



Welcome to the latest edition of the Durham Centre Newsletter.

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

It feels like it has been such a long time coming but at last we are back out doing what we love Rallying!

Whitby Rally went down a treat along with Canada fields and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of the new members who attended and thank our fantastic Rally Marshalls who ensured everyone had a great time.

We, like everyone else have and must continue to follow Government guide lines during these times. We must also abide by the guidance that the CAMC provided to all of its members so rest assured every venue and Rally is Covid secure and all we ask is that you follow the guidance in place when you attend.

## Announcements.

We have had reports that when renewing memberships an error has occurred and 2 year memberships have been offered. Please note this is not the case. Memberships renew for one year only. When you renew your membership please ensure you also renew your Durham Centre membership as part of the process. Many thanks

## This Year's Committee Positions.

As you know our Committee positions come up every year for renewal. If you are interested in joining committee as an Officer or as a committee member we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Chairman Barry Dodd or any member of the committee for details. Our contact information is on our website.

## Upcoming Rallies for your diaries.

Bedale Caravan and camping site May 14<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>

Bradley Burn Caravan Park May 21st-23rd

Oakleaf Sports Centre May 28th-31st.

Earswick Caravan Site York May 31st-June 6<sup>th</sup>

Upper Largo Holiday Rally – Beautiful spot June 19<sup>th</sup> –June 29<sup>th</sup>.

You can keep up to date with all things Durham Centre related by taking a look on our website [www.durhamcentre.co.uk](http://www.durhamcentre.co.uk) and on our Facebook Page - Durham Centre Caravan &Motorhome Club.

## Rally Reports

### **Whitby Rally 22 – 25th April**

Well our first rally of the season following Boris letting us out to play again and slowly returning to some kind of normality.

My meetings scheduled for Thursday were cancelled so not one to miss an opportunity I blocked my work diary and Colin contacted the rally marshal to ask if we could add another day to our booking. How pleased was I to have a couple of days leave we arrived at Whitby on Thursday for the opening of the rally in blazing sunshine. The Marshals Dave, Barry and Ang gave us a lovely warm welcome and Ray showed us to our pitch. Our marshals had ensured that all social distance measures were in place and hand sanitisers provided at water and elsan points. It all felt extremely safe and everyone abided by the government rules and guidelines.

We set up quickly in the sunshine and changed into shorts and t-shirt to make the most of the glorious weather. It was absolutely lovely to see Durham Centre members old and new again out on a rally and all of us partaking in socially distancing chat and catch up with neighbours.

The field we were in was brilliant, fantastic view of the countryside and Whitby Abbey couldn't have asked for a better spot. I'm looking forward to coming back next year already.

During the time we were there we did lots of lovely walks, the area is ideal for walking or cycling. Late afternoons were spend on the rally field just chatting or chilling with a coffee and cake, thanks Ang for the lemon drizzle cake it was beautiful. We did deserved the extra calories after the long walks my little legs were killing me. Evenings were a little chilly but inside the caravan was warm and snug

Whitby was fairly quiet in comparison to other years but in fairness we were in the town very early on a morning to look around the wire sculptures which were brilliant. Take a look at the website to see the photographs, finding them is a great way to have a walk around Whitby and avoid the crowds. We chose not to venture into town later in the day when there were more people however, they were socially distancing.

Sunday morning the car boot was on the field next to us, we never heard a thing when they were setting up! It was very well attended and several of us ventured over for a look around and of course came back with bags of stuff that we don't really need, but was a bargain so didn't want to lose out!

We reluctantly packed up and left the field in the sunshine about 14.00 for the drive home.

Well the first rally following lock down was a great success and our thanks go to the Marshals and their helpers in making this a great extremely safe rally. See you all on the next one.

Bernadette Colin



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**Celebrations:**

**Happy Birthday to:**

**April**

1st Bernadette Smith

20<sup>th</sup> Harry Thompson

9th Karen Simmons

10<sup>th</sup> Ian Leigh

**May**

**1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Flounders.**

2<sup>nd</sup> - John Atkinson

**Anniversary**

1<sup>st</sup> April Sharon & Stephen Hanson

17<sup>th</sup> May Ken & Karen Simmons

We look forward to seeing you all out in the fields.

Julie Haworth on behalf of Durham Centre