**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – April 2022**

**Durham Automobile Club is open for business**

The club is open every Wednesday night at the Honest Lawyer and it would be great to see more people there, if there is some type of activity that we could run that would encourage more people to attend please let the committee know.

If you have not renewed your club membership it has run out on the 31st January 2022, if you joined the club after the 1st September 2021 your membership has been extended to the 31st January 2023. To renew your club membership contact of Membership Secretary Peter Masters, or download the membership form from the club website [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/apply-to-become-a-member/](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/apply-to-become-a-member/) and return it to Peter with the appropriate fee

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Autotest**

Durham AC held their first Autotest of the year at karting North East on the 6th March, there were two tests run a number of times, the tests were a bit different from normal Autotest tests and required few cones as the tests was defined more by soil banks. 18 competitors took part on a cold but dry day, the event ran in a very relaxed atmosphere and all competitors enjoyed their day. The driving varied from ex British Autotest Champions to enthusiastic novice drivers.

1st – Lee Valentine

2nd – Chris Dodds – 1st car driven to the event

3rd – Paul Swift – 1st Front Wheel Drive

4th – Kevin Stones

5th – Philip Hodgson – 1st Rear Wheel drive

Thanks to Jim, Julia, Claire, Tony and Andy for marshalling the event

**Navigational Scatter**

DAC held a Navigational Scatter on the 16th March, it was a bit different from the normal scatter it the took the form of a Photograph Scatter where competitors were given a list of villages and the aim was to visit as many as possible within the time limit (1 ½ hours) and to prove they visited the village a picture was taken of the village sign as they enter the village. 7 cars started the event with 6 reaching the finish at the Cross Keys in Hamsterley.

1st – Peter Masters – Andy Brown – 16 points

2nd – Josh Barritt – Jack Brearey – 15 points

=3rd – Roger Broom – Pam Broom – 12 points

=3rd – Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson – 12 points

5th – Michael Yeaman – Claire Morton – 11 points

6th – Cath Hutchinson – Andrew Hutchinson – 5 points

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

The clubs next navigational event will be a Treasure Hunt being organised by Lindsay Burnip on Wednesday 27th April, further details will be circulated later.

We are trying to get another Autotest at Karting North East, potentially in June, when this is confirmed details will be circulated, if any club members know of any other suitable Autotest venues please let the committee know, as venues are very difficult to get.

Looking further ahead we have the return of The Classics at the Castle show at Witton Castle on the revised date of 26th June after a 2 year absence, assistance the day before for set-up and for getting the competitors into position is greatly appreciated.

Finally the Wearside Classic Targa Rally at Nissan on the 4th September, we have a tentative volunteer to run the event, but more assistance is required, please contact Gordon Dundee if you are willing to assist.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Autotesting**

Richard Pinkney – 1st Overall 1st round of the BTRDA Autotest Championship

**Stage Rallying**

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 1st Overall Malcolm Wilson Rally

Andy Brown – 6th Overall (2nd in class) – Knockhill Stages

**Targa Rallying**

Simon Jennings – 5th Overall – Shaw Trophy Rally

**Other events in the coming months**

April

2nd – White Heather Tests – Wigton round of the NESCRO Challenge at Kirkbride Airfield

9th – 10th – Croft Circuit – 750 Motor Club meeting

10th – Autocross – Cramlington &DMC – north of Ponteland

10th – Knockhill - Scottish Motor Racing Club meeting

23rd – 24th Rally Tendring & Clacton – 1st round of the British Rally Championship

24th – Donnington Park – 1st round of the British Touring Cars

27th – Durham AC Treasure Hunt

30th – 1st May – Berwick Classic – a round of the NESCRO Challenge marshals if you can help contact chief marshal Tom Wilson on berwickclassicmarshals@lanscot.com

May

8th - Knockhill - Scottish Motor Racing Club meeting

11th - Durham AC Committee meeting

14th – Border Counties Rally – A round of the BTRDA Championship based at Jedburgh being run by Hawick and Berwick clubs, assistance with marshalling required, if you can help contact Darren Smith on darren1979smith@gmail.com.

14th – 15th - Croft Circuit – BRSCC Motor Club meeting

15th – William Patterson Targa Rally – South of Scotland round of the NESCRO Challenge

15th – Brands Hatch – 2nd round of the British Touring Cars

22nd - Autocross – Cramlington &DMC – north of Ponteland

27th – 29th – Jim Clark Rally – A round of the British Rally Championship, National Tarmac Rally Championship, North of England Tarmac Championship, ANECCC Stage Rally Championship, Scottish Rally Championship, and Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship. Many marshals required, if you can help on any of the 3 days contact the Chief Marshal Craig Fisher Marshals@jimclarkrally.org

28th – 29th - Croft Circuit – 750 Motor Club meeting

If there are any other forth coming events that members want the details shared with other club members, or any results or items that may interest club members, please let Gordon Dundee know and they will be included in the next News Sheet.