

Welcome to the December issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter – our newsletter is aimed at all members of Durham Centre and any visitors to our site.

Our Newsletter is published quarterly and includes any news articles, rally reports, messages, successes and celebrations. If anyone has anything that they would like to add do get in touch.

The deadline for the next newsletter is **27/03/2020** please forward your articles or celebrations to <u>The Editor</u>.

We have had another very successful year throughout 2019 please do look at the website to see photographs from all of the rallies.

Regrettably the final two rallies of the season (not including New Year) had to be cancelled due to adverse weather and the landowner withdrawing permission for us to rally due to flooded fields. These things are out of our control and we must respect the landowners as we do want to go back in the future.

The presentation for this year's charity 'North of England Children's Cancer Research was



made on Tuesday 19 November at Newcastle University. A cheque for £1285 was handed over, thanks to all our centre members and visitors who helped us raise money for this very worthy cause. Whilst at the University our members where given a tour of the labs to see where all monies raised go and the fantastic work that is done by

the University, check the website for the photographs.

The charity for our coming year 2019/2020 '**If U care share foundation'** A charity who are there to listen and support emotional wellbeing in young people and those affected by

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suicide based in Chester-le Street. Another very worthy charity and we hope that everyone will once again support any of our fundraising events throughout the new rally season.

The rally programme for next year is on the website and booking are being taken by the Marshals. The new handbook is currently being printed and is available to view and download on our website.

If anyone would like to give something back to the centre and volunteer as a Marshal or Co-Marshal for the 2020 season please get in touch with our rally secretary Dave Wilson. Without the willing volunteers rallies can't run and they may have to be cancelled. If you would like any information speak to Dave or any member of the committee.

Several rallies are already showing to be very popular so do make sure you get your booking in, or else you may be disappointed. We have two holidays' rallies on the programme for next year one at Upper Largo and the other at Farmer Parr's Blackpool, both look really exciting. Easter next year is once again at Stanhope where we have booked the barn and two live professional music acts for the Saturday and Sunday evenings.

We have an end of season event planned for 20 November 2020 which is being held at The Mayfair Centre Seaton Carew the rally fee is only £10. On Saturday evening there is to be live entertainment and food provided all for £15 per person. A limited rally will be held during the weekend with priority given to anyone attending the evening event. A new entrance is in the process of being installed so that caravans no longer have to go through the main car park. A beautiful brand new B&B is also on site if anyone didn't want to take their caravan or they have family/friends who want to attend. Full details are on the website.

Can we remind anyone booking a rally and paying by cheque to your cheque payable to 'The Caravan & Motorhome Club Durham Centre', cheques will be returned if not properly address this is not our centre rule this is the banks request. Please also don't forget to put your name and the rally name on the back of the cheque. Likewise when paying by bank transfers your surname and the rally name as reference allows us to reconcile the payment. Finally on behalf of all Durham Centre Committee can I wish all our members and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we hope to see you all and many more out on the rally field sometime during 2020.

# **Celebrations:**

# Happy Birthday to:

# December:

Dave Adamson, Carol Adamson. Pam Mottram, Brian Mottram, Meg Leigh, Sharon Hanson

### February:

Ang Dodd. Colin Smith

### March:

Paul Smith, Alan and Mildred Morrison

### Happy Anniversary

#### March:

Brian Pauline Pounder, Julie Shaun Haworth, Harold Elsie Johnson, Dave Carol Adamson, Bernadette Colin Smith.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter, if anyone has anything that they would like to be included in the next one please do get in touch. You can view all Durham Centre activities on our website <a href="http://www.durhamcentre.co.uk">http://www.durhamcentre.co.uk</a> Bernadette Smith (Editor) – <a href="http://www.durhamcentre.co.uk">newsletter@durhamcentre.co.uk</a>