

Torque Talk



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BTCC at Croft. Jason Plato had a better weekend than of late with the Subaru Levorg and Adam Morgan was always quick in the Mercedes

Club nights May/June

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

2017 Calendar

JULY

5 th	TREASURE HUNT (John)	venue and time TBC	
12 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
16 th SUNDAY	AUTOJUMBLE & CAR DISPLAY	Witton Castle	TBC
19 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
26 th	GRASS GYMKHANA	Ed Todds (Witton le Wear)	TBC

AUGUST

2 nd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
9 th	Committee Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
16 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
23 rd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
30 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

A future events diary will appear at the end of this edition of Torque Talk

Editorial

First of all, my apologies for the late arrival of this month's mag, due to me being totally selfish and enjoying a well-deserved week's annual leave as well as all the shenanigans of my sixtieth birthday.

There has been some fantastic motorsport over the last month, which has challenged Mrs Hall's patience to the max. "Not more cars and bikes going round in circles on TV!" Not certain I can get away with the Sky box being filled up to the detriment of Coronation Street, 24 hours in A&E and DIY Big Build for much longer!

The Croft Touring Car weekend lived up to expectation, with some excellent racing on the Sunday. What wasn't so good was that on the Saturday there was one of the worst BTCC crashes during qualifying. This resulted in two very seriously injured drivers, who needed airlifting to hospital. Another driver was transferred by ambulance to James Cook Hospital. It had been raining all day (I left before the incident as I was soaked!) and someone had dropped oil in the flat out Barcroft section of the track. It is a testament to how well a touring car is built that the result - bad as it was - wasn't more serious.

The section of track from Tower, Jim Clark Esses, Barcroft and Sunny In are some of the most challenging on the BTCC calendar, and I know from experience just how quick this section is (the 924 spun at least five times and ploughed across the infield when I ran out of talent at Barcroft during a test session) I did hear a few comments on the Sunday from spectators who reckon that the Tower, Jim Clark Esses and Barcroft section needs changing to make it safer. This is absolutely not the case! Circuits need to be challenging or there is no point to them. The accident that took place during qualifying was a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time with circumstances that no one could have done anything about (the oil on the track was a major contributing factor)

Whilst I have a great deal of sympathy for the drivers involved, and I do appreciate that they will need a lot of time to recover, they wouldn't have been there unless they wanted to be, and accepted the inherent risks in racing. Richard Mowbray, a good friend and ex 924 racer joined me for the racing on Sunday and we both said that despite the risk, and despite what happened on the Saturday, we would both jump at the chance of getting into a racing car and doing it again! I think all competitors in motorsport would feel the same way too.

Fernando Alonso acquitted himself extremely well in the Indianapolis 500. He was definitely in with a shout of taking a fantastic victory when the engine in his Andretti run racing car failed. Once again, a Honda power unit let him down and his desire to win the "big three" disappeared in a cloud of oil smoke and chunks of piston disappearing down the exhaust pipe. One has to wonder just how long a talented driver like Alonso can cope with Honda's failings especially in F1 where the engine is unreliable, thirsty and down on power compared with the Mercedes and Ferrari power units. You also have to wonder how long McLaren can cope with the lack of success in F1. Sponsors need something to shout about and "we're hoping for better things soon" doesn't cut the mustard. With Bottas only being on a one year contract at Mercedes, could an Alonso Hamilton pairing be on the cards?

Aston Martin Racing had a brilliant Le Mans 24 Hour race! They were leading GTEam by a significant amount when a tyre let go and all but destroyed the front right corner of the car. Having limped to the pits, a lengthy stop to repair the damage dropped them well down the order and an eighth place finish was scant consolation for an impressive run by Paul Dalla Lana, Mathias Lauda and Pedro Lamy. However I was on the edge of my seat and cheering at the end of the race when the sister car driven by Johnny Adam, pressured the Chevrolet Corvette into a mistake which resulted in a punctured tyre and a third place finish. Johnny Adam, Daniel Serra and Darren Turner drove a brilliant race, and thoroughly deserved the class victory. What I would have given to be in the pits of the Aston Martin Racing team when they won GTEpro!

