



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

Unfortunately we have had to cancel several rallies this month as no-one came forward to volunteer as a co-marshal and numbers for some were extremely low. If our members don't support the club then we will be left with nothing and further rallies will have to be cancelled. If you don't use it we will lose it. Please do support your centre by booking a rally, full details are on the website and there are lots to suit all tastes.

Our rally secretary and marshal need to make a decision with regards to low numbers on rallies two weeks before commencement as land owners need to be informed. It is vital that we maintain a good relationship with our landowners, cancelled rallies means potential lost income for them and they may be able to offer the field to another centre.

We have had several successful rallies this season and the rally reports below reinforce this, also take a look at the photographs on the website.

Don't forget our Platinum Jubilee rally 1- 5 June booking do need to be in two weeks before to guarantee hot meal.

## Rally Report:

Wynyard Station 1-3 April

We had arranged to go to the Wynyard Rally on the Thursday to help Dave, Ray & Linda to set up the Rally. We got up early Thursday morning to a bright, hot sunny morning (not) it was cold ,a little windy with a threat of snow . A quick phone call to Dave & Ray was made and it was should we or shouldn't we go, remembering they were coming from Consett & would they get back if we got the snow?

Decision was made and we were on our way (it did seem a little brighter by 1pm)

We got to our storage to collect the Caravan, hitched up & started the journey. We Joined the A19 and one or two flakes of snow started to fall, we thought it's just a shower. How wrong were we, within 5 minutes a was a complete blizzard, driving conditions I have never towed in for over 30 years of caravanning. It was then a case of should we carry on or go home, well I bet you can

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guess ,we carried on and pleased we did as although the ground was obviously wet we got sited ok and got the legs down.

First words we said to Dave were: - "WE MUST BE MAD ". Friday morning was a little better and we waited for vans to arrive, Dave got 2 cancellations, which was no surprise but everybody else arrived safely. Saturday was a much better day and although we woke up to a white crisp frost some of the ralliers went for walks in the nearby woods ( or that's what they told us ), Saturday afternoon the sun got out and we were able to sit out and enjoy it .Sunday too was a better day ,we had flag then after a good chat with fellow ralliers members started to get ready for the journey home, all the Newcastle supporters wanted to get away as Newcastle were on the Television playing Tottenham Hotspur ( after seeing the score bet they wished they hadn't rushed off )

All in all we again had a good Rally with Durham Centre and it was nice to see some members we hadn't seen for a while and children on the field.

Thanks to Dave, Ben, Linda & Ray

Stanhope 14 – 18 April:

What a fabulous Easter rally !!!!!!! The rally marshals John Liz Bernadette & Colin did an EGGcellent job and entertained us all weekend. A BIG THANK-YOU for ALL your hard work. We had Bernadette's delicious bacon sarny's whilst doing our Easter crafts (hilarious to say the least) followed by quiz's, bingo, dancing, egg hunt etc etc. Cracking venue with lovely views (never been to Stanhope before} and never had so many chocolate eggs come to that!!!!!! WELL DONE TO YOU ALL - YOU DID A CRACKING JOB. Best wishes John & Ros Loughran (North Yorkshire)



Happy May Birthday to:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Atkinson

Happy May Wedding Anniversary:

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

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

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