

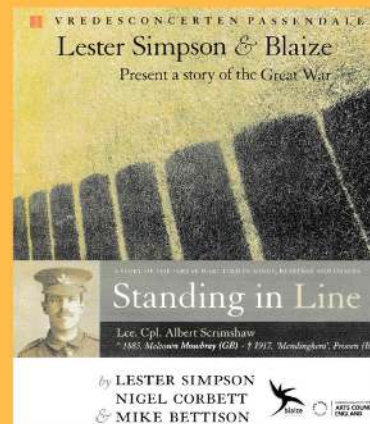
# Coming to UTASS this Autumn

## highlights

rural touring scheme

Saturday 21st October, 7.30pm  
**STANDING IN LINE**  
"A very personal story of the great war"

Standing in Line is the story of the Great War, but specifically about Albert Scrimshaw, Lester Simpson's great uncle, who died at Passendale. Originally commissioned by 'Peace Concerts Passendale' it was premiered in Passendale Church, Belgium, with Lester Simpson, Nigel Corbett & Mike Bettison  
Suitable for children aged 9+



Friday 10th November, 7pm  
**Harvest**

By New Perspectives Theatre  
Writer: Richard Bean Director: Jack McNamara

This darkly entertaining comedy tells the story of one rural family's survival in a changing agricultural landscape, over generations, births, deaths, love and lifetime of farming.  
Suitable for children aged 14+

**Tickets: Adults - £10 Children - £6**  
**Family Ticket - £23 (2 Adults, 2 Children)**

*A hot supper is included in the ticket price and will be served prior to the performance*

Tickets for the two shows are available from UTASS or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/highlights/](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/highlights/)

### Highlights' Extraordinary Raffle

Highlights are running a raffle as part of their ongoing fundraising activities; prizes include Two nights' accommodation for 4 in a seaside cabin and cookery lessons.

Tickets are on sale at UTASS.

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### Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd [UTASS]

**is a Registered Charity 1120120 and Company Limited by Guarantee 6054331.**

UTASS gratefully acknowledges the support and financial contributions from Volunteers, UTASS is funded by The Sherburn House Community Grants Fund managed by County Durham Community Foundation, The R H Woods Charitable Trust, Esme Fairbairn North East, the Wellesley Trust Fund at the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, Teesdale and Weardale Area Action Partnerships, The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Martell Family Fund, The Barbour Foundation, BBC Children in Need, The Sir James Knott Charitable Trust, County Durham Community Foundation, The Heart of Teesdale, Durham Shopping Extravaganza, Sponsors and Service Users.



# UTASS

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Supporting our Communities in the Durham Dales



LOTTERY FUNDED

**Autumn 2017**  
Covering September, October & November



Autumn 2017  
**GEORGE F. WHITE**

### Autumn Newsletter...

Welcome to the Autumn community newsletter...

It's a bumper edition, exciting news about what UTASS has planned for 2018, lots of dates for your diary on page 9, a training update on page 14, information about outreach services available in and around Teesdale and the Durham Dales as well as an extensive list of mart sale dates.

If you have anything for the Winter newsletter, which will be out at the end of November and will cover December, January & February; it could be a story, an event or an advertisement, please email details to me at [emma@utass.org](mailto:emma@utass.org).

Best Wishes, Emma

### 25 Years of the Work of UTASS....

Although it may not have been apparent to many people, but back in the early 1990's a dedicated group of local people, led by Teresa Raine, were meeting regularly to explore how best to tackle some specific community issues.

With support from Durham Rural Community Council the group soon became a formal unincorporated association and 2018 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of what we know today as Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Limited

(UTASS).

To acknowledge this landmark we are planning to hold a range of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and activities throughout 2018.

Events and activities range from the launch of blank greetings cards in January to a Celebration of Volunteers gathering in June.



We are currently seeking donations of

photographs for possible use on the blank greetings cards and the 2018 calendar. You can send any photographs you'd like to offer to [emma@utass.org](mailto:emma@utass.org) as Neville Turner, Gordon Jones, Emma Spry and others keen on photography will be meeting shortly to make the difficult final choices of photographs for inclusion.

We look forward to working with you and hope that you are able to enjoy some or all of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.

- Diane Spark

### Can You Help? ...

On Saturday 25th November the fifth Middleton Mart Christmas Fair will take place....

