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Blast from the past at Angeloume an Alpine A310 and a new project for Stuart Anderson and Chris Thirlwell. A well sorted Ginetta G15 will be a great car to drive!

Club nights October to December

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

Honest Lawyer Hotel, Croxdale Bridge, Croxdale, Durham, DH1 3SP.

<http://www.strhotels.co.uk/honest-lawyer-hotel/>

Durham Auto club Website

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

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 12th December Julian Porter evening at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. This is a “must attend” event! Julian attends the World Rally Championship events, interviewing drivers and gaining insight into what is going on. Full details in Pam’s column

Saturday 9th February 2019 Awards night and Dinner at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. Tickets expected to be around £20 for a three course dinner with raffle and disco – not to be missed!

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

Editorial

Sebastian Ogier is World Rally Champion driving an M Sport car produced just across the Pennines in Cockermouth. What is brilliant about this is that the car is produced by a private company, with a budget which is tiny compared with the likes of Toyota, Hyundai and Citroen. As I said in my editorial last month, we should be proud of the achievements of M Sport, and I can only hope that someone comes along to boost the funding so that more development work can take place and a driver of the likes of Ogier can be retained. I just wonder if Ogier may live to regret leaving M Sport for pastures new. It's a big leap of faith to move from a highly competitive car and environment into the unknown!

In a stunning drive at Shanghai, Nikki Thiim and Marco Sorrensen scored the first victory for the new Aston Martin Racing Vantage. I am proud to say that part of the team doing electronics, data analysis and strategy is Durham Automobile Club member James Hall. I cannot help but be more than a bit proud of him as he has put a load of work into the development of car 95 and 97. Well done Son!

One of the best up and coming drivers, Sophia Florsch is currently recovering from a horrific crash at the Macau F3 race. This young lady raced in the Ginetta Junior Championship which is part of the BTCC series and was very quick and was also the first Ginetta Junior driver to win two races at a single meeting. This was at Thruxton and I have to say, she really impressed me. Never mind about a race series for females, this young lady can cut it with the best, so much so that Red Bull are taking an interest. Let's hope that she recovers quickly from quite serious injuries.

Having scored a brilliant win on the Rally Catalonia, I think that Sebastian Loeb is probably one of the best Motorsport drivers of all time! Agreed he made an inspired tyre choice for the final stages of the rally, but once again, he triumphed in a car which is probably not the best WRC car out there. I also appreciate that some of the success has to be down to Daniel Elena who has navigated and co drove Loeb to so many rally victories, however Loeb was equally comfortable in a Citroen World Touring Car. At 44 years of age, he probably has a few years left in him yet before retirement, and I wouldn't bet against him adding to his win tally in any series he cares to take part in. What would be great would be to see him in the World Endurance Championship, and partner someone like Button in an LMP1 car. What a fantastic career statistic that would be if he could win Le Mans.

I read a very interesting article or two in this month's Race Tech magazine. Firstly, there was an in depth look into the V4 engine used in the Porsche 919 WEC car, which was worth the cost of the magazine alone, and also a look into why the current push to use electricity to power cars is misguided. The article went into some detail as to why there hasn't been a push to use Hydrogen to power cars which therefore retains the internal combustion engine and produces nothing but water – good old H₂O as the only combustion by product. I still stand by what I have said before in this magazine, and that is that an electric car is of no use to me if I cannot make the journey down to London on a single charge. Having to stop to recharge over several hours is of no use to me! Hydrogen power was championed a few years ago and its time it was looked at again. With efficiencies of around 40% (highlighted in the Porsche 919 engine article) I believe that Hydrogen is actually the way forward.

My race license renewal dropped through the letterbox the other day and with it a letter detailing the rebranding of the Motorsports Association to Motorsport UK but more importantly, a change in direction with regard to rules and regulations and how the organisation is run. If this is the

beginning of a root and branch review of how motorsport is run in the UK, then I am all for it. Clearly this is due to Dave Richards taking the helm and bringing some trusted colleagues with him. I really hope that this isn't just a flash in the pan, and Dave and his team find a way to promote British motorsport to make it attractive enough for youngsters to put away their X Boxes and Play Stations and get out and compete in cost effective, interesting and enjoyable motorsport.

