

# Torque Talk



WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[WWW.DURHAMAUTOCLUB.CO.UK](http://WWW.DURHAMAUTOCLUB.CO.UK)

The magazine of Durham Automobile Club

September 2017



Nurburgring on Mad Sunday! From supercars to a Micra nearing the end of its useful working life!

# 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

### 2017 Calendar

#### OCTOBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Autotest	EBAC	
4 <sup>th</sup>	SCATTER (Pete Masters)	Copley Chimney	TBC
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gymkhana & BBQ	Chapman Hill Farm	
		Witton-le-Wear 2pm start	<b>SUBJECT to weather!</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Honest Lawyer	8pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Nog & Natter	Honest Lawyer	8pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	TEES GROUP QUIZ	hosted by DAC	Stockton Bowling Club, more
	details to follow.		

#### NOVEMBER

**Wednesday 8th November** - COMMITTEE MEETING

other event TBC - possibly an EVENING with 'The Patches'

#### DECEMBER

**Wednesday 13th December** - COMMITTEE MEETING

dates to confirm for December to include TALK by JULIAN PORTER

A future events diary will appear at the end of this edition of Torque Talk. All events subject to confirmation

## Editorial

Welcome to all our new members! I have to say that I am over the moon with the constant stream of new members and their email addresses that keep on being updated by Peter Masters our esteemed Membership Secretary. Mention was made of this in the last mag by Pam, but I think it bears a little bit of repetition from me as it is a fantastic turnaround from where we were a couple of years ago. As Fred mentioned at the Committee Meeting, we haven't had membership of the club at this level since the 80's Let's hope that this continues, and Durham Automobile Club continues to be one of the best motor clubs in the country.

It's been an interesting month on the motorsport front with all sorts of announcements and issues. As suspected, the divorce was announced between McLaren and Honda. What was not expected was that Honda would be supplying Toro Rosso and Red Bull racing teams in 2019 – or are they? There was a very interesting interview with the boss of Aston Martin and providing the engine regulations are changed Aston would not be averse to being an engine supplier. With Christian Horner stating that the current F1 engines have zero relevance to road cars, hopefully someone will see sense and produce a set of rules that reduce cost and complexity while bringing back some of the noise and spectacle that the pinnacle of single seater racing is meant to have.

As I have stated before in these pages, I have no problem with close, competitive racing. However, having watched the latest races in the BTCC, I really fear that things are going too far and it won't be long before we are mourning the loss of a driver. We had a lucky escape at Croft with two drivers left in induced coma's but some of the driving standards at Silverstone left a lot to be desired, so much so that Alan Gow the series principal has expressed his concern. Although a non-contact sport, there has always been a bit of "rubbing" as part of driving competitively, however this has now escalated to outright barging of a car that is in the way. This is not motor racing and the authorities need to clamp down on this sort of behaviour on track. The accident that Rob Collard suffered started out with a bit of "robust" driving, but the consequences could have been a lot worse than a trip to hospital for a check-up and broken ribs for the other driver involved.

I would have loved to have been a fly in the wall of the debrief at Maranello following the Singapore Grand Prix. A perfect opportunity for a one two finish ended up with both cars eliminated before quarter of a lap was completed, and there was collateral damage, mainly to Fernando Alonso in the McLaren who stood a great chance of a points finish due to the wet weather which would have levelled the playing field in its favour and the prodigious talent that Alonso has for driving in the wet. Who was to blame for the incident? Well everyone laid the blame at Sebastian Vettel, but its fair to say that despite what was said on TV Verstappen didn't drive straight from the line either. What no one expected was Raikkonen making a demon start and being in the right place at the wrong time from the second row. The debrief meeting at Maranello? How about Mr Arivibienne saying that you have handed the championship to Hamilton?

Hopefully with the change of contract I have at Marksies, I will be able to find a bit of time to make some of the motor club meetings, events and committee meetings, something I am very aware that I have been unable to do since taking over the position of Magazine Editor, and also find a bit of time for some of the projects I have on the go at the moment. One project that has been completed is the preparation of the old Merc to go and be the resident car in Spain. A quick tidy up of the bodywork resulted in me painting two sides of the car (thanks Trace for help with masking up!) and a full service saw it fly through its MOT following the replacement of two brake

pipes which I had already identified as being a little bit suspect (they weren't bad really but I'm pleased that they are now replaced) During its little holiday to Fred's garage, it had left hand drive headlights fitted as well as the MOT and I changed over the fog warning light with a bit of rewiring. So we are all set for another adventure! Three days, 1500 miles, and two overnight stops – can't wait. Wonder if I could accidentally make a detour to Rally Catalonia?

