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Best in show winner at Classics at the Castle was this beautiful TR6. Probably the oldest vehicle at the show was this Kerosene burning tractor

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Editorial

What a superb event the Classics at the Castle last weekend was! Very well attended with some brilliant exhibits which ranged from a kerosene powered tractor to a bang up to date Porsche Cayman. The autojumble stands had some really interesting stuff and the various club stands were again well attended with a great cross section of cars. Highlights for me was the Ferrari 246 targa, Rolls Royce Silver Shadow with original purchase invoice and an Abarth Fiat 131 complete with factory fitted supercharged twin cam engine. Apparently there were only 25 made but true to form with Fiat, that figure could turn out to be 100 – or so!!!

The competition for Best in Show was of a very high standard, and the winning TR6 looked beautiful. However my favourite of the lot was the Triumph TR2 of our very own Stuart Anderson. What a lovely little car that is! The judges certainly had a tough time deciding the class winners and the Best in Show. However it was only fortunate that a certain BMW 440 hadn't been entered as it would have wiped the floor with the competition (some chance! It takes more than a bottle of Auto Glym and a microfiber cloth to win in this hallowed company!)

All concerned with the planning and running of the event should be very proud of their efforts especially Pam Broom, Nicky and Wendy Porter, Neville who lead the judges, all Marshalls especially Andy Brown and Andrew Hutchinson who I saw go well beyond the call of duty sorting out a few issues. All told, an event Durham Automobile Club can be well proud of hosting. Well done everyone, here's to next year!

For once, brilliant sunshine over two days greeted competitors and spectators at Croft for the BTCC Touring Car event. The crowd wasn't quite as large as usual, probably due to 22 blokes chasing a bag of air around a field in something called the World Cup, however the racing was as good as ever, with plenty of action and of course incident. I do however have a bit of a gripe. The quality of the catering wasn't anywhere near as good as previous years and the cost of the catering had shot up. I appreciate that you are a captive audience, but the words "rip off" spring readily to mind, especially the exorbitant cost of soft drinks. My other gripe (sorry!) is why do some people think that lighting an instant barbecue as the racing commences is a good idea. Smoke and fumes showed a healthy disregard for fellow spectators. I'm in no way in favour of any bans, but a little bit of consideration wouldn't go amiss.

However I cannot mention the BTCC event at Croft without mentioning our very own Fred Henderson and his team who handle the circuit recovery services. Quick to an incident, cars carefully and quickly recovered, and racing recommenced with the minimum of delay. In fact it was so good that Fred and his team were mentioned by ex BTCC driver Paul O'Neil during the coverage on ITV4. Well done Sir, an object lesson on how it should be done and how other circuits should be doing it!

Naughty step time! My thanks go to ex DAC Magazine Editor Colin Wilson who pointed out that there is no "e" at the end of Roger Clark and that Audi prefer quattro to be spelt with a lower case "q" and two "t"s. No excuses, just got it wrong. With my misdemeanours at work, I have become quite well acquainted with the naughty step!

We finally got to use the free drive clean prize that we won at the Dinner Dance in January. Draco cleaning services came along with a pressure washer that made my Nilfisk look like a pea shooter! The results speak for themselves, with dirt and grime that had been there for years obliterated! If you are in the market to get your drive or block paving cleaned, I can thoroughly recommend

them. Above all else, Mrs Hall is happy with the clean drive, which I have been told can stay like that!

The British Grand Prix turned out to be quite a race. After a superb lap to gain pole by a few thousands of a second, Lewis Hamilton looked all set to take a lights to flag victory, however Kimi Raikkonen had other ideas and gently tapped Lewis into a spin, demoting him to dead last. A sterling drive saw Lewis recover to second, but unfortunately he didn't have the pace to catch Seb Vettel. Was the touch intentional? Depends if you are a fan of Lewis or not!

There have been a few occasions where I have done things that I have been really proud of. My first award in a DAC Autotest, finishing the Tour of Hamsterly, my first and only podium racing in the 924 Championship, and my first landing as pilot of an aeroplane. It's been quite a build up to it, but after six lessons, I finally landed on Runway 06 at Durham Tees Valley. If anyone thinks that landing a light aircraft is a doddle, I can assure you that it isn't! What was just as good however was retracting the flaps, turning off the carburettor heat, applying full power, taking off and doing it again! Next step, sometime in the dim and distant future, a solo flight. Love this flying lark!

I was saddened to hear that William Dunlop had lost his life during the Skerries 100 practice. Son of Robert and Nephew of the great Joey Dunlop, William carried the Dunlop family flag with success and aplomb. All in all it has been a bit of a tragic month or two for motorcycle road racing with four or five riders losing their lives or suffering life threatening injuries. However, no one is forcing riders to compete and the do gooders who think that it is time to ban road racing should return to playing tiddlywinks and mind their own business.

What a car the Porsche 919 tribute is. Not content with breaking the lap record at Spa, it went on to demolish the unofficial lap record at the Nurburgring – by just over a minute! I just wonder that as we move to more and more hybrid power and regulation changes to accommodate electric racing cars if we have just witnessed our “Concorde” moment in motorsport i.e. it won't get any better than this.

From fourteenth on the grid to a win is quite an accomplishment by Lewis Hamilton at the German GP! I appreciate that it took a bit of good fortune in Seb Vettel driving off the road and into the barriers (VERY un Seb like, during a safety car moment with no pressure but to keep it on the island!) but it was still a brilliant result. In a way, it kind of made up for the disappointment of Silverstone, and I'm sure the top brass at Mercedes were over the moon to have a win on home soil.

As I closed this editorial, news came through of the death of Jim Porter, known most famously as the navigator of the great Roger Clark. The pairing of Roger and Jim was one of the most famous when I started out rallying, and together they made a formidable team, together with the Group 4, Cossack sponsored Ford Escort RS1800. Very sad news, and I would like to pass on my and the Club's deepest sympathies to his Wife and Family

That's it for this month, good luck if competing!