The fair has grown massively over the last 4 years, but it does rely on helpers to create the 'Christmassy atmosphere' which many say is the key to its success!

We REALLY need volunteers to help with the setting up and taking down! This takes place on Friday 24th November and Sunday 26th November.

Unless adequate help is sought the event will not be able to continue.

If you can offer any assistance please let Emma know either



email her ([emma@utass.org](mailto:emma@utass.org)) or contact her on 01833 641010 or 07905004299.



# Would you be interested in taking part in The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme?

HRH The Prince of Wales recognises that family farms are the heart of the British countryside and their health is vital for all our rural communities. The vast majority are sole traders or family partnerships which gives them both a unique strength and a profound vulnerability. Since The Prince's Countryside Fund's inception in 2010, through its grant funding and building on the successful interventions and initiatives delivered through BIC's Prince's Rural Action Programme the charity has achieved considerable impact in supporting family farm businesses to improve their confidence, efficiency and resilience.

The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme was launched by HRH The Prince of Wales in July 2016 and over a five-year period

The aims and objectives are to:

- **Support the UK farming sector.** Help farmers to have a better understanding of their business, including margins and unit costs to help sustain both their business and diversity in the farming sector and food supply chain. In doing so, this will help to contribute to a thriving rural economy.

- **Provide a safe environment for farming families.** Many farm businesses need to make key decisions about the future direction of their business. By providing a safe, supportive environment farmers will be encouraged to explore the range of options to identify the best next steps for their business, diversification, succession and where necessary signposted to additional support (e.g. moving out of farming).

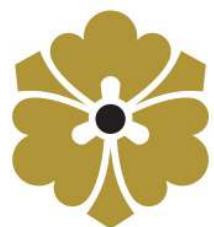
- **Improve confidence.** Give farmers the knowledge and support they need to generate confidence in their business management (e.g. cost control, financial dealings with the bank), a balanced quality of life and future viability.

- **Create networks.** Through

workshops, newsletters and other communications channels, join up disconnected and remotely located farmers and as a consequence build trust, transparency and confidence in their relationships with each other as well as the rest of the food and farming industry.

- **Increase efficiency and productivity.** Achieve increased efficiency for those farmers involved in the initiative, by highlighting the opportunities through signposting to advice and training and to offer advice and support on implementing specific changes on farm that will lead to improved sustainability.

If you would be interested in taking part, please contact Diane Spark on 01833 641010 or email her at [diane@utass.org](mailto:diane@utass.org)



THE PRINCE'S  
COUNTRYSIDE  
FUND



**Family Help Darlington CIO**

Registered Charity in England and Wales No. 1150798

## Could you help Family Help Darlington?

Family help Darlington operates a refuge facility for families experiencing domestic violence. Between April 2016 and March 2017 53 women and 81 children were supported. Toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, wet wipes, shampoo, deodorant, sanitary products and soap aren't usually at the forefront of a woman's mind when fleeing domestic violence so donations of these everyday essential items are always welcomed. If you would like to donate any items they can be left at UTASS and we'll take them through to Darlington Refuge. For more information please contact Diane at UTASS on 01833 641010 or [diane@utass.org](mailto:diane@utass.org) or visit [www.darlingtonrefuge.org.uk](http://www.darlingtonrefuge.org.uk)

## BWMB 2 Day Shearing Course – Monday 3rd + Tues 4 July



"I have learnt lots about how to place my feet when clipping and I have learnt the proper method while improving my speed and use of the comb. I will clip some of my sheep at home and maybe some more for other people this year. Many thanks for organizing the course and the Hutchison family for holding the event and Richard and Bill for running the event." (Trainee quote)

UTASS just need to add thanks too, to Weardale Action Partnership for funding eligible trainees as part of Weardale Rural Skills Programme and to Warrens Group Limited too, with the great news that they'd be happy to help with funding again next year.

*Photos courtesy of The Teesdale Mercury with special appreciation to Martin Paul for turning out on such a soaking wet day!*



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

UTASS had a fantastic day at North Sheep with a number of staff and Trustees enjoying the opportunity to meet people and enjoy the event. We were most grateful to have been given the opportunity of a free stand by the National Sheep Association.

