

# Torque Talk



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McRae Chevette HSR and especially for Mike Whiley, Rohrl's Audi Short Quattro – just two of the rally cars on display at the WRC event at Silverstone. More inside!

# Club nights June to September

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

June	20 <sup>th</sup>	FURY EVENTS NIGHT –more info to follow
<b>July</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer
	15 <sup>th</sup>	CLASSICS at the CASTLE
<b>August</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nog and Natter
<b>September</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	WEAR SIDE TARGA at Nissan (more details to follow)
September	11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting – Honest Lawyer

## Editorial

It is unfortunate that Kris Meeke suffered another accident while competing for Citroen in the WRC. However, as a few drivers in the past have found to their cost, being fast isn't the be all and end all of a professional Rally or Racing driver. Citroen were quick to relieve him of his duties for the rest of the season. The problem is that when you have gained a reputation as a fast but accident prone driver, who will offer a contract to drive in the future? As great as Colin McRae was, he also was searching for a drive when he suffered that helicopter accident which claimed his life. So what now for Kris Meeke? Well maybe he may find employment in the World Rallycross Championship, which is well and truly up and coming again as a sport. I was at the inaugural event at Silverstone and it really was a super day of motorsport.

The venue was good, with outstanding viewing and had some of the best drivers in the world such as Loeb, Mikelson and Solberg taking to the track in 600BHP four wheel drive machines with plenty of action and excitement. The required one lap "Joker" made for some interesting results as it was quite tactical when it was taken. I was sceptical about this Joker lap, but am now a convert. What was even better was that the manufacturers and various other companies put on displays which were of great interest to the genuine petrol head. What I couldn't understand was the Monster Truck display which had unbelievable levels of Bass boosted music shaking the grounds and my insides while being showered by merchandise for an energy drink thrown from the stage. Not my cup of tea at all. So what was the downside? Once again the cost. The Sunday entry fee for turning up on the day was £70, if you wanted a grandstand seat, that would be another £40. Add food, drink and travel even without an overnigher and you are looking at £150. Thank goodness my Son James got me a ticket for last Christmas, and we didn't need the Grandstand thank you!

Having taken the first tentative steps into becoming a licensed pilot, there are a few essentials that need to be purchased, not least a headset with noise cancelling microphone to enable communication between the tower and of course your instructor. I took the chance on the way down to Silverstone to call into a company which advertised heavily and made bold claims about stock levels and the ability to try various bits of kit. Yes they had headsets to try, but only if you wanted the ones that started at £400+ and even they weren't readily available. I left quite annoyed after a fifty mile detour and then remembered about being in a similar situation when I started Rallying. There was a company near Leeds that advertised lots of equipment which was quite keenly priced. However, like the pilot shop, they didn't have the stock but could order it for you. Not a lot has changed since then apart from the Internet. Is it any surprise that retail is having such a hard time when you can order one day, get it delivered the next and send it back the day after – without charge – if you don't like it.

The perils of Le Mans was brought into stark focus for Aston Martin when Marco Sorensen had a coming together with an LMP 2 car driven by Harrison Newey. Car 95 was destroyed in the ensuing accident with the driver being taken to the medical centre. Happily he was released shortly afterwards but 95 is a write off. That left Aston Martin Racing just 12 days to build the test car into a full blown 95 replacement. This was during the official Saturday test day at Le Mans where there should be no contact and no racing as such. In actual fact, it only took an incredible five days to build a new chassis and complete some straight line runway testing. A fantastic achievement by AMR! Happily the new 95 joined its Sister and the new GT3 Vantage in the market square at Le Mans for the official scrutineering and photo shoot. Sad that the original 95 was written off as it had shown great promise and reliability at the previous test where it completed over 850 laps at Paul Ricard – the most of any car in all classes - with few issues.

9<sup>th</sup> in class was scant reward for all the effort that went into competing at Le Mans. However, subject to confirmation as Murray Walker used to say, they could end up with 8<sup>th</sup> in class and more WEC points due to a disqualification. I won't mention the team as they will in all likelihood appeal, however appeals to the ACO very rarely succeed. Interesting that the LMP2 winner was also disqualified for what I understand was a part that allowed refuelling to take place more quickly. How gutting must that be for the drivers? Racing flat out for 24 hours only for it to be taken away hours after the event had finished.

