**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – April 2023**

**Welcome to Durham Automobile Club**

A reminder that the club is open every Wednesday night at the Honest Lawyer from approximately 8.00pm, where there is always someone there for a natter. It is encouraging that more people are joining these evenings, but 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.

For those who have not yet renewed their club membership, please contact the club Membership Secretary Peter Masters at Durhamautomobileclub@gmail.com to arrange your 2023 membership, or by downloading the club’s membership form from the club website [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk)

I produce this News Sheet from information I am aware off but there are many events that I have no information on, so if there is any information/reports of events past or in the future that you would like to share will our club members please forward them to me and I will include them in future editions of this News Sheet.

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Wednesday 22nd March – Table Top**

The club held their 1st Table Top for a number of years which had simple instructions to refresh members plotting skills. There were 5 sections to plot with instructions being grid references, spot heights, grid lines or tulip diagrams, or a combination of these. Six members or crews took part, all were able to plot each section, some required a little assistance, especially when some maps used didn’t have one of the roads required on it. The final results were:-

1st – Andy Brown – 52 points

2nd – Simon Jennings – 54 points

3rd – Peter Masters – 56 points

4th – Stuart Anderson/Chris Thirling – 64 points

5th – David Frizelle – 66 points

6th – Jam and Julia Little – 71 points

**Sunday 26th March** –**Generations Rally**

Durham AC ran a test at Streatlam for the Generations Rally, this is an event run by Rally the Globe. It was for cars built before 31st December 1985, and the crew must be from two different generations, preferably from the same family. The event had a full entry of 75 cars ranging from 1920’s Bentley to a 1983 Ford Capri. Fifteen club members signed on to assist and the test ran very well with all competitors enjoying it, thanks to all who turned up to assist.

**Wednesday 19th April - Navigational Scatter**

Starting at Rushyford and finishing at the Honest Lawyer the club ran their first navigational event of the year. The event ran on map 93 with some area not used by the club for many years, 7 crews left the start and all reached the finish successfully. The results were:-

1st – Kim and Peter Gardiner – 21 points

2nd – Vicki and Marty O’Hanlon – 15 points

=3rd – Stuart Anderson – Chris Thirling – 14 points

=3rd – Lindsay Burnip – Andy Brown – 14 points

=5th – Peter Masters - 11 points

=5th – Mick Stead – Val Nichols – 11 points

7th – Alan and Paul Hawdon – 10 points

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Wednesday 17th May – Navigational Scatter**

Pete Masters will run a Scatter

Start Time – From 7.00 to 7.15pm.

Start venue – Wackerfield Layby – 92/148 227

Finish venue – Cross Keys, Hamsterley – 92/118 311

Map all points are on map 92

Entry Fee - £5.00

**Sunday 4th June – Autotest at Croft Circuit**

This is a Production Car Autotest that will be suitable for novice drivers, but there is a class for cars that do not meet the regulations for a PCA. Regulations are now available for this event on the club website. [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/upcoming-events/](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/upcoming-events/)

**Sunday 18th June** – **Classics at the Castle**

There is a new venue for the clubs successful Classics at the Castle show, it has moved to Raby Castle and is a week earlier than usual on the 18th June (Father’s Day). One problem with the new venue is that it can’t be set up on the Saturday so assistance will be needed early on the Sunday morning to set up and directing the competing cars to their correct location, so if as many club members as possible could assist please keep this date free, more details of what time you are required at will be circulated later.

**Wednesday 19th July – Treasure Hunt**

The clubs next navigational event will be a Treasure Hunt being organised by Lindsay Burnip, she promises there will not be 50 clues to collect this time, start location will be circulated nearer the date.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Stage Rallies**

Riponian Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 4th overall

East Riding Stages Rally

David Henderson – 1st overall

Snowman Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 7th overall

**Autotest**

Peter Masters has as usual had many excellent overall and class results in his standard Suzuki Alto, too many to mention.