**Thank you!** Grateful thanks too, go for the team effort to make young people's driver training possible – this time involving tractors & trailers kindly loaned by Watsons of Strand Foot; Karl, Loraine & Michael Robinson and Peter & Barbara Needham & Stuart Richardson and latterly to Jamie & Rosie Finch for hosting the Lantra training. Thanks too to all trainers involved with helping young people achieve their goals. The venue is usually provided by kind permission of Middleton in Teesdale Mart, with voluntary help from H & H Staff, community & UTASS Members much appreciated.

## Rodenticides

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

## Spray Training – held in May 2017

In May 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. Our thanks go to Middleton Mart for the use of their facilities as a venue, alongside UTASS.

## 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).

Additional information regarding numerous qualifications can be found on links at the bottom of the Training Opportunities page of our website, or by contacting UTASS and requesting a print out.

## WORK PLACEMENT WANTED

Emma Johnson is looking for a placement 2 days a week for her second year doing a Level 3 Agriculture course at Newton Rigg College.

She has experience with beef and sheep and a 1 year placement on a dairy farm with milking experience.

Please contact Emma on 07585778129 if you can help.

## APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

[Teesdale Renewables](#) are expanding their busy team and are now looking to recruit an apprentice plumber.

If you are hardworking and friendly and want to learn a valuable trade please contact them for further details by telephoning 01833 650669 or emailing

[admin@teesdalerenewables.co.uk](mailto:admin@teesdalerenewables.co.uk)

Please note applicants must be able to get to our office at Eggleston for an 8am start and have 5 GCSE's.



Teesdale Renewables Ltd  
A G Bainbridge Plumbing & Heating  
CMJ Electrical



## TRAINING UPDATE

Please view our website's Training Opportunities page: <http://utass.org/training-available/>

& Minibus Training <http://utass.org/minibus-training/>

As training courses can only run when there are sufficient numbers, please contact Julia Stephenson or Charlotte Fletcher on 01833 641010 or email [julia@utass.org](mailto:julia@utass.org) and [charlotte@utass.org](mailto:charlotte@utass.org) and let us know what's of interest

### Vehicle Training to Improve Employability

We've just heard and are delighted to announce, funding from the Wellesley Trust Fund at The Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland is confirmed for another year of young people driver training. Evaluation forms with feedback from applicants who have received this funding have evidenced how brilliant it has been, providing for **car & trailer lessons, car driving lessons, quad bike or pre-test tractor training and Lantra 13-16 tractor driving**. We are so grateful that this funding will continue.

*"I can't find any room for improvement. I wasn't very confident but now do feel confident, thanks to the high level of knowledge I have gained from the tutor (named). A brilliant course and service."*

*"He (the trainer) told me what to expect in the test. I will be able to go on the road in the tractor now I have passed my test which is useful for working on other land. The training met my needs as I passed the test."*

*"Thank you very much for organising the tractor driving course. I have learned lots and have been doing small jobs on the tractor. I am waiting for the weather to improve so I can do some bigger jobs shifting bales."*

Applicants for this funding are asked to demonstrate why they feel this training would be useful to them and to indicate how it would improve their career prospects or enable them to access training and employment opportunities outside their immediate area. All applications for funding for this round should be received in UTASS by **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Application forms are available from the UTASS Office or can be downloaded at: <http://utass.org/training-available/>

### Funding for Weardale Rural Skills Training

Dry Stone Walling training is coming up in Weardale with a Lantra Trainer in October, again with part funding available to eligible trainees. More Emergency First Aid Training, fully funded to eligible Weardale trainees, has been held this month with a number of trainees booked in to attend. We also have a few names for Chainsaw and Telehandler training. An application form can be downloaded from our website.

So far 12 trainees have been part funded by Weardale Action Partnership towards their NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides training & assessment, with more held in May; 2 for the Semex DIY Artificial Insemination for Cattle training; 4 for British Wool Shearing training; 7 for Lantra Chainsaw training and 4 have had funding for trailer lessons. 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 in May.

**FUTURE TRAINING OPTIONS** – further information on all the following (and more!) appears on the Training Opportunities page on [www.utass.org](http://www.utass.org), or is available by contacting UTASS (please remember we are closed on Wednesdays)

**Fresh Start** are launching their latest academy in the North East, based at Kirkley Hall. They have been running business based academies since 2006, designed to support and develop the next generation of farmers and growers, land managers and land based businesses. Application is open to anyone 18 or over who is looking to start up their own agricultural business or who wants to expand their existing business skills base – deadline 28.9.17. Links for further details can be found on the UTASS Website.