You have to wonder what is going on with the once all conquering McLaren in F1. Last season they had the excuse of a down on power Honda power unit (you can't call it an engine anymore because of all the useless, complicated, hybrid stuff) They reckon that last year's chassis was one of the best in F1 however I find that difficult to believe when this year's car will be an enhanced version of last year's. A team like McLaren doesn't just forget how to build F1 cars, they have far too many clever people and sophisticated engineering and development tools for that. Let's just say they are under achieving for now. However if you want to see a team in crisis, then you need look no further than Williams. You can't blame having drivers in their first year of Formula One for their lack of results. Anyone can see that the car is nothing like as good cornering as all the rest. Williams thought that they had made a brilliant move when they lured Paddy Lowe from Mercedes, I just wonder if someone like Lowe can't get them out of a hole, who can? As for the Canadian GP, what a snooze fest that was. They couldn't even put out the chequered flag at the right time!

Pam and her team are doing a fantastic job with the preparations for Classics at the Castle. By the looks of things, this is going to be a fantastic event with a lot of exhibitors and attractions. This is going to be a must attend event so get the date in your diary! Hopefully I will be able to make it this year instead of selling furniture and Kitchen accessories for M&S, but at the moment, I don't have my off duty for the date! The perils of working in retail eh?

Ex editor of Durham Automobile Club's magazine Colin Wilson made a case this month for the BTCC to use tyres more in keeping with the tyres used by road users instead of the sticky Dunlop slicks and wets currently used – essentially road tyres. Some replies to his proposal have been a bit savage, some have been supportive. I don't hold with the view expressed by someone that racing tyres are essential. We used to race in the 924 series on Toyo Proxes tyres without issue, granted with less power but if you are going to use them for one session then why not? Could Dunlop not produce something similar with a compound to suit the extra power? This would be more in keeping with the Touring Car theme. However as BMR Racing and Subaru has found to its cost this year, BTCC has little in common with the cars they purport to be. Most use the Swindon Racing Engines TOCA Engine, and it's only the shell outline and look that has a passing resemblance to say a Honda Civic or Audi. With a successful series such as the BTCC, I feel that however well intentioned, any large scale changes such as this would be detrimental.

Don't forget that Croft hosts the BTCC on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June. If you haven't been to a race meeting, this is an ideal time to try it. I'll be there both days, so come and say hello if you see me. On Saturday, take advantage of the reduced crowd numbers and suss out the best viewing. I can recommend Clearvaux and the mound at the top of the circuit which gives you a view of Barcroft, Sunny in and Sunny out as well as the start of the complex. On race day, the inside of the circuit opposite the pits provides good viewing of the start and the run up to Tower.

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

Marty

## **Chairman's report**

DAC held a couple of Navigation events in May, organised by Peter Masters and Gordon Dundee. Everyone who competed had a good time chasing clues around the Weardale back roads. But there has been a noticeable drop in the number of entries received for these events. To help boost entries I will hold another Navigational training night where you can pop along to learn how to navigate or brush up on your skills. I will run this session on Wednesday 27 June at the Honest Lawyer starting at 8pm. If you have map 92 bring it along with you for some practical exercises. Don't forget an HB pencil and rubber.

I went to watch my first Targa and support some DAC crews on the Shaw Trophy organised by Whickham and District motor club. Although only 29 crews had entered there was a great variety of vehicles from Minis to an 80 year old Chevy driven by DAC member Robert Cook. The cars don't have to be highly modified at all and you don't need overalls, helmets and HANS. The tests were dotted around the Hexham and Corbridge area. Cars entered into a test, one at a time and were timed to the second. Similar to an Autotest but the surface varied from tarmac to gravel tracks. At times there was a lot of dust. Everyone I spoke to were having a good day. Even Ian Peake was out in his "new" Proton Satria. He said the car was coping better than he was but he was having a great time and loved the gravel tests. I think the entry fee was around £90 and this gave you two meals per person and a full day's motorsport.

The Classics at the Castle is fast approaching and we will need club members to show their vehicles and also help out on the day as well. Please let Pam Broom know if you can support and if you want to show your car or hold an auto jumble stand. But get your entry form submitted before the closing date. For more information on the Classics at the Castle, visit the club Website.

