

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – April 2024**

**Welcome to Durham Automobile Club**

Club memberships are now due for renewal, please contact the club Membership Secretary Peter Masters at [Durhamautomobileclub@gmail.com](mailto:Durhamautomobileclub@gmail.com) to arrange your 2024 membership, or by downloading the clubs membership form from then club website [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk)

The committee are working on get a calendar of club events, below you will find details of confirmed events, along with some provisional dates, as many entries as possible in these events would be appreciated. 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 would be great to see more people there.

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Wednesday 10th April – Photo Scatter**

Our first navigational event was held on the 10th April with 8 crews leaving the lay-by near Sedgefield. Competitors were given a list of 28 villages on map 93 and had one and half hours to visit as many as possible. To prove they visited the village a photo had to be taken of the sign leading into the village. The results were very close with special mention to Les Atkinson and Ant Preston who finished 2nd on their first every navigational event. The full results are:-

1st - Kim Gardner – Peter Gardner – 21pts

2nd – Les Atkinson – Ant Preston – 19pts

3rd – Chris Dodds – Lynsey Procter – 18pts

4th – Vicky Meachin – Sami Robinson – 17pts

5th – Mick Stead – Val Nichol – 16pts

=6th – David Thirwell – Peter Masters – 13pts (32 miles)

=6th – Lindsay Burnip – Andy Brown – 13ptd (32 miles)

8th – Chris Thirling – Stuart Anderson – 13pts (36 miles);

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Wednesday 29th May – Treasure Hunt/Scenic Tour**

This is a scenic tour with a number of points to be visited to confirm the correct route has been followed, this is not a competitive event but a nice drive out on hopefully a good evening. It will start from the Tennis Courts in Hamsterley Village and will finish approximately 2 hours later at the Honest Lawyer. The route is all on map 92 but a Sat Nav or road map could be used. Peter Masters is organising this event so please let him know if you plan to enter.

**Sunday 2nd June – Whitby Motor Club Autotest**

This Whitby Motor Club Autotest is at Seamer Moor Farm, Seamer, and Peter Masters is one of the organisers. When regulations are available, they will be circulated to club members.

**Sunday 16th June – Autosolo – Croft Circuit**

This is the only date that is available for an event at Croft Circuit this year. In a change from previous events, we are running it as an Autosolo, which means the tests will be easier to follow and more open (therefore easier on tyres). It will be open to any road going car that is driven to the event. There will be a class for vehicles that are not driven to the event but they are not eligible for the overall result. As soon as regulations are available, they will be circulated to all members

**Sunday 30th June – Classics at the Castle at Raby Castle**

After last years very successful show at Raby Castle the club has agreed a date for the next 5 years at Raby Castle (the last Sunday in June). Assistance will be required to set up early on the day and get all show cars in place, after the cars are all in location you will be free to enjoin the show. As of now there are nearly 200 entries so a large entry is expected, all assistance would be appreciated.

**Wednesday 17th July – Gymkhana**

Location and format of this event will be circulated later.

**Wednesday 24th July – Treasure Hunt**

Lindsay is organising this Treasure Hunt; details will be circulated later.

**Sunday 1st September – Wearside Classic and Targa Rally at Nissan**

After an absence of 2 years Durham returns to Nissan for the Wearside Classic and Targa Rallies. Simon Jennings has taken over as Clerk of the Course and if you can assist in the planning leading up to the rally please contact Simon. A significant number of marshals are required on the day so please put this date in your diary, more information will be shared later in the year.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Autotest**

West Cumbria Rallytest 2

Lee Valentine - Marty Chritchlow – 1st overall

Peter Masters – 4th overall

Hartlepool Autotest

Robin Hunter – 1st Front wheel drive

Richard Young – 2nd Front wheel drive

Peter Masters – 3rd Front wheel drive

**Stage Rallies**

Knockhill Stages

Simon Jennings – Greg Bates – 13th overall – 2nd in class

Malcolm Wilson Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 7th overall

Altratech SMC Stages

Mark Blenkinsop - Adam Blenkinsop – 28th overall – 3rd in class

Kinloss Spring Stages

Simon Jennings – Greg Bates – 10th overall – 2nd in class

**Targa Rallies**

White Heather Targa Rally

Alan Hawdon – Paul Hawdon – 14th overall – 4th in class

Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – Colin Fish – 3rd overall – 2nd in class

