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Peter Masters reducing the diameter of the front tyres in his Suzuki Swift during one of the Christmas Autotests and the best car (up to now!) I have ever owned – my much missed Porsche 944.

Club nights January to February 2019

Durham Auto Club now meet every Wednesday at 8:00pm at the Honest Lawyer Hotel (see address and web link below).

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Durham Auto club Website

<http://www.durhamautoclub.co.uk>

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 9th February 2019

Awards night and Dinner at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. Tickets expected to be around £20 for a three course dinner with raffle and disco – not to be missed!

Don't forget that DAC meets every Wednesday at the Honest Lawyer Hotel between Durham and Croxdale.



A bit of Editors privilege, but I couldn't let the last magazine go out without a picture of my 924 Racing Car. James my Son and work colleague at the time Chris Stephenson had some super weekends with it. Sadly destroyed by the new owner at Brands Hatch

2018 DAC Champions

Stage Rally Championship

Driver – Stephen Petch

Co-Driver – Michael Wilkinson

Clubman Rally Championship

Driver – Simon Jennings

Navigator – Alistair Dundee

Classic Rally Championship

Driver – Tom Hall

Navigator – Ben Wilkinson

Navigational Rally Championship

Driver – Peter Masters

Navigator – Andy Brown

Congratulations to all crews – another outstanding year for DAC members!

Editorial

So that's the AGM over for another year. Congratulations to all the new officers and committee members. Hopefully as things settle down for me, I may be able to make some time to attend a few more DAC events in the future! I was most grateful to be offered a place on the Committee, a post which I am happy to accept. The Editorship of the mag has passed on to Alan Hawdon following the publishing of this Torque Talk, and I'm sure that he will do an excellent job. From speaking to him on Wednesday night, he has some great ideas for the future direction of the mag, which will provide a much needed refresh. I will of course do the occasional article for the mag, so you haven't got rid of me completely yet!

The World Rally Championship kicks off this weekend with the Monte Carlo Rally – the traditional curtain raiser to the new season and what a season it promises to be. Cars have been updated, driver changes have taken place and I think that this could be the most exciting season for a few years. I'm heartened to hear that Malcolm Wilson, the boss of M Sport has stated that he doesn't see why they can't have as good a season as last year, however without Sebastian Ogier – possibly the best driver currently out there, it will be a big ask. It was one of my ambitions to drive the Col du Turini which has been a regular fixture of the Monte for years and hopefully I can fulfil that ambition before I get too much older and dodderly! The big question for me with the WRC this year is will Kris Meeke repay the confidence Toyota has shown in him?

Mauricio Arrivabenne has payed the price for failure to beat Mercedes in last year's F1 Championship. From a very strong position mid-way through the season, Ferrari made some glaring errors with strategy and tyre choice. Not only that, the team at times seemed at odds with itself. Arrivabenne never struck me in the interviews he gave of being a manager in control. He always gave the impression of looking over his shoulder to see where the next dagger was coming from. Granted the death of Sergio Marchionne was a body blow, but you have to wonder if this one man was the glue that held the rest together? Binotto has been appointed as Arrivabenne's replacement, but speculation is rife that Stefano Domenicalli could return to the team that unceremoniously fired him – after not that bad a season. So where to for Ferrari now? Whoever is in charge at the start of the season will know that second isn't good enough, and that all the departments will be under enormous pressure to find that tenth of a second. Failure to provide the goods will result in the Italian equivalent of a P45.

Great news from Julian and Nicky Porter is that BT Sport are going to up their coverage of the WRC. This can only be good news for the series, and whilst it is on a pay per view channel, everyone who is into sport is having to cough up for the privilege of seeing their sport on TV. I for one can't wait to see how it all goes!

I won't go into the details of how my car ended up needing to be repaired, but clearly it wasn't my fault as I certainly didn't reverse into the car behind!!!! What has been interesting is the hire cars I have been supplied with while the BM is off the road. The first car was a Diesel Toyota Land Cruiser. As brilliant as these may be in snow, sand or cutting across a field, I cannot understand why anyone would spend their hard earned cash on one for day to day use. Additionally, it didn't half take a drink of Diesel!!! Happily it was replaced when something more appropriate became available and I was more than a little excited to get the keys to a Merc S Class. I have driven quite a few luxury cars over the years, with probably the Jaguar XJ12 rating as the best one – providing you ignored the petrol tanker that you needed travelling behind you to keep the twin 14 gallon tanks topped up! However the S Class is in a different league. The ride is sublime, the interior is spacious and very comfortable and everything falls easily to hand. It's also the first car I have

driven with a full “glass cockpit” (no mechanical gauges) Had it been petrol instead of Diesel, I would class it as one of the best big saloon cars in the world.