However, that was only part of the drama as there was a good chance that a LMP2 car could have won the race outright. Two Toyota's and a Porsche in LMP1 both succumbed to failures whilst the winning Porsche 919 had a lengthy stop to repair the front wheel drive motor unit or MGU as they call it. Toyota have since stated that the third car in the team was "a waste" and that the technology isn't up to the job of running 24 hour races. I have to say that I agree, and all this hybrid technology in F1 and WEC is just an expensive development programme of a technology that has no place in racing. The FIA may be hell bent on being "green" but does that translate to the average man in the street? I don't think so, and if you take one of Toyota's products – the Prius – and thoroughly analyse the costs of making and running the car, it's not the planet saver that most owners would like to think that it is. Maybe F1 and WEC should go back to a power unit that has more in common with the everyday car on the road instead of trying to push a technology that isn't in the least bit ready.

Dave Richards, the boss of Prodrive is going to be the new Chief of the MSA, taking over from Alan Gow who has held the post for the last few years. For those who don't know of him, Dave was the navigator for Ari Vatanen in the Group 4 Rothmans Escort days, and went on to form Prodrive which produced the superb Subaru Legacy rally cars which Colin McRae and others used to great effect. He also was a team manager for the BAR Formula 1 team for a while and his company has just moved into new and impressive premises at Banbury. I wish him well and the best of luck in his new post, and hope more than anything that he can steer motorsport in the UK, especially rallying, through these present turbulent times.

I did have an apology for the lack of reports and content in my editorial but a last minute flurry of articles and pictures has saved the day! If you do compete or have something of interest to the membership, jot it down or email it to me, and I will do the necessary to expand it, and put it into a format that can be published in the mag.

The life of the Spitfire is hanging by a thread! Severe corrosion in the front bulkhead and a lack of available panels and spare parts may be the final straw. I have tried to give it away to people that have more skill and knowledge than myself, but they all have either too much on their plate already or it's not something that interests them. Ho hum, back to the tin snips.

Thanks to everyone who has been in touch with Birthday wishes. Even hitting a bit of a milestone, I have no intention of donning pipe and slippers!

Thanks everyone, good luck if you are competing

Marty

Chairman's Report

Last month I mentioned that the MSA had released guidelines to help motor clubs to organise closed road events. Then after the Jim Clark was cancelled for 2017 we also heard that the Tour of Mull has also been cancelled. Both are closed road events, but they have been cancelled for different reasons and will be a big loss to this year's tarmac rally calendar. Everyone knows why the Jim Clark Rally is not running this year but the Tour of Mull was cancelled due to insurance issues. What a shame when the MSA has released guidelines to help develop closed road rallying, the two biggest closed road events in the UK are lost for 2017. I for one am very disappointed as I had a confirmed seat for the Tour of Mull. The organising team are pulling together plans to hold some form of event on the same weekend. What form this event will take is still unknown.

Now that we are midway through the club year I am going to put out another call to all club members. We still need a volunteer to fill the Club Secretary Role. Currently the role is being covered by members of the committee, but we need someone to take on this very important role. It only requires a few hours a month of your time, so if you feel you could do this role, please contact me or a committee member.

On the Club website we have a tab called [upcoming events](#). Here we have listed the DAC events and a calendar of Rallies. But I know our club members take part in a lot of different motorsport events. If you would like a calendar of your motorsport events e.g. Autotest championship, Hill climb championship adding to the club website, then let me or Martin Hall know the details. We still need pictures to put onto the Club Website [Photogallery](#).

DAC events in July;

- Classics at the Castle. Get your entry form submitted before the closing date.
- Treasure Hunt.

For more information on the above events visit the club Website.

Don't forget to let Gordon Dundee and Martin Hall know what you have been doing for the club magazine and club championship.

Keep safe and let's see you all at our club events.

Andy Brown

Chairman of Durham Automobile Club

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CLASSICS at the CASTLE up dates

Pleased to report that we have secured SPONSORS for ALL 12 classes Plus ADDITIONAL sponsors for a

BEST IN CLASS/Main Sponsor MARSHALLS Award (Marshalls on the day names in Hat draw)

BEST INTERIOR – a class recommended by Nicky as being a popular award at other events – Nicky also has suggestions for some other more light hearted awards which will need further discussion

Here is a full list of Sponsors

FRANKS THE FLOORING STORE - Best in Show

S G PETCH - Class 1 - Pre 1950, Class 2 1950's,
Class 4 1970's and Class 10 Tractors

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THULE -Class 6 1990's

JET FUELS at OAKLEY - Class 7 Millennium

DIRECT CAR PARTS - Class 8 Modified

BARRIER SURVEILLANCE - Class 9 DAC & Competition cars

S. BILLAU - Class 10 Motorcycles

A1 MOTORSTORES - Class 12 Any other Vehicle

C & A MAINTENANCE - Best Interior

PAUL SWIFT Performance Driving - Marshalls Award

ENTRIES

Please can all DAC members and invited clubs SEND A BOOKING FORM to Pam Broom...even though YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY..we still need to know who is coming and bringing what! The sooner you can get entries in the better – it is essential we know as we need to organise the parking in class groups!

