**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – February 2023**

**Welcome to Durham Automobile Club**

As we are now into February club memberships are due for renewal, please contact the club Membership Secretary Peter Masters at peter.masters@live.com to arrange your 2023 membership, or by downloading the clubs membership form from then club website [www.durhamautoclub.co.uk](http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk)

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.

**Past Durham Automobile Club Events**

**The Rally Guru – Julian Porter**

After a 3 year absence the club were pleased to welcome the Rally Guru – Julian Porter to the club to give us an insight into the World Rally Championship and his thoughts on the 2023 season. It was a very well attended evening with visitors from clubs from all over the North East with over 100 people attending the evening at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. There was an excellent buffet supplied by the Golf Club and the evening finished with a raffle, thanks to all who contributed prizes.

**Annual General Meeting**

This was held on the 25th January and the office bearers for the coming year are:-

President – Nicky Porter

Vice President – Steve Petch

Chairman – Andy Brown

Vice Chairman – Chris Thirling

Secretary – Gordon Dundee

Treasurer – Lindsay Burnip

Membership Secretary – Peter Masters

Chief Marshal – Gordon Dundee

Competition Secretary – Lindsay Burnip.

Social Secretary – Vacant

Media Officer – Stuart Anderson

Website/Facebook – Simon Jennings

Magazine Editor - Vacant

Safeguarding Officer – Lindsay Burnip

Junior Representative – Vacant

Committee - Mick Stead, Andrew Hutchinson, Fred Henderson, Edward Todd, Martin Hall and Claire Morton

There are 3 vacant positions on the committee if there is anyone who would like to join.

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

The calendar of events for 2023 are starting to come together the following are what is already confirmed:-

**Sunday 26th March** – Durham AC have been asked to run a test at Streatlam for the Generations Rally, this is an event run by Rally the Globe an organisation run by Fred Gallagher who used to navigate for Tony Pond, Henri Toivonen and Juha Kankkunen among others. It is for cars built before 31st December 1985, and the crew must be from two different generations, preferably from the same family. The event has a full entry of 75 cars ranging from 1920’s Bentley to a 1983 Ford Capri. Help is required for this event if you can assist please contact Gordon Dundee, we need set up and ready to run from 9.15 am, with the first can due at 10.00 am;

**Wednesday 29th March or 5th April** - Durham AC are looking at putting on a karting evening at Karting North East, before we progress and make a booking we would like to understand what level of interest there would be in such an event. Can you therefore let us know if you be interested in this karting evening, and if so what would be your preferred date?

The event format would be:-

Arrive by 7.20pm for signing on and safety briefing etc.

Followed by a 15 minute practise and a 30 minute race.

Cost is: - £53.00 per person.

If you are interested in taking part please let Gordon Dundee know as soon as possible to enable the booking to be made.

**Sunday 4th June** –Autotest at Croft Circuit, details of this event will be circulated later.

**Sunday 25th June** – Classics at the Castle, at Witton Castle, this is Durham ACs biggest event of the year please put this date in your calendar as assistance from as many people as possible is required for setting up and co-ordinating car movements on the day. More details will be circulated later but please get this date in your calendar.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

The motorsport year has not really started yet so there isn’t much to report this edition.

**Other events in the coming months**

February

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

19th – Knockhill Stages – Round of the Scottish Rally Championship at Knockhill Circuit, organised by Border Ecosse Motor Club

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

March

4th - Snowman Rally – Round of the Scottish Rally Championship based in Inverness

11th – Malcolm Wilson Rally – 1st round of the British Rally Championship, also counts for the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Championships, based in Cockermouth with stages in the Lake District Forests.

11th – Mull Classic Rally – A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Mull Car Club

12th - Dukeries Rally - A round of the AS Performance Tarmacadam Championship, run at Donington Park by Dukeries Motor Club

25th – Memorial Garden Stages Rally - Round of the Scottish Rally Championship at RM Condor, Arbroath, organised by Condor Motorsport Group

April

1st – White Heather Tests - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Wigton Motor Club

15th – Rally Nuts Stages – Round of the BTRDA Championship based in Builth Wells with stages in Hafran forest

16th – Shaw Trophy Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Whickham Motor Club

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

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

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.