



Welcome to the November 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 **27/11/2018** please forward your articles or celebrations to [The Editor](#)

Preparations for our 60th Celebration Rally 23 – 28 May 2019 are coming along; we have booked three nights of professional entertainment which should suit all tastes. A professional children's entertainer is booked for Saturday and Sunday, hog roast (large hot-dogs for the kids) will serve all on Saturday evening after our duck race. Others things going on over the weekend include a little bit of line dancing, vintage cars, children's tea party, fun run.

Now all of this is for the small sum of £35 for three nights, where else can you get such good value for money and at a bank holiday weekend? The three night's fee of £35 is for two adults and three children, extra adults will be charged at £3 per head per night and extra children at £2 per head per night. Please make sure you do include details of everyone on your booking slip so that we can cater for them.

The rally will commence on Thursday 23 and run through until Tuesday 28 May so you can attend either side of the weekend at an extra cost. Make sure you get your booking in early to be sure of receiving a rally plaque and commemorative gift. Please do include details of all people who will be attending as this is needed for catering purpose.

All members of the committee are selling raffle tickets for a duck race which will take place during our 60th Celebration Rally. Tickets cost £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book so do please support the centre and purchase a ticket, you never know you might win 1st prize of £75, 2nd £50 and 3rd £25.

We do still have a few teams left on a football card where the winner can win £200 worth of Elsan products. A great prize so do get in touch with Barry Dodd to purchase a ticket, all proceeds from the duck race and the football card will go towards our Celebration Rally.

If you haven't already booked our Christmas Party to be held on Sunday 9 December 2pm – 6pm please contact Barry Dodd . All children will receive a gift from 'someone special'. Cost only £5.00 per child and £2.00 per adult.

Next years 2019 rally programme is now on the Website, to be sure of securing a place on the popular rallies make sure you get your booking and deposit to the Marshal as soon as possible.

Rally Report:

Catterick Races

We arrived as it was turning dark, well it's that time of year I suppose, but we don't let seasons or weather deter us from getting away from the rat race. Our marshals were ready and waiting with our envelope and guided us to a nearby pitch. Colin was on water duty and headed off with our barrel in tow, although as usual was intercepted en-route to the tap with a request for help with something but then that's nothing new. John decided to do a bit of slap stick comedy and managed to trip not once but twice over the Wastemaster he was manhandling and executed a perfect backward roll that Max Whitlock would have bagged a gold medal with. We settled in and got the heating on and were fed and watered by Bernadette, (yes, we forgot wine again....)

A gathering of ralliers made use of the room available on the course for a catch up and to discuss next year's rally program recently released at the AGM we were provided with nibbles too.

Saturday was cold, but we wandered up to the Caravan dealers with fingers crossed that we didn't see something we liked! Luck was on our side and we came away without making a purchase (Phew!)

Back at the racecourse things were getting busy as punters and owners prepared for the race meeting. Race program acquired we checked out the form and formed a plan to

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become millionaires from a £2 bet, one can dream, can't one? Being on the Rally was a perfect way to "Go Racing" as the rally field is in the centre of the race course, so it was a very short walk to get to see the action. We took our hamper and drinks as most ralliers did, but food and drink were available to purchase too.

We decided last year that to fund our race day the following year we'd start a money pot so had a fund to spend that didn't make much of a dent in our finances, the idea is a bit of fun after all.

Much fun was had and of course there were winners and losers (never mind David) Rather pleased to say luck stayed with us and out of all the races there was only two where we didn't at least win our money back, I'd like to think this was down to understanding the "Form" but some horses were picked because of their name, colours worn by the jockey and in one case because the horse had a pretty face !

The evening saw us back in the room with hot beef sandwiches and potato wedges provided. It had been a long day and one or two were missing with others calling it an early night and some were still waiting for their horse to cross the finish line (never mind David.... have I already said that!)

Sunday saw the usual announcements and competition winners who kindly returned their prize as a certain Mr Google had helped them out with a couple of answers. Booking slips were eagerly being filled in and deposits handed over to secure a place on next year's rally with plans already being discussed for the event.

Our thanks to the Marshals for a brilliant rally and the Co-Marshals for stepping in at short notice following an illness. Roll on next year, the money pot is up and running again.

Debra & John.





Happy Birthday:

22 November - Debra Atkinson

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