Now that we are nearly midway through the club year I am going to put out another call to all club members. We still need volunteers to fill some positions on the committee.

If you would like to know what is involved please speak to a committee member or email me at [durhamautomobileclub@gmail.com](mailto:durhamautomobileclub@gmail.com). Please don't read this and think somebody else can do it. The Club Secretary role has been vacant for 18 months now and with nearly 100 members, there must be club members who can spare a few hours to support these roles. Why not pop along to the club or the next committee meeting to see what takes place. Committee meetings are held every two months (trial period for 2018), so it only requires a few hours of your time every month.

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

Stay safe and enjoy your motorsport.

Andy

## Social Secretary Report June 2018

Hi All... I am going to start this with an apology! **SORRY if I have missed anything out of this report...** I am feeling quite worn out and sleep deprived! Like most of our Committee members I have a full time job and juggle DAC duties around work and usual family/home life. **Classics at the Castle** is not far away now so while I remember **ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OUT THERE THAT CAN MARSHAL ON THE DAY!??** In order for the day to run smoothly I would like to think we can field around 20 volunteers on the day PLEASE just drop me an email if you might be able to help and I will explain more, IF we have enough people we can share duties and not need to be there all day! We had a site visit and sub committee meeting this week and it is looking like it will be another great event, lets hope the weather is as kind as it was last year!

We also have **our FURY EVENTS NIGHT and BBQ** coming up as I write this though it will be over by the time you are reading this! (But I still need to send emails to all club members as a reminder once I have finished this report!)

Roger and I have been at a couple of other car shows/events pushing and promoting Durah Automobile Club membership as well as the Car Show.

My work has been rather stressful with new software systems and the changes to GDPR have caused no end of extra work and headaches!

On top of that! the lighter nights and the very short time between the dusk and dawn chorus and the warm nights make sleeping difficult enough BUT the local council, in it's wisdom, granted a 'person' (loose sense of word) just along from our house permission to have a boarding kennel for training greyhounds (AT THE BACK OF A TERRACED HOUSE)! They bark and howl almost every night around midnight then from 4am as its getting light almost on the hour at 5, 6, and 7 am! Closer neighbours than me are trying to get something done but as yet to no avail! The 'Person' in question is not the nicest of people and can't be spoken to in a reasonable manner...HER reaction is to scream shout and threaten and controlling the EIGHT dogs is done by screaming at the top of her voice "SHUT THE F\*\*\* UP!" which I don't need to hear at daft o'clock!

Hence the sleep deprivation....Oh and my neighbour is very poorly in hospital and because she is in Darlington and we do not have a sensible bus service here and her husband does not drive I am travelling to Darlington almost daily after work, which I do not mind as Marjorie is like family to me, but it all takes time!

SO again I would appeal to ALL members out there IF you can spare some time to help AT ANY f our Club events it takes a little pressure off myself and other Committee members, it really is true that many hands make light work.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July we will be setting up at Witton Castle putting in stakes, marking class parking putting up signage etc.... and on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> we need people on the ground, especially on the morning while we are parking up over 200 vehicles.

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

**On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE Andy has offered to run a bit of a 'training night'...** We have Treasure Hunts and Scatters and Regularity events as part of our Championship and to add to the enjoyment f our Wednesday evenings...

Some members are still not sure what these involve and the differences so come along on 27<sup>th</sup> and find out what is different and how to enjoy participating. A little bit of map knowledge is needed for SOME events but nothing too taxing! ( Just think what would you do without a sat nav? Map skills could save the day!

Come along it will be fun!

Once Classics at the Castle is over we will get some **dates into the Calendar** for another TREASURE HUNT, another SCATTER and hopefully a Regularity- (I must speak to Nicky!)

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST** we plan to hold a GYMKHANA event at Witton leWear...An afternoon of fun followed by a BBQ...More to follow and look out for emails.. There will be various games suitable for ALL AGES and youngsters can drive if accompanied by an adult..Some events will include passengers and again will be suitable for younger family members to participate as 'helper'. It is a fun afternoon FOR ALL AGES and FAMILIES. Chris & Stuart will again be providing a great feast!

WE WILL NEED SOME HELPERS as well as please!