Things are progressing on the flying front, just not as quick as I would have hoped for! Clearly I am not a born pilot, but with more lessons and encouragement I may make an acceptable pilot – maybe! Over the Christmas holidays I read a few chunks of the books I have been given, one of which were recollections of Fighter Pilots who flew in the second World War. After basic flight training, some of these young men had only ten hours of experience before being part of an active Squadron. Ten Hours!!! I’ve had sixteen hours of lessons up to now, and at that point I would have been in the same position as some of “The Few” How these lads handled a Hurricane, Spitfire, Wellington or Lancaster Bomber with sixteen hours is beyond my comprehension. Not only did they fly the aeroplane, but they were being shot at by other young men on the other side in the same position! Air to Air combat after sixteen hours, I would be happy to do a full circuit of Durham Tees Valley Airport without my Tutor!!!

Pleased that the Bloodhound project has been saved. I stand by my comments of last month as to the popularity of the project, but it would be a shame if all the work and money that has gone in to it up do now ended up on a scrap heap. It will be interesting to see if this project achieves its goal of 1000mph which would be a bit of a feather in the cap of British engineering.

One of my other commitments requires an annual trip across to Spain for what usually is a brief meeting. It’s a bit of a nice escape from the Winter, and an opportunity to sort a few things while I’m over there. Cost wise, flying cattle class with Ryanair, the return trip from Newcastle to Alicante comes in at about £90 (needless to say, Ryanair always manage to mug you into something that you really don’t need!) so it’s not the end of the world cost wise. However, Trace and I went down to York to see our friends down there the other day and I couldn’t believe the cost of a pair of train tickets for what is – essentially – a two hundred mile train journey. £67 which is the discounted price with my old gadgee Rail Card!!!! This was for one of those trains that doesn’t go particularly fast (kind of an old bus on railway wheels!) and the journey home was one of the most unpleasant I have made in a long time. What was the old saying? Everyone likes a drink, nobody likes a drunk? The general wisdom is we should be using public transport more – I’ll have a big helping of “no thanks” on that one!!!

It’s my intention to assist Fred with the organisation of the next Veterans Event in March, so if you know of any ex DAC members from the past, please make them aware of the event, and hopefully we can meet up with a few more names and faces. I know that there are a few ex members who are going through a difficult time health wise, so could I wish you all a speedy recovery from all of us at Durham Automobile Club.

This is my last Torque Talk as Editor, and it would be very remiss of me not to thank people who have made this job a lot easier than it could have been. Chiefly Andy Brown and Pam Broom who have checked to make sure that the draft versions of the mag were up to standard before they escaped. Peter Masters who has provided countless reports and photos. Fred Henderson and Nicky Porter for ideas and encouragement and finally Mrs Hall who has been invaluable in providing a sounding board and proof reader par excellence, as well as putting up with me when things didn’t go quite to plan! I hope you have enjoyed my attempts at producing the mag for what I believe is the best motor club in the North East if not the Country!

Marty

Chairman's report

As this is the end of our 2018 club year, I would just like to reflect on another busy year.

Membership - We have retained the membership level we achieved in 2017. As a reminder I set myself a target of 100 members and we smashed that to reach 160.

MSA Recognition - The club was picked to appear in the MSA newsletter by our regional Go Motorsport representative. Also Lindsay Burnip (Club Treasurer) once again received special recognition by Motorsport UK in the volunteer of the year award. It makes me feel very proud when our club and members are receiving recognition from our governing body.

Media/Magazine - Martin Hall is standing down today after three years as Magazine Editor. I would like to thank Marty for producing a great club magazine.

Events

Wearside Classics - Gordon Dundee and his official's team held another successful Wearside Classic at Nissan which continues to be a very popular event for the competitors. This year we had a few issues on the day and leading up to the event. But all was sorted on the day by Gordon and his team. It isn't mentioned very often but there is a lot of work behind the scenes that Gordon does when organising this event. As he is running the club championship, Navigation events and the Wearside Classic, I would like to thank Gordon for all of the work he does during the year.

Classics at the Castle – Pam Broom and her team organised another successful event which surprised us all again with nearly 300 competitors taking part. We don't know how many spectators attended the event but the marshals on the day were kept very busy right up until the end of the show. I would like to thank Pam for all of the work she does during the year.

Club Nights - We have had a full year of club night events. Please be aware there is a lot of work that goes on in the background to organise club events and I would like to see more support from club members by turning up and attending these events. We are not just a club for motorsport competitions, we are also a social and friendly club which can be seen at club NOG & NATTER nights. Thank you to Pam Broom our social secretary for organising the club calendar.

We have had many club members competing this year, far too many to mention all of you. But I'd like to say congratulations to Stephen Petch and Michael Wilkinson for their second overall on the BTRDA rally championship. Simon Jennings won the NESPRO 2018 Targa rally Championship and

John Nicholson won the drivers title in the 2018 HRCR Motorscope Northern Historic Asphalt Rally championship and also finished 2nd overall in class D3 of the same championship.

To everyone who has competed in 2018 as a Durham Auto Club Member, well done.

I'd also like to thank those members who without them our events would not run, yes the merry band of DAC Marshals.

To finish my report I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their support in making 2018 another successful year for Durham Automobile Club.