**Help using Excel** - please contact us to arrange appropriately tailored training, whether "Basic", for agreement holders recording livestock/cattle grazing in each field, utilising spreadsheets available from Tessa or Richard, or "Advanced", using specially designed spreadsheets by Sarah Peart to work out quarterly VAT calculations, prior to online submission. (November start)

**NPTC Safe Use of Sheep Dip (cost between £150-£283 depending on numbers)**

**Proposed date: Thursday 21st September 2017**

**NPTC Safe Use of Pesticides (approx cost £350 for theory + Handheld or Mounted)**

*A few requests have been received*

**NPTC Rough Terrain Telescopic (approx cost £345)**

*A few requests have been received*

**NPTC Certificate of Competence for the Transport of Livestock (Cattle & Sheep)**

*A few requests have been received*

**Dry stone Walling training with Lantra Trainer planned for October**

**Rodenticides** – please call our Office to request a copy of the AHDB publication "Rodent Control on Farms" booklet with details of how to access on line training and Lantra assessment, if required.

### Minibus Project

The minibus project has now finished with 19 volunteer drivers completing MiDAS minibus awareness training and 9 passing their D1 Minibus test - Thanks to Teesdale Action Partnership for their funding. Our two accessible minibuses and volunteer drivers are available for Teesdale voluntary organisations' use. Community members wanting to visit the Photography exhibition to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Swaledale Tup Sale in Middleton, should contact UTASS to request transport (arriving here for 2pm) on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September & 3<sup>rd</sup> October, or by prior arrangement at other times.

## \*\*\*NEW \*\*\* Theatre Club....

**Anne at UTASS is setting up a theatre club....**

The first outing is to the Sunderland Empire Theatre in October to see the smash hit musical Mamma Mia.

The theatre club will be making use of the UTASS minibuses for the trips.

The next outing will be again back to the

Sunderland Empire Theatre in March 2018 to see the internationally acclaimed stage sensation, Jersey Boys.

Please register your interest with Anne Scott either by email to [annes@utass.org](mailto:annes@utass.org) or call her in the office, Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays, on 01833 641010.



# 100 Years of Tup Sales in Middleton-in-Teesdale

**A FREE exhibition of photographs, press clippings and newspaper articles will be on display at UTASS in September and October.**

October will see the 100th Anniversary of the first Tup Sale in Middleton-in-Teesdale. To celebrate this UTASS is putting together an exhibition

of press clippings, and articles as well as scores of photographs.

The exhibition will be open to the public during our normal office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 5pm) from Tuesday 12th September. On Wednesday 11th October the exhibition will move down

the café at Middleton-in-Teesdale Mart, for the Annual Tup Sale, before coming back to UTASS until Friday 20th October.

Our sincere thanks to John Stephenson and the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association for the kind loan of archive material.



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## Joan's Gift to UTASS...

As mentioned in our Summer Newsletter Joan Drewe of Syke Cottage, Snaigsill sadly passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – only 5 days before her Open Garden event in support of UTASS was due to take place. UTASS have recently been contacted by Joan's Solicitor, Michael McGarry, to advise Joan has bequeathed to UTASS the sum of £24,000.

Trustees, staff and volunteers are truly overwhelmed by Joan's generosity and the care she discreetly displayed for others in her community. Joan will be sadly missed by many.



Photograph courtesy of Judith Mashiter



Photograph courtesy of Lizzie Anderson, The Northern Echo

DID YOU KNOW??

### COMMUNITY COMPUTER AND PRINTER

Did you know there is a community computer at UTASS?

Need to print an email or train ticket?  
Broadband not working?  
The Community Computer  
is FREE to use!

Autumn 2017

# 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.*



## Middleton-In-Teesdale Post Office Closure

**The Post Office in Middleton-in-Teesdale closed on Tuesday 15th August.**

We have contacted the Post Office who said they haven't started looking at options yet and advised us that after the 15th August our nearest Post Office is Cotherstone.

