



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 **27/09/2017** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Thanks to all those who attended the Chairman's rally at Farnless at the beginning of August and helped raise over £240+ towards our charity The Great North Air Ambulance.

If anyone does want to put themselves forward this year for our committee can you please make sure you complete the slip in the back of the handbook and hand it to our secretary. Nominations must all be in by noon Sunday 17 September.

Our annual AGM will take place on Sunday 1 October at Sherburn Village Hall. Remember booking for 2018 rallies can be made following the AGM. Any bookings for limited rallies will need a deposit and any Caravan and Motorhome Club sites full payment. Several of our rallies in 2018 are limited and they are extremely popular so make sure you attend the AGM and secure your booking. Until your deposit has been received by the marshal your booking will not be confirmed.

Jervaulx Abbey 28 – 30 July

We arrived at Jervaulx Abbey on Thursday morning just after 11 am amazed to be the first to arrive at this beautiful flat walled site in Wensleydale complete with site toilets. Harry and Christine were surprised as they never expected anyone on Thursday. Having lived in North Yorkshire for 34 years and experienced the rally last year Veronica and I wanted to make the most of our weekend. The weather cleared up in the afternoon and we took the opportunity to explore the Abbey ruins. Having read a little about this late 12th century

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small Abbey ruins , we were surprised at the size of the site and number of buildings it contained. The sunshine and seats in the grounds made for a lovely afternoon in glorious surroundings. Friday saw most visitors arrive although we were surprised at the low numbers attending. We spent the majority of the day in Leyburn a short but lovely drive up the Dale taking in Middleham on the way and the small market improved the day. The welcome meeting was held Friday evening to get to know everyone, a very friendly meeting shortened by a shower. Saturday as with most of people on rally we spent most of the day out. We chose Masham then on to Ripon and despite odd showers had a lovely day. This was followed in the evening by an excellent get together with Bingo a Chinese raffle and hot dogs thanks to our Marshalls and their helpers. Everyone present enjoyed themselves especially the Chinese raffle, which the children really thought was great getting prizes and taking them from adults. We had the usual Flag on Sunday and it was a nice change to be able to stay till 4pm as the Sun was brilliant for a lovely end to the weekend. A lovely location also a C.L. next door, which was full all weekend will definitely return in future. Many thanks to Harry, Christine, Ian and Meg for a lovely rally. Norman and Veronica Black.

## Airshow

We arrived on Thurs evening to be greeted by the lovely Ange and the funny Barry. We were shown to our peg and set up for the weekend. We then had a bbq and settled in for the evening.. On Friday we decided to take a bus trip into Sunderland, we walked to the nearest bus stop and when we were within about 100 yd it sailed past hmm. We proceeded to walk down to the coast road and same thing happened again. Then we saw a bus coming from Seaburn to South Shields so we ran for that one and surprise, we caught it. Had a nice wander round Shields then decided to get a bus into Sunderland and off we went. Had a look round Sunderland then had lunch or was it tea in Wetherspoons. We then caught the bus back into Seaburn for the evening entertainment on the big stage, after calling into Morrisons for a couple of beers. Sat on the grass to join in the merriment. Our friends rang to see where we were and they actually thought they wouldn't find us in the midst of the crowds, but hey ho they did and a pleasant evening was had by all. After the fireworks we decided to call in the pub on the front until the crowds dispersed a bit. Then taxi back to field. Saturday morning up and had breakfast then down into Seaburn for the air display. Unfortunately the weather turned to rain so there wasn't as much flying as usual so we took cover in the beer garden to watch what little was flying. Then back to sight and bbq then into the marquee for an evenings