Andy Brown

Chairman of Durham Automobile Club

Social Secretary Report January 2019

The last year was over in a flash so I thought I would just start this report with a quick summary of how the year went before I move on to what is in the Diary for the next few months!

The first thing in the 2018 Social Calendar was the Awards Night and dinner Dance. We had 70 members attend the Park Head Hotel for what turned out to be a lovely night except that the food was somewhat under PAR..so for 2019 we have a change of venue for this year with the Awards night and dinner being held on 9th February at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. More to follow...

We then had Fred's Veterans Night early in March and the Navigational series started in April with a Scatter organised by Peter Masters and continued through to October with scatters and Treasure Hunts organised by Nikki & Ian, Gordon and myself.

The Club attended a couple of Car Shows to promote DAC and our Classics at the Castle Event. We invested in some new banners, a gazebo and some display boards and promotional materials, these were a great long term investment for the club and all of them have been used successfully throughout 2018. We attracted new members at these events and generated interest and entries for Classics at the Castle. That event had 300 entries this year brought in a good PROFIT to the club and also generated almost £2300 of income for the Great North Air Ambulance service.

DAC was well represented at various Inter Club quizzes and overall acquitted themselves quite well.

In December we were honoured to host an evening with JULIAN PORTER. This was held at the Bishop Auckland Golf Club and over 50 guests and members had a thoroughly entertaining evening listening to the inside stories for the works of World Rallying. This was topped off with a superb buffet.

RIGHT ...On to 2019.

The CLUB AWARDS NIGHT AND DINNER is on SATURDAY 9th February. Great new Venue BISHOP AUCKLAND GOLF CLUB. More details and menu at the end of this report. PLEASE BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL ALSO have a raffle with some great prizes and also AN AUCTION..Julian Porter has very generously donated a fantastic selection of 2018 WRC QUALITY COTHING which we will be AUCTIONING on the night... These items will be exclusively available to those attending the dinner!

- 4: WRC Medium weight Jackets. Large.
- 3: WRC Lightweight Jackets. Large.
- 1: WRC Lightweight waterproof rain coat. 1 X Large.
- 1: WRC Fleece. Large.
- 1: WRC Polo Shirt. Large.
- 1: WRC Sweat Shirt.
- Several WRC Trousers and 2 pairs of Shorts.
- Several WRC T Shirts.

- 1: Lotos ERC Fleece (Lotos Sponsor European RC and this fleece was given to Julian by the 2016 Championship winner!)
- 2: ERC Caps.

SOME of these items will be raffled and others AUCTIONED...A great opportunity to bag yourselves some superb gear.

In 2017 Club Members Pam & Owen Frankland, navigated their vintage MG around the coast of Britain in what became known as **THE NUM BUM Tour** raising money for charity. Owen kept people informed via a blog about breakdowns, mini adventures and characters they met along the way. Owen has now put everything together on a short slide show and talk which he will be presenting to members **in February... I hope to confirm a date very soon.**

We are launching a new **TABLE TOP NAVIGATION CHALLENGE...beginning on 20th February** at the **HONEST LAWYER at 8pm** and running through the year there will be 7 rounds in total with the aim of improving everyone's navigational skills. Ideal for everyone from complete beginners to the more experienced. MORE info at the end of this and via email!

Nicky Porters WORLD TOUR EXPERIENCE 2018! 20th March – Bishop Auckland Golf CLUB

Some of you may know that in 2018 Club President Nicky Porter and wife Wendy undertook a World Cruise...but those of you that know Nicky should know cars and adventures would also be a feature of his experience. Nicky and Wendy jumped ship at every opportunity and fitted in many driving experiences, culinary delights, adventures, wine tastings and more, including meeting up with old friends from the good old days of rallying. Nicky is going to share his experiences with us all it will be a brilliantly entertaining evening with some magnificent and stunning photo's.

We will be hosting the night ON 20th MARCH at the Bishop Auckland Golf Club and will again have a great buffet on offer. (we will not be charging for the buffet but will gladly accept donations towards the cost on the night)

FRED HENDERSON will be hosting another of his VETERANS SOCIAL NIGHTS on Wednesday 27th March at the Honest Lawyer at 8pm. While the name of the event is VETERANS NIGHT ALL CLUB MEMBERS and friends are welcome. It has become a bit of a tradition now that 'old' members from years gone by come along to the club to chat and mingle with current members. We are usually very fortunate to welcome back some well-known drivers, navigators and personalities from the Golden Years of Rallying. It is a **great social night, a buffet is provided** and we hope to show some films of events from the 70's and early 80's. I will keep you posted by email and will hope to see many of you at one or more of these events.

We will soon be working on a programme of Treasure Hunts, Scatters and other evening challenges and will keep you all posted.

I would also just like to take a second to thank Marty Hall for three great years of dedication in producing a really classy magazine for DAC. THANK YOU MARTY. It is also time to WELCOME new magazine editor Alan Hawdon who will be ably assisted by wife Lynn. Alan has competed at various events over the years and has been a club member for a few years.. I am sure he will tell everyone more about himself in due course! WELCOME ABOARD!

