**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – February 2024**

**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 2024 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**

**Annual General Meeting**

This was held on the 24th 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 - Gordon Dundee

Safeguarding Officer – Lindsay Burnip

Junior Representative – Vacant

Committee - Mick Stead, Fred Henderson, Edward Todd, Martin Hall and Kim Gardner

There are 4 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 2024 are starting to come together there will be the usual mix of Scatters, Treasure Hunts etc on Wednesday evenings, with as many Autotests as possible depending on the availability of venues, club members will be notified of details as soon as they are available.

The dates for the clubs two main events are set and as always assistance in running them from as many club members as possible would be appreciated, so please put these dates in your diaries.

***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.

***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**

**Targa Rallies**

Lambton Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – Colin Fish – 2nd overall

**Autotest**

West Cumbria Rallytest

Lee Valentine - Marty Chritchlow – 2nd overall

Peter Masters - 8th overall

**Stage Rallies**

Riponian Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 3rd overall

**Other events in the coming months**

**February**

18th – Knockhill Stages – Round of the Scottish Tarmac Rally and AS Performance Tarmacadam Championships at Knockhill Circuit, organised by Border Ecosse Motor Club

24th – Dishforth Targa Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Clitheroe Motor Club

25th – 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**

3rd – West Cumbria Motorsport Club – Rally Test Championship round at Workington Speedway.

8th and 9th – Malcolm Wilson Rally – A round of the BTRDA and SG Petch ANECCC Championships, based in Cockermouth with stages in the Lake District Forests.

9th – Mull Classic Rally – A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Mull Car Club

10th - Dukeries Rally - A round of the AS Performance Tarmacadam Championship, run at Donington Park by Dukeries Motor Club

22nd – 23rd – North West Stages Rally – Closed Road tarmac rally based in Garstang. 1st round of the British rally Championship, also a round of the National Tarmac and ASP performance Rally Championships.

23rd – Kinloss Stages Rally - Round of the Scottish Rally Championship at Kinloss Barracks, Forres, organised by Condor Motorsport Group

23rd – White Heather Tests - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Wigton Motor Club

**April**

10th – Croft Circuit – British Touring Car Testing

13th – Rally Nuts Severn Valley Stages – 2nd round of the British rally Championship also a round of the BTRDA Championship based in Builth Wells with stages in Hafran forest

13th – Hartlepool Autotest

14th – Shaw Trophy Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Whickham Motor Club

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

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

28th – Willie Pattinson Targa Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by South of Scotland Motor Club

27th – 28th – Donington Park – 1st 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.