Am I missing something here? At the last Grand Prix in Mexico, Ocon was castigated for taking out Verstappen whilst trying to un-lap himself. Verstappen was so unamused by his actions that he started a bit of fisty cuffs in the weighing area. First of all, no matter what series it is, physical assault of another competitor or official is not acceptable under any circumstances. Secondly, when you are leading a Grand Prix it is your responsibility to avoid being tripped over by another driver – just where was Ocon supposed to go? Thirdly, if you are being overtaken by the race leader, then at least have the awareness of who it is and not get into a stupid fight with the result that both cars lost places and Verstappen almost certainly the win.

However, Verstappen's actions, and attitude following the race showed a lack of maturity and showed a side of him that has been bubbling away in the background since he entered Formula 1. Clearly Ocon and Verstappen have no time for each other and this has all the signs of carrying on into the new season when Ocon will have a car that could probably get near the Red Bull for pace. I just hope that this doesn't deteriorate into a Senna/Prost or Villeneuve/Pironi situation with the inevitable result.

There was a great video posted on Facebook of Steve Brown's Daughter Amy going for it in an Autotest at Seaton Carew. From what I saw in the video, she seems to be doing very well and showed some considerable car control and commitment. This is exactly the sort of event that we need to keep on promoting as over the years, many top line drivers have started with either karting, autotesting or motorbike scrambling. Whilst never being close to being top line, I started my motorsport career at an Autotest at Milburngate car park in Durham, progressed to stage rallying, autocross, and racing. I hope that over the years, Amy and people like her, get as much out of motorsport as I have.

There has been a big clear out at the Hall household, with the electronics workshop being dismantled and years of documents and circuit diagrams shredded. Data books and application notes have also been consigned to recycling. Earlier in the year the garage and outhouse was cleared out and all in all there has been a lot of clearing the decks. So what has brought this on? Well, I'm not as young as I used to be, and it's time to concentrate on one thing at a time instead of trying to continue plate spinning of all sorts of stuff. I'm thoroughly enjoying flying, but I need to be able to concentrate on that and the exams as well as working for Marksies to afford the lessons. I hope this explains my comment in last month's mag about retiring from the editorship of the magazine being non-negotiable. There is nothing nasty or insidious going on, I just need to manage my time in a more efficient way.

That's it for this month. Best of luck if competing!

Marty

Chairman's report

To start my report I would like to congratulate Stephen Petch & Michael Wilkinson on their third overall on the Malton Stages at the beginning of November. A little further back just outside the top 10, Steve Petch finished in 13th position. I was a little disappointed not to get a competitive seat for this event as it was part of the SG Petch championship and I'm currently second overall on the co-driver table.

Now that the darker nights are here, we are planning some club nights for December and January, but I will let Pam Broom, your Social Secretary tell you all about this.

At this time of the year, Gordon Dundee your Competition Secretary, would be releasing the regulations for the Christmas auto test. But unfortunately due to redevelopment work at Ebac, we have lost this venue. So until we can find another suitable venue there will be no further DAC auto tests in 2018. Hopefully we can find a suitable venue for 2019. Can I ask all club members to keep their eyes open for suitable venues and please let Gordon Dundee gandjdundee@gmail.com know? We will of course keep you up to date with events in the North of England and Scotland.

As Christmas approaches, various championships have or are drawing to a close. The North of England Tarmac Championship (NETRC) and SG Petch Rally championship have announced their top placed Drivers and Co drivers. The final round of the SG Petch Rally championship in Grizedale Forest will take place on December 8th. As I said earlier I am currently second overall in the championship. Now the winning Co-Driver has already been announced so I'm hoping for a good result to keep my second spot on the podium. I won this championship back in 2016, so a second place in 2018 would be great.

The SG Petch Championship is looking for a new co-ordinator as DAC member Colin Tombs is standing down at the end of the year. If you would like to take on this role or would like more details, please contact Colin Tombs on tombscolin14@sky.com.

Unfortunately after winning the 2017 NETRC, my performance in 2018 took a dive when I lost my seat after the Jack Frost stages in January and my driver decided he wouldn't do anymore rounds. I won't go into the full story, but for me the greatest result for 2018 was getting back into the GTM with Ed Todd. We have been together since 2000 and it was a real treat to do the Warcop stages and Cheviot stages (report is later in this magazine) with Ed this year. OK we didn't get the results we were hoping for but that doesn't matter if you are having fun. We will start the 2019 season in mid-December at Croft for the Christmas stages.