2019 DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT

Saturday 9th February

VENUE: Bishop Auckland Golf Club.

To Include: GRAND AUCTION of 2018 WRC Clothing plus Raffle of a range of other quality prizes

There will be a **3 course meal** and the Awards will be presented to the winners of the Club Championship as published in the Club Magazine. **MENU BELOW please make your selections from the Starter & Main Course options** you can choose your sweet on the night. **It is essential you book your places as soon as possible.....**

COST: £20 per head

PAYMENTS: By BACS , Cheque or cash – details will be sent once I receive your booking

****I NEED BOOKINGS, MENU CHOICES COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY PLEASE PAYMENTS by 2nd February please****

PLEASE EMAIL/TEXT or Phone me to book your tickets. Pam.broom@btinternet.com 07733243842

MENU

Starters

Vegetable Soup with Bread Roll

Pate with Toast

Thai fishcake with sweet chilli dip

Main Courses

Chicken with Seasonal Vegetables and New potatoes

Beef Bourguignon with Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Lasagne with Salad and Garlic Bread

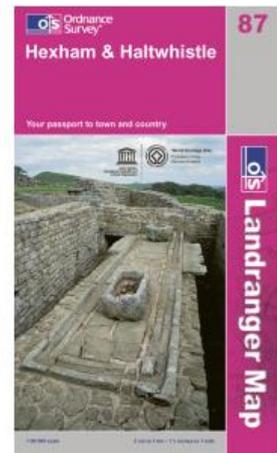
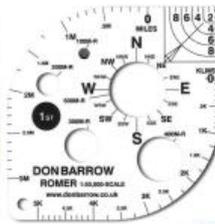
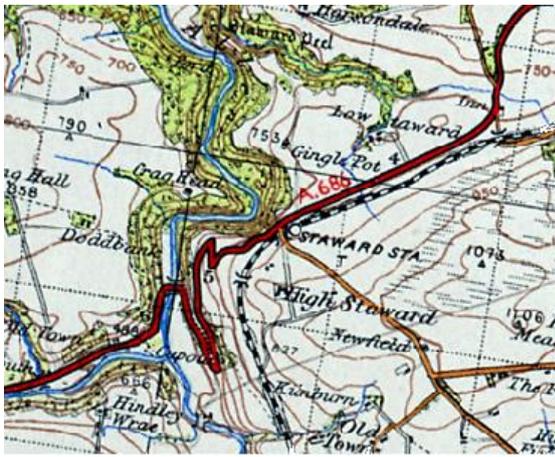
(Vegetarian) Three cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake

Desserts

A choice of desserts will be available on the evening

Tea or Coffee

Cost £20 per head



Welcome to the 2019 Durham Auto Club Table Top Challenge!

Back in the good old days of road rallying and 12 car rallying map reading was a real skill and it was only possible to win events if you knew your way around an Ordnance Survey map. Well this year we plan to take you back to the grass roots of motor sport with our DAC Table Top Challenge!

You're not going to need the fastest car! (or any car for that matter)
You're not going to need a bulging wallet!

All that you're going to need is:

1. A pencil (and sharpener)
2. A rubber (you will make mistakes)
3. Map 87 (available for around £8.00)
4. Enthusiasm!
5. Five spare Wednesday nights to come along to take part!

So what's involved?

We've devised seven rounds of the DAC Table Top Challenge and it's been designed to walk you through the process of how to read and navigate your way around a map from the basics in round one to more advanced techniques in the later rounds. If you're interested in taking part in a 12 car rally or road rally then this is the best way to learn the necessary skills.

The challenge is open to any Durham club member and you don't need any previous experience of map reading to take part. We're going to teach you the skills that you'll need along the way from basic map references through to herring bones and some other funky stuff that you may not have seen before!

The challenge is suitable for beginners and experts alike so don't be afraid to have a go! There will also be help and advice on the night to guide you along the way. It's a challenge so if you like puzzles and logic you're going to enjoy the events.

There will be seven rounds, between February and December on a Wednesday evening at the motor club venue. You'll have to complete five of the seven rounds to have a chance of becoming the 2019 DAC Table Top Champion! (And there'll also be a Novice award too)

Please register your interest in having a go with pam.broom@btinternet.com

We need at least 6 participants! LEARN & COMPETE at the same time! It's a Win Win!

ROUND 1 WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 8pm Honest Lawyer

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9th

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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Three Autotests of Christmas.

23rd December

Eden Valley Motor Club

Grand Prix Services Brough

This was a mixed surface event, gravel and tarmac at the bus depot. The club had to go back the week after to replace all the gravel that was displaced. A good entry of 21 drivers entered, with quite a few under 17s which was good to see. They all had to have a qualified driver in with them. Another good thing about the event was that all cars were fairly standard road cars with the exception of some road rally cars. ie no Autotest cars.

Only one test ran, but the organisation was pretty slick and cars ran in order without any delays, so we got about a dozen tests. It was also very easy. A god send for me with my shocking memory.