TROPHIES & awards

With such excellent support from sponsors we are going to be able to award **all class winners** with an engraved trophy plus a superb glass vase for the overall **best in show!**

Best Interior will also have an award and there will be a **MARSHALS** draw on the day to recognise the sterling efforts of volunteers (*incidentally anyone wanting/willing to marshal on the day please contact Pam Broom or Pete Sewell..*)

1st 2nd and 3rd places will get medallions and rosettes and we hope to have a few additional 'fun' awards on the day..

ALL entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

This event has the potential to be a real flagship in the Club Calendar and we are already getting enquiries about 2018!

I hope lots of members and friends will take part on the day, either with displaying/entering a car or vehicle or having an **AUTO JUMBLE** table or two!

It's a great way to get rid of stuff and also to 'find' those elusive parts you REALLY must have! I know one member last year had a stand and made a small amount and managed to spend a FEW HUNDRED pounds on 'essential' items!!

It promises to be a good day so be sure to get involved!

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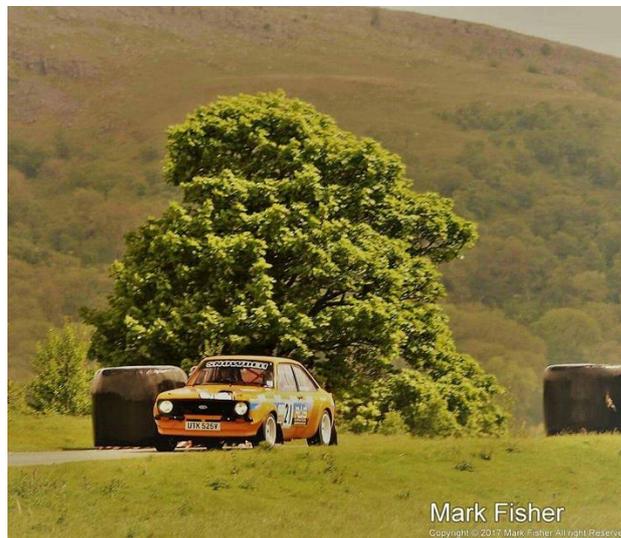


Warcop stages 2017

As the wee Beastie (GTM Coupe) is now in the “Dog house” after spitting out a tooth from 5th gear at Ingliston and needing a bit more than TLC, I decided to put my first entry (as a driver) into the new event for the North of England Tarmacadam Championship (NETRC) to be hosted by North Humberside Motor Club at Warcop Tank training ranges. The new rally would be the same format as the Pendragon stages, held solely on Warcop ranges near Brough.

Warcop is like Otterburn but much narrower and a lot more compact and there are huge boulders everywhere ready to catch out the unwary who tries to cut the corners. Mmmmm maybe this might not be a good first event in my Proton Satria. But I continued to look for a navigator and also decided to look for a competitive seat with another driver.

I was struggling to find anyone to co-drive for me, no idea why. ;0) But my luck was about to change as I secured a seat co-driving for the NETRC 4th place driver Rob Snowden in his big Beastie (an immaculate Ford Escort MKII). Rob finished 10th overall on last year’s Pendragon Stages and 2nd overall on this year’s Jack Frost Stages at Croft. So my hopes were high for a good finish on this new rally.



I said earlier that Rob’s Escort is immaculate and I’m not joking when I say you could eat your dinner off the floor pan. It would be great if Rob can bring his Escort along to our Classics at the Castle event in July as it’s a great example of a very popular rally car. It would look great alongside John Nicholson’s Ford Escort. John Nicholson and Michael Wilkinson were also competing. John with Kari Bates in his Fine Arts Escort and Michael with David Wright in the Blue Grove Hill Garage Ford Escort. Bit of an Escort theme going on there don’t you think?

With Pace notes sorted, DVD watched many times, car scrutineered and documentation completed we were raring to go. Competition would be high with a very competitive entry so we had to push from the word "GO".