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entertainment. Sunday started off bright so we went and sat down on the promenade to watch the aerial displays, the parachutes formed a trio of chutes which was quite unusual, not seen that one before. We walked on down to Roker and saw the snipers on the hotel roof and the armed police on the streets. I have to say the thousands of people were well protected against any possible terrorist attacks. And then the rain came down really bad everyone was wearing their raincoats. Even the Roker hotel provided raincoats (I think to keep the punters there) The Typhoon was the last to pass and that's just what it did, went past and gone. But all in all it was a good weekend. Back to field for a bbq again and then bed. We were up Monday morning had breakfast and went to say our goodbyes to the marshalls and thank them for a brilliant wknd. We will be back next year from Yorkshire to see the tall ships Thanks to all from Jacqui & Graham Beanland

#### FARNLESS FARM 4<sup>th</sup> TO 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

We arrived on Friday afternoon to be met by Bernadette and Debra who showed us to our pitch. John was at work and poor Colin was sporting a sling after having an operation on his shoulder! We got set up and had a cuppa. The gazebos were already set up so on Friday night we had the usual Free Friday No Tat Bingo! We had a new bingo caller John who did brilliantly I might add! Didn't help me to win though!

Saturday afternoon and as it was also the Chairmans Rally there were stalls set up in the gazebos by committee members. A massive £900 aproximately was raised for the centre charity The Great North Air Ambulance.

Saturday evening and we all donned our cowboy outfits and met for fun and games in the gazebo. The prize for best cowboy child went to Luca Wilkinson, the best girl went to Charlotte Patton. The adult male went to Sheriff Barry Cartwright and the best female to Indian Squaw Helen Wilkinson and her "horse". We were served hot dogs and onions which were delicious as always. We then had Young Logan play She will be coming round the mountain on his Ukelele! Well done Logan! We all sang along and had a fantastic evening! Sunday and the usual announcements etc. Another superb rally by these four yet again!

What can I say but thank you once again Bernadette ,Colin, Debra and John!

CAROL and DAVE ADAMSON

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Frome – Somerset

We arrived from Kent on Saturday afternoon to a friendly welcome and refreshing cup of tea. It was quite windy and we were more than thankful for the extra pair of hands to help us put up our awning.

Sunday we gathered around the marshals awning for a welcome and biscuit and tea.

During the day on Monday we went off to Stourhead House and their stunning gardens. In the evening we were treated by the marshals to hotdogs and onions and a game of stand up and ordinary bingo, it was quite funny watching Michael battling with the bingo machine and balls, but he managed to master it towards the end of the evening.

We went to Longleat which was just around the corner of us, it was fascinating driving through the large animal compounds and we got some great photos, John decided not to go through the monkey house, after other ralliers had told him how they had lost their aerials and window wipers by the monkeys pulling them off.

Thursday afternoon we gathered in the rally marshals tent where Meg and Margaret served up homemade scones, strawberry jam and cream which was delicious.

The marshals continued to provide opportunities for us to enjoy our holiday throughout the week with a cooked BBQ, we had lots of laughs playing Chinese raffle. I got my prize taken just at the last few tickets. We even had a pie and peas night, which was something quite new to us southerners. Everybody took part in the sports night and there was lots of laughter, also during the evening Meg and Margaret provided nibbles. The final of the boules competition ended up being played by touch light and congratulates to Pam for winning it under such conditions.

We have made many new friends and had lots of laughs and want to thank Ian, Meg, Margaret and Michael who stepped in at short notice and put together a most enjoyable program.

John and Rosemary A – East Kent Centre

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

**8 – 11 September** – Great North Run – Lizard Farm Whitburn - **Marshal:** Barry & Angela  
Dodd

**14 – 17 September** – Crimdon House Farm Nomination and Horticultural - **Marshal:** Barry &  
Angela Dodd

**22 – 24 September** - Wynyard Station - **Marshal:** Karl Davis & Vicki Metcalf  
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## Celebrations

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

September Birthday

George Burrell

Ann Burrell

2<sup>nd</sup> Hilda Braddock

9<sup>th</sup> Kath Clements

14<sup>th</sup> Karl Davis

Anniversary

29<sup>th</sup> Steve Carol Doors

## Remembering our dearly departed friends



Our condolences go to the families and friends of Coleen Robson

With deepest sympathy remembered with great affection

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

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