



MARCH '85 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Recently there was a committee meeting, and during conversation a comment was passed about last month's comments. So, to put my mind and mainly Howard's at rest, would Plastic Pellet please reveal himself, as Howard is driving me mad trying to find out who it is.....

Changing the subject completely, as I seem to have a habit of doing, the next piece should prove of interest to the four wheel drive contingent amongst us.

During the recent blizzards and such, I dare say one remembers how deep the snow was, to cut a long story short, a colleague of mine recently bought a Subaru. Being a posy burk he went driving off into the white stuff and decided to take a short cut across a field. So, there he was, quite happily playing with his new toy when he gets this funny sinking feeling. What he had found under the snow was a silage lake and it was 9' deep. Oh CRAP!, he cried as it slowly became apparent he was well and truly covered with sweet violets. