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ROVER GOES WALKIES.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Friday, 16th Dec. Apparently some confusion reigns over this event so I'll do my best to sort this out.

The date is as above, at the Rowbarge at Woolhampton. Time is 7.45 pm start, so if we could all be there about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before, it would ensure all goes well. There's a full a la carte menu, plus good wine etc. To find the Rowbarge, travel from Reading or Newbury on the A4 to Woolhampton and turn down Station Road opposite the Angel Inn. The Rowbarge is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile further on over the level crossing and on the right hand side, over the canal bridge.

From Basingstoke turn left at the Hindshead and proceed for about 2 miles to the T junction in front of you. Turn right and proceed for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Rowbarge is the first building on the ~~right~~ left or go to A4 and follow above instructions.

I have reserved a booking for 12 so please let me know how many are coming as soon as possible. If we go over the number then I will do my best to get you in, or contact the Rowbarge and explain who you are, and with. But please let me know first.

Last mention, could we have smart dress please, and if you wish to go the whole hog with D/jackets etc. please do so. I hope some of you will take up this idea as it does seem to make the occasion just that little more special. See you all then *Hic*!!

GREEN ROADING.

Dec. 4th Car park opposite church, Kingsclere - 9.30 am
Jan. 2nd (Bank Holiday monday) opposite Wheelgame, Tadley - 9.00 a.m.
or "Four Points" Aldworth GR554788 9.30 a.m.
Phone call if meeting at Aldworth. Full details from Dave Hackwood 6227.

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Next meeting at Hinds Head on 24th November Sunday 12 noon and
14th December Wednesday 7.30 pm
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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS. To start this month's comments, its come to my notice that our first meeting at the Hinds Head must have attracted a sizeable contingent if not, larger than the most popular of our meetings at the Wellington. Its also nice to note that quite a lot of you have decided to keep with us, including the Treasurer, he of the Hairy Legs fame. Also it was nice to see a couple of the old faces turn up after quite a long absence from meetings.

With winter almost upon us, it might be worth a quick mention about anti-freeze. I know V8 engines are supposed to run all the year with the stuff, but it does eventually lose its properties, and for safety's sake should be replenished after no longer than 2 years. Also remember that it will probably require strengthening if using a summer mixture. While thinking of Winter this also leads me to the use of de-icers. After a while the screen will go greasy from road salt etc. A cheap and easy way of getting rid of this is to rub a piece of clay over the screen, then wash off with the screen washers or just a bucket of water.

Another point worth remembering is during freezing conditions a sheet of newspaper over the screen helps keep it clear during standstill, and don't forget the rear. During night time we obviously use our lights but how many check silly things like sidelights at the back and indicators, also if headlights appear dim then its more than likely to be dirt more than anything else.

Remember also the excessive loads placed on the electrics. Its surprising how many people don't realise they have loose fanbelts and consequently flat batteries. I myself carry a towrope with anti-snatch devise, and pair of jump leads. So many people have been grateful for a quick tow or jump to get their cars started!!

Also and finally, don't forget about black ice. It is dangerous and deadly. You probably all know this anyway, but I would like to see you all in one piece.

HANTS AND BERKS ROVER OWNERS

Founded in June 1983, the Club was formed to cater for an informal, yet social means of contacting and keeping in contact with all Rover owners.

The Club caters for all Rovers such as cars to off road vehicles and derivatives, such as MG V8s Morgan V8s Custom vehicles, or any vehicle with Rover power or connections.

So far we have a good cross section of cars from the oldest to the latest SD 1, and a thriving off road section that caters for their own needs such as green roading etc.

On the social side we have regular pub meetings and a national rally once a year where everybody gets together. As well as this we attend local shows etc, and also help in many charity events.

We have an AGM once a year and at the end of the year a Club dinner.

Spares are catered for at the moment by members trading amongst themselves, though this is being revised. Most technical queries can be answered, and help provided wherever possible.

The Club does have knowledge of parts and spares and are able to trace if required. This is basically what the Club is all about.

ROVER GOES RACING

At the first general meeting I did mention about a race team. Well, I don't see why the off road guys should have it all their own way. As the months go by we will keep you all informed as to what has happened. Basically so far the idea is to race-rally or whatever a P6, but if a donor vehicle can be found I would prefer an SD 1. At the moment we are looking into what championships we can enter and rigs etc. More later.

YEAR BOOK. This is coming along and hopefully will start to be laid out in the coming month ready for print in January. What we do need are articles, photographs, tips, hints, etc. Another is experiences with your cars or if you have a recommendation. It takes quite a lot of organising so hopefully we should be ready by 31st January. As of 1st January, assuming we don't have a hangover, I will try for a nice style newsletter, but no promises. Something I will try to do is feature a member's car or vehicle every couple of months. So be prepared as I could be banging on your door with pencil and paper.

MONEY GRABBERS REPORT.

As in my last plea for cash your subs are due as from 1st November 83. So, unless you have paid this will be the last newsletter you will receive, not because we've gone off you, but the subs are based on the cost of the newsletter, and the Club cannot afford to produce newsletters for non-members. If you wish to remain a member then rush your money to me.

Who is it that says "OK Chaps?". I have been observed sitting at the dining table with one hand clasped between my legs. You can read into that whatever you wish, but it goes back to my childhood (yes, I was one once) and my father would beat the c... out of us if we put our hands or elbows on the table.

On the 4th Dec. I have agreed to go green roading with the "Maniacs" so, if I don't see you again, MERRY XMAS.

SPARES

I have a quantity of P5 and a few parts for P4s. Also breaking Rover 2000. All parts except wings and offside doors. Rover Saloon for sale. 1969 74,000 miles and full history from new. All books etc available. New radial tyres, exhausts, sold with 12 months MOT. Burnt grey colour, red cherry leather, all good, any trial, always reliable including auto choke and jack. No sensible offer refused. Will give years membership of HBRO to non-member.

RECOMMENDATION.

Barber and Reynolds, Sun Garage, Woolhampton. - have helped in emergencies a couple of times and always have been reliable and above all, cheap. Example - 2 mechanics spent an hour and a half trying to cure a misfire. New points etc. when supplied and no charge whatever was made. They also do MOTs and all mechanical work. What's more, they are conscientious and understand the older car owner. Definitely worth a look. Tel. Woolhampton 3237.