The format would be one stage ran twice then off to service to allow the organisers to change the stage furniture around a little bit. After your first run you would be filtered in with cars competing their first stage. Mmmmmm this could be interesting.

The first loop comprising of SS1 & 2 went relatively well, well apart from the stage not mirroring the pace notes and DVD. We were flat out around a long fast left when we were faced with a chicane which was one corner too early, which caused some confusion. Rob composed the car easily and we headed for our next lap. Coming round for a second time the same corner caused more confusion and I nearly guided Rob the wrong way at the split and there followed a close shave with the split furniture. This noted we had a better stage 2, apart from a vague bit which we had been informed about in the driver's briefing. We did catch some back markers on SS2 but they moved over as soon as we caught them. Although the speed we were travelling at left very little clearance between us as we passed them. We had posted 5th on SS1 and moved up to 4th overall on SS2.

After a check of the car, change of tyres from inters to dry tyres we headed to SS3 and SS4 which started next to the A66. SS3 was by far our best stage as everything clicked and we posted 4th fastest. Stage 4 was to be a scare as we caught two back markers. The first car let one car through and then decided to hold us up for what appeared to be an eternity. He finally indicated to pull over at a hairpin but then shot forward blocking our path, VERY NAUGHTY!! Rob under cut him before the next corner and we were in front. But with a fast approaching Hairpin Right on a crest I had to calm Rob down as he was understandably annoyed. Still with some red mist in his eyes we traversed a tight right hand bend with an adverse camber. The Escorts rear stepped out and as Rob gathered this up we slipped onto the grass and collected a small wooden post. Worried we had done some big damage we pushed on and still managed 6th fastest. Luckily the post hit the front cross member and had missed the radiator and oil cooler, PHEW!!

After lunch and in the blazing hot spring sunshine we headed to SS5 & 6. From my side these stages went without issues but Rob had noted the steering was becoming very vague. We later traced this to a very loose steering rack. But we still posted 7th fastest on both stages and retained 4th overall.

Once the steering was secured and the car was given a full check over we headed for the final two stages. Could we get third or retain fourth, our hopes were high. But sitting on the start line the engine spluttered and then started to hunt up and down the rev band. We thought the alternator was starting to pack up so we were worried we wouldn't get through the next 17 miles. With a spluttering Escort we passed third placed Ian Patterson in a ditch, omg did we have third overall. Unfortunately not, as we had dropped back to 5th overall. With everything crossed we pushed the

misfiring Escort through the final stage to hold onto 5th overall by 2 seconds. The elation in the car from both of us was plain to see. What a great finish for our first event together. The last time I did Warcop I finished 18th overall and Rob finished 10th, so to finish 5th overall and 1st in class was an amazing result. OK we had some issues and maybe we could have finished 3rd but 5th and a full set of championship points will do nicely. Warcop is very technical and twisty and over 50% of the entry retired, so it is a hard event just to finish.



Thanks to Rob for asking me to co-drive and to Dan for servicing and keeping us going.

Andy

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We look forward to seeing you!



WHITBY MOTOR CLUB - Inter Club Quiz 30th May

It was a beautiful evening for, albeit, a long drive over to Chris Birkbecks for the quiz on Tuesday night. The tide was in and the sun shining on a very calm sea, we then dodged the golf balls driving right down the length of the golf course (those of you who have not been to Whitby's venue at Chris Birlbecks it's not the easiest place to find having to navigate through a housing estate and a big golf course! Past the club house on a narrow tarmac track look for a little sign hidden in the grass and keep right and keep going avoiding the golf buggies, carts and balls...

Once we got there we had to inspect a beautiful looking newly completed white Puma which was quickly devalued just by us parking Rogers next to it! Inside the bar/lounge was comfortable and welcoming and Mr Birkbeck himself was on duty serving drinks..

7 rounds of questions plus a picture round and a 'Ologies' round made for a varied evening and some great questions which were enough to test the grey matter but not so difficult that you felt like you were struggling..

Durham fielded a team of Gordon, Janelle and Alistair Dundee, Mick Stead, Pam and Roger Broom and were then joined by Tony Coates and 'guest member' Bob Clouston.

There were 6 teams in the end totalling around 38 people.

Pie and peas stopped play for half an hour and a raffle concluded the evening. For once the Durham table acquitted itself well in the raffle as well!

