

We need you to help replicate the Fell End project in Upper Teesdale and would be delighted if you could join us to look at where the fibre should be routed.

A hot supper will also be available. For catering and seating purposes please contact us on 01833 641010 or email <u>diane@utass.org</u> if you are planning to attend.



SUPPORTING UTASS

FIND A LINK TO OUR VIRGIN MONEY GIVING PAGE. ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN USE THE QR CODE OPPOSITE.

YOU CAN NOW SUPPORT UTASS VIA VIRGIN MONEY GIVING. YOU CAN VISIT WWW.UTASS.ORG AND IN THE "SUPPORT US" TAB YOU'LL

Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm



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June Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (5th & 19th)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS on Fridays. Book direct with Emma
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday, (9th & 23rd).
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am. Book direct with Laura
- 6th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 6th Broadband Public Meeting (details on page
- 7th NSA North Sheep at West Shields Farm, Tow Low, DL13 4HN.
- 15th Rachel Logan, Chiropodist at UTASS. (contact details on page 5)
- 21st St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 22nd Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 22nd 25th Royal Highland Show.
- 27th Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

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July Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (3rd, 17th & 31st)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS on Fridays. Book direct with Emma
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday. (7th & 21st)
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am. Book direct with Laura
- 11th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 11th 13th The Great Yorkshire Show.
- 12th St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 20th Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 21st Schools Break up for Summer Holidays, so NO Young Peoples Sessions, unless off site activities are planned.
- 25th Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

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August Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (14th)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS on Fridays. Book direct with Emma
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday. (4th & 18th).
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates every Wednesday, 9.30am. Book direct with Laura
- NO Young Peoples Sessions, unless off site activities are planned.
- 8th Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 9th St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 17th Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 22nd Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm - 3.30pm To be confirmed.
- 28th 1st UTASS OFFICE CLOSED

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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 insurance with loans and savings - terms and conditions apply.

Young people can also save with the credit union and they do not pay any joining fee. Young savers aged under 8 years can 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 usually available on Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm, however, savings can be left at UTASS during office hours.





FRIENDSHIP GROUP

In the latest UTASS Service Users Survey several people suggested the establishment of a Friendship Group would something they would be interested in.

If you are interested in setting up or joining a Friendship Group please do let us know on 01844 641010 or email diane@utass.org and we'll look to support this idea.

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 or gina@utass.org

NE First Credit Union Opportunities at UTASS



arranging this and for once again fundraising for UTASS. Application forms are available

from UTASS or ANOB at Bowlees or please turn up on the day. Start point - Hanging Shaw car park.

Anyone interested in helping as a marshall around the route to assist walkers please email Margaret on mebhilltop@binternet.com

Eggleston Carnival... Saturday 10th June Fun for everyone on Eggleston Village Green

Children's games on the play park at 10am.

Fancy Dress Competition on the Green, Judging is 1.30pm. Fancy Fress Categories 0-5 years, 6-12 years and Groups.

Official Opening and Presentations at 2pm. Fancy Dress Parade **Reeth Brass Band** Crafts, Plants, other stalls Children's Entertainer and Games

Pet Show, Judging 4pm. Categories: 1. Most obedient dog, 2. Best dressed dog and 3. Best small caged animal M

TEESDALE ½ MARATHON WALK

A WALK FOR THOSE AGED 55 YEARS AND OVER

Sunday 2nd July 2017 Staggered start 10.00 onwards last entries 13.00

in Forest-in-Teesdale

in aid of the Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Service

The route will be along existing paths, with a road crossing and a short length of road, some inclines, beautiful flowers and magnificent views of Upper Teesdale.

Walking shoes/boots recommended. Dog/s on a short lead/s at all times. please pick up poo and bin at Langdon Beck Hotel or the Start/Finish Point.

Participants and their dogs take part at their own risk.

TRAINING UPDATE JUNE 2017

Please view our website's Training Opportunities page: http://utass.org/training-available/ & Minibus Training http://utass.org/minibus-training/

> Please contact Julia or Charlotte on 01833 641010 or email julia@utass.org or charlotte@utass.org for more information (Please remember we are closed on Wednesdays)

North Sheep, West Shields Farm, Tow Law DL13 4HN – Wednesday, 7th June

UTASS will be attending North Sheep with a number of staff and Trustees looking forward to meeting people. We are most grateful to have been given the opportunity of a free stand. Please come along and see us (we have two large blue banners depicting The Farming Year and Farm Livestock which were funded by the Heart of Teesdale and should be good to spot).

BWMB 2 Day Shearing Course – Wed 28 + Thurs 29 June – Hill House, Woodland, Bishop Auckland. DL13 5RY

This year's Shearing Course will be held at Hill House, Woodland and lets hope for another excellent year – we had really good feedback last year, with Blue, Bronze & Silver Seals being achieved! Part funding will be available to eligible trainees from Weardale Action Partnership reducing the cost for two days by 50% but unfortunately the cost will be £180 including VAT for other trainees.