I was leading all day, up to the last couple of tests, but was pipped into second by a Proton Satira road rally car. 3 seconds down in the end. It was my reversing that let me down.

A great day out with fairly relaxed tests.

30th December

Wigton Motor Club

Derelict Alcan plant Workington

This was a great venue acquired by Wigton MC. During the war it manufactured parts for planes and missiles. It shut down about 10 years ago and has been disused since. It was huge. Hopefully they are running some auto solos there this year. These will be awesome events. Two tests were ran together. One very easy and one more involved, with reversing in both of them. I got off to a bad start by wrong testing on the harder one. This test area was covered in a layer of liquid mud. It made the test much more interesting. Zero traction. You should have seen the state of Willie Keening in his Sylvia Stryker Autotest special. The only pure Autotest car entered. He was dripping in mud after every test. His times were miles ahead of everyone else's though. All the other cars were pretty standard road and rally cars, modern and historic. Half the field were running as PCA cars with passengers. The tests having less reversing in them too. I was running in the Autotest class.

I managed 3rd in class despite the wrong test. About 30 cars were entered.

A cracking day out in the mud.

6th January

Hartlepool Plumb Pudding Autotest.

Seaton Carew carpark

Another full entry of 30 cars, with some very good drivers entered. Several British Autotest championship winners. So I knew I would finish well down the field. Also the tests were incredibly hard to learn. Stu promised easier tests this year after I got three wrong ones last year. He lied they were just as evil. Most people struggled to learn them. Have never seen so many wrong tests. Lots were just making their own tests up.

There were lots of Mini Specials entered, so knew the winner would come from one of these.

Richard Pinkney was out in a MK2 Escort, that he had been building for a few years now. It was good to see it out and he was as spectacular to watch as expected. Although not as quick as his Caterham, which usually wins. Good to see his son and daughter entered in Minis.

Paul Swift had an early disaster with a broken drive shaft, on his Mini Special which gave him a poor time on one test. He managed to push it to complete the test though. Mark Thornton was out

in his new Mini Special, but was just getting used to it, so not up to speed yet. It was obvious early on the Dave Mosey was going to be the one to beat.

As usual there were lots of MX5's out. These seem to be the car of choice with clubman competitors. They can be used in all forms of motorsport, from Stage Rallies, road rallies, Autotests to car trials.

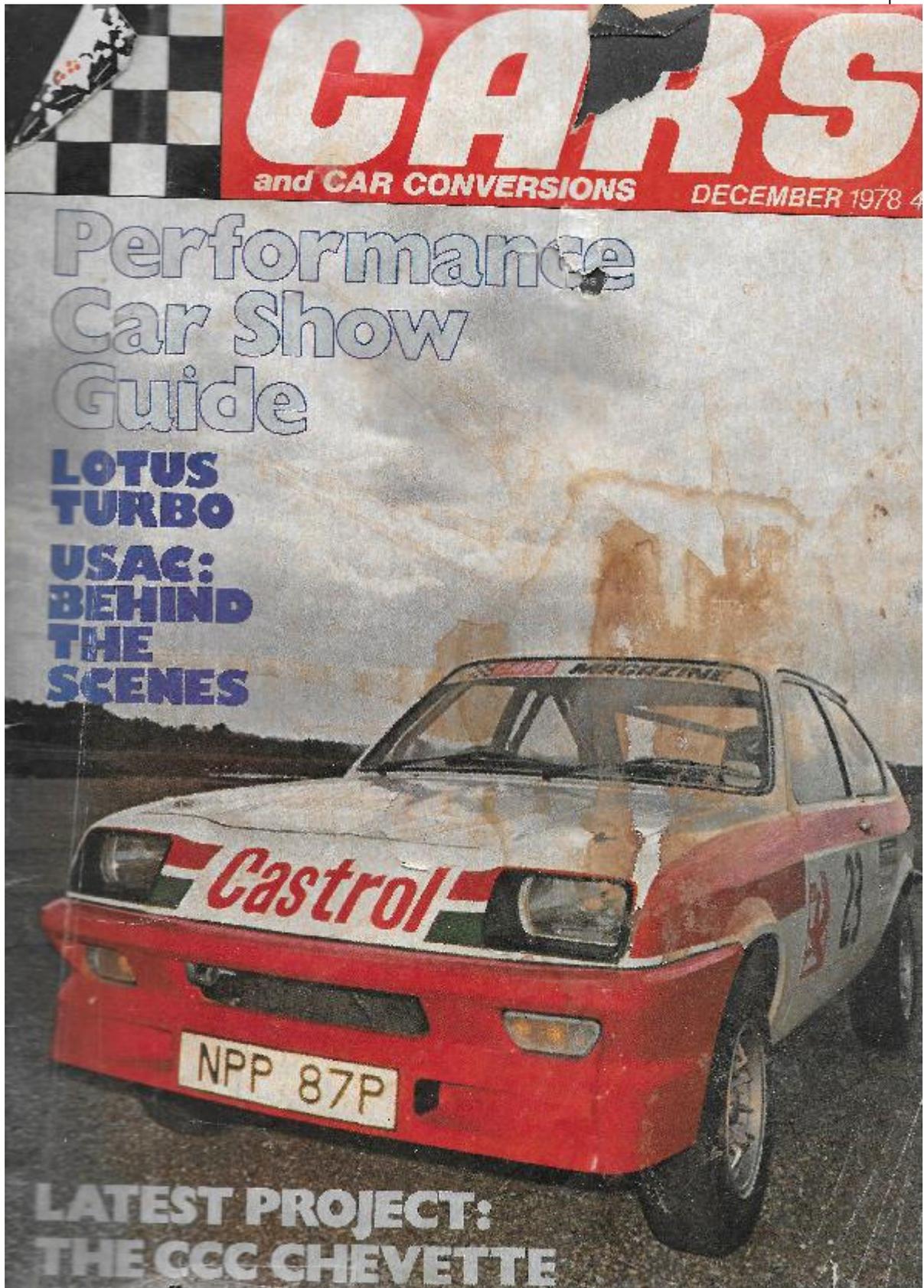
Dave Mosey took first overall. I finished 12th overall I think in my Alto. I think I was the only one to actually drive the car there. It ran faultlessly as ever. It was just me getting two wrong tests that let it down.

Peter Masters

Plum Pudding Autotest Results

1st.	Dave Mosey.	Mini special	
2.	Paul Swift.	Mini special	
3.	Willie Keening.	Stryker	
4.	Tom Hall	Riley Elf.	1st fwd
5.	Murray Walker.	Nova.	1st special
6.	MarkThornton.	Mini Special.	2nd special
7.	Mark Nicholson.	Mini scamp	
8.	Philip Mayne.	Mini	
9.	Richard Pinkney.	Escort	1st RWD
10.	Jordon Pinkney.	Mini special	
11.	Peter Masters.	Suzuki Alto.	2nd. Fwd
12.	Harry Raylor.	MX5 special	
13.	Graham Nicholson.	Toyota starlet	
14.	Phil Peak.	MX5 special	
15.	Sean Young.	MX5.	1st MX5
16.	Cameron Pinkney.	Mini	
17.	Chris Wilgress	RX8	
18.	Andy H.	KA	
19.	Alan Wheatley.	Corsa	
20.	Richard young.	Metro	
21.	David Wooton.	C2	
22.	Robin Hunter.	Wagon R	
23.	Nick Brown.	Wagon R	
24.	Amy Brown.	MX5.	2nd MX5
25.	Steve Brown.	Mx5	
26.	John Mayne.	Escort	
27.	Chris Langan.	Escort	
28.	Lee Moody.	Mx5	
29.	Louis Allen.	RX8	
30.	Callum.	MX5	

Blast from the Past this Month is Fred Henderson' CCC Chevette.
December 2018 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Project



Following the successful campaign with the Oates Toyota Corolla TE37, Fred Henderson embarked on a project in conjunction with Car and Car Conversions Magazine and Dealer Team Vauxhall to produce a cost effective, clubman's "Forest Racer" I was standing just behind the photographer when the front cover photo was taken, and spent many hours with Fred and Colin Saxton gradually refining, developing and on event servicing with this car. It is fair to say that with others, we made a formidable team, and whilst the first win was a bit of time coming, the car proved itself a worthy contender both locally and in the BTRDA stage rally series.

First runs of the car following the photo call were promising, however Fred did say that the power came in quite abruptly. This was undoubtable some of the cause of a roll on the second event for the car and was finally tracked down to the incorrect fitting of a full race GT5X cam instead of the specified GT4X.

The car's first win was on the Otterburn Stages with Peter Newton – Editor of CCC – in the hot seat. The car also appeared on several TV events, as well as being part of the entourage that toured the country as part of the DTV Dealer Evenings. The car was retired by Fred after three years with an ex Jimmy McRae Chevette HS taking its place.

Brief specifications and upgrades:

Bodyshell

Built from a road car, minimal strengthening which included gussets at the join between front chassis rail and bulkhead. Vertical rear shock absorber mounts, double layer front suspension top hats. Safety Devices Roll Cage. DTV Durallium sump guard. Foam filled sills and body voids.

Engine

2.3 Single overhead cam Vauxhall, twin 48DHDLA Dellorto Carbs, Janspeed exhaust manifold, Blydenstein big valve head (those valves were BIG!!!) standard bottom end. Lubrication by uprated oil pump and Castrol Product 351. Lumenition Optronic ignition

Engine later changed to 2.6 stroker single cam, 2.3 Vauxhall twin cam and 2.6 Vauxhall twin cam. I'm not sure if Fred would agree, but the 2.6 Single Cam suited the car best to me.

Gearbox and Diff

Close ratio Viva GT/Vauxhall Cresta derived 4 speed gearbox. Replaced pretty rapidly by a Getrag 5 speed unit. 4 speed was a bit fragile! Kadette GTE solid rear axle with Torque tube and LSD. Torque tube deleted when the conversion to 5 link rear suspension was carried out.

