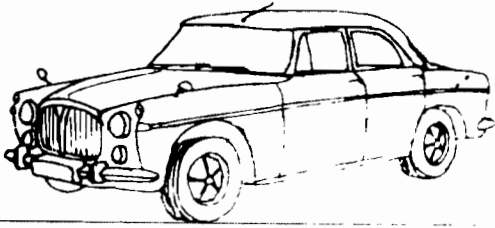


# HANTS & BERKS ROVER OWNERS



Rover resting in the mud on the Devil's Highway in July! See you all there in November.



Rover climbing onto the Black Mountains during our recent Club trip to Wales.

## This year's committee :

Officers : Chairman P Nightingale  
Secretary D Cuthbert  
Treasurer H G Vyse

## Committee members

A J Smith  
I Hancock  
R Pattie (off road section).

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

AGMs come and go, and some of us have gone. But to be serious for a moment, I am still here to carry-on the good fight, which only goes to prove that somebody out there still loves me.

Looking ahead I'm afraid the subs. are up, this is not because we are following a fashionable trend but to enable us to run the Club at a realistic level. I hope this will not deter too many from rejoining for another year of excitement and general Chairman slugging.

The original Committee are still there with the addition of two more members to bring the total to six. This was because of the RAC ruling that any Club should have a minimum of 6 or maximum of 15 for a committee, so we welcome Roger Pattie and Ian Hancock. Roger has taken on Red Leader's role of the 4 wheel drive section, and Ian's taken on the role of general dogs body. He does have a word processor, so hopefully will produce the newsletters as well as the Year Book. If you happen to be on CB radio don't forget to give a call for Colonel Shag nasty. That's Ian's call sign.

New for this year is a Club Librarian. Richard Stewart was coerced into this role, so please send him photographs, literature, pamphlets etc. to help him start our own Library. This will be used for reference and records.

Anyway, I hope to see you all in the coming year, and if last year was anything to go by, that ought to prove quite an experience.

#### ANSWER

A couple of months back Masher asked the question "Where do Portuguese race their Sardines"?. After threatening nasty things upon his person, he eventually gave me the answer..... At the Hampshire Bowman.

#### TRUE STORY

This following piece is a true story and actually happened, as they say, in all the good documentaries. I happened to think it quite amusing so decided to pass it on.

A friend of mine landed at Shannon Airport and after the various checks etc, stood outside the said airport and waited for a taxi. Eventually one arrived and he got in. They began to drive off when he noticed that the meter wasn't working. Upon informing the driver of this slight discrepancy he replied "not to worry". "There is a fixed charge provided he was picked up from the airport". Realizing that he could more or less go anywhere without paying extra, he asked "How much is the fixed charge"?

"Well", said the driver, "It depends how far you want to go".....

#### EVENTS

By the time you read this I shall probably be somewhere in the middle of the English Channel. So bearing this in mind, I expect most of us on board will be thinking of future events. If the France run proves successful and demand is there we will probably go again. But that's for the future.

- 2/3/4 Nov. France Run.  
Our chance to do it over 2CVs
- 4 Nov. Green roading (see 4wd notes). Mud, slime, grease - lovely.
- 12 Dec. Christmas Dinner - Wheatsheaf, Dummer.  
£2 deposit before hand to reserve a place, hopefully we will see some southern members.
- 9th Jan. Film evening at the Hinds Head.
- 16th Feb. Run to the Fundation at the Tramshed at Woolwich.  
Master Hancock and myself highly recommend this. Pure entertainment at its best, and the chance to do it over the Inspector of Taxes at the end.

The Nationals are under way and subject to confirmation we will be back at Priors Dean. Date .. 21st July 1985. Also, we plan to have a big one day get together before the Nationals. This will be totally informal, but I would appreciate as many members as possible attending as we plan to make a second attempt at a video. Also, it was discovered recently that the Landlord of the Hinds Head has a Scalextric set. So very soon we aim to have a Scalextric evening. I still think my Ferrari will beat Mr Hancock's GT 40.

New for this year is a Library of our own. These people are prepared to lend to members the following to help out, so if you need help etc. then contact them :

Workshop manuals.

3 litre + V8 supplement	;	Howard	Tadley	2708
P4 1955 - 64		"	"	"
P6 2000 2200		Peter	Tadley	5194
P6B + official range rover also Series 1, 1948-58		Ian	Woolhampton	713826

That's about it for now. Don't forget to join us again, and gain the full benefit, reading for the coming year. If I don't catch you all at any of the meetings, see you on the 12th December. I promise the outfit won't be that outrageous this year.....

