



Welcome to the June 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 **27/06/2017** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Don't forget our Chairman's Rally is this month 15 – 19 June at a fantastic venue 'Seaburn Camp', beach within 200 yards of the site. Large supermarket next door, lots of shops and restaurants in the area along with fun and games throughout the weekend. So do make sure you get in touch and book a pitch before they are all booked.

If anyone has any items that they would like to donate towards our annual charity auction to be held at the Airshow rally during the weekend of 20 – 24 July please contact Barry Dodd or any member of the committee.

If you haven't booked the November Dinner Dance then get in touch ASAP. We already have over 85+ bookings and the places are filling up fast. Friday nights pie and pea supper event is already full. If you do wish to attend then make sure you contact Barry Dodd or any member of the committee before you end up being disappointed when all the spaces go!

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

WARK RALLY REPORT

Well we got off to a great start for the weekend – on the road by 3.35 p.m. after picking up Riley and Rhys at 3.20 p.m. (Sergeant Major Dad ;-). We got to the cricket ground for 4.55 p.m. where we were met by John Atkinson performing a human road block sitting on the floor and Bernadette marching around! We were sited by the marshals next to the park – ideal for the kids. By the time we got setup and had tea it was after 7.30 p.m. and we

knew that the bar was open and there would be chance for a bit crack and the obligatory 'no tat' game of bingo so off we marched when we were done with tea. I was most disappointed to learn once we got in the bar that they no longer served 'Trophy', Fosters it was x 2. We played 3 games of bingo with the numbers expertly called out by Debra, following the final game there was a salvage draw to win a Smithson spa experience which had been kindly donated. Bernadette 'chose' the winning ticket out of the bag and as luck would have it Anita won! She was invited onto the stage to collect her prize and I was also invited along – we thought how lucky. It soon become clear however that all was not as it seemed when Bernadette announced that we were going to receive the experience there and then. We were passed a multitude of goodies ranging from a sensual music CD, to a bag of nuts for Anita to play with and a bag of burger bites for us both to enjoy – we were then passed the carrier bag to put all the goodies back into which happened to be a 'Spar' carrier bag and that was our spa experience!



'Smithson' Spa Experience

Saturday – it was a dry morning so we decided to go for a nice walk down by the river after breakfast. We eventually got out the door as it always seems to take forever where kids are involved – we got as far as Daisy's back window and Riley announced that he felt sick. Back into the caravan we all piled and Riley had a lie down with a dish next to him in case of any nasty surprises. Saturday afternoon and the car park was being used as a drinks and feeding station for a 93 mile run to raise money for charity. Myself, Helen, Dawn and Stew went along to clap and cheer the runners as they were coming through with Stew's home brew red wine and white wine – we did try setting up an alternate drinks station for the runners but there were no takers. On the night time we all met up in the club house where the Marshals had organised a buffet tea and a game of Blankety Blank – this was a

brilliant game which involved everyone but saw table 1 getting a little boisterous, apologies but I can't remember who the winner was (homebrew starting to take effect lol).

Sunday – was a lovely sunny morning, I got Riley and Rhys' BMX's out of the awning and they done a few laps of the field and Tennis Court all by themselves (still learning to ride) – as a nice reward I got them to do their homework and reading books in Daisy. In the afternoon was the family fun 'cheating' I mean sports event, everyone who wanted to take part paired up. 10 minutes before the action started poor Rhys got a bat in the mouth playing swingball and got his lip bust – so he spectated from the sidelines as a wounded soldier with Luca Wilkinson as company.



All of the usual events were included plus a few new ones, three legged race, sack race, bean bag race, egg and spoon race, cone slalom – they all provided such a great laugh. There were commando roles over the finish line, a few tumbles, the tying of shoelaces to the start line, splitting of a sack to enable discreet running in the sack race – there was even an old looking gent with a stick and a plaster on his face pretending to be Barry Dodd!

After working up such a thirst we had to take root between the
with the wind breaks up and setup the outdoor bar.
We sat there all afternoon larking about, spectating
whilst Colin Appleby erected his wind break
upside down in the wind and watching the
children in the park till someone suggested us slightly
inebriated adults hit the park. Amazingly it didn't end in



or tears though 'Anita' ended up feeling very sick of been spun around in what was pretty
much a big dish – that was the end of her afternoon drinking. Again we met in the
clubhouse on the evening for Flag where the winners of the sports event were announced
which were Ella and Dylan Wilkinson – congratulations. A game of Left, Right and Centre

followed the announcements where until the bitter end another Morgan looked like winning this game until literally the last three coins where Gerry Brown snatched victory and won the money.