Suspension

Coil springs with Bilstein shock absorbers, three link rear axle via Torque Tube and Panhard rod. This was uprated to a five link rear axle which proved to be a very worthwhile change. Vertical shock absorber mounts from the Chevette Saloon were employed.

Brakes

Solid front discs with Opel Kadett/Chevette HS calipers. Ferodo linings (DS11 maybe) with twin circuit, balance bar adjustable bias. Rear drum brakes with manual adjusters (VG95 linings?). Castrol Racing Brake Fluid (still the best!) Rear brakes uprated to solid disc and direct acting mechanical handbrake during the conversion to five link rear axle

The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale Bridge

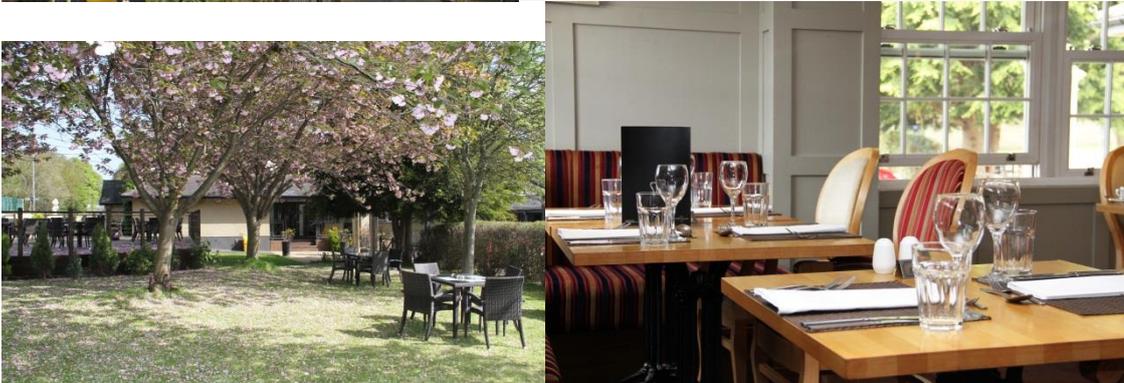
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The hotel's renowned AA rosette awarded Baileys Bar and Restaurant. Food served all day, offering a quality combination of locally sourced food, a relaxed atmosphere and friendly service.

Menus change seasonally, created by respected Executive Head Chef Harry Bailie, with inspired dishes and hearty classics.

Bailey's bar offers a more relaxed dining option, where dishes such as the popular Homemade classic steak burger; fish and chips served, along with an extensive selection of beers, wines, spirits. Speciality teas and coffees are available throughout the day, along with a lite-bite lunch menu.

We look forward to seeing you!



DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd 2018 Autotest Championship

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd 2018 Championships

Stage Rally Results from 10th September to 11th November 2018

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee gandjdundee@gmail.com

Grizedale Stages

Stephen Petch – 2nd class 5 – 9 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 2nd class 5 – 9 pts

Steve Petch – 16th class 5 – 1 pt

Andy Brown – 12th class 2 – 1 pt

Christmas Stages

Ed Todd – 1st class 3 – 10 pts

Andy Brown – 1st class 3 – 10 pts

Andrew Grimstone – 15th class 3 – 1 pt

Andrew Hutchinson – 15th class 3 – 1 pt

Mark Blenkinsop – 21st class 5 – 1 pt

Adam Blenkinsop – 21st class 5 – 1 pt

Joe Hutchinson – 4th class 3 – 7 pts

Colin Tombs – 13th class 3 – 1 pt

Points Standings

Drivers

Stephen Petch – 49 pts (62 pts)

John Nicholson – 31 pts

Ed Todd – 27 pts

Steve Petch – 14 pts

Andrew Grimstone – 12 pts

Andy Drake - 1 pt

Mark Blenkinsop – 1 pt

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 49 pts (62 pts)

Andy Brown - 38 pts (40 pts)

Andrew Hutchinson – 20pts

Helen Lymburn – 10 pts

Joe Hutchinson – 7 pts

Colin Tombs – 5 pts

Jeff Bedford – 1 pt

Adam Blenkinsop – 1 pt

Navigational Rally Championship Final Results.

Drivers

Peter Masters – 30 pts

Ian Burrows – 30 pts

Simon Jennings – 29 pts

Mick Stead – 28 pts

Roger Broom – 27 pts

Gordon Dundee – 21 pts

Janelle Dundee – 18 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 17 pts

Stuart Anderson – 13 pts

Kim Gardiner – 13 pts

Nikki Halliwell – 12 pts

Joan Woods – 10 pts

Dave Sharp – 9 pts

Richard Young – 7 pts

Broden Forster – 7 pts

Addison Forster -7 pts

Paul Forster - 6 pts

Lewis Briggs – 6 pts

Navigator

Andy Brown – 43 pts

Pam Broom – 42 pts

Ben Wilkinson – 23 pts

Janelle Dundee – 21 pts

Tom Burrows – 20 pts

Gordon Dundee – 18 pts

Catherine Hutchinson – 17 pts

Peter Gardiner – 13 pts

Chris Thirling – 13 pts

Nikki Halliwell – 10 pts

Lindsay Burnip – 10 pts

Dave Johnson – 9 pts

Sharp Family – 9 pts

Peter Dark – 8 pts

Kara Thompson – 7 pts

Paul Forster - 7 pts

Broden Forster – 6 pts

Hannah Walland – 6 pts

Sam Halliwell – 2 pts

Clubman and Classic Rally Results up to 31st December 2018

Counting events are those listed in the NESCO calendar, and the points calculation is those used in the NESCO Challenge