As part of the preparation, I joined ADAC, the German breakdown and recovery service that covers the whole of Europe. Having tried to join via their website (impossible as it only accepts German addresses!) I phoned them, and in my best German I asked "sprekens de English bitte?" at which point Trace looked over to me almost incredulous! I went through the registration process with a lovely sounding young lady, and in no time both Trace and I were members. Putting down the phone, Trace said "where the hell did that come from?" I had thought about saying that I had learnt a bit of German on our trip to Rally Deutschland, but I felt honour bound to say "it was on the website" That was my language speaking capabilities well and truly blown out of the water!

Having been really cheesed off that the World Endurance Championship had decided not to have an event at Silverstone, I was overjoyed to hear that sense had prevailed, and that a round of the WEC would be held at Silverstone in August next year. This is great because with a bit of luck the rain will be slightly less cold, there should be less chance of it snowing before free practice 1 and there is a good chance that we can make the journey home in daylight. I know that not many of you – if any – share my passion for racing, but this should be a superb event and if they keep the ticket prices at the same or near the same level as this year, then you can have three days of entertainment for forty quid! Book early enough and you can get a ticket for a pit lane walkabout as well! You should really give it a go!

Talking of the WEC, there was a storming drive and a really clever bit of strategy work last weekend at the Circuit of the America's race in Texas. Car 98, the Aston Martin of Paul Dalla Lana, Mathius Lauda and Pedro Lamy suffered a badly damaged diffuser and rear end damage caused by an errant Ferrari (yet more barging – no way was that one "rubbing" either!) From dead last in the field, the car steadily fought its way back up the field to second in the GTAM class. With the normally bullet proof Dempsey (Patrick Dempsey – who earns a living being in films) Porsche then suffering a drive shaft failure, and some inspired driving and pit work, car 98 took the class win. The event was won by the all-conquering Porsche 919's and it really will be sad to see them leave the series at the end of the year.

Also during the event was an announcement that the WEC will have a super season with TWO Le Mans 24 hour races counting to the championship. This will re align the calendar so that the season in future will end with the Le Mans 24 Hour race. I think this will be really interesting and I can see the WEC going from strength to strength, providing they sort out what they are going to do with LMP1. Two cars in a class doesn't count as a championship in my eyes.

At long last, the roadworks on the A1 in North Yorkshire are nearing completion and a big section of it has just been opened. For a few years now, this section has been causing real frustration to drivers and it will be great to be able to use this new section – until that is they dig a chunk of it up for roadworks!

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

Marty

## Chairman's Report

As the dust settles on another Wearside Classic, I would like to thank Gordon, his organising team and the Marshals for a successful event at Nissan. This year we had another good entry and the competitors enjoyed the tests. There was strong competition at the head of the field but the victors at the end of 18 tests were Archie Symmonds piloted by Tom Hall, who was pleased he had finally won this event albeit in the passenger seat. Nissan and the Sports and Social club welcome and support us with a great venue every year.

Nicky and Wendy Porter organised a regularity event at the end of August. The regularity started at Romaldekirk and finished at the Cross keys in Hamsterley. Nicky gave training on regularities and how to follow the instructions supplied. Seven crews started and I was co-piloted by Pam Broom and we were amazed to discover at the finish that we had finished first overall. Thanks to Nicky and Wendy for organising the regularity.

Events and dates to pop into your diary.

1. DAC Ebac autotest on 1 October, regulations and entry form on the DAC website.
2. DAC Navigation Scatter on 4 October. Entries and details from Peter Masters  
[Peter.masters@live.com](mailto:Peter.masters@live.com)
3. The Devils Own Rally on 7 October, Tests in the south of the Lake District and Grizedale Forest.
4. DAC Gymkhana 8 October at Chapman Hill Farm, Witton-le-wear. Weather permitting ;0)
5. Mull Targa Rally on 13 October alternative event to the cancelled Tour of Mull rally.
6. The Solway Classic Rally on 15 October, tests held around Workington, including an indoor test.
7. The Autumn Trophy Rally on 18 October – 12 car rally run by Hexham and DMC.
8. The Keldine Autos Cheviot Stages Rally are looking for marshals. The rally takes place on Sunday 22nd October on Otterburn Ranges. Contact [marshal@cheviotstages.org.uk](mailto:marshal@cheviotstages.org.uk) if you would like to help marshal.
9. The Roger Albert Clark Rally are looking for Marshals.
  - Saturday 11th November. The Roughside stage runs twice, Contact Lindsay Burnip  
[poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com](mailto:poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com)
  - Sunday 12th November, Hawick and Border Car Club are looking for Marshals on the Craik stage. Contact Clayton Lackenby [clayton.lackenby@btinternet.com](mailto:clayton.lackenby@btinternet.com)
  - Monday 13th November Team JJ Marshal's Club are running Falstone. Contact Neville Simmons. [neville.simmons@live.co.uk](mailto:neville.simmons@live.co.uk)

We have a couple of positions on the committee we would like to fill.