Alan Hawdon – Paul Hawdon – 29th overall – 4th in class

**Other events in the coming months**

**April**

19th and 20th – Speyside Stages – Round of the Scottish Rally Championship based in Elgin

20th and 21st – Croft Circuit – 750 Motor Club race meeting

27th and 28th – Donington Park – 1st round of the British Touring Car Championship

**May**

4th and 5th - Berwick Classic - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Berwick and District Motor Club

4th and 5th – Croft Circuit – BRSCC race meeting

10th and 11th - Manx Rally – Closed road tarmac rally on the Isle of Man, a round of the British Historic and National Tarmac Rally Championships.

**11th - Border Counties Rally** – This is a forest rally based in Jedburgh and organised by Hawick and Berwick Motor Clubs, is a round of the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Championships. Our club treasurer is Assistant Clerk of the Course, so any help is appreciated, further details as follows:-

The stages being used are Blackburn Rig and Riccarton, both of which will run twice, followed by Cardrona and Craik. (Signing on for Cardrona and Craik will be around lunchtime, with Blackburn Rig and Riccarton starting  earlier, but having an early afternoon finish time.)

Stage Commanders are:

Blackburn Rig – Marty O’Hanlon

Riccarton – Wilma Davidson

Cardrona – Craig Munro Fisher

Craik – Barry Armstrong

We also need marshals to support service ( Service Area Manager Guy Whickham) and at the start/finish/regroup in Jedburgh.

The event is also looking for radio marshals.

If you are able to volunteer as a marshal or radio marshal please fill in the enclosed form [Marshal Registration Form 2024 (google.com)](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwAKlThASWH1_rLnHBPzovr4eFu_3vG3vRu5GZinx5YlGZXA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3zhK_FUnSO2c789rkikudYaAPkPLiwXye_sRbeyWXQHTBYNbIUJVJcga8_aem_AbBnyC87UFy_MCpyeNZENNuwvJrv3YZZs3hn_AxIIBUxWThMv-i6mWXdlMXS8YEhAtP0W89b0_ZKHcLrHHfkd76d) or contact either the Chief Marshal (Colin Rodger) or the Communications Officer (Simon Goodwin).

12th - Albar Trophy Rally – This a single venue tarmac rally at Kames organised by East Ayrshire Car Club and is a round of the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship.

11th and 12th – Brands Hatch – 2nd round of the British Touring Car Championship

18th and 19th – Croft Circuit – Darlington Motor Club race meeting

24th to 26th - Jim Clark Rally – This is two separate closed road rallies held over three days in the Scottish Borders based in Duns. It is a round of multiple championships including the British, National Tarmac, Scottish, Scottish Tarmac, AS Performance and SG Petch ANECC Championships.

25th and 26th – Snetterton – 3rd round of the British Touring Car Championship

**June**

8th - Summer Stages – A single venue tarmac rally based in Crail and organised by Glenrothes Motor Club, it is a round of the Scottish tarmac and As Performance Rally Championships.

8th and 9th – Thruxton – 4th round of the British Touring Car Championship

**15th - Kielder Forest Rally** – a forest rally based in Keilder Forest organised by the RAC Motor Club, and is a round of the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Rally Championships.

The event follows the format of 3 stages run twice.  Lindsay Burnip is a stage commander for The Bower stage. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact me directly, or you can volunteer via [www.rallystageteam.co.uk](http://www.rallystageteam.co.uk/)

21st and 22nd - Argyll Rally – Closed road tarmac rally based in Dunoon which is a round of the Scottish Rally, Scottish Tarmac, National Tarmac and AS Performance Rally Championships.

22nd and 23rd – Oulton Park – 5th round of the British Touring Car Championship

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.