Marty

Chairman's report

As the dust settles after the Classics at the Castle car show at Witton Castle, I would like to say a massive thank you to Witton Castle, our sponsors, the Marshals and the members of the sub-committee headed up by Pam Broom. Last year, we said that this year would be bigger and better and we delivered on our promise. I had a great time working with an amazing team who worked tirelessly to put on a great and successful event. We had more exhibitors this year and visitors arriving throughout the day. We are already getting enquiries for the 2019 Event.

Unfortunately this year, the Northern Dales Classic at Eastgate cement works clashed with our Classics at the Castle, but we still had some DAC members competing on this cracking event run by Hexham Motor Club. I'm hoping that a report will be passed onto Martin Hall from one of the competitors to let us know how they got on.

The Wearside Classics is progressing well, and will be held on the 9th September at Nissan Motor Manufacturing Plant. Regulations and Entry Form are published on the DAC website. We need lots of Competitors and Marshal to make this flagship events another success.

We have some Navigation events, Auto tests, Gymkhana and social nights planned for the coming months. Please checking your emails, the DAC website and Facebook page for details of these events.

Don't miss out.

The Committee would like to encourage younger motorsport enthusiast to join DAC. This could start with your children to visiting local colleges and Schools. If you know any young people we could reach out too or you have some ideas of activities we could run to encourage them to take part in, let a member of the Committee know (the Committee members are listed at the end of this magazine).

Warning

As we pass the mid-point of our club year, we still do not have a replacement Magazine Editor, ready to take over from Martin Hall at the end year. This means we only have 5 more editions of the Talk Torque magazine, unless we can find a volunteer to take over from Martin. Martin continues to publish a great magazine that is even read by a DAC member in the Philippines (Hi Neil ☺). So it really is a global magazine. If you would like to volunteer to publish the Torque Talk Magazine to our club members, please see a member of the committee at the Honest Lawyer on any club night.

Keep safe and cool in this heatwave. Let's see you all at our club events.

Andy Brown

Social Secretary Report June 2018

Hello All, sorry this is very brief this month. As no doubt you are aware most of my time for the last few weeks have been taken up with Classics at the Castle. More to follow.

THE GYMKHANA planned for 5th August has had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. If we can reschedule I will let everyone know ASAP.

I am planning on organising a TREASURE HUNT for 22nd or 29th August, more details to follow!

Gordon is going to organise a PHOTO SCATTER for September, before the nights cut in too much.

I will try and get emails out about these events as soon as details are confirmed. PLEASE get your names down and support these events they are great fun and really hone navigational skills, especially useful when sat navs let us down!

CLASSICS at the CASTLE 15th July 2018

Before I go any further there has to be a massive thank you to everyone that helped set up the event on the Saturday as well as those that marshalled on the day. For the second year running we got the hottest day in July! Hammering some 50 wooden posts into rock hard ground on the Saturday was HARD WORK. On the Sunday several of us suffered on the evening for having had too much sun but we did not have time to think about it during the day. Helpers and Marshals came from outside of the club as well so an especial thanks to them...

The day was a massive success with 287 vehicles entered, there were one or two 'no shows' but not many! We had entries in every class from pre 60's to Millennium plus Modifieds, any other Vehicles and Tractors as well as two motorcycle classes. There were a few trade stands and Autojumble stands too.

As you know the aim of the event was to spread the word about DAC., provide a platform for people to show their vehicles and to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance.

Neville Wright our head judge was overwhelmed at the quality of cars on show. He has judged around the country for many years and the turn out at our show was of an exceptional standard. He congratulated everyone and said that the high standard made judging very difficult but an absolute pleasure! Thanks Neville and your team of judges.

The fantastic array of cars, from a very rare Renault 4 rally car to a new Ferrari. Mk 1, 2 and 3 escorts & Fiestas, TRs and TVR's, Porsches, Astons, Mustangs the range was unbelievable. **Our SPONSORS did us proud, the table of trophies and awards looked stunning in the sunshine.**

Cath Hutchinson did a great job behind the camera and if you have not seen the photo's look on our face book page, web site or indeed on Caths own face book page where just some of her 500 photo's can be seen. www.facebook.com/perfectcapturephotos/

The feedback has again been fantastic with booking enquiries for 2019 already stacking up! (Probably 14th July 2019)!

The GNAAS had a stand on the field and people out with collection buckets... many visitors donated to GNAAS in lieu of paying an entry fee which resulted in them collecting over £1100 on the day, they were over the moon.

Once I have ratified our accounts for the event I can safely say DAC are at least going to be able to match that with our profit on the event PLUS the ice cream lady had another excellent day and donated 25% of her takings too!

It was a BRILLIANT DAY thanks to all the helpers, marshals and exhibitors.

Myself and the team have already made notes for next year should we go ahead and do it all again! We are still learning. Many of the things we learnt in 2017 helped 2018 run more efficiently and this year we have learned more...

Once we have a date for presenting a cheque to GNAAS we will let you all know and put the details in the magazine.

We will soon have a meeting to de-brief and to decide on next year etc. If anyone has any constructive comments/ideas, please do let us know and if anyone else would like to become involved with the organising sub committee we would be delighted to hear from you.

Thanks again everyone involved.



Classics at the Castle 2018 RESULTS

First of all a BIG thank you from Durham Automobile Club for everyone that attended whether exhibiting cars or just visiting. The event was a great success and the GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE had a fantastic day with donations and pledges a plenty.

THE JUDGES WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL EXHIBITORS. THE QUALITY OF THE CARS ON DISPLAY WERE EXCEPTIONAL WHICH MADE JUDGING VERY DIFFICULT BUT AN ABSOLUTE PLEASURE!