Are we seeing a new revival of the MSA since Dave Richards joined the governing team? Not just some rule relaxations and a new name of Motorsport UK, they say they will represent the whole spectrum of four-wheel motorsport, from grassroots to the elite, and in all four countries of the UK.

A shake up of the MSA has been long overdue so I hope this is successful and changes the current exodus of competitors and marshals. Rule changes in rallying alone over the last two years have been complicated and unclear. The Fire extinguisher rule change at the beginning of 2018 was just a complete joke, as the questions raised on social media showed they had released a totally confusing and unclear rule change. I sold my rally car because I couldn't keep up and afford all of the rule changes. For example my harnesses were "out of date", over 5 years old and only rallied once by the previous owner, but the rule change stated they needed renewing. Now the MSA have relaxed the Harness rules which means my harnesses would still be in date. We need a range of motorsport that everyone can take part in from Clubman to Professional and not just those who have an endless budget.

Good luck to everyone who is out competing this month. I'd like to wish Simon Jennings and Clive White the best of luck on the Saltire rally on 18 November. Simon is doing really well in the NES-CRO 2018 Targa rally Championship. If you are competing, please send Martin Hall martinhall49@gmail.com a short report for this magazine.

Andy Brown

Chairman of Durham Automobile Club

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT November 2018

Hello to all.

I am not sure where this year has gone? Perhaps it's true that as we get older time seems to pass quicker, though I think it is also true that many of us have such busy lives now that we just don't get as much 'down' time... there is certainly no shortage of things to do and always other jobs waiting!

The BIG NEWS IS we have a date **for JULIAN PORTER** to visit the club as a guest speaker. More details at the end of this piece. I do hope as many club members as possible will attend the night and we will be inviting other clubs along too...

As you will see the venue for the talk is **BISHOP AUCKLAND GOLF CLUB** which is new for us and I hope those of you not familiar with the Golf Club will find it a very good spot.

I must stress the HONEST LAWYER is Durham Automobile Club's regular venue and meeting point and we will continue to meet there most Wednesday nights, unless there are occasions when we need to meet elsewhere.

The Honest Lawyer unfortunately can't always accommodate our needs on a Wednesday night as they also have other business commitments and sometimes also they cannot cater for us if we have over 50 people, especially if we want food.

SO for Julian Porters evening AND for the 2019 AWARDS NIGHT AND DINNER we will be meeting at the Golf Club.

As I get dates from other guest speakers such as Nicky Porte and our own Peter Masters I will confirm if that will be at Honest Lawyer or the Golf Club.

I will have more information for **the AWARDS night DINNER** soon and will pass these on ASAP but for now the date is SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. I will be confirming menu's etc. but expect the cost to be NO MORE than £20 per head for a 3 Course meal.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

If anyone has any suggestions for other Social Nights or if any one would like to organise a quiz (or something else) please let me know, it is very difficult sometimes to know what Club members want. Myself and the committee are always open to suggestions and welcome any offers of help!

Meanwhile between now and the 12th December us 'regulars' will continue to be at the Honest Lawyer on a Wednesday night from 8pm. It would be great to see more of you come along especially on these cold dark nights!

ALSO all club members who come along to the HL on a Wednesday night get a VIP discount card that entitles them to **10% off all drink and food AT ANY TIME** – not just a Wednesday night, so come along and pick up yours!

See you soon

PAM



INVITATION



DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB are very pleased to announce that

JULIAN PORTER will be talking to **Members and GUESTS**

on Wednesday 12th December.

VENUE: Bishop Auckland Golf Club

(Durham Rd, Bishop Auckland DL14 8DL) www.bishopaucklandgolfclub.co.uk/

ARRIVE : 7.15pm for a PROMPT Start at 7.45pm

There will be a break for a BUFFET at approx 9pm.

To ensure we cater for everyone could you drop a quick email or text message to

Pam.broom@btinternet.com or 07733 243842. Thank you.

EVERYONE WELCOME

As you may or may not know Julian Porter has close associations to DAC and has for the last few years come along to the Club and shared his WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP experiences with us.

