

DURHAM NEWS.



Welcome to the August 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 **27/08/2017** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

The Chairman's rally is being held during the weekend of 4 August at Farnless Farm, Bishop Middleham. It will be great to see our members and visitors supporting our current Chairman and the centres nominated charity for this year The Great North Air Ambulance. If you can't make the rally you can just pop along to look at the stalls during the afternoon.

The Sunderland Airshow rally was once again very well attended and our own vice Chairman 'Doddy's real deal' auction raised a phenomenal amount. Along with football card, letter-draw and kids tombola, the centre raised over £900. Thanks to everyone who took part and parted with their money.

If any Durham Centre member would like to apply to serve on the committee next year, please do make sure you complete the nomination form in the handbook and get it to our rally secretary.

SPORTS NEWS



Well the 2017 Centre individual sports competitions winners have been decided. The Bedale Rally held the Darts and Dominoes tournaments and both were well attended and provided closely fought games along with some whitewashes and the odd wayward dart or two (thank heavens for the plywood)

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The more energetic sports of Boule, Lawn Darts and Quoits were held at Herrington Country Park. The games were very well supported with a high number of participants, the field was buzzing with various games taking place, and spectators enjoying the sunny weather. Debra and Bernadette were racing round the field gathering up competitors to keep things running to schedule, maybe a sheep dog would help next year !

Many thanks to all those who supported and took part in the sports, thanks also to those who helped organise and run the events, with participant numbers on the increase it takes a lot to keep things on schedule to ensure competitions are completed over the course of one afternoon.

The Results:

- Darts Jimmy Long
- Dominoes Jim Anderson
- Ladies Quoits Sharon Showler
- Ladies Boule Barbara Joyce
- Ladies Lawn Darts Norma Appleby
- Mens Quoits Ian Leigh
- Mens Boule Michael Mortimer
- Mens Lawn Darts John Costello

The Sports Personality competitions for both Adults and Children continues throughout the year so please remember to pass on details and results of any competitions you arrange on your rallies to your Sports Officer. This competition is not just about winning but taking part and supporting events so even if you just stand and cheer on the side lines you are in with a chance.

John Atkinson- Sports Officer

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Herrington Park Rally Sports Weekend-22nd-25th June.

We arrived on the Thursday evening to a spectacular pitch and fantastic views of the surrounding areas and the majestic Penshaw Monument.

We knew this weekend would be a busy one so we said hello to a few of the members and settled in for an early night.

Friday started well Carol, Steve , Michael and Margaret were escorting members to their pitches and ensuring we were all up to speed with the facilities. As Friday drew on ,the field became quite a little community . We had Eoin and Sarah on their 1st Rally as Durham Centre members along with Neil and Louise Saunders and their respective families which was great to see.

Friday evening drew everyone to the Marquee kindly erected on Thursday evening by some of the lovely Durham Centre members along with our Marshals.

Cash bingo opened the proceedings and everyone enjoyed the normal Durham Centre Craic and tom foolery. Everyone enjoyed the bingo which was followed up by a quiz (created by Stephen Hawking) I think ! Nibbles came around and music was added as a surprise extra.

Everyone chatted and moved off to bed as Saturday was certainly going to be a busy day.

Saturday morning arrived bright and sunny. Steve was at the ready to take everyone for a family morning walk around the park . Visions of the pied piper sprung to mind and as an added bonus our very own Bernadette got the children fired up by singing some wellknown songs – and NO I didn't hear Marvin Gaye let's get it on!!

Whilst the members were away the lovely Carol and Margaret prepared Breakfast ready for the hungry hoards returning and the Bacon and Sausage sandwiches went down a treat in the Marquee , chatting away to each whilst having breakfast together.

Saturday Afternoon arrived and everyone gathered for the Sports competition, Bernadette, Colin, John and Deb kindly arranged this and everyone entered into the spirit- some maybe more than others !.

Barbara Joyce, Sharon Showler, Norma Appleby , Ian , Michael and Eoin I believe were the worthy winners and apologies if I am incorrect or have missed anyone off . Everyone taking part had a fab time and this took us well into the afternoon playing the array of Quoits, Lawn Darts and Boules. Im not sure that a little help from the wind assisted some in the Lawn Darts however you can tell im not bitter !!

Carol arranged a children's sports afternoon so the little ones could run off some of their energy and cakes and Juice were provided as a welcome break. Well Done to all of the children who took part.

Saturday evening ended with a few surprises, Carol and Michaels quiz/ The Chase game was very well received and Karl Davis must have thought it was Christmas as he was showered in winning gifts. Music played and whilst everyone was chatting and having a small tippie Helen produced the wonderful game Pie face suffice to say more of the male members ended up wearing the cream. The children played rounders and football and it was lovely to see younger members enjoying themselves and making new friends. Nibbles were supplied again and the night ended with full tums and happy faces.

Sunday Morning came and the site became a hive of activity as normal, due to some windy weather lots of the members came to help put the Marquee down before packing up and drifting off the picturesque site.

A lovely, friendly weekend and well done to the Marshals Carol, Steve, Margaret ,Michael and everyone who helped make the weekend a good one.

Julie Haworth

Scarborough

We came on the Scarborough holiday rally in May/June 2017 with 2 of our children and we will definitely be returning again. Irton Mount Farm is a lovely venue and the marshal were really friendly and welcoming and couldn't do enough for you . We would like to thank the Durham Centre for putting on such an enjoyable rally.

David and Rebecca Clarke Notts Centre

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Thirsk 30th June – 2nd July 2017

We arrived on Friday afternoon to be met by Colin, Bernadette, John and Debra who were waiting patiently in the gazebo for the caravans arriving! We were shown to our “elite” spot on the front row right next to Dave, Anne and Ben! After getting set up we had a cuppa and then Dave took Rowley for a wander. We all met in the gazebo on the evening for “no tat!” bingo and quizzes and a catch up with everyone. Saturday was a free day so just chilled with my book until 7.00pm when we all gathered for “The Great Fat Yorkshire” quiz! It was excellent; all questions as you can guess were about Yorkshire. We got into our teams. Ours consisting of Barry, Ang, Dave and myself. The questions were varied and interesting to say the least! Well what can I say except we won!! And what a prize we received – A bottle of Yorkshire Gold beer which Dave got, A Yorkshire Tea tea towel which I claimed and everyone tried to steal from me but no one succeeded! Yorkshire Tea tea bags in a Yorkshire Tea tin, Pontefract cakes, Rum and Raisin fudge, Giant Yorkie chocolate buttons, Yorkshire pudding mix and a miniature Yorkshire Post van. A brilliant idea! We had nibbles half way through which was lovely! After chatting for the rest of the evening we all turned in for the night.

Sunday we all gathered at the marshals van for announcements prize giving etc. John and Colin were not there as they had taken the gazebo all the way back to Lanchester as they were all going on holiday from the rally. I won the competition and writing this report was my prize lol! Another fantastic weekend from these four yet again so thanks John, Debra, Colin and Bernadette.

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

4 – 6 August – Chairman’s Rally Farnless - **Marshal:** Colin & Bernadette Smith

5 – 20 August – Frome Showground Holiday Rally - **Marshal:** Steven & Carol Door

18 – 20 August – West Newbiggen Farm - **Marshal:** Barry & Angela Dodd

25 – 28 August - Thornton Watlass - **Marshal:** John & Debra Atkinson



Celebrations

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

August Birthdays

6th Ken Simmons

22nd Steve Doors

27th Muriel Mckitterick

Remembering our dearly departed friends



Our condolences go to the families and friends of Yvonne Davison

With deepest sympathy remembered with great affection

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

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