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Just for the record

Answering the questions this month is Nicky Porter, President of Durham Automobile Club. Nicky has been a stalwart of the club for many years. In the past he lead the Doggarts rally team with a Mercedes 450SLC (the 40th anniversary of which was previously covered in Torque Talk), as well as competing on many International and National Rallies. Nicky is also Vice President of the Mercedes Club GB Northern Region and has arranged many UK and foreign drives for them. I have added some more sections for this Just the Record to cover some more of the interesting comments Nicky supplied.

What is your current job title? Director of Oakley Service Station, West Auckland. Co Durham.

What was your first paid job? As an apprentice at a Jaguar independent Garage. Started in 1960 at a Fiver a week!!

How long have you been a DAC club member? A long time!! 30 years??

What was your first motorsport vehicle? Renault Dauphine Gordini. A frightening car to drive fast!!

What is or has been your favourite motorsport vehicle? Morris Mini-Cooper 1293 "S" Have owned the car since 1964 and Mercedes-Benz 450 SLC Rally Car.

What was the best time to be in motorsport? 1960's and the historic long distance rallies of the 1990's.

What was the first record/cd/download you ever bought? Elvis Presley - Can't remember which one!

What is your favourite film? "The Italian Job"

What is your favourite book? Not Sure??

Who is your favourite entertainer/musician? Sinatra, Elvis & The Rolling Stones.

What was your biggest cock up? Not taking on the Mercedes-Benz Sales franchise in 1971.

Where is your favourite place, anywhere? UK: Lake Ullswater. Europe: Monte-Carlo. World: New Zealand.

What do you feel is your greatest achievement in Motorsport? 1994. Winning the historic Monte-Carlo Challenge. Winning the 2003 "World Cup" Rally.

Who is/was your favourite driver in motorsport? F1: Jenson Button. Rally: Seb Ogier.

What is your favourite car or a car you would like to own? Mercedes-Benz E 500. (W 124) 1994.

Do you have any hobbies outside of Motorsport? Continental drives. But there must be a purpose for going.

Who do you think has been (or is) our best Prime Minister? Winston Churchill.

What frustrates you about motorsport? Too much health and safety.

What was your worst vehicle? Renault Dauphine Gordini.

What is your favourite food? Apple Strudel.

What's the most important lesson you have learnt in life? Never under estimate a person by their appearance.

What is your favourite Public Road? UK: The A 68 during the late evening. Europe: Gorges de Daluis, Nr Valberg. & The Col de Turini.

What is your favourite Race Track? Nordschleife. Germany.

What is your favourite Rally Stage? Radnor. Wales.

What is your favourite Race Car? Jaguar V12 (Silk Cut Le Mans Car)

What is your favourite Rally car? Ford Escort Mk 2.





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Rally Roundup

It's been a few months since my Warcop stages report and I have competed in a few different disciplines of motorsport.

DAC Scatter

Organised by Gordon Dundee, starting and finishing at the Cross keys in Hamsterley village.

Only 5 crews took part which is very disappointing for the effort Gordon had put in to organising and running this event.

As it was a Scatter all crews plotted the 20 map references before heading out into the lanes around Hamsterley.

With a Scatter there is no predefined route, each competitor plots the map references and then decides their route from the time available.

I was navigating for Simon Jennings and after plotting the 20 map refs we headed out in a clockwise route around Hamsterley forest. We passed a few competitors during the night but after collecting all 20 clues, we headed back to the Cross keys with 15 minutes to spare.

With a maximum score of 20 points, we took overall honours.

One crew on their first ever Navigation event finished with a good set of point only struggling to find some of the answers.

We need a lot more crews out on these events to make them viable to run. Imagine if you spent days organising an event for the club members and only 4 crews turned up. If you don't want these navigation events to disappear, then I ask you to please take part in these events

MG Live Grass Autotest

I recently replaced my Proton Satria Rally Car with an MG TF 135. "Am I mad" I hear you cry. Well we'll see how the wee TF behaves itself (by the way TF stands for TEFAL). It has already stopped "the Boss" moaning about the Proton being an expensive dust collector in the garage. Yes she loves the MG, its looks and top down driving.

I have been invited to attend various drives, shows and meets in the MG, but my first was the MG Live show at Bywell on 1 July. The MG club were also holding an Autotest which I decided to enter to see how the MG behaves for auto tests. This was to be held on the grass near the main arena. It was also designed a display of this cheap form of Motorsport to the general public.

I headed up to the show with the MGF & TF Border patrol club, but peeled off to the Autotest arena as I entered the showground.

Noel Linford, Tony Coates, Tricia Collingan and Dennis Hope had set up an Autotest course on the grass. As this was my first EVER auto test I was worried I might forget the layout and make a right fool of myself. 10 cars had entered, mostly MG roadsters, BGTs, MG Metro and MG TFs.

I followed the more experienced auto testers and walked the course. Then it was time to see how I would do. I was hoping "Tefal" would behave herself and the driver would remember the test layout. Over the 2 hours we did 4 tests and I was swapping times with Owen Frankland in his MG BGT. I found that neat and tidy was the best way, because if I pushed I had massive oversteer due to the lack of handbrake and low profile road tyres.

Ken Armstrong in his MG TF160 finished 1st. Richard Young finished 2nd in his MG Metro. I finally finished 4th. Owen Frankland was 5th for most of the day but was just pipped to 5th on the last test.

OK I will never been on par with Peter Masters, Tom Hall and our British Champion Richard Pinkney. But I had a good time at only £12 entry and that's what matters to me.

Thank you to Noel, Tony, Tricia, Dennis and the other Marshals. I was really impressed with the organisation, Marshals and the timing equipment loaned by Hartlepool Motor Club.