Julian has a unique insight into the workings of the World Championship. His day to day job entails him travelling around the world attending all rounds commentating on the rallies, presenting shows and interviewing drivers and other team members.

He has been involved with the WRC now for a long time and has seen many changes in the sport, cars drivers, regulations, countries and more and as he will tell you not all changes have been for the best.

Over these years he has established great relationships with drivers and team members and is often privy to information not shared with other sources.

Talks from Julian are very entertaining as well as full of knowledge and insight. He shares his behind the scenes experiences with us often imparting details we would otherwise never hear from the official media!

Once he has shared with us the happenings so far this year in the Championship he is happy to answer any questions on rallying past and present and even his views on the future of WRC.

So DO think of those questions before you come along to enjoy a very interesting and insightful evening with a terrific speaker.

We look forward to seeing a good crowd, invite families and friends but please do let me know how many might be coming so everyone gets fed!

THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE – so bring along some £££'s

There is no charge to attend the talk and the buffet is FREE, though we will have a collection tin for our CHARITY – GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE.

Fury

EVENTS

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Hartlepool Autotest 11 November

A very enjoyable day out at Seaton Carew. We started at 10.0 with 18 competitors turning up. Lots of puzzled faces as we tried to learn the test. Very long and complicated. Just the sort of test to put off new competitors. If I had seen the drawings the day before I would not have turned up. My brain was overheating. Never mind, after walking the test about 6 times it eventually sank in.

Lots of wrong tests for the first couple of tests. We then had a moving recital of 1st world war poems by Bob, which very moving. The 2 minute silence was also moving as the sirens at the ship yards blasted out. Sounded like air raid sirens.

As the day went on, I was about the only driver that did not make a mistake. The Alto running faultlessly as normal. Tom in his Mini and Mark in his Scamp were well ahead of everyone else. Stuart's Mini special was having teething problems as it was it's first time out, but when sorted was on the pace. The bigger cars were struggling to get round the course, needing lots of shunts to get round. The 206 of Nick and Robin blew its gearbox up. They were dropping it off at a scrap yard on the way home. They were on eBay straight away trying to find a replacement.

The RX8 driven by Phil and Chris was exciting as ever to watch. Don't know how they manage to throw that beast around like a toy car. The MX5s were out in force. Steve and Amy were enjoying the day managing to keep it sideways all the time. Lots of silly grins on every body's faces all day.

Can't remember all the results, but, Tom won in his Mini, Mark 2nd in his Scamp, Stu 3rd in his mini special, me 4th, John 5th in his Silver Stryker, followed by RX8 and lots of MX5s, C2, Micra, Escort.

Peter Masters



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Just for the record

Answering the questions this month is Richard Young who has campaigned a very nice Metro in various Autotests with some success. Richard joined DAC a couple of years ago, and is clearly enjoying his motorsport. Thanks Richard!

- What is your current job title?* Lecture currently working in Further Education
- What was your first paid job?* Mechanical Engineering, building carpet looms.
- How long have you been a DAC club member?* Joined last year.
- What was your first motorsport vehicle?* Rover Metro 1.4 R6 GTi used in the MG Metro Cup.
- What is or has been your favourite motorsport vehicle?* The Silverstone Rally School car currently being used, it was built by RoverSport for the Metro GTi Challenge in 1992.
- What was the best time to be in motorsport?* I'd guess that the late 1960's and early 1970's must have been an interesting period before the arrival of the supercars. Not that I was around but the cars of that period are recognisable as production cars, with no electronic gadgets.
- What was the first record/cd/download you ever bought* Never bought a record, have a few CD's and a car with Cassette radio.
- What is your favourite film?* Get Carter (Not a lot of people know this but Michael Caine didn't have a driving licence and his car was pushed about on set and driven by a stunt man)
- What is your favourite book?* Enjoyed reading Christabel Carlise 'Mini Virtuoso'
- Who is your favourite entertainer/musician?* I have a wide musical taste the last two live bands being Alice Cooper and The BBC Concert Orchestra.
- Where is your favourite place, anywhere?* Scotland's West coast some fantastic roads and views if it stops raining long enough.
- What do you feel is your greatest achievement in Motorsport?* Rebuilding the Castle Combe Metro GTi R6 from a wreck then racing the car in the MG Metro Cup matching the lap times of the works drivers. Finishing every circuit race even if I was last!
- Who is/was your favourite driver in motorsport?* Sadly this answer is it was Tony Pond, he doesn't get the recognition for his talent as a rally driver or involvement in motor sport. His last major project was the development of the Metro GTi R6 cars one of which he drove very successfully at Group N Rally level. His 100mph lap of the Isle of man is mind blowing.
- Anything you regret?* Not getting interested in motorsport sooner.
- Do you have any hobbies outside of Motorsport?* I have always had an interest in rebuilding Classic cars, bikes and trains anything that moves really.