I can't quite believe I am going to say this now.....Once the nights cut in....we will look at some more indoor evenings, same talks, film nights and quizzes etc...

IF ANY MEMBERS HAVE ANY IDEAS about the types of things they would like to see happening within the club please send one of an email or pop along to a club night or even a committee meeting and lets see what we can arrange..

Hope to see MANY of you at these events.... and if you can HELP please give me a **call on 01388 604193 or 07733 243 842** or email me at [pam.broom@btinternet.com](mailto:pam.broom@btinternet.com)

### **CLASSICS at the CASTLE 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE – Don't miss out!**

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**Don't forget to Enter Your CARS/ Bikes OR to book an Auto jumble stall**

# Just for the record

This month I am honoured to have Mike Whiley answering the questions. For those who don't know him, Mike was Chairman of DAC in the 70's and was the driving force behind such great events as the Inter Club Competitions between DAC and Ripon MSC. He was an invaluable member of Nicky Porters Doggarts service crew, and could be relied upon to promote the club at every opportunity. For his services to the club, Mike was rewarded with an Honorary Membership

*What is your current job title? Mr*

*What was your first paid job? Ground staff Silver City Airways*

*How long have you been a DAC club member? Since 1971*

*What was your first motorsport vehicle? Mini*

*What is or has been your favourite motorsport vehicle? Mini*

*What was the best time to be in motorsport? Member of Doggart's Rally Team*

*What was the first record/cd/download you ever bought? Brenda Lee*

*What is your favourite film? The quiet man (John Wayne)*

*What is your favourite book? Bring on Empty horses (David Niven)*

*Who is your favourite entertainer/musician? Elvis Presley*

*What was your biggest cock up? Marrying the first wife.*

*Where is your favourite place, anywhere? Lake Garda*

*What do you feel is your greatest achievement in Motorsport? Winning the DAC Victor Ludorum (Navigator)*

*Who is/was your favourite driver in motorsport? Roger Clarke/Lewis Hamilton*

*What is your favourite car or a car you would like to own? Audi Quattro*

*Do you have any hobbies outside of Motorsport? Travelling*

*Who do you think has been (or is) our best Prime Minister? Maggi Thatcher*

*What frustrates you about motorsport? Money*

*What was your worst vehicle? Francis Barnett 175*

*What is your favourite food? Wagu Steak*

*What's the most important lesson you have learnt in life? You can't be right all the time*

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**CAPTION COMPETITION!**

Disappointing that I only received two entries for the Caption Competition. However once again Peter Masters triumphs with his

**Mmm, good idea! only need buy three tyres!!!**

The bottle of plonk will be on its way to you soon Peter!

**Fury**  
EVENTS

Drive it • Shoot it • Ride it



## The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale Bridge Durham DH1 3SP

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!



## **CLASSICS at The CASTLE 2018**

I am pleased to announce that ENTRIES OPEN on 1<sup>st</sup> of February for this Year's CLASSICS at the CASTLE.

**ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE NO LATE ENTRIES**  
**WILL BE ACCEPTED**

( Or sooner if we reach our MAXIMUM of 300 vehicles)

**!!!! DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY ENTRIES !!!!**

Again we will have availability for Autojumble stands. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or to request a copy of Regulations and Entry Form.