Argyll Stages

Ben Cree, my usual forest driver is having time off with a new baby, so I was keeping my eyes open for possible seats on gravel rallies. The SG Petch 2018 championship has a mixture of tarmac and forest rallies this year and the Argyll stages was the first of the gravel rounds.

I managed to get a seat with Fraser MacNicol from Ullapool in his 2 litre pinto powered Ford Escort MK2. Fraser is currently leading the 2wd/2 litre class but is needing a co-driver for the remaining rounds of the Scottish Rally Championship. The rally was held in the forest around Dunoon with scrutineering on the Friday and rally on the Saturday.

As it was my first time with Fraser, he wanted to sit in the hotel and go through the stage DVD and Scotmap Pace notes. Now I'm not a fan of Scotmap pacenotes as there is just far too much information to read to the Driver. However this gave us a chance to amend a few areas in the notes.

We were seeded car 102 and second on the road with the 4WD cars heading last into the stages. This would give the 2WD cars a better run in the stages. Even better they had arranged the main time control on the sea front pier in front of the general public in Dunoon.

After an interview, we were flagged away to the crack of a start pistol and the applause of the general public.

The stages were in good condition and there was four stages, each to be run twice. Everyone were saying the stages were a lot better than last year. We were posting some good times. Fraser was happy with my delivery of the notes, which helped me to relax a bit. After 3 stages we headed back to service in Dunoon stadium. No issues just kick the tyres and top the fuel tank up. There was a timing issue at service out, which I queried for several minutes but the Marshal was adamant that it was correct. When we arrived at stage 4 we realised it wasn't correct. We were second on the road waiting for our time to enter SS4 arrival. Cars running behind us were heading into the control in front of us. Fraser was not impressed but I said you heard me querying the time. So we headed into Stage 4 and the dust was horrendous, it came into the car and I could taste it as I was reading the notes.

Back to service again and I headed to the rally HQ to get the timing issue corrected. All sorted I headed back to Fraser ready to head out for stages 5, 6 & 7.

We were in the top 20 and heading up the leader board. In stage 7 we noticed the rear was bottoming out on dips and bumps. When we got back to service we found the Co Driver's side rear suspension canister had fallen off the rear axle, wrapped itself around the rear axle and dumped the suspension oil all over the brakes. Time to call it a day? No way, we tied the canister to the rear axle, cleaned the brakes and headed back to the dusty stage for our final stage.

Stage 8 didn't disappoint and was again very dusty. But we crossed the finish line in 15th place and took 1st in class honours as well. This proved to be a very good result as I jumped into the lead of the SG Petch championship. Next round was the Greystoke stages, two weeks later where I would be sitting with another driver.

Greystoke stages

Many people may remember the Knox brothers competing over Otterburn in their Ford Escort MK1. I noticed that Karl Knox, son of Kevin Knox was looking for a co-driver. So after a short arm bending, he agreed to me sitting alongside him for his first ever forest rally in the "bog standard" 1.6 Nova GTE.

Greystoke rally is classed as a single venue and therefore pace notes are not allowed. So seeded car 55 we lined up on the start line, ready for a steady drive through the first stage. The roads had been regraded and with the dry weather they were expecting a lot of dust. OMG they weren't wrong, even driving slowly down the track was causing plumbs of dust clouds. The organisers set the first cars through at 1 minute intervals but by the time we arrived at the stage start they had extended it to 1.5 minutes. Even with a 1.5 minute head start we soon caught the dust plumb of the car in front. On the last 2 miles of the 6.5 mile stage the dust was so bad we struggled to see the corners and Karl didn't want to commit to any corner he couldn't see.

Back in service we were very surprised to find our tyres still looked almost brand new. They certainly didn't look like they had just done 6.5 miles in a forest. I arranged with car 54 to allow us to slip in front of her at the next stage start. Stage 2 was the same as stage 1, and we had a lot better run, even a tank slapper on the last corner over the flying finish. We stopped the clock some 20 seconds quicker. Was this because we didn't catch any one or was Karl getting to grips with the car on gravel.

Stage 3 and 4 were in the opposite direction to Stage 1 & 2 and we headed down the middle of the forest. Once again on the second run Karl was some 20 seconds quicker. The tyres also showed he was starting to push in the corners. I was pushing him on into some corners and reeling him in on others but the directions I was giving were helping him greatly to push that little bit harder.

Stage 5 (this was to be our last stage as Stage 6 was cancelled due to the delay the 1.5 minutes starts were causing). Everything just clicked and we had a great run through stage 5. This was the reverse of stage 1 & 2. Sitting in the queue for the start line we noticed Marshals running around with Fire extinguishers. A white escort in front of us had caught fire on the start line and the amazing reactions of the marshals stopped this car going up in flames. We were asked to approach the start line and the car spluttered to a halt and stalled. "Oh no what has happened" said Karl. I told him to switch everything off and start again. Karl had forgot to switch on the fuel

pumps. Heading up to the stop line we noticed the oil light came on, so we stopped the engine immediately. Once I had my time from the Marshals, Karl restarted the engine and the oil light remained off. So we drove to the final control to finish 43rd overall and 10th in class. Karl had taken a boat load of time off car 52 who we were chasing all day and to take a higher class position.

Karl loved his first rally on gravel and learned a lot but also showed some great potential. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience sitting alongside a young driver who reminds me a lot like Ed Todd in his driving style and ability. Definitely a driver to watch out for in the future.

The weather was very hot and dusty and I must mention the amazing Marshals who suffered the dust and heat all day.