Who do you think has been (or is) our best Prime Minister? My answer isn't who is or was but who could have been, John Smith in the mid 1990's was the last potential P.M. to be in opposition, it's all much of the same just Red or Blue even the yellow has faded.

What frustrates you about motorsport? It's completely lost its way, at professional level. Bring back grass roots sports Auto-Testing and production car rallying that is affordable friendly and more of a social event.

What was your worst vehicle? Having never had a new or even relatively current car this is impossible answer as I don't expect budget motors to be trouble free. I still own my very first car a 1973 Morris Marina TC saloon.

What is your favourite food? Fish and Chips

What's the most important lesson you have learnt in life? Don't stop listening.



Another photo of Stuart Anderson's new project. Suspect the dashboard won't pass scrutineering!

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!



Cheviot stages 2018

After the Warcop stages, Ed had to hand back the MK1 Escort to his brother. A lot of TLC had been put into his brother's car and it was a sad day when he had to hand it back. So now that the MK1 had gone the GTM had to be fettled ready for the last round of the North of England Tarmacadam Championship (NETRC) the Cheviot stages.

We had everything thrown at us on the day of the rally and it wasn't a good day for Team Fury and the wee beastie as car 26 (GTM Coupe). We tip toed through SS1 catching car 24 to take 15th fastest. But we drove through SS2 with a lot more caution. We have named a corner on SS2, the Riverside stage, as Toddies and we didn't want to repeat our excursion into the undergrowth way back on the 2016 Cheviot.

Then on the road section to SS3 the wee beastie developed a mis-fire. Car 24 who were now running behind us after they overshot the wooden bridge on SS2, noticed we were looking at the engine and asked if they could run in front of us. We assured them that they wouldn't catch us and they only took 5 seconds out of us by the stage finish.

The mis-fire got worse by the time we got back to service. We replaced the plugs and a split plug lead and also found water in n*1 spark plug recess. Cleaned out all of the water and headed out to SS4 but the mis-fire was even worse and we decided to throw in the towel to protect the engine. When we got back to service, N*1 spark plug recess was full of water again. So we suspected cracked head or head gasket failure.

As I did the walk of shame to hand in our time cards to retire, Rob Snowden (my 2017 championship driver) returned to service also to retire as the conditions in SS4 had worsened and lots of crews were going off the roads due to excess water and falling sleet. Rob had gone off at very high speed, bending his steering and some front body work.

Back in service, we continued our investigations into the mis-fire and changed a few more parts, the water had stopped filling N*1 Spark plug recess and it was running like a treat. Spooky!! We think the GTM hates the ranges and doesn't want to play. But looking at the conditions in SS4, I think we had a lucky escape as we would have been off with the other cars on the square right at Crow Stone. The GTM would have turned into a surf board on all of the standing water.

Special stage rallying were at Otterburn filming the event and they had Gyndaf Evans co driver Howard Davies commentating on the stages. I think Howard Davies (rallying's Murray Walker) needs to google what a GTM is. His commentary was funny as he talked about Edwardo Todd in the unknown car.

Big thanks to Team Fury Mechanics (Alistair Dundee, Tim, Jamie Hope) and also to the organisers, marshals, officials etc for putting on the Cheviot rally in some of the worst conditions I have seen on Otterburn for a long time.

Congratulations to John Nicholson/Kari Bates as they managed to finish where nearly 50% of the entry didn't. They finished 29th overall and second in class.