1. Club Secretary – currently vacant
2. Chief Marshal – Peter Sewell our current long standing Chief Marshal will stand down at the end of the year and give someone else the chance to take on this role. If we can get someone soon they can work alongside Peter who has many years of experience. Before Peter hands over the reins I would like to thank him for the many years he has supported the club in this role. We are very lucky that Peter has decided to remain on the committee to support as a general committee member.

I currently have a bit of a quiet time where rallying is concerned. After my last rally, the Pendragon stages at Warcop, I now sit at the top of the Co-drivers table on the North of England Tarmacadam

Rally Championship. The final round, the Cheviot stages on Otterburn ranges is 4 weeks away on 22 October. Nail biting time to see if Rob and I can win the championship on the last round.

In the meantime, I hope to see you at our club Autotest, Scatter and Gymkhana.

Don't forget to inform Gordon Dundee about the events you have competed or marshalled on. We are looking at venues for our end of year awards evening. But to be considered for an award you have to inform Gordon Dundee so you can be listed on the Club championship tables.

Stay safe and see you on our Wednesday Club nights.

Andy Brown

Chairman of Durham Automobile Club

### Future event

**CLASSICS at the CASTLE 2018**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**In 2018 we will be supporting the**

**GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE**

More details to follow in coming months but if anyone wants to be involved as a sponsor, on the sub-committee or as a marshal please let me know. We will hope to have 250-300 cars next time so will need additional help

## Social Secretary Report.

Hello All!

Well it seems as though there has hardly been a dry weekend since Classics at the Castle back in July!

As many of you will be aware our planned **Gymkhana and BBQ** had to be cancelled twice firstly because of the damp weather the farmer was delayed making his hay so the field was not useable and then when the hay had been made and the field cleared 4 days of incessant rain meant we could not go ahead yet again. Fingers are now crossed for **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER with a 2pm start** for the games followed by a BBQ, unfortunately we will again be held to ransom by the weather so fingers crossed and look out for more emails about the subject!

For those that have not come along to either a Gymkhana or BBQ PLEASE give it a try. The events are suitable for road cars on road tyres, the field is pretty good and won't cause any, the games are great fun and suitable for the family. Of course there is then the treat of one of Chris & Stuarts legendary BBQ's at £5 a head it is great value and a brilliant alternative to cooking Sunday Lunch! You can come along and enter the Gymkhana for £5 and then £5 a head for the BBQ. If you don't want to compete just come for the BBQ and spectate!

PLEASE let Andy or I know if you are wanting to enter and/or be fed so we can be sure to cater for everyone!

Before the Gymkhana we have a couple of other busy days/evenings with **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** being the **EBAC AUTOTEST** and **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October the Evening Scatter** starting at COPLEY CHIMNEY. Please get your entries to Gordon for the Autotest and let Pete Masters know if you want a place for the Scatter ( Finishing at Cross Keys at Hamsterly – so great food available!)

After the Gymkhana Roger & I are heading up to **Mull** for a week and hope to report back on the revised program for the weekend up there..(Friday the Targa Event and then on the Saturday the Forest Time Trial), we will also find time to explore our favourite spots and get in some serious wild life watching.

We come back from Mull on 19<sup>th</sup> October and on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we are competing in the 2300 Club ANDY MORT MEMORIAL TOUR event.. last year was the first time it ran and its back by popular demand. A navigational tour using a tulip road book and run along the lines of our club Regularity/Jogularity event a month or so ago. About 130 miles around the Yorkshire Dales, with breakfast provided and an evening meal buffet at the finish and awards it is a FANTASTIC sociable event and great practise for navigators! ANY car can do it we will be out in our trusty Trooper but you can guarantee a wealth of competition cars and some rather fancy road cars too! All for just £50 including food! – Details on the 2300 Club website..

Looking a bit further ahead there are **various club quizzes** being held over the winter months, Including one being hosted by Durham. These quizzes are usually great fun and I hope a few more members will turn out. Some clubs often sport 3 or even 4 teams, it would be great for more Durham members to come along...see the magazine and watch your emails for more details.