Andy

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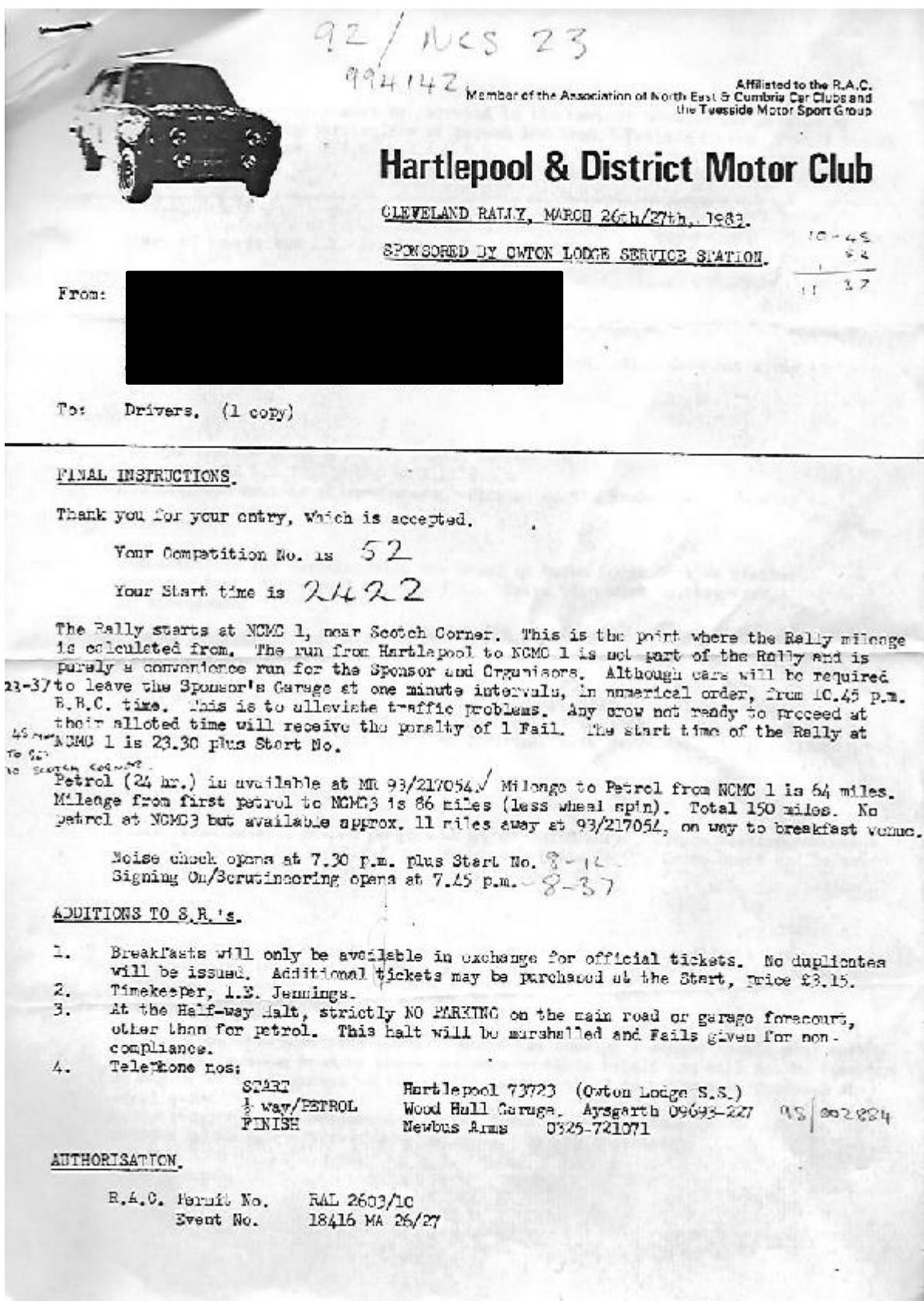






Blast from the past this month is the 1983 Cleveland Rally.

Thanks once again to Mrs Hetherington who has supplied some excellent archive material!