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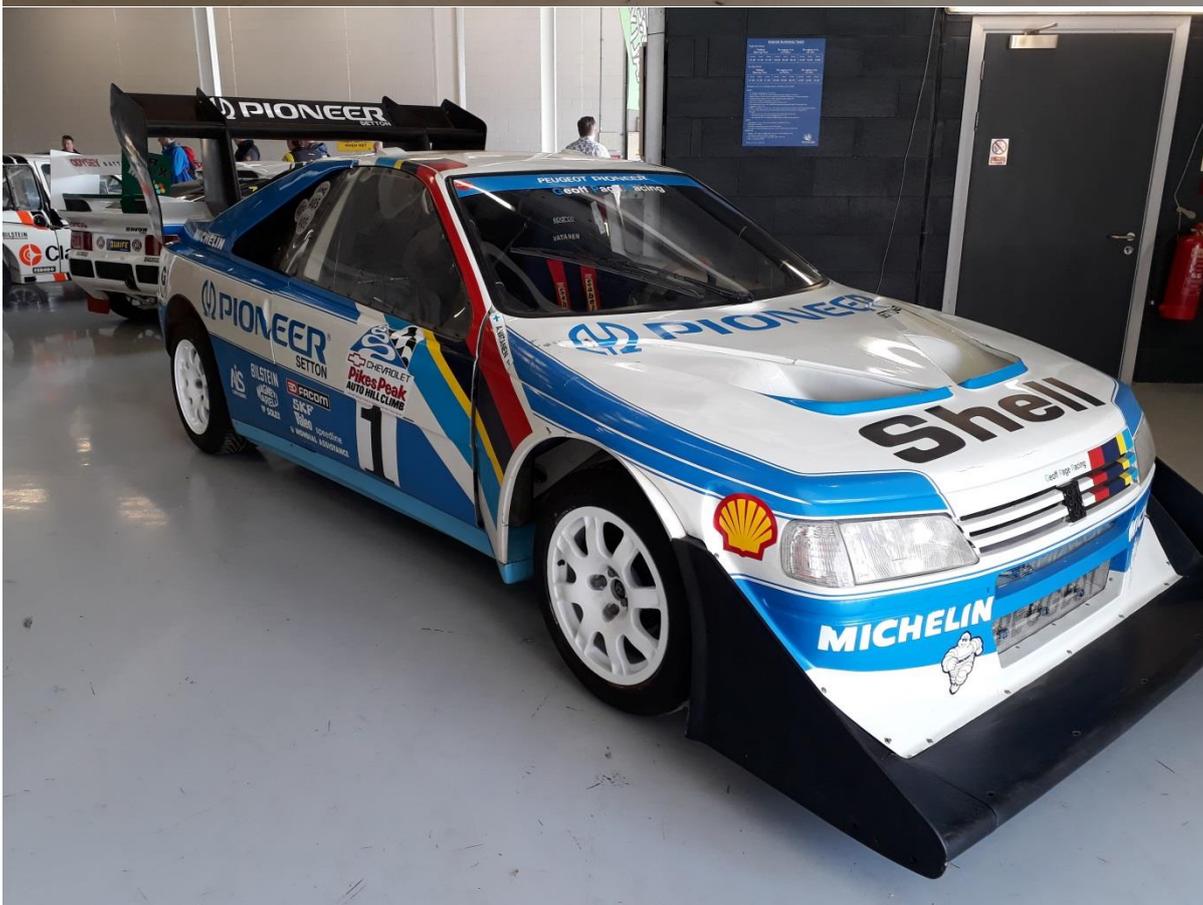


Durham Auto Club



Some of the cars on display at the World Rallycross event at Silverstone Circuit. Well worth a visit!





Blast from the past this month is the Cairns Heatway Stages.  
Thanks once again to **Mrs Hetherington** who has supplied  
some excellent archive material!

# CAIRNS-HEATWAY

## STAGES

A ROUND OF THE CLUBMAN'S SPECIAL STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP



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**6th MARCH, 1983**



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## CAIRNS-HEATWAY STAGES RALLY

Sunday 6th March 1983

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Welcome to the third Cairns Heatway Stages Rally organised for the first time jointly by Sunderland and District Motor Club and Tynemouth and District Motor Sport Club Ltd.

The event will be held entirely within the confines of Lambton Adventure Park with support from Cairns-Heatway of Herrington Burn and will comprise of eight special stages a total of sixteen competitive stage miles.

To all spectators we wish you an enjoyable and safe days motor sport and in order to ensure this please follow the instructions of marshals and stay within the defined areas.

This event is held under the General Regulations of The RAC Motor Sports Association Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA ) and the Supplementary Regulations.

### Acknowledgements

The organisers wish to thank the following, without whose help and co-operation the event would not have been possible:-

Cairns-Heatway  
Lambton Estates  
RAC Motor Sports Association  
St John's Ambulance  
Shell  
Allinsons Glass  
Householders adjacent to Lambton Park  
All those who have assisted in the organisation of the event.