Family Sports Champions – Dylan & Ella

Monday – again the sun was out and we were in no hurry to get home, just as we lifted our blinds the 1st van pulled off the field. We took our time packing up and making it a leisurely affair whilst all the children played together in the park – with the exception of the rally marshals vans there was only table 1's caravan's left early afternoon!

We had a brilliant weekend and just want to thank Bernadette, Colin, Debra & John for all of their effort and hard work.

Stephen, Anita, Riley and Rhys

We arrived at Wynyard station to find small amount of vans had been sited on a well-planned out rally field.

It was Karl & Vicki's first rally as marshals and Karl was in a bit of a flap because Vicki's car had broken down off site leaving him on his own, Paula was also flapping but doing her best to help.

We got our legs down and offered to help get the rest of the vans sited.

Karl then had to go off site to retrieve some guests from Scotland as they had got lost (must have turned left at Hadrian Wall instead of going straight on) All vans got sited and it was time for Vicki & Karl to settle down with a glass of alcohol & sigh of relief Friday night I'm the Gazebo had a good turnout, we had Bingo, & Quizzes & a good time was had by all.

Saturday afternoon they catered for the children by playing a PIÑATA GAME (bash the donkey) even the adults had a go but the sweets went to the children.

Saturday night was dressing up MEXICO STYLE, Karl & Vicki being best of all (a great example).



It started with adults taking part in MACHO NACHO & the BATTLES GAMES, Barry & I were the guinea pigs along with Paula & Kevin, Dave & Barbara Burnside were the winners.

Lots of people got dressed up and enjoyed a supper of CHILLI & RICE.

We had further Bingo & quizzes & danced till 11pm we left the gazebo up to have announcements on Sunday morning then the usual gang took them down.

It was Karl & Vicki's first rally as marshals and were helped by Harry & Christine and Kevin & Paula.

They did a fantastic job as was said by all members who attended the rally.

WELL DONE ALL

Ang & Barry Dodd

Bedale Sport Club

This weekend was the rally at Bedale Sport Club with the Marshalls of Carol and Dave Adamson and Co Marshalls Angela and Barry Dodd. We arrived just after midday and put the legs down and had a little natter with the neighbours. Soon 7pm came round and it was time for meet and greet up at the marshals van and in true British fashion the weather was not on our side with the rain, however in true Durham centre tradition the majority came with their brollies and for the plans for the weekend. 9pm came round and it was time for everyone to get together in the cricket club for a few sociable drinks, which was on site.

The next morning came around the weather had a change with the sun beaming down it was time for a walk into Bedale centre for the weekly car boot sale (everything seemed to be 50p). there were a few local pubs in the area which seemed to serve food and an

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antique shop which took me back to my child hood. There was steam train and a harbour however I was convinced Dave may have been telling porkies on that one.



Saturday evening came round and it was time for the indoor sports competition, this included Dominoes and Darts. The dominoes was played in knock out stages needless to say I didn't get past stage 1. The darts came with 6 darts. Throw 3 with your right hand and 3 with your

left. I had a HUGE score of 28 but at least I hit the board. The snacks provided by the marshals was more of a buffet with plenty to go around everyone who attended. A few quizzes were handed out and stand up bingo was played with "No Tat" prizes been awarded. The night ended with music been played and people up dancing.

Sunday morning approached and it was time to close down the caravan after another great weekend away. Thank you Carol, Dave, Angela and Barry for a fantastic weekend.

Karl, Vicki and Alice.

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

2 – 4 June – Bradley Burn Caravan Park Wolsingham - **Marshal:** Brian & Pauline Pounder

9 – 11 June – Stephenson's Arms Wylam Hosts Northumberland

15 – 19 June – Seaburn Camp – Chairman's Rally – **Marshal:** Harry Thompson & the committee

22 – 25 June - Herrington Country Park – **Marshal:** Steven & Carol Door

30 June – 2 July – Thirsk Racecourse Caravan club site –**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

June Birthdays

11th Jenson Paton

June Anniversary Congratulations to you all

9th Meg & Ian Leigh

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

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Remembering our dearly departed friends



Our condolences go to the families and friends of: Peggy Johnson

With deepest sympathy remembered with great affection