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No.	Driver	Navigator	Car	Reg. No.	Class	Club
<u>EXCUSES.</u>						
01	T.Suddington	C.Fringla	Ford Escort	VOD 400S	3	Whickham & DMC
02	A.Hardy	P.Velich	Vauxhall Chevette HA YKO 58		3	Stockton & DMC
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03	G.Thompson	E.Coulson	Ford Escort	SFT 733 S	3	Whickham & DMC
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04	D.Garth	N.Parkin	Escort RS 2000	HFM 2 L	3	Kirkby Lonsdale
	Skipper of Darlington.					
05	D.Crisp	L.Brook	Escort RS 2000	OUP 629 T	3	Stockton
	Cleveland Home Brew, Norton.					
06	D.Lewis	G.Bradford				
07						
08	J.Robinson	P.Watts	Escort XR 3	Z GIP	2	Stockton
09	J.Mennell	R.Jarvis	Talbot Sunbeam TI	XUA 23 X	2	Ripon
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	Tynemouth & D.M.C. Ltd.					
12	A.Holman	L.Cocker	Escort RS 2000	JEN 673 P	3	Normanby & DMC
13	G.Burton	A.Hill	Vauxhall Chevette	GDA 15	3	Beverley & DMC
	Maple Garage, Hornsea.					
14	G.E.Stephenson	P.Sewell	Triumph TR7 VS	SST 525 T	3	DAC Motorsports.
15	E.Brooke	A.Boyd	Ford Escort TC		3	Stockton
16	I.White	P.Turnbull	Escort 1300	WGG 308 R	1	Durham
17	G.Sturtherpe	M.Cerner	Ford Escort TC	GRI 936 L	3	Whitby & DMC
	Rallying with Champions, Lytham.					
18	R.Myers	A.Myers	Mini Cooper S	HIC 952 H	2	
19	P.Graham	S.Graham	Talbot Sunbeam	TFM 07 V	2	Rp. Auckland MSC
20	S.Chapman	G.Broore	Escort RS 2000	PAE 383 P	3	Stockton
	Home Tune, Hartburn, Stockton.					
21	G.C.Irvine	S.Brook	Fiat 131	VTW 606 T	3	Stockton
	Stockton & DMC					
22	J.Burns	R.J. Harmer	Escort 1300	EWR 925 F	1	Stockton
23	K.Knox	K.Knox	Ford Escort	KDE 39 L	2	Whickham
	Colgate Distributors (Motor Factors) Gateshead.					
24	A.Simpson	C.Penfold	Escort RS 2000	KDC 222 R	3	Northallerton
	C.Penfold.					
25	K.Stranghan	B.Scott	Ford Escort 1298	JCI 156 N	1	Berwick & DMC
	Billy Brown Trailers, Morpeth.					
26	R.Broom	D.Packham	Hillman Avenger	KED 60 N	2	T.C. '76 AC.
27	G.Hawkinge	P.M.Wilson	Escort 1598	FRB 980 K	2	Ripon
28	J.Lane	J.Burton	Vauxhall Viva	TDR 939 L	3	Normanby & DMC
29	F.Jemmison	S.Curtis	Escort 1998	OBT 70 P	3	Stockton
	Stockton & D.M.C.					
30	B.J.Chapman	K.W.Elders	Mini 1275	LRR 251 K	1	T.C. '76 AC.
31	A.P.Corbitt	N.Sidney	Escort RS 2000	IFT 761 V	3	Whickham
32	G.A.Oliver	J.Whyatt	Magenta Austin	ABB 42 V	2	Tynemouth
	Tynemouth & D.M.C.					
33	D.Handyside	I.Waugh	Escort Twin Cam	TEW 316 K	3	Whickham
	Whickham & D.M.C.					
34	P.S.Coates	D.W.Morgan	Escort Mexico	GFJ 469 L	2	Durham ACM Ltd.
35	E.Holmes	J.Carr	Morris Mini 1300	FVV 795 D	1	Durham ACM Ltd.
36	G.Calvert	R.Burdon	Sierra 96 V4	FJP 96 K	2	

No.	Driver	Navigator	Car	Reg.No.	Class	Club
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37	J.Donald	G.Blackburn	Escort RS 2000	VWL 43 R	3	Whickham
38	A.Scott	M.Davidson	Toyota Celica 2A23	SFT 56 S	2	Tynemouth
39						
40						
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43	S.Croshy	L.Baldon	Vauxhall Viva 2300	NCN 988 L	3	Ainwick & DMC
44	M.Lee	G.Arnell				
45	G.Hogg	A.Pringle	Escort Mexico 1600	OTS 880 M	2	Blyth/ PDMC
46	R.Foster	A.Skirrow	Escort 2000	MDW 870 N	3	Selby & DMC
47	S.J.Thompson	R.Cleasdon	Escort 1600	ANN 515 H	2	Durham/B&DMC
		Glamal Engineering Ltd.				
48	G.I.Robinson	P.Garrett	Opel Ascona 1900	NVM 535 M	3	Normanby
49	J.M.McGillagh	I.P.Lamb	Opel Manta 1900	XTP 395 R	3	Normanby
50	P.Atkinson	J.York	Opel Ascona 1900	UXG 372 M	3	Normanby
51	A.D.Nixon	S.Retchless	Ford Escort 1298	CHW 601 R	2	Northallerton
52	S.Bird	A.Hetherington	Escort Mexico 1600		2	Durham
53	A.Lillie	J.Shaw	Talbot Sunbeam	VAT 896 S	2	Whitby & DMC
		Whitby & D.M.C.				
54	B.Millard	I.Wolfenden	Ford Fiesta 1298	GWH 441 W	2	Knowldele
55	D.Hart	M.Wilson	Escort 1298	LWX 196 P	1	Stockton
		Stockton & D.M.C.				
56	A.Tate	D.Watson	Mini 998	XCR 1C7 R	2	EAG Motorsports
57	A.J.Woodliffe		Escort 1600	UDN 246 V	2	Selby & DMC
58	D.Wakeney	M.Smith	Rover 3500	CJN 5 C	3	62 CSC
59	D.N.Lorraine	P.S.Taylor	Escort 1600	FDC 152 K	2	Normanby
60	D.J.Lowson	C.Bramley	Talbot Sunbeam	UHD 505 T	2	Stockton
61	G.Coltan	M.Allum	Escort 1300		2	Normanby
62	B.Iubery	B.Richardson	Escort 1300	TUT 268 R	2	Peterlee MSC
63	P.J.Ferring	M.L.Smith	Escort 1600	QBT 591 H	2	Normanby
64	C.K.Jackson	A.J.R. Nelson	Escort 1508	STP 470 L	2	Normanby
65	P.A.Rose	S.J.Rose	Talbot Avenger 1600	RVH 172 M	2	Normanby
66	D.Ingham	J.L.McNeil	Mini 1275	MDF 687 J	2	Normanby
67	G.Chapman	R.Flint	Escort 2000	SPF 369 M	3	Stockton
68	S.R.Drake	S.W.Jackson	Escort 1993	TYV 101 S	3	Stockton
69	M.Leonard	W.Burton	Escort 1600	HKE 260 L	2	Stockton
70	P.Wray	F.Jefferson	Escort 1300	RWJ 838 M	2	Bishop Aucklands

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd

2018 Autotest Championship

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Classes

A – Mini and Mini variants (Produced pre 2001) and Autotest Specials*

B – Rear Wheel Drive Sports Cars (MX5, Midgets etc.) only two seaters

C – Front Wheel Drive

D – Rear Wheel Drive

*The championship coordinator will decide which cars are Autotest Specials.