### Past Winners

1981 Fred Henderson/ P Newton  
1982 Fred Henderson/ P Milburn

Officials of the event are:-

Secretary of the Meeting	David Alexander
RAC Steward	
Club Stewards	John Harris Keith Cleaver
Clerk of the Course	Stuart Bankier Dave Robbins
Chief Scrutineer	Don Tarbet
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Burns
Chief Marshal	Alan Merchant
Equipment Officers	John Telford Ed Barber
Results Manager	Derreck Howe
Press Officer	Derrick Hardy

CAIRNS-HEATWAY STAGES RALLY

Sunday 6th March 1983

Entry List

<u>No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Class/Engine</u>
1	Alec Cannon Entrant G W Tindal	Mick Steel	Avenger	Whickham	3 / 2000
2	Jeff Ledger	Graham Pinkerton	Escort RS	Whickham	3 / 1591
3	Ron Roughead Entrant Leybourne	Ian Canavan Urwin (Heating & Ventilation Engineers) Ltd.	Sunbeam	Whickham	3 / 2000
4	David Crisp Entrant Cleveland Home Brew	Charles Lamb	Escort RS	Stockton	3 / 1998
5	<del>Anthony Eaton</del>	<del>Stewart Aspley</del>	Escort RS	Stockton	3 / 1975
6	Dave Lewis Entrant Drive and Save Motor Accessories	TBA	Escort RS	Whickham	3 / 1993
7	Bill Peddie	Barry Westphal	Escort RS	Whickham	3 / 1800
8	Trevor Wilson Entrant Priory Garages Sunderland	Steve Robson	Talbot Samba	Sunderland	3 / 1598
9	Glen Pearce	Brian Richardson	Escort	Durham	1 / 1298
10	Colin Bulmer Entrant Cliff House Garage/ Cairns-Heatway	David Blakemore	Toyota	Sunderland	2 / 1600
11	Lisle Hobson Entrant Worcester Controls	Mick Millane	Escort RS	Hartlepool	3 / 2000
12	Stuart Orrick Entrant Tynemouth & District Motor Sport Club Ltd.	Stuart Hastings	Escort RS	Tynemouth	3 / 2000
13	Chrissie Ashford	TBA	Chevette	Ripon	3 / 2279
14	Gordon Welsh Entrant Laws Food Stores/St Ivel	Mick Collier	Escort	Whickham	2 / 1600
15	Joe Peel	Trevor Odr	Escort	Hexham	3 / 1998
16	Martyn Close	Norman Sidney	Kadett GT/E	Durham	3 / 2000
17	Tony Ridley Entrant INSU Insulations Ltd	Ed Graham	Sunbeam	Hexham	1 / 1298
18	George Cockerill Entrant Harrison's Garage Whitby	TBA	Metro	Whitby	1 / 1293
19	Ken Hall	TBA	Triumph	Normanby	3 / 1998
20	James Forster	David Edgar	Escort	Whickham	2 / 1600
21	Peter Ibbotson Entrant Tynemouth & District Motor Sport Club Ltd.	Don Whyatt	Escort	Tynemouth	2 / 1600
22	Les Graham	Julie Wilson	Escort	Tynemouth	3 / 2000