**In DECEMBER** we hope soon to be able to confirm another evening with **Julian Porter** telling us about his life following the WRC and rubbing shoulders with teams and drivers. **Again Watch This Space.**

The Committee are looking at possible venues to hold a Club Awards night and dinner as we did in the 'old days' we usually have it in January with a meal, guest speaker and music. We would love some feedback from members so we can assess how many might want to attend.. also any suggestions of venues – our old favourite The Park Head can no longer cater for us if we have the same 100 plus guests!

Lastly for those that might have missed the information last month CLASSICS at the CASTLE will be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and will raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance. The subcommittee will be meeting soon to get things underway. If anyone would like to come on to the subcommittee please let me

know ASAP. We will need more volunteers on the day so anyone willing to commit their time for just the day please let me know.

I would also love to hear from members as to what type of things they would like to see happening on club nights during the winter months...the Club is here for members and families so if anyone wants to make some suggestions let one of the committee know by phone or email or at a Wednesday Club night.

Pam



**www.DirectCarParts.co.uk**

Proud Sponsors of the DAC Autotests, Car Display and Auto Jumble

Did you know that we can supply the following performance brands?

The logo for K&N High-Flow Air Filters, featuring the letters "K&N" in white on a black background with orange and red horizontal stripes, and the text "HIGH-FLOW AIR FILTERS" below.	The logo for Powerflex, with the word "POWERFLEX" in yellow on a black background and "progression in suspension" in white below.	The logo for rallyfloPZ, showing blue rally gloves in a package with the text "rallyfloPZ" and "performance creations" in red and white.
A set of Black Diamond brake pads and a disc, with the text "BLACK DIAMOND" and "A PILLAR FOR PERFORMANCE" visible.	A box and a headlight for CIBIE Super Oscar LED headlights, with the text "CIBIE SUPER OSCAR LED 97230mm" visible.	The logo for Ulter Sport, featuring a checkered flag, the text "ULter SPORT", and a blue marker.

Discounts available for DAC members! Contact [simon@directcarparts.co.uk](mailto:simon@directcarparts.co.uk)

Tel: 0191 3847803 or 0191 3849913

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm / Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Direct Car Parts  
Front Street  
Framwellgate Moor  
Durham  
DH1 5AU.

# Nurburgring 2017









**Not everyone returned back to the start – This incident closed the track for nearly an hour. No one was badly injured.**

**Just down from here is the Hotel owned by Sabine Schmit's Mother. Couldn't understand why Sabine didn't take the opportunity to come and meet me!**



Drive it • Shoot it • Ride it



### **Pendragon stages 2017 – report by Andy Brown**

After the Warcop stages in May, our second outing over the military ranges at Warcop would be the Pendragon stages. Only 3 weeks after our solid result on the Tyneside stage over Otterburn.

We planned a measured drive over Warcop as we were both lying second overall in the North of England Tarmacadam Rally Championship.

In the three weeks between the rallies Rob had the rear axle fully rebuilt after wear had been identified in the differential. He also spent many hours checking everything on the car to ensure a trouble free run.

With pace notes sorted, DVD watched many times, car scrutineered and documentation completed we were raring to go.

The format would be the same as the Warcop stages back in May, 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 starting their first stage.

The first loop of stages for us went well without any issues, posting top 20 times in SS1 & 2. Then all went to pot as half way through SS3 the car spluttered to a stop. We dropped 3 minutes tracing the fault to a loose wire on the fuel pump. This stoppage caused us to drop from 13<sup>th</sup> overall to 46<sup>th</sup> overall and plenty to do to keep our championship hopes alight.

Our calculated drive was thrown out of the window as we had to pull back 2 mins 30 seconds to the championship leader. Over the next 5 stages we pushed hard on every stage to pull back 2 mins and 37 seconds and finish 18<sup>th</sup> overall. We had noted a drop in power on the last three stages and when the engine was examined after the rally we found the cylinder head gasket was on its way out, so we were pleased we got it to the finish.

Thanks to Rob for an inspired drive after losing so much time, then to pull it all back to gain some good championship points. Thanks to Magic and Dan for servicing and keeping us going.

# 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!





## **GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE**

As many members will already know DAC Ltd have chosen the GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE as our Charity for 2018 and we hope to raise funds for them at CLASSICS at the CASTLE on 15<sup>th</sup> July next year. We will be promoting them alongside our event and they will be present on the day.

