

DURHAM NEWS.



Welcome to the September 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 **27/09/2018** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Don't forget our centre AGM takes place on Sunday 7 October at Sherburn Community Centre @ 14.00. Any members interested in putting up for a position on committee must have their nomination in to our Rally Secretary Sharon Showler by 12.00 (lunch time) on Sunday 23 September.

The following officers positions are available for anyone interested:

- Vice Chairman
- The Honorable Club Secretary
- The Honorable Treasurer

We are selling raffle tickets for a duck race which will take place during our 60th Celebration Rally 23 May 2019 at Stanhope Show Ground. Tickets cost £1.00 or £5.00 for a book. Please do support the centre and purchase a ticket, you never know you might win 1st prize of £75, 2nd £50 and 3rd £25.

Karl Davis our Rally Secretary is also running a football card at £3 per team. There are 80 teams in total and the winner can win £200 worth of Elsan products. A great prize so get in touch with Karl to purchase a ticket, all proceeds will go towards our Celebration Rally.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 9 December 2pm – 6pm please contact Barry Dodd if you are interested in going. All children will receive a gift from 'someone special'. Cost only £5.00 per child and £2.00 per adult.

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Rally Reports:

Grassmere Holiday Rally- 4th -14th August.

We were so looking forward to this one and I have to say we were certainly not disappointed. We were met by blazing sunshine and our rally Marshals Barry , Ang, Carol and Dave on the Saturday afternoon. It was the most beautiful little site surrounded by hills and only a few minutes' walk into the beautiful village of Grassmere.

Saturday evening brought us all together into the village hall for Pie and pea supper night and very nice it was too.

The marshals had provided us with some fantastic entertainment over the 10 days including some fabulous walks – the guys even got the Durham Centre flag up on top of one of the hills which was a brilliant sight to see.



I must mention Bill Pagett at this point, the man is a legend climbing those said hills and having a wee dram at the top all credit to him. We were fed and entertained most nights and what laughs we had; the race night was brilliant with everyone especially Toni and Jade who really got excited.

Well done Jade for winning the prize!

We had Ang's afternoon tea on the lawn and again it was fab everyone dressed up in their finery, Ang, Carol and a few helpers provided a fabulous spread and portraits were taken – see the photos on the website.

We had a birthday party evening for Pam and Sharon and Kevin and Paula Petty kindly did us a good old disco. A little bit of something for everyone. Thanks Kevin and Paula.

Friday we had a BBQ and what a fantastic job done by all and I have to say I loved George Burrell's apron. Burgers Chicken Sausages, salads- it was all there cooked to perfection by Barry, George, Ray and the team.

Saturday evening brought us the one and only TAK YA BACK and Pauline and Brian were fantastic as ever – they played us music through the decades and we all enjoyed a bit “bop”.

Sunday brought us the centre obligatory sports day and there were some very serious tournaments going on here. Connect 4, table tennis, and the good old Boules, Lawn Darts and quoits. Well done to the winners.

Monday evening brought us together for our last social evening and we played Bingo and chatted about the holiday.

I must mention our impromptu night where Mr Dave Morgan entertained us with some of his ukulele tunes making us all smile. I would also like to thank Lynne and Brian Pringle as they provided supper for everyone which was a lovely gesture.

On behalf of myself, Toni and Shaun I would like to thank all of the helpers on this rally, there are too many to mention but you made a great holiday and we certainly did appreciate it.

Carol and Dave decided to hang up their marshalling shoes at Grassmere I would like to say thank you for all of your work over the years and I have fond memories of you being the first people to welcome us into Durham Centre- Barry and Ang had a tear or two presenting them with a little parting gift and I'm sure you will be missed as their co marshals but we hope to see you on the Rally Field in the future.

Grassmere was a beautiful place full of beautiful people and we will certainly have some great memories from this holiday. Thanks to Barry, Ang, Carol and Dave.

One last thing – has anyone seen Barry's hat?

