



Welcome to the May 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 **27/05/2018** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Regrettably our British weather has been getting in the way of our favourite pass-time these last few months. Several rallies have had to be cancelled due to waterlogged fields and the landowners understandably not wanting to ruin their fields.

Hopefully we have put this inclement weather behind us and start and see an improvement and actually get some sunshine!

A new venue just a short walk from Bedale town centre during the weekend of 27 April had 20 vans attend a great start for the first rally since the start of the horrid weather.

Hopefully, we have now turned the corner with the weather and can back to getting out and about. I seem to remember last year May Bank Holiday Wark the snow did make an appearance, luckily not at the venue but we did have several members ringing as the snow was quite bad in their particular area, temporarily of course and didn't last for long. No snow for next weekend a full rally and I'm sure Wark will be another great weekend.

Our Chairman's rally will take place during the weekend of 17 – 20 May at Seaburn Camp, if any one would like to donate a bottle to be raffled in a bottle raffle it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Barry Dodd or any member of committee.

As is usual at the Airshow rally during the weekend of 27 July 'Doddies Real Deal' will be taking place. If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to be auctioned during this event for our centre charity please contact Barry Dodd or any member of committee.

2019 Durham Centre will be 60 years old having been formed in 1959. We are proposing to hold a rally to celebrate this landmark event at Wynyard Hall during the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May. We do hope that our members will support the centre and attend this landmark event in a beautiful place. Please do contact our Chairman Barry Dodd to register your interest.

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

**4 – 7 May – Wark - Marshal:** John & Debra Atkinson – rally full reserve list

**10 – 14 May – Beamish Museum – Marshal:** Harry Thompson & Christine Thomas – rally full reserve list

**17 – 20 May – Seaburn Camp Chairman’s Rally - Marshal:** Barry & Angela Dodd

**25 – 28 May – Oakleaf Sports Centre – Newton Aycliffe - Marshal:** Barry & Angela Dodd

**25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Scarborough – Rigghead Holiday Rally - Marshal:** Alan & Mildred Morrison

**28 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Eskdale School Whitby Holiday Rally - Marshal:** Kevin & Paula Petty

**10 – 15 July 2018 – Tall Ships Rally** to be held at Lizard Farm Whitburn – **Marshal:** Barry & Angie Dodd – the ships start to arrive on the 11 July and the race starts on Saturday 14 July. This is a great venue to watch the vessels arrive or to visit Sunderland harbours for a close view and various activities.

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



## **Celebrations**

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

### **May Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Flounders

2<sup>nd</sup> John Atkinson

### **May Anniversary Congratulations to you all**

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

## Remembering our dearly departed friends



Our condolences go to the families and friends of: Jean Plender wife of the late Geordie  
With deepest sympathy remembered with great affection

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