We chose GNAAS as our charity because they do such a great job, especially in regard to quickly coming to the aid of ALL drivers and many people finding themselves in difficult situations in remote locations.

Whether driving on the public highway going about our day to day business or competing in an event at a circuit or on a rally in the hills their service is one which we all could be very grateful for and we feel that as a motor sport club they are deserving of any help we can give them regarding raising funds.

A recent bad crash at Croft Circuit was proof of this

**A BRITISH Touring Car driver who was seriously injured in an 11-car pile-up during a race has thanked the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) who came to his aid.**

Luke Davenport from Madingley, Cambridge, was driving round the Croft Circuit, near Dalton-on-Tees, North Yorkshire, when his car aquaplaned off the track on June 10.

The 24-year-old said: "The track was wet so it wasn't the best driving conditions. I remember feeling the rear end of the car sliding a lot, causing it to aggressively oversteer at the back, and then I flew off the track and ripped off part of the car's splitter, which left cooling fluid across the track.

"I tried to restart the car, but there was no water in it so I was a sitting duck. I radioed the team and told them that I was off the track but the car felt really good. At the time, I thought I could just get the grass cleared out of the radiator and then I could head back onto the track."

Unfortunately, the slippery fluid on the track caused other drivers to lose control of their cars and end up colliding with Mr Davenport's driver's side door.

He said: "I was facing away from oncoming vehicles and then I felt the biggest hit in the rear right quarter, which was Andrew Jordan hitting into me. I radioed my team again saying it was a bit more serious than first thought, and then it all goes blank."

Mr Davenport, who races for Team Shredded Wheat with Duo, broke his left tibia, fibula and ankle, damaged ligaments in his right leg and broke his pelvis.

He also broke four ribs, punctured both lungs, broke his right arm and broke his collarbone.

Mr Davenport and another driver had to be cut from their cars, and GNAAS was called to the scene to assist the British Touring Car Championship medical team.

The GNAAS doctor and paramedic team assessed Mr Davenport and placed him into an induced coma before airlifting him to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough. The GNAAS trauma team is able to deliver this advanced procedure as the charity carries doctors on its missions.

Luke is now home with his family and undergoing physiotherapy to help him on the road to recovery. He hopes to be back racing next season.

He added: "I owe my thanks to the guys who helped me that day."

GNAAS relies on donations to survive. Last year, it needed to raise £5.1m to keep flying in the region. To support the charity, please call 01325-487263 or visit [www.gnaas.com](http://www.gnaas.com)



Article courtesy of Spotlight Magazine

Report by the co-driver of DAC Member Michael Farmer

## Tyneside Stages

Well this month ( August ) saw me riding shotgun over the Otterburn Ranges on the Tyneside Stages in the ever reliable ( with a hint of sarcasm ) Ford Focus 1600 alongside Michael Farmer . This car has been the bane of our lives for some 2 years now as it has retired more times than David Hays . So up we went to the micro climate that is the Otterburn Ranges , Saturday saw us take part in the recce` convoy over a 2 hour period notes were changed, discussions were had and the final decision of what pub we`d be having lunch in on Sunday was made ( as around lunchtime is the normal sort of time the Focus decides to chuck in the towel ).All sorted and brimming with confidence :) off we went to our digs only to find that Booking DOT COM had cancelled them for us ..... so after much searching beds were found and a good night`s sleep had .

Sunday dawned and Otterburn was sunny yes you read this right it was sunny ..... Rip roaring and ready to go we set off for our pair of stages and holy cow it was fast very very fast ..... upon return we consulted the oracle that was the results team to find we were 18<sup>th</sup> overall and 2nd in class c , great I hear you all thinking , steady this is the "Feckless Focus " and we`ve been here before , so unexcited we went out for our next group of stages and return we found we had dropped to 23rd overall and 3rd in class still great over the ranges but lunch time approached and we knew we`d to get past that barrier. Out we go for the next loop and we only got back as well .... sitting pretty at 22nd overall and 3rd in class and most of all still going. Then bugger! it rained and boy did it rain!!! To my surprise Michael whipped out a brand new set of soft wets ( my god I thought he really thinks he`s gonna finish !!!). Off we went out on to the next loop of moist stages and let`s say it made the experience exciting as it was a tad slippy.....

Back into service we came people were stood mouths ajar , gasping and whispering, yes the Focus was in the 2nd half of an event and I`d missed my lunch booking .....

The Rain continued in fact it stayed all day and believe it or not so did we , Michael at one point asked me if all my rallies go on this long at which point I explained the whole point is to get to the end and thus receive points for various championships we had registered for, ahh a novel thought Michael replied.

