

DURHAM NEWS.



Welcome to the June issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter. If anyone has anything that they would like included in the Newsletter please do forward to [The Editor](#)

Well it's been a busy month our Platinum Jubilee rally 1- 5 June at Oakleaf sports centre was a great success with over 50+ units in attendance. Everyone had a great time and the sun shone for us please do take a look at the photographs to see the fantastic time we had and our outdoor street party.

We still have places available on our holiday rally at Dawlish Warren 15 – 25 August



The centre has donated one of our older large gazebos to a great local charity The Salvation Army to help the local community and it was very gratefully accepted.

Paula Heslop has asked us to pass on her thanks to those who contributed towards a beautiful memorial seat for her late husband, committee member and our friend Kenny.



Rally Reports: if anyone does attend a rally and would like to send a report it would be very much appreciated. Our members do like to read about what we get up to and your experience of the rally

Bedale Camping and Caravanning Club Site May 19th -22nd 2022

After a trouble-free journey from home, we arrived shortly after the rally began on the Thursday. The site was looking very tidy, and it was pleasing to see that there were some areas of unmown grass that were showing off a whole range of wildflowers and grasses. What a sight for sore eyes.

We were greeted by rally marshals Barry and Angela Dodd, Linda Hardy, Ray Chetter and Dave Morgan who all made us feel very welcome. We were given the choice of some spacious pitches and were helped to site our caravan next to some lovely friendly folk, Pam, and Eric Bradbury. What a seamless, pleasant beginning to our break and having studied the rally details provided for us we very soon realised that we were in for a treat.

The evenings in the gazebo were full of fun and laughter. We heard Eric's interesting recollections about his service in WW2. We all solved the country's economic problems, explored how to make savings on gas and electricity usage, discussed ways of keeping safe when using social media, compared starting times when we were in the world of work, wages then and now, and were astonished at how much you can earn laying bricks. Who would have believed it? In other words, we all had a good old natter! There was bingo and quizzes too. What more could anyone want? Much companionship, good cheer, kindness, and generosity was evident when the evening temperatures dropped, and portable gas heaters were produced to keep those of us with thin blood and thick skin warm.

There is much to do throughout the day in the area should you have the wanderlust including markets, shops, car boots, beautiful countryside, and plenty of little cafes if you feel like a cuppa, or pubs if you feel like something stronger.

The highlights of the weekend included Kevin and Sharon Showler celebrating their wedding anniversary and, much to (most) people's delight and the cause of lots of cheering on site was Sunderland Football Club fighting their way back to the Championship after overcoming Wycombe.

What a cracking time we had at the Bedale Rally and that was down to the good fun, good company, and good management. Having a 3-night rally there was an excellent idea. It certainly whetted our appetite for a return in September. Thank you to all involved. L&M Pringle



Happy June Birthday to:

Jenson Paton

Happy June Wedding Anniversary:

Meg & Ian Leigh

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