



Welcome to the August 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 **27/08/2018** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Booking are being taking for this years Dinner Dance on Saturday 24 November at the Stockton Masonic Hall. Contact Kevin Petty for details and/or a booking form or speak to any member of committee. There is a rally being held over the same weekend at Whitewater Caravan Club Site, preference will be given to anyone attending the Dinner Dance.

We are also taking names in readiness for our celebration rally next May 2019 speak to any member of committee or our Chairman Barry Dodd for more information.

Members of the committee are now selling raffle tickets for the Duck Race which will be held during our 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration rally at Stanhope. Tickets cost £1.00 or £5.00 for a book. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £75, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 all proceeds will go towards the Celebration Rally. Anyone wanting to support our centre please do get in touch with any member of committee to purchase a ticket.

## **Rally Reports:**

### **Thirsk 6-8 August**

Thirsk racecourse

We arrived on the Friday afternoon we were greeted by 4 friendly faces Colin Bernadette Debra and John. We got set up and the sun was shining. We had a catch up with our neighbours and cooked our tea before heading over to the marshalls van. We had a game

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of free no tat bingo Eoin can put our prize to good use at the motorhome sink. No tat just useful . Some of the ralliers went into the town for a meal We enjoyed the evening sat chatting and drinking it was a lovely evening warm and relaxed.

Saturday we had a walk in the town with the dogs before it got too hot. We could see the Marshalls putting up a gazebo for the England match. It was lovely we felt like we were at the cinema and plenty of cheering when England scored and at half time the Marshall served us hot dogs we settled to watch the 2nd half it was a great atmosphere.

Saturday evening some went to the club and we had a game of tiddly winks it got very competitive. Cheering louder than the match when we got Tiddly in the glass. We ended up having a penalty tiddly wink shoot out Mick Mortimer and Bernard King were up against each other and Mick was the winner after a few rounds. We stayed and chatted watched the sunset. Waiting for Party in the park come on Paul Weller Tina Turner and George Michael. We could hear it from the rally field. Firework display at end of the night I think we had the best seats in the house they were right in front of us. Lasted a good 15mins and was an amazing show. Evening was lovely warm and relaxing and Marshall made us feel welcome.



Sunday it was time for flag and the end of another good rally the Marshall work so hard and it was then time for them to travel on their holiday if you can call it travel.

Thanks for another enjoyable and relaxed rally with plenty of laughs and the yellow circle in the sky stayed out all weekend.

Sarah Eoin Buddy and Kai Dugdale

### **Manfield 20 – 22 July**

We arrived on Friday in the rain to a lovely warm welcome from Julie, Sharon, Shaun and Kevin! We were shown to our spot and got set up. Friday evening we met up in the village hall and what a great evening we had! Nibbles were provided while we all had a natter together followed by a game of beer pong! Saturday came and the sun shone so the more energetic ones took part in the afternoon delights as can be seen on the photos on the website! I just chilled in my caravan with my book! The evening entertainment was superb with prizes for best Hula girl and best Hawaiian shirt then we were served a fantastic supper which was delicious! It was Shaun and Julie's first outing as rally Marshall's and they did themselves proud as did Sharon and Kevin! Thank you all for a fantastic weekend we really enjoyed it! Here's to the next one!



Carol and Dave Adamson

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## Tall-Ships

We arrived at Whitburn to be greeted by Barry and Ang and the rest of the marshalls and it was a very warm welcome. We got set up and with the help of Barry we made some steps up to the van breeze blocks and some timber sleepers. Had a wander down into town and called in to a pub or two. Wednesday we set off into Sunderland graham rang Barry to say the yorkies were leaving the field. We have such a good laugh with them. We were invited



up to their awning to watch the England match and a good night was had by all even though we lost. The next two days were spent in Sunderland looking at the tall ships and I have got to say they were fabulous. On Friday evening we went back into Sunderland to watch the tight rope walkers and we have to say they were probably the most amazing act we have ever seen, fantastic. Saturday we went into Seaburn to watch the parade of sails and again we were not disappointed a lovely afternoon. Sunday unfortunately it was time for home. But at flag Barry did not disappoint the last raffle ticket out was Graham's and was so funny a parcel of rhubarb. There's a tale about that last year graham bought a

black bag full of something he didn't know for £15 turned out to be a bag of rhubarb. It was also lovely to meet up with some old friends from Cumbria centre. Myself and Jacqui would like to say a great big thank you for a fantastic week with you all and we will be back next year. Xx

The Tall-Ships Rally was a great success with over 120 vans on the field. Rally tickets continued to be sold during the rally in aid of our 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration next May, and drawn on Saturday whilst visitors were still on site. Only 2 prizes remain unclaimed. Please check your ticket number below and if you are a lucky winner contact Barry Dodd or any member of committee to claim your prize.

### All prizes must be claimed by 1 September 2018

Prize	Item	Colour	No:	Claimed
1.	Afternoon tea for 4 Wynyard Hall	Green	344	Y

2.	Leisure Battery	Blue	30	Y
3.	£100 voucher specialised cover	Blue	181	Y
4.	£80 towards caravan service	Yellow	5	Y
5.	Cadac bbq	Orange	271	Y
6.	Mounted family photo	Orange	371	Y
7.	EU Breakdown pack	Green	385	Y
8.	Famous Grouse Whisky	Green	405	Y
9.	Gordons Gin	Green	417	Y
10.	Bottle Bacardi	Blue	253	N
11.	Shiraz red wine	Blue	214	Y
12.	Belletti Presecco	Pink	406	Y
13.	Socket set	Yellow	258	Y
14.	Chevas Regal Whisky	Pink	192	Y
15.	Baylis & Hardy gift set	Green	409	Y
16.	Hand Blender	Orange	141	N
17.	Brandy Liquor	Pink	123	Y
18.	Elsan Blue & Pink	Pink	201	Y
19.	M&S Beauty Pack	Blue	87	Y
20.	Pamper Set	Pink	376	Y
21.	Lynx for her	Pink	155	Y
22.	Slazenger shower gel	Yellow	90	Y
23.	M&S Cosmetic purse	Yellow	367	Y
24.	Elsan Blue & Pink	Blue	200	Y
25.	Bottle Rose wine	Blue	291	Y
6 <sup>th</sup> prize Family photo donated back to be redrawn		Green	310	Y

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

**4 – 14 August – Grasmere Summer Holiday – Marshal:** Barry & Angie Dodd –rally full reserve list being taken

**17 – 19 August – Durham Rugby Club – Marshal:** Eion& Sarah Dugdale

**24 – 27 August – Thornton Watlass – Marshal:** John & Deb Atkinson – rally full reserve list being taken

**31August – 2 September** – Wynyard Station – **Marshal:** Karl Davis & Vicki Metcalf

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