Scoring

Points are awarded for overall and class positions: - 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers

Events

Dates of counting rounds will be published in the club magazine, website and Facebook at least 4 weeks before the event. All rounds count in the final result

Current Provisional Calendar is:-

13th May – Hartlepool – Eden Park Autotest Site

27th May – Durham – Ebac, Newton Aycliffe

TBC October – Durham – TBC

9th December – Hartlepool – Funfair Carpark

TBC December – Durham – Christmas Autotest TBC

Awards

Overall Autotest.

Class Autotest.

Championship Coordinator is Gordon Dundee, 07799 140427 or gandjdundee@gmail.com

1st Round – Hartlepool 13th May.

1st – Tom Hall – Class A

2nd – Harry Raylor – Class A

3rd - Stuart Leighton – Class A

4th - Pete Masters – Class C

5th - Louis Allen – Class C

6th - Chris Wilgress – Class A

7th – Steve Brown – Class B

8th - Robin Hunter – Class C

9th – Nick Brown – Class C

10th Amy Brown – Class B

2nd Round - Newton Aycliffe – 27th May

Cancelled as only 5 entries received.

Championship positions

Overall

1st – Tom Hall – 10 pts

2nd – Harry Raylor – 9 pts

3rd - Stuart Leighton – 8 pts

4th - Pete Masters – 7 pts

5th - Louis Allen – 6 pts

6th - Chris Wilgress – 5 pts

7th – Steve Brown – 4 pts

8th - Robin Hunter – 3 pts

9th – Nick Brown – 2 pts

10th Amy Brown – 1 pt

Class A

1st – Tom Hall – 10 pts

2nd – Harry Raylor – 9 pts

3rd - Stuart Leighton – 8 pts

4th - Chris Wilgress – 7 pts

Class B

1st – Steve Brown – 10 pts

2nd - Amy Brown – 9 pts

Class C

1st - Pete Masters – 10 pts

2nd - Louis Allen – 9 pts

3rd - Robin Hunter – 8 pts

4th – Nick Brown – 7 pts

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd
2018 Championships

Duration - From 1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Points will be published in the club magazine, if you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee, gandjdundee@gmail.com

Stage Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

Points are awarded for the driver or co-drivers position in class on any event they compete on: - 1st in class = 10 pts, 2nd in class = 9 pts, 3rd in class = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers. Best 6 results to count.

Awards

Stage Rally – Driver.

Stage Rally – Co-Driver.

Clubman Rally and Classic Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, who are members before 1st September 2018, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

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

Awards

Clubman Rally – Driver.

Clubman Rally – Navigator

Classic Rally – Driver.

Classic Rally – Navigator

Navigational Rally

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

Points will be awarded 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers, for all navigational events run on club nights, Treasure Hunts, Scatters and 12 Car Rallies etc.

If 5 or less rounds are run all rounds will count, if 6 or 7 rounds are run worst score will be dropped, if more than 7 rounds are run worst 2 rounds will be dropped.

10 points will be awarded for organizing or marshaling on one or more rounds (max of 10 points available for organizing/marshaling)

In the event of a tie the result of the first event both people competed in will decide the winner.

Awards

Navigational Rally – Driver.
Navigational Rally – Co-Driver

Autotest

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Classes are

- A – Mini and Mini variants (Produced pre 2001) and Autotest Specials
- B – Rear Wheel Drive Specials and Sports Cars (MX5, Midgets etc.) only two seaters
- C – Front Wheel Drive
- D – Rear Wheel Drive

Scoring

Points are awarded for overall and class positions: - 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 9 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10th, and all other finishers

Events

Dates of counting rounds will be published in the club magazine, website and Facebook at least 4 weeks before the event. All rounds count in the final result

Awards

Overall Autotest.

Class Autotest.

Marshals Award

Eligibility

Open to all paid up members of Durham Automobile Club Ltd, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Scoring

5 Points per day for signing on as an Official on each of the following events.

Wearside Classic/Targa rallies. Club Autotests

3 Points per day for signing on as an Official (or organize) in any of the following events.

12 Car Rally, Scatter, Treasure Hunt, Gymkhana, PCT Etc,

1 Point per day for signing on as an Official in any of the following events.

Any other event not organized by Durham Automobile Club

Club Competition Secretary to be notified within 1 month of any days marshaled, points will not be awarded retrospectively.

Awards

Marshals Award.

Navigational Rally results

April Navigational Scatter (organized by Peter Masters)

1st – Simon Jennings – Andy Brown

2nd - Ian Burrows – Tom Burrows – Dave Johnson

3rd - Janelle Dundee – Gordon Dundee

4th - Kimberly Gardiner – Peter Gardiner

5th - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

6th - Roger Broom – Pam Broom

7th – Richard Young – Peter Dark

May Treasure Hunt (organized by Ian Burrows and Nikki Halliwell)

1st – Andrew Hutchinson – Catherine Hutchinson

2nd - Simon Jennings – Pam Broom

3rd – Gordon Dundee – Janelle Dundee

4th – Addison Forster – Kath Thompson

5th – Paul Forster – Broden Forster

6th – Mick Stead – A N Other

7th - Roger Broom – Andy Brown

8th - Richard Young – Peter Dark

9th - Peter Masters – All Alone

May Navigational Scatter (organized by Gordon and Janelle Dundee)

1st – Simon Jennings – Andy Brown

2nd – Peter Masters – Pam Broom

3rd - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

4th – Broden Forster – Paul Forster

Check the club magazine, website and Facebook for next events.

