**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – August 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.

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 are 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 17th July – Treasure Hunt**

Starting near Consett and finishing at the Cross Keys in Hamsterley the club ran their third navigational event of the year. The event organised by Lindsay Burnip and took the form of a traditional Treasure Hunt with descriptive instructions and 30+ clues to answer. The route took competitors in an anti-clockwise direction round Consett, through Muggleswick, over the moors to Stanhope and down Weardale to the finish in Hamsterley. 5 crews took part and the results are: -

1st Mick Stead and Val Nichols

2nd Gordon and Janelle Dundee

3rd Stuart Anderson and Chris Thirling

4th Andy Brown and Sami Robinson

5th Peter Masters all alone on his motorbike.

Thanks to Lindsay for organising this event.

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**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Wednesday 6th September** – **Scenic Tour/Treasure Hunt**

This is a run out on some of Co Durham’s best roads, with a small element of competition for those who want some.

Date. Wednesday 6th September

Start Wolsingham roundabout lay-by. Where A68 crosses the A699.

Near entrance to Harperley Hall, Map reference - 92/133/353,

What3words – thrillers.reef.remarks

Time. Start- 6.30pm to 7.00pm

No time limit to finish, but should be about two hours to drive.

Cost. £5 per vehicle (anything with wheels allowed or fast horse. )

Equipment needed. Sat nav or phone or road atlas. Or all three. On 3 OS maps, so

not really practical or necessary.

Finish venue. Honest Lawyer.

What it involves:

There are 8 checkpoints to visit that should be photographed or not. It’s up to you wither you want to or just have the ride out. You do not need get out of the car to photograph any of the subjects. They can be photographed from the car.

If you plan to take part in this event please contact Peter Masters at peter.masters@live.com so as he knows how many will be taking part.

**Other Events in the Future**

The club is looking at possibly running and Autotest in October if a suitable venue can be secured. Also the final Navigational event will probably be a Scatter in November. Details of both event or any other that are planed will be circulated to all members.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Stage Rallies**

Scottish Rally

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 3rd overall

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 5th overall

Grampian Forest Rally

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 1st overall

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 7th overall

Current Scottish Rally Championship Standings

Stephen Petch 4th overall driver

Michael Wilkinson 4th overall co-driver

David Henderson – 5th overall driver

**Autotest**

Peter Masters – 2nd overall Hartlepool July Autotest

Peter Masters – 6th overall West Cumbria July Autosolo

**Targa Rallies**

Northern Dales Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – Colin Fish – 10th overall

Kevin Stones – Chris Holden – 27th overall

Alan Hawdon – Paul Hawdon – 35th overall

Blue Streak Targa Rally

Kevin Stones – Chris Holden – 22th overall

Alan Hawdon – Paul Hawdon – 27th overall

Current NESCRO Targa Challenge Standings

Chris Holden – 1st overall navigator

Kevin Stones – 2nd overall driver

Simon Jennings – 5th overall driver

Philip Hodgson – 10th overall driver

Current NESCRO Classic Challenge Standings

Alan Hawdon – 38th overall driver

Paul Hawdon – 38th overall navigator

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

**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**

August

26th – 27th – Donington Park - Round 8 of the British Touring Car Championship

September

2nd – 3rd - Rai Ceredigion Rally - 5th round of the British Rally Championship, closed road tarmac rally in West Wales based in Aberystwyth

2nd – 3rd - Croft Circuit – Croft Historic race weekend and show

3rd – Doonhamer - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by South of Scotland Car Club

9th - Woodpecker Rally - Based in Ludlow and using the forests of Mid Wales this is a round of the BTRDA Championship

16th - Galloway Hills Rally – Based in the Newton Stewart area and using the forests of South west Scotland this is a round of the Scottish Rally Championship.

16th – 17th – Croft Circuit – BRSCC race meeting

22nd – 23rd - Trackrod Rally - 6th round of the British Rally Championship, forest rally in the North Yorkshire forests. Also a round of the BTRDA Championship and SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championships

23rd - Arbroath Stages - Single venue rally at Kinloss army Barracks, Kinloss, Moray, organised by Condor Motor Sport Club, which is a round of the Scottish and AS Performance Tarmacadam Rally Championships.

23rd – 24th – Silverstone - Round 9 of the British Touring Car Championship

30th – 1st – Croft Circuit – Classic Motorcycle Racing

October

7th – 8th – Brands Hatch - Round 10 of the British Touring Car Championship

8th - Solway Coast Targa - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Solway Car Club

13th – 14th - Jersey Rally – Closed road tarmac rally on the island of Jersey

13th – 15th - Mull Rally-Closed Road tarmac rally on the Isle of Mull, a round of the Scottish Tarmacadam Rally Championships.

14th – Croft Circuit – Classic Sports Car Club race meeting

20th - 21st - Carlisle Stages Rally - Based in Carlisle this event uses the forest of Kielder and is a counting round of the Scottish and SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championships.

22nd - Solway Classic - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Wigton Motor Club

27th – 28th - Cambrian Rally - 7th round of the British Rally Championship, this is forest rally based in Llandudno running in the North Wales forests. Also a round of the BTRDA 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.