Andy

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd
2018 Autotest Championship**

**DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd
2018 Championships**

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

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

Trackrod rally

Stephen Petch – 3rd class B14 – 8 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 3rd class B14 – 8 pts

Steve Petch – 6th class B14 – 5 pts

Cheviot Stages

John Nicholson – 2nd class 9 – 9 pts

Trackrod Rally

Stephen Petch – 3rd class 5 – 8 pts

Michael Wilkinson – 3rd class 5 – 8 pts

Steve Petch – 9th class 5 – 2 pts

Points Standings

Drivers

Stephen Petch – 43 pts (53 pts)

John Nicholson – 31 pts

Ed Todd – 17 pts

Steve Petch – 13 pts

Andrew Grimstone – 11 pts

Andy Drake - 1 pt

Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 43 pts (53 pts)

Andy Brown - 29 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 19pts

Helen Lymburn – 10 pts

Colin Tombs – 5 pts

Jeff Bedford - 1 pt

Clubman and Classic Rally Results up to 11th November 2018

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

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

Events run to date

1 – Berwick Classic

2 – South of Scotland Targa Rally

3 – Ilkley Classic Rally

4 – Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

5 – Lake District Classic

6 – Northern Dales Classic

7 – Blue Streak Targa Rally

8 – Wearside Classic Rally

9 - Doonhamer Classic Rally

10 - Solway Classic

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

Clubman Rally

Drivers

Simon Jennings (2,4,6,8,9,10) – 535.2 pts

Gordon Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts

Harry Raylor (6, 8) – 121.6 pts

Kim Gardiner (6, 8, 10) – 66.5 pts

Stuart Layton (6) – 50.0 pts

Roger Broom (8) – 36.1 pts

Ian Peake (4) – 27.6 pts

Richard Young (8) – 18.7 pts

Navigators

Alistair Dundee (4, 7) – 135.9 pts

Stuart Layton (8) – 88.3 pts

Pam Broom – (8) – 44.8 pts

Andy Brown (8) – 36.1 pts

Classic Rally

Drivers

Tom Hall (6) – 100.9 pts

Lee Valentine (8) – 90.0 pts

Mick Stead (6, 8) – 49.1 pts

Robert Cook (4) – 10.0 pts

Navigators

Lee Valentine Jr (8) – 90.0 pts

Ben Wilkinson (8) – 30.0 pts

Peter Masters (6) – 19.1 pts

Geoff Morson (6) – 10.0 pts

Future Events

18th November – Saltire Classic

Navigational Rally results

October Photo Scatter (organized by Gordon Dundee)

1st - Roger Broom – Andy Brown

2nd – Pete Masters – Pam Broom

3rd - Stuart Anderson – Chris Thirling

4th - Andrew Hutchinson - Catherine Hutchinson

5th – Lewis Briggs – Hannah Walland

6th - Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson

7th - Ian Burrows - Tom Burrows

DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB NAVIGATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

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

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

2018 Marshals Championship

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

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

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

1 Point for each day marshalling on any other event

2018 Autotest Championship

As previously published in the club magazine Durham planned to run a 5 round Autotest Championship in 2018, this would have consisted of 3 events run by Durham and 2 run by Hartlepool. Unfortunately due to the first Durham autotest being cancelled due to lack of entries, and the subsequent loss of our venue we have had to cancel the planned 2018 Autotest Championship.

If anyone knows of any suitable autotest venues please contact the committee as we would like to run our traditional Christmas Autotest, and a championship in 2019.

Durham Automobile Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS and DATES FOR DIARY

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 24th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 31st Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm (HALLOWEEN)

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 7th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 14th COMMITTEE MEETING Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 21st Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 28th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 5th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 12th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 19th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm
Wednesday 26th Club Night Honest Lawyer 8pm

JANUARY 2019

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

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

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO A VENUE FOR THE AWARDS NIGHT AND NEW YEARS DINNER

Blast from the past this month is the certificate I received when I took part in the Ford Rally School at Maidstone. This was following a test that Car and Car Conversions Magazine arranged when Andy Dawson drove and reported on Fred Henderson's class winning Toyota Corolla. Date? Sometime in 1977 – I think!



Ford Rally School

This is to certify that
Marty Hall
has completed a course of instruction at
the Ford Rally School.

Specific tuition has been given in:

*Driving Techniques,
Self Preparation and Approach,
Planning and Organisation,
Vehicle Preparation.*

Will Shawson *Andy Dawson*



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