Well out for the last loop and into a wet slippy and miserable final domain we headed and we made it !!!!! Finally finishing 20<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class after getting that monkey off our back it felt brilliant! Well driven Michael and top 20 over them there ranges is no mean feat!.

Speak next month ( September ) when I`m out at Melbourne with Dave Johnstone in the 205 1.6 hoping to continue our great form in the 1600 class, and on the Galloway Hills with Jan Budge in the Subaru Impreza after its rebuild and refresh

***Bruce (Chonka) Lindsey : Pendle & DMC***





**ANDY MORT TOUR 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017.**

Last Year Roger and I competed on the first ANDY MORT MEMORIAL TOUR a fantastic day of fun and low key competition in memory of Andy the larger than life co-driver/navigator who lost his life on the Mull Rally two years ago.

The Tour is a navigational event with the format of a jogularity, timed sections on some of the most scenic roads in the UK – many of which are iconic in the history of ‘proper’ road rallies if the 70’s and 80’s.

This year it starts and finishes at West Bradford a village outside of Skipton. A £50 entry covers two people and includes a light breakfast and evening buffet meal at the awards. The end of the navigational is followed by a few light hearted fun gymkhana style games/tests.

ANY type of vehicle can be used from a Landrover to a Ferari and will include our trusty Trooper. More details can be found at <http://www.2300club.org/andy-mort-tour-17/>

It would be great if some other Durham Members were to come along! Pam Broom

# DURHAM AUTOMOBILE CLUB Ltd

## 2017 Championships

### Stage Rally Results from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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

#### Plains Rally

Stephen Petch – 1<sup>st</sup> class B14 – 10 pts      Michael Wilkinson – 1<sup>st</sup> class B14 – 10 pts

#### DMack Carlise Stages

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

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

#### Warcop Stages Rally

John Nicholson – 1<sup>st</sup> class H2 – 10 pts      Michael Wilkinson – 2<sup>nd</sup> class 4 – 9 pts

Andy Brown – 3<sup>rd</sup> class 4 – 8 pts

#### Nicky Grist Stages

Stephen Petch – 1<sup>st</sup> class B14 – 10 pts      Michael Wilkinson – 1<sup>st</sup> class B14 – 10 pts

#### Nicky Grist Acropolis Rally

Stephen Petch – 3<sup>rd</sup> class 8 – 8 pts      Michael Wilkinson – 3<sup>rd</sup> class 8 – 8 pts

#### Greystoke Stages

Ben Cree – 5<sup>th</sup> class 2 – 6 pts      Andy Brown – 5<sup>th</sup> class 2 – 6 pts

#### Points Standings

##### Drivers

Stephen Petch – 59 (67) pts

Paul Swift – 27 pts

John Nicholson – 20 pts

Steve Petch – 19 pts

Ben Cree – 19 pts

Ed Todd – 4 pts

##### Co-Drivers

Michael Wilkinson – 59 (76) pts

Andy Brown - 31 pts

Andrew Hutchinson – 10 pts

### Clubman Rally Results up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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

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

Events run to date

1 – Saltire Classic

2 – Berwick Classic

3 – South of Scotland Targa Rally

4 – Ilkley Classic rally

5 – Shaw Trophy Targa Rally

6 – Lake District Classic

7 – Northern Dales Classic

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

Drivers

Simon Jennings (1, 3, 5, 7) – 230.0 pts

Ian Bell (7) – 95.7 pts

Tom Hall (7) – 93.3 pts

Mark Thornton (7) – 92.9 pts

Peter Masters (7) – 72.9 pts

Gordon Dundee (3, 7) – 53.9 pts

Tom Coverdale (7) – 30.09 pts

Roger Broom (7) – 10.0 pts

Stuart Layton (7) – 5.0 pts

Navigators

Andrew Fish (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7) – 504.4 pts

Clive White (1, 3, 5, 7) – 230.0 pts

Tom Hall (7) – 101.7 pts

Steve Brown (7) – 95.7 pts

Tony Coates (6, 7) – 85.8 pts

Mick Stead (7) – 72.9 pts

Alistair Dundee (3, 7) – 53.9 pts

Pam Broom (7) – 10.0 pts

Future Events

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

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Wearside Classic

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

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

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

21<sup>st</sup> October – Stocktonian Targa Rally

### **Navigational Rally results**

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

1<sup>st</sup> – Kimberly Richmond – Peter Gardiner – 17 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson – 15 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> – Roger Broom – Andy Brown – 14 pts

