**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – December 2022**

**Welcome to Durham Automobile Club**

This is the final News Sheet for 2022 I hope you have all managed to get out and get some competition this year as things have progressed back to normal. I am aware that there have been club members competing in Stage and Targa Rallies, Autotests, Autocross and Circuit Racing, some with greater success than others, but hopefully all have enjoyed themselves. 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, if there is some type of activity that we could run that would encourage more people to attend please let the committee know.

On behalf of the committee of Durham AC we wish all of our members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2023.

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Photo Scatter – 7th December**

Six crews took part in the December Scatter which started in the Wackerfield layby, just as the cold spell started making some of the roads slightly slippy, and finished at the Cross Keys Hamsterly.

This was slightly different format from the normal scatter, instead of supplying a list of grid references with questions to answer to confirm that competitors visited the point, a list of village names was supplied, and to prove that the competitors visited them they must supply a picture of the village sign that is at the entry into the village.  There was one point for each village visited, and one point deducted for each minute over the time allowed.

All crews arrived safely at the finish, five within time but one was slightly over time, where food was available for those who wanted it.

1st – Peter Masters – Stephen Brown –17 pts

2nd – Chris Dodds – Lyndsay Procter – 16 pts

3rd – Lindsay Burnip – Andy Brown – 15 pts (46 miles covered)

4th – Robert Wilkinson – Jack Dale – 15 pts (57 miles covered)

5th – Roger Broom – Pam Broom – 14 pts

6th – Mick Stead – Val Nichols – 2 pts (12 pts minus 10 time penalties)

Thanks to Sue and Robert at the Cross Keys for making us welcome, there will be more simple navigational events next year, it would be good to see a few more club members out for an evenings fun.

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

For 2023 the club hope to run more simple navigational events and we are currently looking a two possible Autotest venues, so hopefully we will be able to run more events than last year. Not to forget our popular Classics at the Castle at Witton Castle in the summer, as with all events if you are not competing but are able to assist it would be greatly appreciated. If there are any other types of events that members would like to see the club run, i.e. Karting night etc., please let the committee know and we will see what we can do.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Stage Rallies**

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 2nd Overall Carlisle Stages Rally

David Henderson – Katie Henderson - 1st Overall Winter Stages

Paul Swift – Jessica Swift – 6th Overall – 1st Class 4 Winter Stages

Ed Todd – Andy Brown – 12th Overall – 1st Class 3 Winter Stages

Andy Drake – Ross Drake – 71st Overall Winter Stages

David Henderson voted National Rally Driver of the year by Motorsport News

**Targa Rallies**

Simon Jennings – 6th Overall – 2nd in Class - Saltire Classic Rally

Simon Jennings – 9th Overall – 2nd in Class – Solway Coast Targa Rally

Club members were out on Wigton MC’s Solway Classic Targa Rally but I can’t find any results

**Autotest**

Richard Pinkney and Paul Swift were members of the England team that finished second in the annual International Ken Wharton Memorial Autotest

Lee Valentine also took part in the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotest as part of the England B team.

**Other events in the coming months**

January

Not much happening

February

12th – Riponian Rally - A round of the ANECCC Stage Rally Championship run in the North Yorkshire forest by Ripon MSC.

26th – East Riding Stages – A round of the AS Performance Tarmacadam Championship, a closed road rally in the East Yorkshire run by Beverley Motor Club

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.