



Welcome to the May 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 **27/05/2019** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#) .

Our rally season is now well under truly underway and already we have had several very successful rallies.

Don't forgot our 60 Celebration Rally in May a great weekend planned all for the small fee of £35. Check out the website for full details this rally is about to close as numbers have to be provided for catering etc. so make sure you get your booking in soon or you will end up being disappointed.

Canada Fields still have availability.

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:

### Stanhope – Easter 18 – 22 April

Just got back from STANHOPE where once again we have had a great weekend with great company. The sun shone from pulling on the field on Thursday until leaving on Monday .

Thursday was hello to our friends and neighbours and having a relaxed afternoon, after tea we all went up to the hall and had a good natter with a few bevies.

During the night I welcomed our visitors, we even had people from NORTH WALES, we also had new members to the centre so I presented them with their first rally plaques.

Friday we woke to brilliant sunshine and out came the shorts, tee shirts and suntan lotion, we had over 30 children on the rally and many went down to the stepping stones in river to play as the river was running very low .

We also over the weekend went to check out the barn that we are going to use for the celebration rally and make our final arrangements , it was then down to the river to try out our ducks to see where our start & finish lines are going to be .

Friday night it was NO TAT BINGO with the winners getting hats and decorations to make their own EASTER BONNETS for the Sunday night . Saturday morning again bright sunshine for all to enjoy and everyone was busy making their Easter Bonnets and decorating their eggs, all the children were out playing and it was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves .

We decided to go for a walk and with SHERPA RAY and Bill Padgett with us we knew it wouldn't be a very short but it was very enjoyable and even better to call at a pub for light refreshments.

Saturday night was 50,s 60,s 70,s dress up night and although we didn't get dressed up (old fuddy duddies or should that be fuddy doddies ) many did and it was great to see so many went to the bother .

We did enjoy the lovely supper though with food in abundance.

Sunday morning the Easter Bunnies had been out very early and the children were getting very excited waiting until 10am when the hunt for eggs was going to start .

They weren't disappointed when the time came for them to look for their treasures and with help from a few BIG bunnies it didn't take long for them all to be collected, there were three golden eggs which got special prizes . We then carried on with the CENTRE tradition with giving out to all the children an Easter Egg.

After they got their goodies everyone went outside for the great EGG & SPOON RACE, mixed teams two children ,two adults. Following this plastic macs were handed out to those who wanted them, as it was egg jarring and some might not be cooked!,well to say my team struggled was an under statement and we came last but weren't we surprised when Debra announced the real winners were them that came LAST . Well done to Holly & Amelie WE WON!!!

Sunday afternoon we had a real treat when someone with a STEAM VINTAGE CAR came on to the site



looking for water ( check out the photos) it was magnificent to see it , I even tried to get them to bring it along to our celebration rally.

Sunday night after flag was CHILL OUT night with quizzes and EASTER BONNET PARADE for all ages ( check out the photos).

Monday morning we had a little excitement but not over pleasant when the AIR AMBULANCE landed on the rally field to collect a biker who had been involved in an accident and was taken away to hospital. We hope it turned out well for him .

It was good to see that the money our centre raised two years ago went to such a good cause and to see it in operation at close hand as we did was amazing,I hope we can support that charity again in the near future, you never know when one of our members may need its assistance.

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At 12pm the sun was still shining but all good times have to come to an end and it was time for us to go home so thanks again to DEBRA, JOHN BERNADETTE and COLIN for hosting a great weekend that everyone enjoyed.

We are looking forward returning to STANHOPE on the 23rd MAY for our CELEBRATION RALLY if the weather is half as good it will be fine .

If anyone still wants to book up for this rally please ring me or book online as after the WYNYARD RALLY bookings will be closed ,we only have a few places left and numbers have to be in for catering purposes.

ANG & BARRY DODD

## Wynyard Station 26 – 28 April

We arrived just after lunch to a great welcome from our two new Marshal's, Dave Morgan and Ray Chetter. The marque was already up and ready for the evening as is the norm with Durham centre there were already several chairs in ready and waiting! Friday night we all met with the Marshals in the marque for a game of bingo, music quiz and catch up. The night was cool however, the Marshals were well on top of that and the heater was swiftly turned on all nice and toasty.

Saturday we went out for another long walk and called into the café for home made scone and coffee very nice it was too. We got back just before the rain so stayed put for the rest of the day. Evening we all met up again for Darts and Dominoes thanks to Kevin and Sharon Showler for arranging. Barry Dodd won the Darts, and Joe Wilson won the dominoes well done to them both.

Dave had another music quiz up his sleeve and nibbles were again provided by the Marshal.



Sunday came around way to soon for flag and announcements the marquee was already starting to be dismantled in the sunshine. A great rally, well done to our first time Marshal's Dave, Ray and Linda looking forward the next rally you both run.

Thanks

Bernadette Colin

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May Happy Birthday:

Birthday

1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Flounders

2<sup>nd</sup> John Atkinson

Anniversary

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

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

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