They did suggest anyone interested in taking on the post office can find full details here: (<https://runapostoffice.co.uk/home/result/show/middleton-in-teesdale-post-office-barnard-castle-dl12-0sh>)

### Cotherstone Post Office Opening Times:

Mon - Fri: 06:30 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:30

Sat: 08:00 - 14:00

Sun: 09:00 - 12:00

### Eggleston Post Office (Satellite Branch in the Village Hall) Opening Times:

Mon and Fri: 09:30 - 13:00

### Mickleton Post Office (Satellite Branch in the Village Hall) Opening Times:

Tues: 13:00 - 16:00 and Thurs: 12:30 - 15:00

## Changes to Thursday evening Young People's sessions at UTASS

**On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 UTASS will relaunch sessions for young people aged 12 - 19.**

Sessions will be 6pm – 7.30pm for those aged 8 – 11 years and 6pm – 9pm for those aged 12 – 19 years. The cost per young person per session will remain at £1 and transport to and from sessions for those living in the most remote areas in the upper dale will continue with help from our volunteer drivers and chaperones using the UTASS minibuses. If you would like

more information on being a volunteer driver or chaperone – please do get in touch with us. Monday evening Girls Group and Thursday evening mixed gender sessions will not take place during local school holiday periods, however, offsite activities (usually outings to places of interest chosen by the young people) will normally take place on Wednesdays or Fridays during the holiday periods. We will be emailing details of outings

planned to parents/carers so please do let us have your email address if you haven't already done so. Please also let us have details of any changes to your contact details so we can update our records.

**UTASS  
Young People's  
Sessions**





# Indian Summer Ladies Night

**Friday 6th October**  
Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School

**Tickets £10** Doors open at 7pm

and include an authentic Indian Meal  
there will also be a bar

**Activities available to pre-book include:**

- Belly Dancing
- Hair Styling
- Cocktail Making
- Beauty Treatments
- Nails
- Henna Tattoos
- Also Various Stalls

For Tickets or further information please contact Emma 07905004299

## Digital Tax Returns.

The government, recognising the limitations of Broadband in rural areas, has announced a more sensible timetable for introducing digital tax returns for small businesses. The main changes to the proposals are:

- Only businesses with a turnover above the VAT threshold (currently £85,000) will need to keep digital records and then just for VAT purposes.
  - They will only need to do so from **2019**.
  - Businesses will not be asked to keep digital records, or to update HMRC quarterly, for other taxes until at least 2020.
- HMRC plans to pilot Making Tax Digital for VAT later this year, starting with small-scale private testing, followed by a wider, live pilot starting in spring 2018.

There will be more information available in the backend.



# The Fifth Middleton Mart Christmas Fair

is taking place on **Saturday 25th November 2017**  
**10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

Middleton-in-Teesdale Farmers Mart, Station Road, County Durham, DL12 0PG

**Parking and Cafe available**

An eclectic mix of traders, businesses, crafters and community organisations.

**We're currently taking bookings from stallholders / exhibitors.**

**Contact Emma for a Booking Form**

Why not come along before heading to the annual Christmas Lights Switch on in the Village at 3.30pm.

**Contact Details: Emma Spry**  
emma@utass.org / 07905004299 / 01833 641010

## TEESDALE HERITAGE GROUP & UTASS

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

## THE BORDER REIVERS



**A SLIDE SHOW AND ACTION PACKED PRESENTATION BY**

**JOHN BARTON WATSON**  
**LOCAL PUBLISHED POET (LARTINGTON)**

**7.15 PM**

**UTASS BUILDING NEXT TO THE COOP**  
**MIDDLETON IN TEESDALE**

**£1.50 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS**

# OUTREACH FACILITIES AT UTASS



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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](http://www.utass.org)



Leading the fight against dementia

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](mailto:Nicola.Tulloch@alzheimers.org.uk)

**RACHEL LOGAN**  
MCFHP MAFHP

**Foot Health Professional**

Telephone: 07825314487  
e-mail: [rachy87@hotmail.com](mailto: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 advice.



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](http://www.ddcarers.org) or contact Helen on 01833 600 577.