**Targa Rallies**

White Heather Tests

Philip Hodgson – Lewis Hodgson – 3rd overall

Kevin Stones – Chris Holden – 7th overall

Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

Philip Hodgson – Lewis Hodgson – 3rd overall

Kevin Stones – Chris Holden – 6th overall

Simon Jennings – Colin Fish – 16th overall

Kim Gardner – Peter Gardener – 37th overall

**Other events that Durham Auto Club have requested to assist at**

**6th May – Border Counties Rally**

This is a forest stage rally in the Scottish Borders it is based in Jedburgh and is organised by Hawick and Berwick Motor Clubs. Marshals from any discipline welcomed, if you can assist contact the Chief Marshal Colin Rodger, at colinrodger1@gmail.com or call/text him your details on 07767726075.

**26th – 28th May – Jim Clark Rally**

Closed road stage rally based in Duns in the Scottish Borders, it is a round of the British and Scottish Rally Championships as well as numerous local championships. If you can assist please register your availability at [www.jimclarkrally,co,uk/marshals-officals/](http://www.jimclarkrally,co,uk/marshals-officals/)

**17th June - Kielder Forest Rally**

A round of the BTRDA Championship run in the Kielder Forest with the central service in Hexham. Lindsay Burnip has been asked to stage command for stage 1 and stage 4 on this year’s event. If you are able to help you contact her at poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com

**15th July – Northumberland Rally Festival**

This is a Demonstration Rally at Brunton Airfield in Northumberland, it is organised by Berwick Motor Club and more details can be found at [www.northumberland-rally-festival.co.uk](http://www.northumberland-rally-festival.co.uk) If you are able to marshal please contact the Chief Marshal Darren Smith on darren1979smith@gmail.com or complete the marshal’s form by following the link on their website.

**23rd – 27th November - Roger Albert Clark Rally**

This 5 day rally spends the 26th and 27th in the Keilder Complex and on the 26th Lindsay Burnip is stage commander for the Harewood Stage which is run twice in the afternoon. If you can assist Lindsay please contact her at poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com or go to the marshal’s page on the event website www.racrmc.org/roger-albert-clark-rally/marshals-page

**Other events in the coming months**

April

21st – 22nd – Speyside Stages – Round of the Scottish Rally Championship based in Elgin

22nd – 23rd – Donington Park – Round 1 of the British Touring Car Championship

29th – 30th – Berwick Classic - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Berwick Motor Club

30th – Rainworth Skoda Stages Rally- A round of the AS Performance Tarmacadam Championship, run at DST Leconfield by Sheffield and Hallamshire Motor Club

May

6th - Border Counties Rally – Round of the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championships it is based in Jedburgh and run by Hawick and Berwick Motor Clubs. If you can assist see details above

6th – 7th – Croft Circuit – TCR UK Touring Car Championship

6th – 7th – Brands Hatch - Round 2 of the British Touring Car Championship

14th - Albar Trophy Rally – A single venue rally run at Kames by East Ayrshire Car Club and is a round of the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship

20th – 21st – Croft Circuit – Caterham race meeting

20th – 21st Snetterton - Round 3 of the British Touring Car Championship

26th – 28th - Jim Clark Rally - This is actually 2 separate rallies on the Friday and Saturday is the National and on Sunday the Reviers. This is a round of the following championships, British, National Tarmac, Scottish, AS Performance Tarmacadam, SG Petch ANECCC and Scottish Tarmack Rally Championships. If you can assist see details above.

June

3rd – 4t – Thruxton - Round 4 of the British Touring Car Championship

4th - Rallye East Yorkshire - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Yorkshire Wolds Motor Club based out of Driffield.

10th - Summer Stages – based at Crail in Fife this is a single venue tarmac rally run by Glenrothes Motor Club, it is a round of the AS Performance Tarmacadam, Scottish Tarmack and Scottish Single Venue Rally Championships.

17th - Kielder Forest Rally – organised by Cumberland Sporting Car Club this is a forest rally run in the Kielder Forest complex, with service in Hexham, it is a round of the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championships. If you can assist see details above.

17th – 18th – Oulton Park - Round 5 of the British Touring Car Championship

23rd – 24th - Ypres Rally – 3rd round of the British rally Championship run in Ypres Belgium

23rd – 24th - Argyll Rally – Based in Dunnon this a closed road tarmac rally which is a counting round of the National Tarmac, Scottish and AS Performance Tarmacadam Rally Championships.

24th – 25th – Croft Circuit – 750 Motor Club race 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.