Please see link for further details from British Wool's website: http://www.britishwool.org.uk/page/producerservices/shearing.php

Funding for Weardale Rural Skills Training (Application form downloadable from link below or from the Office)

Dry Stone Walling Training is coming up in Weardale with Lantra Trainer on 19-21 June inclusive, again with part funding available to eligible trainees.

So far 12 trainees have been part funded by Weardale Action Partnership towards their NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides theory and practical training & assessments. with more held last month; 2 for the Semex DIY Artificial Insemination for Cattle training; 2 for British Wool Marketing Board Sheep Shearing training; 7 for Lantra Chainsaw training and 2 have had funding for trailer lessons, with another two due to start shortly. Training for 6 trainees to do the NPTC City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Land-based Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain, Masted and Telescopic Types) was held in September last year and again last month. We have a few names for Chainsaw and Telehandler training.

Emergency First Aid Training, fully funded to Weardale funded trainees, was held at TCR in Barnard Castle in November, with two trainees attending this free course. The feedback was excellent and a further free course can be arranged if there are more trainees requiring this qualification.

This part funding from Weardale Action Partnership, over two years, has been 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 shearing training, Car + Trailer driving lessons; NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides; NPTC Forklift Truck Operations (Rough Terrain, Masted and Telescopic Types), Lantra Awards Technical Award in Chainsaw Maintenance & Cross-Cutting, as well as Drystone Walling.

The link to download an application form appears below, which also gives details of funded participants' costs:

WAP APPLICATION FORM

Vehicle Training to Improve Employability (Application form downloadable from link below or from UTASS)

We were delighted to hear that we have been awarded funding from the Wellesley Trust Fund at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland and we will be applying to this organisation again this month. Evaluation forms with feedback from applicants who have received this funding has been brilliant, providing for car & trailer lessons, car driving lessons, quad bike or pre-test tractor training and Lantra 13-16 tractor driving. Applicants were asked to demonstrate why they feel this training would be useful to them and to indicate how it would improve their career prospects or

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enable them to access training and employment opportunities outside their immediate area. All funding for trainees who returned their applications to UTASS by Wednesday, 31st August, 2016 has been allocated and if we are successful we hope to have a similar timescale this year. A form for future applications can be downloaded by clicking on this link:

VEHICLE TRAINING APPLICATION FORM

Grateful thanks go for the team effort to make driver training possible – this time involving tractors & trailers kindly loaned by Watsons of Strand Foot; Karl, Loraine & Michael Robinson and Peter & Barbara Needham, Sally & Stuart Richardson. The venue has been provided by kind permission of Middleton in Teesdale Farmers' Mart, with voluntary help from H & H Staff, community & UTASS Members much appreciated. 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.

Our thanks go to previous funder The Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust, after 3 years of funding for this training

Rodenticides

Please call the UTASS Office to request a copy of the AHDB publication "Rodent Control on Farms" on 01833 641010. Please see links below:

The Rodenticide Stewardship Regime explained

LIST OF LINKS RE RODENTICIDE(6.12.16)

Spray Training – held in May 2017

Another 10 trainees in total attended this training over three days for the NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides (PA route) at UTASS and Middleton Mart, with assessments the following week and our thanks go to Middleton Mart for the use of their facilities as a venue, alongside UTASS. Additional information regarding the Safe Use of Pesticides, Safe Use of Sheep Dip and other qualifications can be found at the bottom of this page.

For additional information regarding Use of Pesticides (Grandfather) PAGR 601/1338/1 see link below:

http://www.nptc.org.uk/assets/documents/8df01fbc3e984f35a1f633c3c8c4dac1.pdf

For additional information regarding NPTC Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides, see link below:

https://www.nptc.org.uk/qualificationschemedetail.aspx?id=260

For additional information regarding Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Sheep Dips Assessment Schedule & HSE advice:

https://www.nptc.org.uk/assets/documents/7a6c3997f84b4e72bc541255e808a059.pdf

http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais41.pdf (Advice to farmers and others dipping sheep)

NPTC Level 2 Award in the Transport of Animals by Road (Short Journeys) – Cattle & Sheep are classed as one species.

If individuals want this qualification, please contact UTASS for signposting. Although no training is required, those interested will receive information to prepare beforehand (please see the link at the end of this section). Qualification handbook 600/0306/6 states "This qualification is aimed specifically at people transporting animals over 65Km and up to eight hours in duration, where the journey is in connection with an economic activity". COC Transport Animals by Road Schedule

The above qualification ties in with requirements for a **business** to apply for an Animal Transporter Authorisation for the above journeys – please see the link to the Guidance Notes & Application form below (or contact us if you require a print out of any information mentioned in this section).

Guidance Notes on Transporter Authorisations UK animal transporter: application for type 1 authorisation



Saturday 17th June 1pm til 4pm

We're planning a great family event and hoping to 'Grow' our community Spirit.

UTASS Christmas Cards & 2018 Calendar

It may only be June...... But if you're 'out and about', or 'in on the Farm' and have a great photograph, send it in sooner rather than later.

If you have any photographs you'd like to offer for the 2017 Christmas card or the 2018 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.

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