<u>No.</u>	<u>Drive</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Class/ En</u>
23	Alan Anderson	Riener Stockle	Land Rover	Whickham	3 / 350
24	Mick Gascoigne	Richard Gascoigne	Escort RS	Durham	3 / 199
25	Philip Graham	Sally Graham	Sunbeam	Bishop Auckland	2 / 160
26	Chris Hewitt	Paul Murphy	Avenger	Alnwick	2 / 159
27	Maurice Lee	Geoff Arnell	Escort RS	Peterlee	3 / 260
28	Ken Ridley	Dave Snowdon	Escort RS	Whickham	3 / 200
29	N. Courtney-Kasher	Pete Shiels	Escort RS	Newcastle	3 / 200
	Entrant Newcastle & District Motor Club				
30	Bob Ayton	Angela Ayton	Sunbeam	Normanby	1 / 130
31	Gordon Hedley	Tony Hedley	Colt Celeste	Tynemouth	3 / 200
	Entrant Tynemouth & District Motor Sport Club Ltd.				
32	Mark Jackson	Valerie Wyatt	Escort	Blackfyne	2 / 159
	Entrant Blackfyne Motor Club Ltd.				
33	Andrew Taylor	David Robinson	Escort	Tynemouth	3 / 159
	Entrant South Bank Motor Club				
34	Rob Philips	Wayne Philips	Sunbeam	Tynemouth	2 / 160
	Entrant Tynemouth & District Motor Sport Club Ltd.				
35	M J Metcalfe	Paul Sayer	Opel Kadett	Northallerton	1/130
36	Adrian Fisher	Julie Fisher	Escort RS	Bishop Auckland	3/1993
37	John Stewart	Peter Belbin	Chevette	Tynemouth	1 / 129
	Entrant Tynemouth & District Motor Sport Club Ltd.				
38	John Hepple	TBA	Escort/Alfa	Whickham	3 / 18
39	Keith Davison	TBA	Escort	TBA	3 / 15
40	Douglas Old	Simon Spence	TR7 V8	Peterlee	3 / 35
41	Paul Wilson	TBA	Escort RS	Hexham	3 / 19
42	Mark Blenkinsop	Colin Crowe		Bishop Auckland	3 /
43	Gordon Reid	Richard Walker	Escort RS	Stockton	3 / 20
	Entrant Collin Maintenance & Inspection Services Ltd.				
44	C P Atkinson	John York	Opel Ascona	Normanby	3 / 19
45	David Seed	Ian Stoker	Escort	Durham	1 / 12
46	John Barker	Ken Welsh	Escort	Whickham	3 / 20
47	Steve Owens	John Thornburn	Escort	Normanby	2 / 15
48	Phil Wright	Ian Keywood	Sunbeam	Morecambe	1 / 15
	Entrant Ian Keywood				

# 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:-

13<sup>th</sup> May – Hartlepool – Eden Part Autotest Site

27<sup>th</sup> May – Durham – Ebac, Newton Aycliffe

TBC October – Durham – TBC

9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gandjdundee@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Round** – Hartlepool 13<sup>th</sup> May.

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Hall – Class A

2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Raylor – Class A

3<sup>rd</sup> – Stuart Leighton – Class A

4<sup>th</sup> – Pete Masters – Class C

5<sup>th</sup> - Louis Allen – Class C

6<sup>th</sup> - Chris Wilgress – Class A

7<sup>th</sup> – Steve Brown – Class B

8<sup>th</sup> - Robin Hunter – Class C

9<sup>th</sup> – Nick Brown – Class C

10<sup>th</sup> Amy Brown – Class B

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round** - Newton Aycliffe – 27<sup>th</sup> May

Cancelled as only 5 entries received.

### **Championship positions**

#### **Overall**

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Hall – 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Raylor – 9 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> - Stuart Leighton – 8 pts

4<sup>th</sup> - Pete Masters – 7 pts

5<sup>th</sup> - Louis Allen – 6 pts

6<sup>th</sup> - Chris Wilgress – 5 pts

7<sup>th</sup> – Steve Brown – 4 pts

8<sup>th</sup> - Robin Hunter – 3 pts

9<sup>th</sup> – Nick Brown – 2 pts

10<sup>th</sup> Amy Brown – 1 pt

#### **Class A**

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Hall – 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> – Harry Raylor – 9 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> - Stuart Leighton – 8 pts

4<sup>th</sup> - Chris Wilgress – 7 pts

**Class B**

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Brown – 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> - Amy Brown – 9 pts

**Class C**

1<sup>st</sup> - Pete Masters – 10 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> - Louis Allen – 9 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> - Robin Hunter – 8 pts

4<sup>th</sup> – Nick Brown – 7 pts

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd**  
**2018 Championships**

Duration - From 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018.

Points will be published in the club magazine, if you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee, [gandjdundee@gmail.com](mailto: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: - 1<sup>st</sup> in class = 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class = 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> in class = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 NESCO 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 1<sup>st</sup> = 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 9 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8 pts, down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>, 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)

1<sup>st</sup> – Simon Jennings – Andy Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ian Burrows – Tom Burrows – Dave Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> - Janelle Dundee – Gordon Dundee

4<sup>th</sup> - Kimberly Gardiner – Peter Gardiner

5<sup>th</sup> - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

6<sup>th</sup> - Roger Broom – Pam Broom

7<sup>th</sup> – Richard Young – Peter Dark

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

1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Hutchinson – Catherine Hutchinson