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#### MONEY GRABBERS REPORT

For members who could not attend the AGM you will be pleased to know that we have £74.68 in the Bank. This amount was only achieved because we did not have to pay for envelopes or photocopying until the last 4 months (don't ask how)!! The good news is that the annual subs are only rising to £6.00 for UK members, and £10 for overseas members. Please use the rejoining slip. This will help me to keep track of things. You will notice on your Club Card a membership number. You will retain this number for as long as you are a member. Enclosed is a complete list of members and numbers.

#### CLUB MEETING DATES

Hinds Head Aldermaston . Weds. 13th Nov.  
Sun. 25th Nov.  
Hampshire Bowman, Droxford - Wed. 28th Nov.

Please note - the meeting at the Bowman in December is on Boxing Day and will be held then.

The Sunday meeting at the Hinds Head has been brought forward to the 16th December.

Film Night. 9th January 1985. Hinds Head.

Please sort out your off road slides and prints for an audio visual extravaganza.

See Green Roding in Wales. See the Gin Palace in all its glory, plus the Devil's Highway on Video, and hopefully an all wheel drive video.

Please send slides to Dave Cuthbert at 313 Cranbourne Lane, Basingstoke, Hants  
and prints to Roger Pattie at Firhill Cottage East, Whitechurch, Oxon, RG8 7HQ

## FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NOTES

At the HBRO AGM on 3rd October, I was "invited" by Dave (Red Leader) Cuthbert, who has taken over as Secretary, to write the Four Wheel Drive Notes. For some reason, probably the offer of a pint, I agreed.

Over the last year of green roading trips, notes have been made of wider green roads so that those members with 4WD vehicles who haven't been out with us out of respect for the vehicle paintwork can join in on a day when we go wide green roading. No width problems when we have another run along the Ridgeway. Last April when we drove the Ridgeway from Swindon to Streatley it was very dry and it was decided to return when it was "more interesting". Most of our green roading trips will be repeated. The first of the repeats will be on the 4th November when we try again on the Devils Highway. I hope that Dave in his Year of Off Roding article last month didn't really mean it had been the FIRST defeat there!

The camping weekend arranged in the Black Mountains in Wales at Llanthony Priory attracted six Land Rovers and three saloons. Three Land Rovers and a saloon left Newbury a little later than planned for Wales (we were waiting for Dave) At the campsite at Llanthony Simon and Sally had already set up their tent and informed us that the farmer didn't know anything of the gathering- he was still happy to take our money and the field had been recently cleared of cattle! As others arrived an assortment of sleeping accommodation appeared ranging from the gin palace to the mattress on wheels of Roy and Sue.

On Saturday morning suitably fortified we went into the Black Mountains for a days green roading with four Land Rovers loaded with fifteen hardy souls. We drove North towards Hay on Wye, then West and South on minor roads, then up Y Das and down past Grwyne Fawr Valley Reservoir.

The rock climb up Y Das was interesting with Steve in his light-weight leading the way, we were buzzed by gliders whose pilots clearly didn't believe that vehicles could drive over the mountains, walkers obviously didn't believe it either as we were told that we wouldn't get through on the track, but we did! confidence was high although there was apprehension at times as the track was almost Land Rover wide with rather a long drop to the valley floor. The low slung petrol tank on Toby, Dave's 80 inch Land Rover caused occasional problems and Roy in the LWB decided not to accompany us when we negotiated a very sharp climbing hairpin bend.

After the ascent, the descent, and apart from bottoming on a downhill stretch of ruts ( low slung chassis on my SWB ) no problems were encountered as we drove alongside the almost empty Grwyne Fawr Reservoir on the way back to Llanthony.

After the All Wales Hamburger Cooking Championships, we visited the second local when the bar in the Llanthony Priory Hotel closed at ten - strange licence arrangements in Wales.

On Sunday a drive to the Brecon Beacons, past Talybont Reservoir and then a morning drive over and under the trackbed of the former Brecon and Merthyr Railway, straddling three foot deep gullies, avoiding gorges with some fairly rough tracks and streams. We headed up the Merthyr to Brecon Roman Road (the Gap Road) toward Neuadd Reservoir near Pen y Fan and soon reached the ravine where the bridge across had been blown up by the army in 1939 as it had been declared unsafe. There was virtually no sign of the remains of the bridge. The resulting very steep track down and up the ravine has been traversed by Hafligers (see All Wheel Driver Magazine Vol 13 No 1 Jan/Feb 1981) and by Land Rovers although they left some paint behind! "If only I had my Series 2 "... "If only I had my Lightweight "... those who actually had a Land Rover there declined the invitation to "have a go" without winches and anchors, we were also over 150 miles from home. Instead we went to the Brecon Mountain Railway for a narrow gauge steam hauled train journey to finish the weekend.

