



Welcome to the First issue of the Durham Centre Newsletter for 2019 – our newsletter is 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 **27/03/2019** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#) .

Congratulations to Brian and Pam Motram who celebrated 25 consecutive years running the Sedgfield New Years rally. Our Chairman and his wife Barry, Angie Dodd presented Brian and Pam with a beautiful commorative gift during their rally, take a look at the photographs on the website.

We have a full rally programme again this year however, we do still need marshals for a couple. If you would like to give something back to the centre and help to run a rally please get in touch with our Rally Secretary Dave Wilson.

Our Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer have advised that they are to retire from their positions at the end of this year. If anyone would like to apply for either of these positions or obtain further information please contact Barry Dodd.

Several rallies are already full so do take a look and and get your booking in. The months fly past so fast you may end up being disappointed if your chosen rally is full.

There are stil a few spaces left on our holiday rallies at Stratford 15th June and Skegness August 3rd book soon to avoid dissapointment.

If you're looking for somewhere to go over the May Bank Holiday that won't break the bank that provides professional live entertainment for three nights and professional childrens entetainment twice as well as a tea-party then look no further that our 60th Celebration Rally. A fantatic full programme of events planned for the whole weekend, details can be found on the website and in the handbook.

At the request of our members we have arranged an alternative to the Dinner Dance a 'Music, Dine and Dance' informal evening for Saturday 23 November at The Countryman Bolam. A rally will be on site during the weekend and preference will be given to anyone attending the event details as follows:



Music Dine & Dance

Saturday 23 November 2019

The Countryman, Bolam

At members request an informal night for all tastes, smart casual wear.

**3 course carvery and live music provided
by The Fantastic 'Blackmarcs'** (DJ session to round the
evening off)

7.00 – 12.00

Only £28 per person

£10pp deposit on booking

(remainder to be paid by 30 September)

Please contact Bernadette Smith 07828222286 or any member of committee for further information

A rally is being held over the whole weekend 22-24 November at The Countryman Bolam. A separate charge applies, limited availability preference will be given to anyone attending the evening event.



Happy Birthday:

Feb

20th Ang Dodd

28th Colin Smith – the big 60!!

March

15th Paul Smith

30th Alan Mildred Morrison

Anniversary

25th Shaun Julie Haworth Congratulations on your Pearl (30th)

25th Brian Pauline Pounder

26th Harold Elsie Johnson

30th Bernadette Colin Smith

31st Dave Carol Adamson

Rally Reports:

New Year 2019 Monkwearmouth

We arrived on Saturday for the start of the rally and were given a warm welcome and shown to our pitch by the Marshals. There was a new line up where the Marshals were concerned, and the itinerary had had to be changed both as a result of illnesses, but a revised full program of events was still in place to keep us entertained.

Saturday evening saw us have an easy get together in the hall for a catch up and quiz. Sunday morning one or two took advantage of the onsite swimming pool that was

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unexpectedly made available to the rally, unfortunately we had other plans and were up and out early doing family visits however during the day family films were on offer in the hall along with teas, coffee, juice and popcorn. Sunday evening, we returned to the hall for the school disco fancy dress with games etc., along with a homemade curry provided by the Marshals, we were entertained by willing volunteers on their Kazoo's in a name that tune extravaganza and the Karaoke proved we has some budding vocalists amongst us.

As the New Year's Eve countdown started many Ralliers headed off out for the day and the Marshals were busy decorating the Hall for the New Year Party. The hall was open for refreshments and cartoons and one or two came for a cuppa and with offers of help. The evening started off with Flag and our Chairman, Barry and his better half Angela attended despite being "between vans". Cash bingo and Play Your Cards Right, kept us busy and a buffet was provided during the evening, with the usual celebrations to bring in 2019.

A slight catastrophe occurred involving Bernadette and balloons which resulted in a trip to casualty and a broken wrist, but no one ever said Durham rallies were uneventful!

Unfortunately, we had to leave the rally at this point but hope everyone enjoyed the final evening. We hope this rally continues to grow as it's a great venue.

Many Thanks to Sharon, Kevin, Bernadette and Colin

(Get well Soon)

Deb & John

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

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