4<sup>th</sup> – Joan Wood – Lindsay Burnip – 12 pts

5<sup>th</sup> – Mike Hudson – Tom Burrows – 8 pts

6<sup>th</sup> – Lewis Thirling – Chris Thirling – 5 pts

#### **July Treasure Hunt** (organized by Andy Brown)

1<sup>st</sup> – Janelle Dundee – Gordon Dundee – 18 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> – Peter Masters – Amy Brown – 15 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> – Owen Frankland – Pam Frankland – 12 pts

=4<sup>th</sup> – Roger Broom – Pam Broom – 9 pts

=4<sup>th</sup> – Mick Stead – Ben Wilkinson – 9 pts

=4<sup>th</sup> – Ian Burrows – Tom Burrows – 9 pts

7<sup>th</sup> – Sue Sewell – Peter Sewell – 8 pts

Position	Driver	Organisors Points	April Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	July Treasure Hunt	September Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	TBC	Total
=1st	Gordon Dundee	10	10						20
=1st	Roger Broom		6	8	6				20
3rd	Andy Brown	10	9						19
4th	Mick Stead		2	9	6				17
=5th	Kim Richmond			10					10
=5th	Janelle Dundee				10				10
=7th	Ian Burrows		3		6				9
=7th	Peter Masters				9				9
=9th	Chris Thirling		8						8
=9th	Owen Frankland				8				8
=11th	Simon Jennings		7						7
=11th	Joan Wood			7					7
13th	Mike Hudson			6					6
=14th	Nicky Porter		5						5
=14th	Lewis Thirling			5					5
=16th	Peter Sewell		4						4
=16th	Sue Sewell				4				4

Position	Navigator	Organisers Points	April Treasure Hunt	May Scatter	July Treasure Hunt	September Treasure Hunt	October Scatter	TBC	Total
1st	Gordon Dundee	10			10				20
2nd	Andy Brown	10		8					18
3rd	Ben Wilkinson		2	9	6				17
4th	Pam Broom	10			6				16
5th	Lindsay Burnip		6	7					13
6th	Tom Burrows			6	6				12
=7th	Janelle Dundee		10						10
=7th	Peter Gardiner			10					10
=9th	Steve Stockell		9						9
=9th	Amy Brown				9				9
=11th	Stuart Anderson		8						8
=11th	Pam Frankland				8				8
13th	Clive White		7						7
=14th	Wendy Porter		5						5
=14th	Kim Richmond		5						5
=14th	Chris Thirling			5					5
=17th	Sue Sewell		4						4
=17th	Peter Sewell				4				4
19th	Nicky Halliwell		3						3

**From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

**Points awarded here are those that Gordon Dundee is aware of, if anyone has not been credited days when they marshalled please contact Gordon Dundee asap.**

[gandjdundee@gmail.com](mailto:gandjdundee@gmail.com) (note new e-mail address)

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

### Speyside Stages

Lindsay Burnip

### Manx National

Chis Thirling, Tristan Pye

### Scottish Rally

Lindsay Burnip

### Shaw Targa Rally

Gordon Dundee

### Northern Dales Classic

Ian Burrows, Nikki Halliwell, Chis Thirling, Owen Frankland, Pam Frankland

### May Scatter

Gordon Dundee

### July Treasure Hunt

Andy Brown

### Classic Car Show

Pam Broom, Ian Burrows, Tom Burrows, Nikki Halliwell, Sammie Halliwell, Mick Stead, Wendy Porter, Nicky Porter, Andy Brown, Peter Sewell, Sue Sewell, Stuart Anderson, Chris Thirling, Peter Masters, Gordon Dundee, Andy Egner, Ian Salkeld, Malcolm Sinclair, Mark Whittaker Smith

### Points Standings

Gordon Dundee – 13 pts

Pam Broom – 8 pts

Andy Brown – 8 pts

Chris Thirling – 7 pts

Peter Masters – 7 pts

Lindsay Burnip – 6 pts

Stuart Anderson – 6 pts

Nikki Halliwell – 6 pts

Ian Burrows – 6 pts

**Rally Deutschland Photos – retained for a second month as I quite like them!**

I am indebted to Alan Brown for the photo below of Lappi Esapekka destroying some of the vines on an adverse camber right hander on the Mittelmosel stage.