**citizens advice** **County Durham**

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

## 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](mailto:info@utass.org)) or by phoning George F White's on 01388 527966

## UTASS Youth Sessions

**Monday's**

Girls Group

6pm til 8pm  
8 - 12 year olds

**Wednesday's**

Off Site visits In School Holidays

times vary  
8 - 12 year olds

**Thursday's**

Youth Club

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

**If you have any suggestions, please do get in touch with [jen@utass.org](mailto:jen@utass.org)**

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

**All Sessions £1 per child per session**



## Mart Sale Days

<b>FRIDAY</b> 01/09/2017	<b>HAWES</b> - Catalogued Show & Sale of Store Lambs. <b>ST JOHNS CHAPEL</b> - Opening Sale of Store Lambs.
<b>MONDAY</b> 04/09/2017	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - OTM Cattle
<b>TUESDAY</b> 05/09/2017	<b>HAWES</b> - Prime Lambs. Cast Lambs <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Prize Show & Sale of Mule & Continental Shearlings & ewes. Also sale of Continental & Suffolk Rams. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 06/09/2017	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Ewes
<b>FRIDAY</b> 08/09/2017	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - NEMSA Gimmer Lambs - Prize show & sale.
<b>MONDAY</b> 11/09/2017	<b>HAWES</b> - DAY ONE of The Great Annual Two Day Show & Sale of 30,000 Mule Gimmer Lambs on behalf of NEMSA.
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/09/2017	<b>HAWES</b> - DAY TWO of The Great Annual Two Day Show & Sale of 30,000 Mule Gimmer Lambs on behalf of NEMSA. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 13/09/2017	<b>MIDDLETON</b> - NEMSA gimmer lambs - Show & Sale <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime Lambs and Cast Sheep
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14/09/2017	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Prize Show & Sale of Mule Gimmer Lambs on behalf of NEMSA
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15/09/2017	<b>MIDDLETON</b> - Swaledale gimmer lambs - Show & Sale
<b>MONDAY</b> 18/09/2017	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Store Cattle, cast cows & OTM Cattle
<b>TUESDAY</b> 19/09/2017	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale. Also Mule Prime Lamb Show. <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of OTM & Breeding Cattle, Feeding Bulls & Store Cattle. <b>HAWES</b> - Show & Sale of Calves. Catalogued Sale of BFL Rams & Females. Rams to be sold at Approx 1pm. Prime Lambs. Store Lambs. Cast Ewes.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 19/09/2017	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep.
<b>FRIDAY</b> 22/09/2017	<b>ST JOHNS CHAPEL</b> - Annual Prize Show & Sale of Mule Gimmer Lambs. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Mule & Continental x ewes and shearling, also Continental x Gimmer Lambs. Texel & Continental Rams & females and other breed rams. Show & Sale. <b>MIDDLETON</b> - Swaledale Ewes, Bluefaced Leicester Rams. Show & Sale. Also other Breed Rams.
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23/09/2017	<b>ST JOHNS CHAPEL</b> - Annual Prize Show & Sale of Swaledale Ewes, Gimmer Shearlings & Gimmer Lambs.
<b>MONDAY</b> 25/09/2017	<b>MIDDLETON</b> - Swaledale Ewes & Shearlings. Show & Sale. <b>HAWES</b> - 12,000 Mule, Masham & Continental X. Gimmer Lambs & Shearlings.
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26/09/2017	<b>HAWES</b> - Sale of 3,000 Crossed Swaledale & Dalebred Ewes at 12 noon. 300 Registered & Unregistered Bluefaces Leicester, Suffolk, Texel, Beltex & North Country Cheviot Rams & Rams Lambs.
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26/09/2017	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Store Lambs, prime and lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27/09/2017	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep

## Units at The Aspire Building

Middleton in Teesdale Auction Mart, DL12 0NG  
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.

### Tyan - Unit 2 - Currently Occupied by Simmi Performance

### Tethera - Unit 3 - Farm, Pet & Equine



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

- Stable Supplies
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- Livestock Health Products and Supplements
- Equestrian Wear
- Outdoor Clothing
- New products include Dog and Horse Feed
- And much more ...

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

Email: [mike@farmpetandequine.uk](mailto:mike@farmpetandequine.uk) or visit the website: [www.farmpetandequine.uk](http://www.farmpetandequine.uk)

Farm Pet & Equine now have an eBay Shop : [farm/pet&equine](https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/farmpetandequine)

Which offers FREE POSTAGE on all items!

### Methera - Unit 4 - Currently Occupied by Simmi Performance

### 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.



### Have you changed your email address?

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

# JOE SIMPSON

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UTASS will be offering FREE monthly music and memories sessions between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Tuesday 26th September

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 28th November

Tuesday 19th December

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, 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.



