



Welcome to the October 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 **27/10/2017** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Please remember that any limited rally booking for the 2018 season do now require that a deposit is paid. Your booking will not be confirmed until the deposit has been received by your Marshal. Details are available on the website or contact the Marshal or any member of committee for further information.

A deposit has had to be imposed as several limited rallies had reserve lists in operation during the 2017 season yet several ralliers did not turn up and the Marshals were not informed. If for any reason you cannot attend a rally please do be courteous and inform the Marshal as they may have catered for you or they may be concerned that something has happened whilst you are traveling.

Durham Centre has been going from strength to strength during the 2017 season and several rallies were fully booked. We have had numerous new ralliers this season and hopefully we will continue throughout 2018. Several of our rallies in 2018 are limited and they are extremely popular so make sure you submit your booking form and deposit early to secure your booking.

A 2nd New Year's rally has been added to the programme for this year and it is already proving to be extremely popular and is filling up very quickly. If you would like to attend make sure you get your booking slip in.

Rally report – Thornton Watless Rally 25th-28th August

We arrived at the beautiful little village of Thornton Watless on Friday Afternoon to be greeted by the Rally Marshals, or should I say the Yellowcoats Hi- de –Hi !! Bernadette, Deb , John and Colin . They were already in costume and raring to go as usual. These guys really know how to make people feel welcome and shouts of Hi De Hi echoed around the campsite.

Colin kindly escorted us to our pitch and got us settled down ready to enjoy the festivities .

Friday evening we all met up in the Marquee and as usual the Marshals were on hand ready to look after us, Knobbly knees contests were just the start of what was a fantastic evening. John and Colin's Bingo was extremely entertaining with their unusual voice overs and as always a fantastic friendly atmosphere with heaps of laughter.



Saturday was a lovely relaxing day for the members but the yellowcoats were running the field as normal and actually brought their own ice cream stall door to door with a real ice cream van ringtone !! this made everyone chuckle and free ice pops were gladly received due to some lovely sunshine coming out for us.

Saturday Evening was the yellow coats real triumph- The Durham Centre best dressed WomAn and Miss Durham Centre competition. You really could not make this up . !! The guys dressed as Girls and the ladies dressed as men – what an absolute hoot! there were some amazing costumes from both sexes and as they entered the Marquee everyone just fell around laughing.

The competition was fierce and so judging was done by special guest judges !! The WomAn were paraded around the Marquee and then interrogated oops I mean interviewed by our lovely Yellowcoats with various ominous leading questions. The guys were well up for this and played along fantastically. It was absolutely hilarious to watch grown men in wigs, make up and high heels being interviewed acting as ladies (I say that in in loose terms)!

The ladies were up next and again some great costumes from suits and wigs to builder's outfits to flat caps and cardigans. Again the Men (again loosely termed) were fantastic and well up to playing the part.

The judges deliberated and then the winners were announced –

Davina –took the Miss Durham Centre Crown and Butch the builder took the WomAn's crown.

Everyone that took part were great sports and everyone there enjoyed it.

Karaoke followed and again some fantastic performance from the children and adults – I have to give a special mention to Bonnie Tyler whose rendition of total eclipse of the heart will stay with me forever. Everyone had a great time and the yellow coats did a fantastic job.



Sunday brought some beautiful weather and everyone was enjoying the sunshine. It was time for it's a Knockout – yeahhhhh!!! The yellowcoats rounded up the victims (I mean teams) and it was war, from filling bottles with sponges to crawling through cargo nets the game was on. Spectators, shouted from the side lines and adults and children worked alongside each other to be crowned champions.

Mr Motivator AKA Karl Davis appeared after it's a knockout to rouse the crowd for a special dance off to the CHA CHA slide – this was epic! – People of all ages dancing in a field on a Sunday Afternoon definitely 70's holiday camp style! Great idea and I'm sure it's nearly viral on Facebook!



Sunday evening brought to us the fantastic TAK YA BACK and as always Pauline and Brian were outstanding, people were dancing and singing along food and drinks were plentiful and a fab atmosphere was enjoyed.

Monday came around and everyone packed up ready to go with some fab memories, these four yellow coats Bernadette, Colin, Deb and John are absolutely amazing and never fail to put on a fantastic weekend. Well done and thanks to you all.

I don't know how you will top this one but I'm sure you have something up your sleeves!

HI DE HI !!! Julie Haworth

Rally report – Great North Run Weekend 8th-10th September.

We arrived on the Friday Afternoon in the glorious sunshine if a little windy to be greeted by the Rally Marshals, Barry , Ang, Carol and Dave.

Barry kindly escorted us to our pitch and got us settled down ready to enjoy the evening.

Friday evening we all met up in the Marquee and as usual the Marshals were on hand ready to look after us, Cash Bingo and quizzes were the order of the day along with a good old laugh as standard ending with Left , Right and Centre which went down a treat – I even learned my left from my right- every day is a school day or so they say. The lovely Bernard definitely had played this before and he took the spoils much to everyone's dismay .

A raucous version of Happy Birthday was given for my husband Shaun for his birthday although we thought giving him the “bumps” may have been a bit of a task !! A lovely gesture from the members though leaving Shaun with a thoroughly red face!

Saturday was again fair weather and again the marshals were on hand if anyone needed anything, people went off site down to South Shields and the surrounding coastline to while away the day.



Saturday evening arrived and again the marshals greeted us with nibbles, Bingo and Chase the Ace which went down a treat – although I'm sure Ang had some Kings in her sleeves! the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

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We had some lovely members join us from Cumbria with their families who were competing in the GNR and im sure they will have done very well. !!

Sunday Morning came around and a lovely atmosphere in the Marquee greeted us. Refreshments as always were on hand and Barry and Melvyn did the announcements and presentations.

A lovely small but perfectly formed rally which was friendly and well received .

Well done to the marshals Barry and Ang Dodd and Dave and Carol Adamson Great job as always x !!

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

2 – 9 October – Cotherstone Doe Park - **Marshal:** Harry Thompson & Christine Thomas

13 – 15 October – Hargill House Caravan Clubsite - **Marshal:** Karl Davis & Vicki Metcalf

20 – 22 October- Cattrick Racecourse - **Marshal:** Barry & Angela Dodd

27 – 29 October – Unthank Park Halloween – **Marshal:** Colin & 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

1st Brian Pounder, 17th Christine Thomas

Beryl King

7th Paula Petty

Anniversary

3rd John Joan Costello

9th Kevin Paula Petty

11th Peter Kath Clements

12th John Debra Atkinson

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

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