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB
NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Position	Driver	Organisers Points	May Scatter	May Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	TBC	TBC	Total
1st	Simon Jennings		10	9	10			29
2nd	Peter Masters	10		2	9			21
=3rd	Mick Stead		6	5	8			19
=3rd	Ian Burrows	10	9					19
=5th	Gordon Dundee	10		8				18
=5th	Janelle Dundee	10	8					18
7th	Andrew Hutchinson			10				10
8th	Roger Broom		5	4				9
=9th	Kim Gardener		7					7
=9th	Addison Forster			7				7
=9th	Broden Forster				7			7
=9th	Richard Young		4	3				7
13th	Paul Forster			6				6

Navigator

1st	Andy Brown		10	5	10			25
2nd	Pam Broom		5	9	9			23
=3rd	Gordon Dundee	10	8					18
=3rd	Janelle Dundee	10		8				18
5th	Ben Wilkinson		6		8			14
=6th	Catherine Hutchinson			10				10
=6th	Nicky Halliwell	10						10
=8h	Dave Johnson		9					9
=8h	Tom Burrows		9					9

10th	Peter Dark		4	4				8
=11th	Peter Gardiner		7					7
=11th	Kara Thompson			7				7
=11th	Paul Forster				7			7
14th	Broden Forster			6				6

The Marshals Championship is run to reward those people who give up their time to assist in running events for the rest of us to enjoy, but with the exception of one person no-one has informed me of any marshalling duties they have carried out.

Therefore if you have been marshalling let me know and get the credit that you deserve.

Gordon Dundee at gandjdundee@gmail.com

5 Points for each marshalling on the Wearside Classic, Classic Show, DAC Autotest etc

3 Points for organizing or marshaling on a club night Treasure Hunt, Scatter etc.

1 Point for each day marshalling on any other event

Clubman Rally Results up to 10th June 2018

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

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

Results to date

South of Scotland Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – 3rd Overall – 2nd Class

Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

Simon Jennings – 7th Overall – 4th Class

Gordon Dundee – Alistair Dundee – 11th Overall – 2nd Class

Ian Peake – 20th Overall – 6th Class

Bob Cooke – Geoff Morson – 26th Overall – 3rd Class

Points standings will be confirmed when published by NESCRO

Future Events

24th June – Lake District Classic

15th July – Northern Dales Classic Trophy

12th August – Blue Streak Targa Rally

9th September – Wearside Classic

30th September – Doonhamer Classic Rally

6th October – Devils Own Clubman rally

14th October – Solway Classic

18th November – Saltire Classic Rally

Stage Rally Results from 1st January to 10th June 2018

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

Jack Frost Stages

Ed Todd – 2 nd class 3 – 9 pts	Andy Brown – 2 nd class 4 – 9 pts
John Nicholson – 4 th class 6 – 7 pts	Andrew Hutchinson – 7 th class 3 – 4 pts
Mark Burton – 10 th class 2 – 1 pt	Zoe Wright – 10 th class 2 – 1 pt
Andy Drake – 11 th class 3 – 1 pt	Jeff Bedford – 11 th class 3 – 1 pt

Jack Neal Memorial Rally

Andrew Grimstone – 4th class 3 – 7 pts

Grant Construction Rally

Andrew Grimstone – 8 th class 3 – 3 pts	Andy Brown – 8 th class 3 – 3 pts
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Cambrian Rally

Stephen Petch – 2 nd class B14 – 9 pts	Michael Wilkinson – 2 nd class B14 – 9 pts
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DCC Stages

Ed Todd – 8th class 3 – 3 pts

Warcop Stages

Ed Todd – 6 th class 3 – 5 pts	Andy Brown – 6 th class 3 – 5 pts
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Rallynuts Stages

Stephen Petch – 5 th class B14 – 6 pts	Michael Wilkinson – 5 th class B14 – 6 pts
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Pirelli National B Five

Steve Petch – 5th class – 6 pts

Plains Rally

Stephen Petch – 4 th class B14 – 7 pts	Michael Wilkinson – 4 th class B14 – 7 pts
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Points Standings

Drivers	Co-Drivers
Stephen Petch – 22 pts	Michael Wilkinson – 22 pts
Ed Todd – 17 pts	Andy Brown - 17 pts
Andrew Grimstone – 10 pts	Andrew Hutchinson – 4 pts
John Nicholson – 7 pts	Jeff Bedford - 1 pt
Steve Petch – 6 pts	Zoe Wright – 1 pt
Andy Drake - 1 pt	
Mark Burton – 1 pt	

Wearside Classic

(incorporating the Wearside Targa Rally)

9th September 2018

CoC - Gordon Dundee – 07799 140427

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Durham Automobile Club Forthcoming Event Calendar

January 24 th	AGM Honest Lawyer 7.30 for 8pm Start	ALL WELCOME followed by Buffet.
February 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer (date TBC)	
February 21 st	Karting night organised by Whickam Facebook for more information	See article in magazine, on website and
March 14 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
March 21 st EX members!!)	‘OLD’ COMERS NIGHT!! Social get together and buffet night. **Come along! Its FREE**	(ALL welcome , members, non-members &
March 28 th	Club Navigational Series Briefing and Help night magazine for more details ALL WELCOME	Postponed See Social Sec report in
April 11 th	Nog and Natter	
18 th	Navigational SCATTER (Peter Masters)	More details to follow
May 2 nd	TREASURE HUNT (Nikki Halliwell or Pam Broom)	More details to follow
9 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
30 th	Navigational SCATTER (Gordon Dundee)	More Details to follow
June 13 th	Nog and Natter	
July 11 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	
July 15 th	CLASSICS at the CASTLE	
August 8 th	Nog and Natter	
September 9 th	WEARSIDE TARGA at Nissan (more details to follow)	
September 11 th	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer	

Between June and September we will be having a few more Navigational Events including Regularities/Jogularies and probably another Scatter and Treasure Hunt. We are also hoping to soon secure dates for a Social Night at Fury Events and a Gymkhana. There will also be dates appearing for Auto Tests so please look out for additional Emails and information appearing in magazines, on the website and our facebook pages.

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