**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – FEBRUARY 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.

These could be a quiz, a talk or a table top rally or some other activity. As we get into lighter nights more competition events could be run i.e. Treasure Hunts, Scatters etc., we are already planning a Scatter in March with more to follow, along with potentially a karting night and a gymkhana, more details will follow. But we need club member’s suggestions and support in partaking or even organising some events.

**Club Membership**

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

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

You should have already received details of the Spring Autotest being held at Karting North East, Warden Law kart Track, Sunderland on the 6th March 2022, details are again on the club website. [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/upcoming-events/](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk/page/upcoming-events/) If you are available to assist at this event please contact our Chief Marshal Jim Little at dacchiefmarshal@outlook.com

On the 16th March 2022 a Navigational Scatter is being organised by Gordon Dundee, details of start venue will be published soon. This will take the form of a Photograph Scatter where you will be given a list of villages and the aim is to visit as many as possible within the time limit (usually 1 ½ hours) and to prove you have visited the village a pictures must be taken of the village sign as you enter the village. There will be one point for each village visited, with one point deducted for each minute over the time

limit, the tie breaker is whoever covered the shortest distance.

Looking further ahead we have the return of The Classics at the Castle show at Witton Castle at the end of June or early July (final date TBC) 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, with Gordon standing down after organising it for 10 years a new Clerk of the Course is required, a replacement is required as soon as possible as the planning needs to start soon. If anyone is willing to take on this role please contact Gordon as he will support you in learning this role.

**Other events in the coming months**

February

6th – Riponian Stages – North Yorkshire Forests – Round or the SG Petch Championship

19th – John Robson Rally – Road Rally in Northumberland – Marshals required, contact chief marshal Lynsey Proctor at chiefmarshal@hexhammotorclub.co.uk

20th – Knockhill Stages – Knockhill Circuit – Round of the Scottish Tarmac Championship

27th – East Riding Stages – Closed road stage rally starting in Beverly – Round of the North of England Tarmac Championship.

March

5th – Malcolm Wilson Rally – Cumbrian Forests - Round or the SG Petch Championship

6th – Spring Autotest – Karting North east – see details above.

9th – Durham AC Committee meeting

12th – Mull Classic – Targa Rally on Isle of Mull – NESCRO event

16th – DAC Scatter – Details to follow

18th & 19th – North West Stages – Closed road stage rally starting from Myerscough College, Preston - Round of the North of England Tarmac Championship.

20th – Shaw Trophy – Targa Rally at Stewartshiels Plantation, near the Otterburn Army Ranges – this is a NESCRO event - Marshals required, contact chief marshal Ken Watson at shawmarshall@shawthrophy.co.uk

26th – DCC Stages – Tarmac stage rally at the Royal Highland Showgrounds, Ingilston, Edinburgh - Round of the North of England Tarmac Championship and Scottish Tarmac 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.