## 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.

<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>28/09/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Annual Prize Show & Sale of 1,000 Registered Bluefaced Leicester Rams, Rams Lambs & Females for the Bluefaced Leicester Sheep Breeders Association.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>29/09/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Swaledale Ewes & Shearlings.
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>30/09/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Swaledale Gimmer Lambs. Show & Sale Prize show & sale of Bluefaced Leicester Rams & Females. <b>ST JOHNS CHAPEL</b> - Sale of Store Lambs, Breeding & Feeding Sheep.
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>02/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Annual; Sale of 5,000 Registered & Unregistered Uncrossed Swaledale Ewes & Gimmer Shearlings. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale. Also OTM Cattle
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>03/10/2017</b>	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - 2nd Prize Show & Sale of Mule Gimmer Lambs & Shearlings, breeding sheep of all classes including Bluefaced Leicester, Continental & Suffolk Rams. <b>HAWES</b> - Prime Lambs. Cast Ewes.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>04/10/2017</b>	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep.
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>07/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Annual Sale of 6,000 Swaledale Gimmer Lambs & Gimmer Shearlings.
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>09/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Third sale of 5,000 Mule, Masham & Continental X Gimmer Lambs.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>10/10/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale. <b>HAWES</b> - Prime Lambs. Store Lambs. Cast Ewes.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>11/10/2017</b>	<b>MIDDLETON</b> - Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association A District Ram Sales. <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>12/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Annual Prize Show & Sale of 200 Registered Swaledale Rams & 100 Rams Lambs for the Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association D District.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>17/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - Annual sale of 3,5010 Correct & Correct Below Swaledale Ewes <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>18/10/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - 18th, 19th & 20th—Swaledale Sheep Breeders Association C District Ram Sales. <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep.
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>21/10/2017</b>	<b>ST JOHNS CHAPEL</b> - Sale of Store Lambs, Breeding & Feeding Sheep. Also Young Handlers.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>24/10/2017</b>	<b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Prize Show & Sale of Suckled Calves, OTM & Breeding Cattle, Feeding Bulls & Store Cattle, Aslo Part Dispersal of the Suckler Herd of M&B Couthard, Bridge End Farm, Westgate. <b>HAWES</b> - Second Sale of 1,000 Swaledale Gimmer Lambs & Fourth sale of 1,000 Mule, Masham & Continental X Gimmer Lambs. Catalogued Sale of Store Lambs. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>25/10/2017</b>	<b>HAWES</b> - 25th & 26th - Annual Two day Prize Show & sale of 900 Registered Swaledale Shearling RAMS for the SSBA B District <b>BARNARD CASTLE</b> - Sale of Prime & Cast Sheep.
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>28/10/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - 'Luke Fair' Swaledale & Mule Breeding Sheep, Store Lambs & Rams of all breeds.
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>30/10/2017</b>	<b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Prize Show & Sale of suckled calves
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>31/10/2017</b>	<b>MIDDLETON</b> - Store Cattle & Suckled Calves. Show & Sale. Swaledale breeding sheep & other classes of sheep, also store lambs. <b>HAWES</b> - Correct & Feeding Ewes. Prime Lambs. <b>KIRKBY STEPHEN</b> - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.



THURSDAY 02/11/2017	HAWES - Prize Show & Sale of 300 Registered & Unregistered Swaledale Rams.
TUESDAY 07/11/2017	KIRKBY STEPHEN - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale. HAWES - Correct & Feeding Ewes also Sale of Store Lambs. Prime Lambs. MIDDLETON - Suckled Calves - Show & Sale.
THURSDAY 09/11/2017	KIRKBY STEPHEN - Prize show & sale of Beef Breeding Cattle.
MONDAY 13/11/2017	KIRKBY STEPHEN - OTM Cattle
TUESDAY 14/11/2017	KIRKBY STEPHEN - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale. HAWES - Prime Lambs. Cast Sheep.
SATURDAY 18/11/2017	HAWES - Annual Christmas Show & Sale of Prime & Store Cattle, Beef Breeding Cattle & Cull Cows.
TUESDAY 21/11/2017	MIDDLETON - Beef breeding cattle HAWES - Opening sale of correct & cast Rams. Prime Lambs. Cast Ewes. KIRKBY STEPHEN - Sale of Prime and Lightweight lambs, cast & feeding ewes & store lambs sale.
MONDAY 27/11/2017	KIRKBY STEPHEN - Christmas Prize Show & Sale of store & breeding cattle, cast cows & OTM Cattle

