



Welcome to the June issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter – our newsletter is aimed at all members of Durham Centre and any visitors to our site. It includes up to date news articles, rally reports, forthcoming events, messages, successes and celebrations.

The deadline for the next newsletter is **27/06/2019** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#) .

We have just returned from our 60 Celebration rally at Stanhope and what a success it was. Thanks to the Chairman and all of the committee and volunteers for their hard work during the whole period. Over 100 van in attendance and everyone who was there had a great time, the feedback received has been fantastic. A full programme for all, opening ceremony with our past chairman/ladies and past treasures was a pleasure to see them all, those that couldn't make it because of ill health were a miss. Live music over three nights, professional children's entertainment over two day, Stanhope Silver Band, Northumberland Military wives (yes I did cry!). Classic cars, hog roast which went down a storm, duck race check out the photos of those that got into the river to retrieve the ducks! Line dancing etc. so much think I might have forgotten something apologies if I have. Anyone who missed this event you really did miss a brilliant weekend. Some of the photographs are now on the website do make sure you look at them.

Our 'Music, Dine & Dance' event in November is proving popular and there are only a few spaces left on the rally. So if anyone is interest in attending and staying on the rally please do get in touch. Remember you can attend the event without staying on the rally if that is your preference.

Our centre does need a Treasurer and Secretary from the AGM in October our current volunteers regrettably have to stand down. If anyone would like to apply for either of these posts please speak to Barry Dodd.

## Rally Reports:

### Oakleaf Sports Centre

After the hustle & bustle of the CHAIRMANS RALLY at Seaburn where over 30 vans attending raising over £250 for our centre charity ( for which I thank the members and also thank all the committee for their efforts in their help in the running of this rally, along with the help from many members in erecting & taking down of the marquee).

It was time to enjoy a more relaxing weekend at Oakleaf Sports Centre . Although numbers were very low ( it was disappointing to see only 10 vans in attendance) it was still a very friendly and close knit rally.

We had our annual GOLF TOURNAMENT with 8 members taking part , before we set off at 8.45am it was obvious competition was going to be keen.

Our secretary served up EGG & BACON sarnies to all before we left ( you can't beat going to work on an egg )Thanks Sharon.

We tried to persuade ANG to meet us on the ninth hole for further refreshments but that didn't materialise.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us so we all finished rather soaked but thoroughly enjoyed the day .

Kevin won the day by winning not only the tournament but the longest drive also, WELL DONE KEVIN.

Friday night after everyone had arrived we went into the Sports Centre where we had hired a room , SERIOUS BINGO was played with Ang & I shouting out the numbers then we just had a good old CHATTER.

Saturday morning Ang went shopping with the help of Ann Burrell to get the food for AFTERNOON TEA which we were due to enjoy during the annual OUTDOOR CENTRE SPORTS .

It didn't go to plan as it just kept being very damp and the sports had to be postponed until a further date but the AFTERNOON TEA went ahead from our awning .

Saturday night we went back to the centre for a night of CONNECT FOUR & DOMINOS knockout competition .

Winners were BARBARA JOYCE ( to say she was overjoyed was an understatement) In the Dominos & Kevin Showler won the Connect Four.

Sunday morning we woke up to brilliant sunshine as is usually the case when it's time to go home , we had flag early as we wanted to get home to prepare for the BIG CELEBRATION RALLY at Stanhope next week .

Thank you to all who attended the rally ,we will be back to OAKLEAF again next year so I hope many more vans come to this beautiful venue, it would be a shame not to take more advantage of this location .

ANGELA & BARRY DODD

P.S.

KEVIN SHOWLER also won the BONUS BALL so didn't he have a good weekend.



June Happy Birthday:

11 Jenson Patton

Happy Anniversary to Meg & Ian Leigh on the 9<sup>th</sup>

You can view all Durham Centre activities on our website <http://www.durhamcentre.co.uk>

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