



Welcome to the April issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter– this is a monthly newsletter 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 **27/04/2017** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

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

The rally season is well underway now and every weekend has seen full attendance on the rallies, long may it continue. Anyone wishing to attend any of the rallies please make sure you get your booking in or you may end up being disappointed when you're unable to attend as the rally is full! We now have Marshal's for Catterick Race Course on 22 October, during that weekend there is a Race Meet taking place, anyone wishing to attend the meet can do so for £5 per adult, children are free. The Race Course Steward will collect the fee during the rally. There will be no movement of vehicles on Saturday due to the Race Meet.

Booking for our Dinner Dance are coming in thick and fast and we are getting very close to the maximum number. If you are thinking of attending contact Barry Dodd or speak to any member of committee for details. There is a limited rally being run along the Dinner Dance and on Friday night a pie and pea supper which is now full however, a reserve list is in operation.

3 – 5 March Whitewater

Our first rally of the season 3 March to Whitewater Caravan and Motorhome Site, was a great success. The rally was full and some members who were unable to get onto the rally even made personal booking with the site. Friday it rained, well it is still only March, so the welcome at the Marshal's van had to be cancelled.. Saturday was a lovely bright day so we ventured for a walk to the dinosaur park to stretch our legs and get a bit of fresh air. Saturday night everyone met up in the room provided on site for fun and games a great

April 2017



night was had by all. We ran a tombola, letter draw and Harry Thompson collected several sponsors for his and Sharon Hanson's sponsored slim. In total we raised over £100 for this year's charity so thanks again to everyone. Sunday was a beautiful sunny day, so the deck chairs came out we didn't want to go home. Everyone gathered for flag for

announcements and thanks. A great weekend thanks to our Marshal's Harry, Christine, Dave and Carol.

TEESDALE CARAVAN RALLY

This was our second rally of this season and was at the caravan and motorhome club site just outside Barnard Castle. We arrived about 1330 and were met by Carol , Dave and Kim, (who unfortunately, is not too well at the moment) and Carol, Steve and Aaron. We were offered a choice of pitches, and after setting up we took Ben for a walk round the site to have a look at the other caravans and their occupants, followed by a nice cuppa !

We had an easy afternoon just relaxing, and at 6 o'clock had a walk up to the marshals `vans for coffee and biscuits and to see who else had arrived for a bit of a catch-up.



Saturday was a free day, so on the morning we went into Barny for a bit of shopping and a look around ending up at the church table-top sale, where we got some bits and pieces.

Then it was up to the chip shop for a take away and back to the caravan to enjoy them

(And we did !)

While we were in town some others went to Bowes museum, High Force and Middleton in Teesdale to spend the day.

Some friends of ours, Clive and Jill, were on one of the service pitches with his brand new caravan, so we spent some time with them finding out how to turn the heating on and the

April 2017

radio off, so we flicked all the switches, pressed all the buttons, then got the user manual out.

Saturday evening saw us enjoying a bowl of piping hot soup with a bun at the marshals `van and a bit crack to some of the other ralliers.

Brian Pounder arranged a bus to take those who wanted to go, into town for a social evening, and maybe the occasional pint at the local club. And by all accounts ever-one had a good night.

Sunday was a nice sunny morning, and at flag, it was announced that the rally closing time would be extended to 4 pm. Meanwhile coffee and biscuits were served, and competition winners were awarded their prizes.

Our marshals, Carole, Dave Carol, Steve and Aaron, all put a tremendous amount of effort into this rally, so on behalf of every-one, I would like to thank them for making it a relaxing and enjoyable rally.....Dave, Ann & Ben.

Catterick Race Course 17 – 19 March

Another great rally which was very well attended and members fully supporting the Marshal who kindly volunteered to get back on board and run the rally having not marshalled for the centre for some time. The weather was mixed during the weekend and



Sunday was extremely windy but everyone managed to tow home safely. Friday night tea and coffee were provided for everyone to have a natter and catch up. Saturday saw everyone toddle off to Ropers with their 10% discount voucher so of course we had to purchase something whether we needed it or not!

Sunday all met for flag and announcements. Thanks again to the Marshal Stuart Val Dryden and Lisa & Phil Preston a great time was had by all.

April 2017

Forthcoming Rallies – before you travel to any Rallies please check the website first for any updates?

3 – 11 April – Lockside Ripon Holiday – Marshal: Harry Thompson and Christine Thomas

13 – 17 April – Unthank Park Stanhope Easter Holiday – Marshal: Steve and Carol Door

21 – 23 April – Dalton Piercy – Marshal: Kevin and Paula Petty

28 April – 1 May – Walk May Bank Holiday - Marshal: Colin and Bernadette Smith



Celebrations

If anyone has anything to celebrate, a birthday, anniversary, exam result etc. please let me know so we can all celebrate with you

April Birthdays

1st Bernadette Smith

20th Harry Thompson

9th Karen Simmons

10th Ian Leigh

April Anniversary Congratulations to you all

1st Stephen & Sharon Hanson

Thanks to everyone who has contributed towards this month's Newsletter.

Bernadette Smith (Editor) – newsletter@durhamcentre.co.uk