Just Brilliant !!!

Julie & Shaun

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Thornton Watless 24 – 27 August

Although the newly formed FESTIVAL OF THE NORTH was born, being run by the NORTHUMBERLAND CENTRE at Alwick , Ang & myself decided to support our own centre at THORNTON WATLESS.

We weren't let down as we had a fab weekend .

Among the 34 vans attending they were several vans from North Yorkshire which shows the pulling power Durham Centre now has.

We arrived Friday and got the normal friendly welcome from the 3 marshals & co marshals(John decided 3 could manage and went off to work) we missed you John.

After we got settled in and had a chat with those around us it was a nice relaxing afternoon.

All the gazebos and marquee,s had been erected so that was a job I managed to get out of (makes a change) Friday night at 7-30pm it was time for that well known NO TAT free bingo as usual we didn't win , Ang was waiting for one number on one of the games but that was the closest we got .We weren't bothered cos the winner only got TAT anyway.

The marquees weren't full as people were still arriving or having a meal but everyone who attended enjoyed the night.

Saturday was a lazy free day ,the weather was good and some members went off to enjoy the Yorkshire dales.

We just lazed around and spent the day chatting and Ang putting on the kettle for people, It was then time to prepare for night of entertainment not Hollywood but Holly - Watlass.

Many members got geared up in fancy dress (us included) check out the rally photos &



see who won the OSCARS. This was followed by KARAOKE and members didn't disappoint there was SID SINARTRA,

with his usual performance closely follow by Brian Harriman and his rendition of

SINARTRA, Loraine Cook is now the new Connie Francis singing STUPID CUPID, I wanted to do my special edition of DELILAH but Bernadette and Debra beat me to it (maybe they saved my embarrassment) but the best performance of the night in my opinion was ANN from North Yorkshire as she sang Tina Turners SIMPLY THE BEST (apply named).

Sunday the weather was atrocious but the rally marshals had set up a treasure hunt around the village & Ang said we had to do it (its these new injections she had done I can't keep her in check ,not that I ever could) so we went out to see if we could find these clues accompanied by Ray Chetter and Dave Morgan .

By time we left the the field we were like four drowned rats but we carried on .

It didn't take too long to find the clues but got stuck on one of them so that took up more time than expected luckily the last clue was outside the pub and as we were really soaked by this time so thought it might be a good idea to try and dry off inside.

When we entered the pub it was full of half the members attending the rally all getting wet inside cos they were wet outside.

We had a great afternoon , then it was time to go back to the van to get dried out and a short snooze before the nights Entertainment.

Flag was at 7pm for the usual announcements competition winners then we sat back in waiting for our very own TAK YA BACK ,well you can guess what sort of a night we had after that as they never disappoint us .

Monday morning it was my turn to work , along with the marshals and other helpers by taking down the gazebo,s as it was a dry morning and we wanted to get them down ASAP. Once down and packed away it was time to sort out our own vans ready for the homeward bound journey.

I'm sure everybody had a great weekend and appreciated all the hard work DEBRA, JOHN,BERNADETTE and COLIN did.

Festival of the North ? we didn't miss not going and if you want to enjoy a good bank holiday next August get booked up at the A G M.

Ang & Barry Dodd

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

7 – 14 September – Lockside Ripon Holiday – Marshal: Harry Thompson & Christine Thomas

13 – 16 September – Crimdon House Farm – Marshal: Barry & Angela Dodd

21 – 23 September – Midridge Meadows Nomination Rally & Steam Gala – Marshal: John & Deb Atkinson

27 – 30 September – Jervaulx Abbey – **Marshal:** Harry Thompson & Christine Thomas

We are also taking booking for Seaburn illuminations 11- 14 October and Joint Bonfire & Fireworks night 2 – 4 November (North Yorkshire).

Happy Birthday for September:

- George Burrell, Ann Burrell, Hilda Braddock and Karl Davis

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

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