We must thank Martin for his suggestion of the camping weekend which everyone enjoyed, we will be back - none of us went around the priory, only fifty yards away! Next time the saloons may be Rovers and not VW, Triumph and Citroën.

#### Future Events

November 4th The Devil's Highway. Meet 9 30 at Wheelgame on A340 at Tadley. Bring spades ropes and wellies!

December 2nd TBA Probably South of Basingstoke

January re Dave's notes last month, green roading on 6th not on the Bank Holiday as last year, it's New Year's day Bank Holiday

Saloon drivers always welcome on green roading trips, but seats may be limited.

Rog Pattie Pangbourne 2884 (spelling and typing will improve I hope, Rog )

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## Members

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001	P. Nightingale	Ashford Hill	P5B, P6
002	H. Vyse	Baughurst	P5B
003	C. Pemberton	Basingstoke	P3
004	H. Glossop	Mortimer	LR 1 Sp. LR 2 88 (V8)
005	D. Barnes	Lambourn	P5
006	A. Smith	Tadley	P5B
007	D. Cuthbert	Basingstoke	LR 80"
008	B. Wheeler	Cirencester	P5B
009	M. Burkitt	Basingstoke	P4
010	D. Buzza	Upper Basildon	LR 3 88
011	I. Stewart	Tadley	
012	I. Hancock	Beenham	LR 3 109 (V8), RR
013	R. Stewart	Tadley	LR 3 88
014	S. Witcomb	Beenham	SD1
015	J. Dentry	Lambourn	P4
016	B. Acres	Southampton	LR 1 86, LR 2 88
017	R. Adams	Winchester	P5B
018	P. Anderson	Battersea	P5B
019	N. Barlow	Newbury	LR 80", RR
020	R. Black	Thatcham	P4
021	P. Bland	Basingstoke	LR 1 86
022	K. Bourton	Newbury	P6
023	K. Brockay	Southampton	LR L/W
024	C. Carter	Newbury	LR 1 88
025	R. Chapman	Thatcham	P6
026	D. Charrett	Thatcham	P6
027	J. Court	Haselmere	LR 80", LR 3
028	K. Drackett	Fareham	P6
029	P. Durnford	Chippenham	LR 1 86 (V8)
030	T. Edwards	Chippenham	LR 2 88
031	B. Element	Baughurst	P4
032	T. Gardener	Havant	LR 3 109
033	S. Hansford	Droxford	LR 3 1/w
034	M. Hansford	Droxford	LR 2 1/w (V8)
035	A. Howells	Reading	LR 2
036	T. Jones	Gt. Bookham	LR 2, RR
037	M. Knight	Southampton	LR 2 88
038	F. Law	Thatcham	P6
039	D. Lee	Fair Oak	P5B
040	R. Michael	Tichborne	LR 2 109
041	W. Neil	Caversham	P6
042	P. Newland	Wallington	LR 80"(x3), LR 2 88, etc.
043	L. Norredal	Copenhagen	P5B
044	R. Pattie	Whitchurch	LR 2 88
045	R. Pilmore	Cavarsham	P6 (x2)
046	R. Phillipsom	Thatcham	P6
047	J. Pretty	Wokingham	LR 80" (x2), LR 3 109
048	N. Randle	Bracknell	LR 2 88
049	M. Roberts	Southampton	LR 2
050	R. Selby	Southampton	LR 1 86, LR 3 109
051	S. Slater		LR 2
052	L. Sparrow	Exeter	P5
053	C. Spragg	Walton on Thames	P6
054	R. Sutton	Overton	
055	A. Thompson	Newbury	P6
056	W. Vickery	Reading	LR 1 107
057	J. Wallis	Petersfield	P4
058	R. Ward	Pangbourne	P5
059	B. Williams	Gosport	P5B

Menu as below. We are limited to the first 25 people. Please send me £2.00 deposit per person as soon as possible. Cost as stated on menu. (no jeans or wellies!!) Time.. 7.30 pm (OK Pete?).

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