## 2017 Calendar – for reference only

(WEDNESDAY unless stated otherwise)

### FEBRUARY

15<sup>th</sup> FIRST ON SCENE Training **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

### MARCH

1<sup>st</sup> FILM NIGHT & TALK – Pete Masters **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**  
Travels abroad on Motorcycle! (ALWAYS interesting! Not to be missed)

8<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

15<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> **KARTING NIGHT entries £40.50 pp** see Torque Talk for more info or contact LINDSAY

29<sup>th</sup> Table top Navigation Training **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

### APRIL

5<sup>th</sup> TREASURE HUNT (Pam) Start TBA finish Hamsterley

12<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

19<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

26<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

### MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

10<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

17<sup>th</sup> **Gordon Dundee Scatter** more info to follow

24<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

31<sup>st</sup> **GRASS EVENT WITH BBQ** **Stuart Andersons** **TBC**

### JUNE

7<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

14<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

21<sup>st</sup> **QUAD & CLAYS** **FURY EVENTS** **7pm**

28<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

### JULY

5<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

12<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY **AUTOJUMBLE & CAR DISPLAY** **Witton Castle** **TBC**

19<sup>th</sup> **TREASURE HUNT (Andy Brown)** **Venue and time TBC**

26<sup>th</sup> **GRASS GYMKHANA** **Ed Todds (Witton le Wear)** **TBC**

### AUGUST

2<sup>nd</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

9<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

16<sup>th</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

23<sup>rd</sup> Nog & Natter **Honest Lawyer** **8pm**

30<sup>th</sup> Regularity practice/fun Start Romaldkirk Finish Hamsterley **TBC**

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

### 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..

## Officers and Committee Members 2017

Please do not pass on these details to any third party without the persons' permission

This list will be updated as and when necessary

Nicky Porter	<a href="mailto:nickyporter@btinternet.com">nickyporter@btinternet.com</a>	President
Steve Petch.	<a href="mailto:Stevepetch@sgpetch.com">Stevepetch@sgpetch.com;</a>	Vice President
Andy Brown.	<a href="mailto:aslsprat@gmail.com">aslsprat@gmail.com</a>	Chairman
Chris Thirling.	<a href="mailto:Chris.thirling@gmail.com">Chris.thirling@gmail.com</a>	Vice Chairman
Vacant		Secretary
Lindsay Burnip.	<a href="mailto:Poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com">Poshbirdincontrol@btinternet.com</a>	Treasurer
Peter Masters	<a href="mailto:Peter.masters@live.com">Peter.masters@live.com</a>	Membership Secretary
Peter Sewell	<a href="mailto:ssewell15@hotmail.com">ssewell15@hotmail.com</a>	Chief Marshal
Pam Broom.	<a href="mailto:Pam.broom@btinternet.com">Pam.broom@btinternet.com</a>	Social Secretary
Marty Hall.	<a href="mailto:martinhall49@gmail.com">martinhall49@gmail.com</a>	Magazine Editor
Stuart Anderson.	<a href="mailto:stuart@wilkinsonmaintenance.co.uk">stuart@wilkinsonmaintenance.co.uk</a>	Press Officer
Gordon Dundee	<a href="mailto:Gandjdundee@Gmail.com">Gandjdundee@Gmail.com</a>	Competition Secretary
Sammie Halliwell		Junior Representative
Edward Todd.	<a href="mailto:eddieltodd70@hotmail.com">eddieltodd70@hotmail.com</a>	General
Fred Henderson.	<a href="mailto:Fred@fredhenderson.com">Fred@fredhenderson.com</a>	General
Alistair Dundee	<a href="mailto:ali-d-1991@hotmail.co.uk">ali-d-1991@hotmail.co.uk</a>	General
John Nicolson.	<a href="mailto:john@johnnicholsonfineart.co.uk">john@johnnicholsonfineart.co.uk</a>	General
Michael Farmer.	<a href="mailto:mlp_farmer@yahoo.co.uk">mlp_farmer@yahoo.co.uk</a>	General
Michael Stead.	<a href="mailto:mgstead@live.co.uk">mgstead@live.co.uk</a>	General
Simon Jennings	<a href="mailto:simon@directcarparts.co.uk">simon@directcarparts.co.uk;</a>	General
Tom Hall.	<a href="mailto:group2fps@btconnect.com">group2fps@btconnect.com</a>	General
Roger Broom.	<a href="mailto:Roggybroom@gmail.com">Roggybroom@gmail.com</a>	General

Torque Talk will be distributed the third week of each month

*Disclaimer:*

*Articles and reports supplied for the DAC Newsletter are the views of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the Committee or other club members.*

© Copyright Durham Automobile Club.

No part of this magazine/newsletter may be copied or reproduced without written permission from the Editor or the Committee of Durham Automobile Club.