## COMMUNITY DAY

Teesdale

Come and meet **Ron Hogg**, your  
Police, Crime and Victims'  
Commissioner, at:

Venue: UTASS, Chapel Row, Middleton  
in Teesdale, DL12 0HN

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Do you have a  
question about  
policing, or have  
a community  
safety concern?

## Minibuses available for Community Use

UTASS have two wheelchair accessible mini-buses available for community groups (not for hire or reward). We have a 15 seater which requires the driver to have a D1 classification on their driving licence. However we also now have a 10 seater, which anyone aged 25+ with a clean license can drive. For more details please contact UTASS on 01833 641010.

## 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](mailto:diane@utass.org) and we'll look to support this idea.

## SUPPORTING UTASS

YOU CAN NOW SUPPORT UTASS VIA VIRGIN MONEY GIVING.

YOU CAN VISIT [WWW.UTASS.ORG](http://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.



## September 2017

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### September Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (4th & 18th)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS on Fridays.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday, (8th & 22nd).
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates - every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 1st - UTASS OFFICE CLOSED
- 2nd - 3rd - Wolsingham Agricultural Show. UTASS will have a stand on Saturday 2nd.
- 5th - Border Reivers Film Show, 7.30pm
- 9th - 10th - Stanhope Agricultural Show. UTASS will have a stand on Saturday 8th.
- 12th - Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 12th September - 20th October- Swaledale Exhibition at UTASS; commemorating the Centenary of the Middleton-in-Teesdale Annual Tup Sale. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am - 5pm.
- 13th - St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 14th Rachel Logan, Chiroprapist at UTASS. (contact details on page 5)
- 15th - Police Commissioner Ron Hogg will hold a public drop in session at UTASS 2pm - 3pm.
- 16th - Eggleston Agricultural Show
- 21st - Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 23rd - Langdon Beck Show
- 26th - Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2pm - 3pm.

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### October Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (2nd, 16th & 30th)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS every Friday.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday. (6th & 20th)
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates - every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 12th September - 20th October- Swaledale Exhibition at UTASS; commemorating the Centenary of the Middleton-in-Teesdale Annual Tup Sale. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am - 5pm.
- 10th - Swaledale Exhibition moves to Middleton-in-Teesdale Auction Mart for the Annual Tup Sale on Wednesday 11th. Returns back to UTASS on Thursday 12th.
- 10th - Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 11th - St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 12th October - 20th October- Swaledale Exhibition at UTASS; commemorating the Centenary of the Middleton-in-Teesdale Annual Tup Sale. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am - 5pm.
- 17th - Music & Memories at UTASS, 2pm - 3pm.
- 19th - Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 21st - Highlights Touring Theatre - Standing in Line. (see back page for full details)
- 23rd - 27th - Schools on Half Term — UTASS OFFICE CLOSED and **NO** Young Peoples Sessions, unless off site activities are planned.

## November 2017

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### November Events Listings:

- Citizens Advice are at UTASS every other Monday, 10am - 1pm. (13th & 27th)
- 'Mobile Beauty By Emma' is at UTASS every Friday.
- Durham County Carers are at UTASS every other Friday. (3rd & 17th).
- Nicky Tulloch from the Alzheimer's Society will be here every Friday.
- Pilates - every Wednesday, 9.30am.
- 8th - St Johns Chapel Farmers Lunch.
- 10th - Highlights Touring Theatre - Harvest. (see back page for full details)
- 14th - Middleton in Teesdale Farmers Lunch.
- 16th - Barnard Castle Farmers Lunch.
- 25th - The 5th Middleton Mart Christmas Fair, 10.30am - 2.30pm.
- 25th - Christmas Lights Switch on event, from 3.30pm.
- 28th - Music & Memories at UTASS the 4th Tuesday of every month, 2pm - 3pm.

Events get updated regularly on our online diary, which can be found at:

[www.utass.org/events](http://www.utass.org/events)

## 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](mailto:jen@utass.org)