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee gandjdundee@gmail.com (note new e-mail address)

Events run to date

1 – Berwick Classic

2 – South of Scotland Targa Rally

3 – Ilkley Classic Rally

4 – Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

5 – Lake District Classic

6 – Northern Dales Classic

7 – Blue Streak Targa Rally

8 – Wearside Classic Rally

9 - Doonhamer Classic Rally

10 - Solway Classic

11 - Saltire Classic

Points Standings (numbers in bracket's are events competitor has scored points in)

Clubman Rally

Drivers

Simon Jennings (2,4,6,8,9,10,11) – 597.6 pts

Gordon Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts

Harry Raylor (6, 8) – 121.6 pts

Kim Gardiner (6, 8, 10) – 66.5 pts

Stuart Layton (6) – 50.0 pts

Roger Broom (8) – 36.1 pts

Ian Peake (4) – 27.6 pts

Richard Young (8) – 18.7 pts

Navigators

Alistair Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts

Stuart Layton (8) – 88.3 pts

Clive White – (11) – 62.4 pts

Pam Broom – (8) – 44.8 pts

Andy Brown (8) – 36.1 pts

Classic Rally

Drivers

Tom Hall (6) – 100.9 pts

Lee Valentine (8) – 90.0 pts

Mick Stead (6, 8) – 49.1 pts

Robert Cook (4) – 10.0 pts

Navigators

Ben Wilkinson (8) – 30.0 pts

Peter Masters (6) – 19.1 pts

Geoff Morson (6) – 10.0 pts

Navigational Rally results

October Photo Scatter (organized by Gordon Dundee)

1st - Roger Broom – Andy Brown

2nd – Pete Masters – Pam Broom

3rd - Stuart Anderson – Chris Thirling

4th - Andrew Hutchinson - Catherine Hutchinson

5th – Lewis Briggs – Hannah Walland

6th - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

7th - Ian Burrows - Tom Burrows

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Position	Driver	Organisers Points	May Scatter	May Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	August Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	Total
1st	Peter Masters	10		2	9		9	30
2nd	Ian Burrows	10	9			7	4	30
3rd	Simon Jennings		10	9	10			29
4th	Mick Stead		6	5	8	4	5	28
5th	Roger Broom		5	4		8	10	27
6th	Gordon Dundee	10		8		3		21
7th	Janelle Dundee	10	8					18
8th	Andrew Hutchinson			10			7	17
=9th	Stuart Anderson					5	8	13
=9th	Kim Gardener		7			6		13
11th	Nikki Halliwell	10				2		12
12th	Joan Wood					10		10
13th	Dave Sharp					9		9
=14th	Richard Young		4	3				7
=14th	Broden Forster				7			7
=14th	Addison Forster			7				7
=17th	Paul Forster			6				6
=17th	Lewis Briggs						6	6

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Position	Navigator	Organisers Points	May Scatter	May Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	August Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	Total
1st	Andy Brown		10	5	10	8	10	43
2nd	Pam Broom	10	5	9	9		9	42
3rd	Ben Wilkinson		6		8	4	5	23
4th	Janelle Dundee	10		8		3		21
5th	Tom Burrows		9			7	4	20
6th	Gordon Dundee	10	8					18
7th	Catherine Hutchinson			10			7	17
=8th	Peter Gardiner		7			6		13
=8th	Chris Thirling					5	8	13
=10th	Nikki Halliwell	10						10
=10th	Lindsay Burnip					10		10
=12th	Dave Johnson		9					9
=12th	Sharp Family					9		9
14th	Peter Dark		4	4				8
=15th	Kara Thompson			7				7
=15th	Paul Forster				7			7
=17th	Broden Forster			6				6
=17th	Hannah Walland						6	6
19th	Sam Halliwell					2		2

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS and DATES FOR DIARY

JANUARY 2019

- Wednesday 2nd Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
- Wednesday 9th COMMITTEE MEETING Honest Lawyer 8pm
- Wednesday 16th **AGM Honest Lawyer 8pm**
- Wednesday 23rd Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
- Wednesday 30th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm

February 2019

Saturday 9th Durham Automobile Club Dinner and Awards Night – get your tickets soon, they are going fast!!!

THERE WILL BE DATES FOR GUEST SPEAKERS, QUIZ NIGHTS, ETC ANNOUNCED SOON SO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE AND ALSO YOUR EMAIL IN BOX.

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