



Welcome to the October issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter.

Our Newsletter is published monthly and we like to include any news articles, rally reports, messages, successes and celebrations. If anyone has anything that they would like included do get in touch.

The deadline for the next newsletter is **27/10/2021** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#) .

I am pleased to re-joining the committee this year 21/22 and would like to thank everyone for your support. I'm looking forward to working with all of the other dedicated volunteers who form the committee of Durham Centre of the Caravan & Camping Club. We have new members who have joined our committee this year, Butch Young and Kenny Heslop and I hope all our centre members welcome them and fully support the centre over this coming year. Without these volunteers who give up their time we wouldn't have a centre to enjoy our pastime of rallying.

I would like to start this newsletter by personally saying thanks to Julie Haworth for all of her work on the newsletter previously. Regrettably Julie has decided to stand down this year but everyone on committee and I'm sure our members, would like to thank her for her work with the centre during her time on committee.

Chairman's message:

Dear Centre Members

I am now starting my 5th year as your Centre Chairman and proud to do so , I hope you are not getting fed-up with me . I am only still here because Angela & Myself get excellent backing from our Committee along with you the members.

After an indifferent 2020 we managed to get a bit more normality back in 2021, with more rallies being able to go ahead and attendees on these were very encouraging.

Our Holiday Rallies were well attended also with many visitors from around the country.

I would like to thank all last years committee members for their support to Angela & Myself , not only last year but the previous 3 years also and to those who have stepped down for this next year I wish them well and hope to continue to see them on the Rally field.

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Coming to this year I would like to welcome Bernadette Smith back onto committee along with our new Vice Chairman, Butch Young and new Committee Member Kenny Heslop. I would like to think they will find their appointments very rewarding and do their part in taking the centre forward.

With many Covid restrictions now been lifted , we can now go back to handling money (although we will still be providing sanitiser at Water and Elsan points) All rallies must have a £5 deposit paid when booking a rally, preferably by Bank Transfer or Cheque if you wish, the balance can then be paid on arrival, your booking will not be confirmed until your deposit is received . For Holiday Rallies a deposit of £10 is required with balance due 6 weeks prior to the rally. Bank Transfers must have reference the Rally name and Cheques made payable to "CARAVAN and MOTORHOME CLUB DURHAM CENTRE " must have Rally name on reverse.

For 2022 we are to bring out a Rally Book again , many regular Ralliers have requested this and although it wont be the Handbook you have been used to it will be a hard copy with all the information you will need .

The latter end of 2021 we decided to purchase 2, 8m x 4m inflatable marquees for social use on our Rallies whenever the Marshal's wish to use them , we used them on Rallies and took them to our Holiday Rally at Bedale where they were proved to be very successful, we were able to get together with the fear of being cold eradicated as two or three small fires kept us all warm, hopefully Rally Marshal's will use them regularly so we can enjoy each other's company more often.

Our centre charity for 2022 will be Myeloma.uk, which we think is a very worthy cause. I hope you will support this charity throughout the year.

Thanks must go to Kevin Showler our Rally Secretary, he has again put together a varied Rally Program for 2022 including a 4 day mini Holiday Rally to celebrate our Queens Platinum Jubilee June 1st – 5th at Oakleaf Sports Centre, Newton Aycliffe, and he has also got new venues for us to go to.

I would also thank Colin Smith for keeping our website up to date and for producing our new Rally Handbook.

Thanks to all the landowners for allowing us to use their land for our favourite pastime.

As the Centre is in a good position financially, we have decided to help with rising fuel costs & site fees, by reducing Rally prices & not taking any profit or money for refreshments. Any marshal wants to provide food may put in place a social charge. These measures will be reviewed at the 2022 AGM.

Please continue to support your Centre and remember to re-register with Durham Centre when renewing your Caravan & Motorhome Club Membership.

Angela & Myself look forward to seeing you all on the Rally field again this year.

Barry Dodd

Centre Chairman

These past few months have seen several successful rallies going ahead and we hope that this next year we can continue. Please check the website for a list of all proposed rallies for the 21-22 season, there is something for everyone on it. Our Rally Secretary is still busy working on the programme so anyone wants to book onto a rally before the details are published on the website please contact Barry Dodd on 07770956036.

Keep an eye on newsletter as Christmas we will have a quiz for everyone to enter with a prize!



Celebrations:



Happy October Birthday to:

Stephen Hanson

Beryl King

Anniversary:

John Joan Costello

Alan and Mildred Morrison

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter, if anyone has anything that they would like to be included in the next one please do get in touch. You can view all

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

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