RESULTS: It was pretty close all round

6th Gilburn 69.5

5th Durham Plus 75.5

4th DDMC 78.5

3rd Swipe Right 79.5

2nd Almost Sixty 84

1st Stocktons Finest 88

It was a good night so thanks to Whitby for organising an enjoyable evening.

Not too late a finish, we were on the road home by 10.45pm...

Pam

FURY EVENTS Club night out 21st June

We were lucky with the weather on 21st. While not as hot as it had been it was fine and bright for our outing to Ed Todd's FURY EVENTS at Witton Gilbert.

We had opted to do Rage Buggies, Clay Shooting, Archery and Axe Throwing!

The turn out from club members was a little disappointing with only 13 members taking part..Andy was on his jollies in Slovenia so he was forgiven. Those who did not come along missed a great night.. Most people opted to do all four events but a few opted to 'share' and do a couple of events each..

Ed and his trusty helper Mike Farmer had been running a corporate event all day at Croft so it was a long day for them having started at around 5.30 am and not finished until after 10pm! Ed had also enlisted the help of young Cam (I think thats right? Apologies if name is wrong!)

We started off with timed laps in the buggies..around a marked course in a field full of cow pats! That made for some interesting 'war paint' splatters on hands faces and clothes! And generated more than a few laughs!

Placings were awarded based on fastest lap after a rolling lap, driving styles varied a lot and the 'shorter' ladies had a bit of difficulty reaching the pedals without almost having to lie down which then meant they could not see much!

Next event Clay shooting...3 rounds of shooting...3 different guns Automatic, Pump Action and Side by Side. For each round the Clays were towards, away and then both together with some surprisingly good shots from complete novices..The setting was great as well on the edge of the wood looking out over a gently sloping green field...it did get a little worrying when the young cows in the field decided to be nosey and moseyed down to inspect the goings on. Perhaps it was the smell of their relatives warming up on the BBQ!

After 3 rounds we had a tie for first place so we had to have a SHOOT OFF between Steve Brown and Lewis Thirling...Lewis got to chose which gun he preferred and then Steve chose his weapon from the remaining two (sorry I can't remember who chose what!). It got very interesting then when they were both shooting together side by side and the cows were rather close! Fortunately they were both very good shots but Lewis nicked first place by one shot!

While the shooting was going on we all were being well fed by Chris and Stuart who manned the BBQ...extremely tasty and well cooked with Chris trialling his new BBQ kit. We were all starving and ate everything!

ARCHERY....Into the woods and two people shooting at their own targets at once..4 arrows each and scoring Zero for a miss 1, 2, 3, 4, depending on the coloured band that was hit OR NOT..by now it was after 9pm and the light especially in the trees was not brilliant but that provided a great excuse for when the target was completely missed!

By the time we moved a little further into the woods for the axe throwing the light was really fading so it was decided that we would all just have some practice throws with three different types and weights of axes, aiming at sections of tree trunks hung on vertical boards..again there was some surprisingly good throwers!

We did have to have one short competition though because once I had counted up the scores from the Archery though we had a winner of the Archery we had three (Lewis, Mick Stead and Ian Burrows tying for 2nd place.. so AXE OFF!

All three used the middle weight axes and had 3 shots each..Ian and Lewis got 2 out of 3 but Mick only got 1 to 'stick'..Round 2 – Ian and Lewis again got 2 each in the target...Last Try! ONE Axe each as it was almost dark now! LEWIS the victor!

Name	Buggie s	Pos Rd 1	Clays	Pos Rd 2	Archery	Pos rd 3	AXE OFF	Overall pos
Roger	33.9	11th	1+	8th=	3+0+3+ 0	8th		10th
Peter	33.79	10th	5+3	6th	4+4+2+ 3	1st		5th
Mick Stead	29.91	3rd	4+2+2+2	4th	0+4+4+ 4	2nd=	4th	3rd
Katie	31.19	8th	3+	7th	2+0+1+ 0	11th		9th
Simon	29.43	2nd	5+4+1+2	3rd	2+2+3+ 4	5th		2nd
Stephen Brown	30.71	7th	6+3+3+2 *	2nd	1+0+2+ 1	9th=		6th
Amy	30.26	4th	4+3+1+1	5th	1+4+1+ 1	6th=		4th
Ian Burrows	30.28	5th			3+3+4+ 2	2nd=	3rd	8th
Tom Burrows	31.33	9th			2+0+0+ 0	12th=		12th
Sam Halliwell	35.78	12th	1+	8th=	0+1+0+ 1	12th=		11th
Nikki Halliwell	36.56	13th			2+0+1+ 1	9th=		13th
Lewis Thirling	30.58	6th	5+5+2+2* *	1st	4+3+3+ 2	2nd=	2nd	1st
Chris Anderson	28.34	1st			0+0+4+ 3	6th=		7th

SO CONGRATULATIONS to Lewis the overall winner on the night consistent scoring and a good eye! Simon Jennings and Mick Stead were both so close and the top three were separated by only 3 points a closely contested competition.