2<sup>nd</sup> - Simon Jennings – Pam Broom

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gordon Dundee – Janelle Dundee

4<sup>th</sup> – Addison Forster – Kath Thompson

5<sup>th</sup> – Paul Forster – Broden Forster

6<sup>th</sup> – Mick Stead – A N Other

7<sup>th</sup> - Roger Broom – Andy Brown

8<sup>th</sup> - Richard Young – Peter Dark

9<sup>th</sup> - Peter Masters – All Alone

### **May Navigational Scatter** (organized by Gordon and Janelle Dundee)

1<sup>st</sup> – Simon Jennings – Andy Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter Masters – Pam Broom

3<sup>rd</sup> - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

4<sup>th</sup> – Broden Forster – Paul Forster

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

## DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Position	Driver	Organisors 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 use 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee [gandjdundee@gmail.com](mailto:gandjdundee@gmail.com)

### **Results to date**

#### **South of Scotland Targa Rally**

Simon Jennings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

#### **Shaw Trophy Targa Rally**

Simon Jennings – 7<sup>th</sup> Overall – 4<sup>th</sup> Class

Gordon Dundee – Alistair Dundee – 11<sup>th</sup> Overall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

Ian Peake – 20<sup>th</sup> Overall – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Bob Cooke – Geoff Morson – 26<sup>th</sup> Overall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Points standings will be confirmed when published by NESCO

### **Future Events**

24<sup>th</sup> June – Lake District Classic

15<sup>th</sup> July – Northern Dales Classic Trophy

12<sup>th</sup> August – Blue Streak Targa Rally

9<sup>th</sup> September – Wearside Classic

30<sup>th</sup> September – Doonhamer Classic Rally

6<sup>th</sup> October – Devils Own Clubman rally

14<sup>th</sup> October – Solway Classic

18<sup>th</sup> November – Saltire Classic Rally

## Stage Rally Results from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018

If you have results that are missed please contact Gordon Dundee [gandjdundee@gmail.com](mailto:gandjdundee@gmail.com)

### Jack Frost Stages

Ed Todd – 2<sup>nd</sup> class 3 – 9 pts

Andy Brown – 2<sup>nd</sup> class 4 – 9 pts

John Nicholson – 4<sup>th</sup> class 6 – 7 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 7<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 4 pts

Mark Burton – 10<sup>th</sup> class 2 – 1 pt

Zoe Wright – 10<sup>th</sup> class 2 – 1 pt

Andy Drake – 11<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 1 pt

Jeff Bedford – 11<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 1 pt

### Jack Neal Memorial Rally

Andrew Grimstone – 4<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 7 pts

### Grant Construction Rally

Andrew Grimstone – 8<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 3 pts

Andy Brown – 8<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 3 pts

### Cambrian Rally

Stephen Petch – 2<sup>nd</sup> class B14 – 9 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 2<sup>nd</sup> class B14 – 9 pts

### DCC Stages

Ed Todd – 8<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 3 pts

### Warcop Stages

Ed Todd – 6<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 5 pts

Andy Brown – 6<sup>th</sup> class 3 – 5 pts

### Rallynuts Stages

Stephen Petch – 5<sup>th</sup> class B14 – 6 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 5<sup>th</sup> class B14 – 6 pts

### Pirelli National B Five

Steve Petch – 5<sup>th</sup> class – 6 pts

### Plains Rally

Stephen Petch – 4<sup>th</sup> class B14 – 7 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 4<sup>th</sup> class B14 – 7 pts

## Points Standings

### Drivers

Stephen Petch – 22 pts

Ed Todd – 17 pts

Andrew Grimstone – 10 pts

John Nicholson – 7 pts

Steve Petch – 6 pts

Andy Drake - 1 pt

Mark Burton – 1 pt

### Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 22 pts

Andy Brown - 17 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 4 pts

Jeff Bedford - 1 pt

Zoe Wright – 1 pt

# Wearside Classic

(incorporating the Wearside Targa Rally)

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

CoC - Gordon Dundee – 07799 140427

Sec - Lindsay Burnip – 07727 098450

Chief Marshal – Alistair Dundee – 07792 055988

# Durham Automobile Club Forthcoming Event Calendar

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

**Between June and September we will be having a few more Navigational Events including Regularities/Jogularities 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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