

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB**

**NEWS SHEET – June 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.

For those who have not yet renewed their club membership, please contact the club Membership Secretary Peter Masters at [peter.masters@live.com](mailto: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)

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 is 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 May – Navigational Scatter**

Starting at Wackerfield and finishing at the Cross Keys in Hamsterley the club ran their second navigational event of the year. The event organised by Pete Masters ran on the familiar roads on map 92, 4 crews left the start and all reached the finish successfully. The results were a first with all four crews finishing on the same points, so congratulations to Mick + Val, Lindsay + Pauline, Ian + Shirley and Gordon + Janelle for finishing joint first.

**Sunday 4th June – Autotest at Croft Circuit**

Thanks to the efforts of Fred Henderson and Peter Masters the club again gained access to an area at Croft Circuit for an Autotest on the 4th June. It was run as an All Forward Production Car Autotest with straight forward tests, and there were 18 entries

Eight tests were run in the morning with a further eight in the afternoon, the event had to finish after these 16 tests as a number of competitors were running out of tyres

At the end of the 16 tests the results couldn’t have been any closer with three second separating 1st and 2nd, and 8 seconds covering 3rd to 7th

Final results were:-

1st – Mark Nicolson – 707 secs

2nd – Stephen Dixon – 710 secs – 1st Front Wheel Drive

3rd – Nick Brown – 783 secs – 2nd Front Wheel Drive

4th – Richard Young – 786 secs

5th – Philip Hodgson – 788 secs -1st Rear Wheel Drive

6th – Peter Masters – 790 secs – 1st car driven to the event

7th – Graham Nicolson – 791 secs

8th – Robin Hunter – 827 secs

9th – Paul swift – 845 secs – 2nd Rear Wheel Drive

10th – David Garstang – 876 secs – 2nd car driven to the event

Thanks to Fred Henderson and Peter Masters for getting the venue, and Lindsay, Andy, Tony, Drew and Holly for their assistance on the day. Finally thank you to Tony Curran for supplying the awards.

**Sunday 18th June – Classics at the Castle**

After running the successful Classics at the Castle for a number of years at Witton Castle due to a number of operational issues the show this year moved to Raby Castle, and changed the date to Father’s Day. With this change of venue and date it was not clear how this would affect the number of entries and spectators, but we should not have worried. The number of entries was down a little but there were still just under 200 vehicles on display, there were many different makes over all age ranges, and the spectator count by Raby Castle was over 900 people attended. From the exhibitors and spectators that were spoken to all enjoyed the event and looked forward to returning next year, Although the books have yet to be balanced this level of attendance should result in a significant donation to the clubs chosen charity, The Great North Air Ambulance.

Thanks to the organising team of Stuart, Andy, Neville, Chris and Steve for their work on putting on this successful show, and to all who help by marshalling on the day.

**Up Coming Durham Automobile Club Events**

**Saturday 1st July** – **Touring Assembly**

Our club Chairman Nicky Porter is organising an evening touring event on Saturday evening the 1st July, for the Mercedes Benz Owners Club, and Durham members are invited to join. It is a 40 mile tour around Teesdale and the reservoirs.

Starting at the Cafe Cheesedale in Copley Lane (DL13 5LW) at 4pm.  Coffee & Cake available at the start from 3.30pm. The finish is at Archers Ice Cream Parlour near Walworth (DL2 2UD) at around 5.30pm.  Ice cream available to 7pm. There is no entry fee but all Food, Ice Cream and drink at participants own expense.

If anyone is interested in joining this event please let Gordon Dundee know at [gandjdundee@gmail.com](mailto:gandjdundee@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 19th July – Treasure Hunt**

The clubs next navigational event will be a Treasure Hunt being organised by Lindsay Burnip, she promises there will not be 50 clues to collect this time, start location will be circulated nearer the date.

**Other Durham Auto Club Members Results**

**Stage Rallies**

Speyside Stages

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 5th overall

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 11th overall

Border Counties Rally

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 2nd overall

Jim Clark Rally

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 5th overall

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 15th overall

Jim Clark Reivers Rally

David Henderson – Chris Lees – 2nd overall

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 7th overall

Summer Stages

Simon Jennings – Andy Brown – 17th overall

Kielder Forest Rally

Stephen Petch – Michael Wilkinson – 6th overall

**Targa Rallies**

Berwick Classic Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – Colin Fish – 9th overall

Rallye East Yorkshire

Kevin Stones – Chris Holden – 20th overall

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

**15th July – Northumberland Rally Festival**

This is a Demonstration Rally at Brunton Airfield in Northumberland, it is organised by Berwick Motor Club and more details can be found at [www.northumberland-rally-festival.co.uk](http://www.northumberland-rally-festival.co.uk) If you are able to marshal please contact the Chief Marshal Darren Smith on [darren1979smith@gmail.com](mailto:darren1979smith@gmail.com) or complete the marshal’s form by following the link on their website.

**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](mailto: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**

June

23rd – 24th - Ypres Rally – 3rd round of the British rally Championship run in Ypres Belgium

23rd – 24th - Argyll Rally – Based in Dunnon this a closed road tarmac rally which is organised by Mull Car Club and is a counting round of the National Tarmac, Scottish and AS Performance Tarmacadam Rally Championships.

24th – 25th – Croft Circuit – 750 Motor Club race meeting

July

2nd - Greystoke Stages Rally – Single venue forest rally held in Greystoke forest, a round of the SG Petch ANECCC Stage Rally Championships

8th - Nicky Grist Stages - Round of the BTRDA Championship based in Builth Wells with stages in Mid-Wales forests

8th – Croft Circuit – Darlington Motor Club race meeting

8th – 9th - Mach 1 Stages – Two day single venue tarmac rally organised by Dunfermline Motor Club on the Machrihanish Airbase, Kintyre. it is a round of the Scottish Tarmack and Scottish Single Venue Rally Championships.

15th - Northumberland Rally Festival - This is a Demonstration Rally at Brunton Airfield in Northumberland, it is organised by Berwick Motor Club

16th - Northern Dales - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Hexham Motor Club at Eastgate

22nd – Down Rally – A round of the National Tarmac rally Championship based in Lisburn and organised by the Ballynahinch & District Motor Club

22nd – Scottish Rally - Based in Dalbeattie this a forest rally which is organised by RSMC and is a counting round of the Scottish Rally Championships.

29th – 30th – Croft Circuit - Round 6 of the British Touring Car Championship

August

12th - Grampian Forest Rally – Based in Crathes, Nr Banchory this a forest rally organised by   
Stonehaven & District Motor Club which is a counting round of the Scottish Rally Championships.

12th – 13th – Knockhill - Round 7 of the British Touring Car Championship

12th – 13th – Croft Circuit – Classic Touring Car Festival

13th – Blue Streak Rally - A round of the NESCRO Challenge organised by Spadeadam Motor Club

18th – 19th – Ulster Rally – 4th round of the British Rally Championship, based in Newry with stages in South Down and Armagh.

20th – Hall Rally - A single venue rally run at Kames by East Ayrshire Car Club and is a round of the Scottish Single Venue Rally Championship

26th – 27th – Donington Park - Round 8 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.