Pleased to see Chris Anderson won the buggie racing – he being well experienced in that 'field'! I am sure he would have given Lewis a run for his money if he had done the Clay Shooting event! It would have been a real needle match between two great friends!

I must apologise that with Andy being away I had not thought to bring a prize along for the winner or a wooden spoon for the last placed competitor!

Well done all who attended and thanks again to Chris and Stuart for the BBQ.

Big thank you to Ed and Mike and Cam for a great night.

GRASS EVENT at Eds Witton le Wear Farm is planned for 26th July IF the farmer has made his hay! Look out for more info via email!



Should have gone to Sec Savers! A short true story!

As many of you know I work for Northern Farmer Magazine selling advertising, putting together adverts and sometimes arranging special features.

There is nothing worse than getting a phone call from a client that start with “ There’s a mistake in my advert...” It usually is followed by a complaint and a request for free adverts or a refund.

My heart dropped the other day when a very good client called at 8.30 in the morning and said he had just had a call from one of his clients who had pointed out a mistake in the Wharfedale Tractors advert... I was very apologetic asked him to give me a few minutes to get a copy of the advert in front of me and I would call him back..

This client runs an advert in every issue of the magazine in the machinery pages and from time to time puts in an extra ad for any special offers or promotions..as the same ‘Machinery’ advert runs every month and same copy is always lifted and re used I assumed the mistake to be in his EXTRA advert in May...I couldn’t see anything amiss and rang him back..

“No No the mistake is in the machinery advert that goes in every month”

How is that? I thought, this advert has been in every issue since April 2016 so 13 months and the same copy has been used every time. Both me and the client had proof read the advert back in March 2016 and nothing had changed...I looked at the advert and read every word looking for a spelling mistake, a wrong phone number or such and **nothing?!**

By now he was chuckling down the phone. I was thinking thank goodness I get on well with John who is broad Yorkshire and a really good client having known him for 7 years.. he is quite easy going..

“I am really sorry John I can’t see anything but tell me and I will put it right for the next issue..” I gabbled

See the advert here and see if you can spot it... I didn’t till he told me..

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“There’s an arrow” he says

“An arrow?”

“Centre picture in the sky “ he says

“BLOODY HELL” – I say “ Where did that come from, how did it get there?...let me check back and I will call you back again!

I assumed that as the advert had been proofed and had been running the sudden appearance of a random arrow floating in the sky had somehow made its way into the artwork quite recently but I would have to see when it first showed up so I could try and find when the ‘mistake’ happened.

I went backwards through every issue and sure enough there was the phantom arrow it was on EVERY advert right back to April 2016...So I went back into the design file for that advert in March 2016 and sure enough the arrow was there!

I hadn’t seen it, the client hadn’t seen it when he signed off the proof, our editor and sub editors hadn’t noticed..and up until now if any other eagle eyed reader had seen it in the last 13 months nothing was said! AMAZING..

Up shot was I apologised profusely, said I would get it changed and was prepared to offer a discount on next advert..

John was great! His response was “NO leave it as it is, let’s see how long it is before anyone else says anything!”

It just goes to show that if you don’t expect to see something you don’t always see it. AND in this day of so many of us staring at a computer screen every day that cursor arrow is such a familiar sight it does not register as anything out of the ordinary.. its something that is always there..

That said I still don’t know how it got there cos its not on the original photo and usually the cursor does not transfer to the page.-.but it did!

Pam

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd

2017 Championships

Results from 1st March to 30th April 2017

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

Stage Rally

Malcolm Wilson Rally

Steve Petch – 13th class B14 – 1 pt

Border Counties Rally

Ben Cree – 2nd class 2 – 9 pts

Andy Brown – 2nd class 2 – 9 pts

Le Holland Memorial Rally

Paul Swift – 2nd class D1 – 9 pts

DCC Stages

Ed Todd – 7th class 3 – 4 pts

Andy Brown – 7th class 3 – 4 pts

Somerset Stages

Stephen Petch – 1st class B14 – 10 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 1st class B14 – 10 pts

Pirelli Rally

Stephen Petch – 1st class Club – 10 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 1st class Club – 10 pts

Steve Petch – 2nd class Club – 9 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 2nd class D3 – 9 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Stephen Petch – 30 pts

Paul Swift – 27 pts

Steve Petch – 14 pts

Ben Cree – 13 pts

John Nicholson – 10 pts

Ed Todd – 4 pts

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 30 pts

Andy Brown - 17 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 10 pts

Marshals

If anyone has not been credited days when they marshalled please contact Gordon Dundee asap.

Border Counties Rally

Lindsay Burnip, Gordon Dundee (2 days), Alistair Dundee (1 day)

Pirelli Rally

Peter Masters, Gordon Dundee (2 days), Lindsay Burnip (1 day)

Berwick Classic

Lindsay Burnip

April Treasure Hunt

Pam Broom

Points Standings

Lindsay Burnip – 4 Pts

Gordon Dundee – 4 pts

Pam Broom – 3 pts

Peter Masters – 2 pts

Alistair Dundee – 1 pt.

Stuart Anderson – 1 pt.

Chris Thirling – 1 pt.

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Position	Driver	Organisors Points	April Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	July Treasure Hunt	September Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	TBC	Total
1st	Gordon Dundee		10						10
2nd	Andy Brown		9						9
3rd	Chris Thirling		8						8
4th	Simon Jennings		7						7
5th	Roger Broom		6						6
6th	Nicky Porter		5						5
7th	Peter Sewell		4						4
8th	Ian Burrows		3						3
9th	Mick Stead		2						2
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Navigator

1st	Janelle Dundee		10						10
=1st	Pam Broom	10							10
3rd	Steve Stockell		9						9
4th	Stuart Anderson		8						8
5th	Clive White		7						7
6th	Lindsay Burnip		6						6
=7th	Wendy Porter		5						5
=7th	Kim Richmond		5						5
9th	Sue Sewell		4						4
10th	Micky Halliwell		3						3
11th	Ben Wilkinson		2						2

Forthcoming Events

2017 Calendar

(WEDNESDAY unless stated otherwise)

FEBRUARY

15 th	FIRST ON SCENE Training	Honest Lawyer	8pm
22 nd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

MARCH

1 st	FILM NIGHT & TALK – Pete Masters Travels abroad on Motorcycle! (ALWAYS interesting! Not to be missed)	Honest Lawyer	8pm
8 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
15 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
22 nd	KARTING NIGHT entries £40.50 pp	see Torque Talk for more info or contact LINDSAY	
29 th	Table top Navigation Training	Honest Lawyer	8pm

APRIL

5 th	TREASURE HUNT (Pam)	Start TBA finish Hamsterley	
12 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
19 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
26 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

MAY

3 rd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
10 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
17 th	Gordon Dundee Scatter	more info to follow	
24 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
31 st	GRASS EVENT WITH BBQ	Stuart Andersons	TBC

JUNE

7 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
14 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
21 st	QUAD & CLAYS	FURY EVENTS	7pm
28 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

JULY

5 th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
12 th	COMMITTEE Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
16 th SUNDAY	AUTOJUMBLE & CAR DISPLAY	Witton Castle	TBC
19 th	TREASURE HUNT (Andy Brown)	Venue and time TBC	
26 th	GRASS GYMKHANA	Ed Todds (Witton le Wear)	TBC

AUGUST

2 nd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
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9th	Committee Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
16th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
23rd	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
30th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

SEPTEMBER

3rd SUNDAY	DURHAM DALES	NISSAN	TBC
6th	Treasure Hunt or Scatter (Lindsay)	Venue & Time	TBC
13th	Committee Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
20th	QUIZ NIGHT	Honest Lawyer	8pm
27^h	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

OCTOBER

4th	SCATTER (Pete Masters)	Venue and time	TBC
11th	Committee Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
18th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
25th	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Some Nog & Natter nights will change to events as the months progress. Email notifications will go out but keep an eye on Torque Talk and the website!

For Example we have a REGULARITY TRAINING exercise and a 'proper' REGULARITY to schedule probably one in April and one in May, just waiting for Nicky to confirm dates..

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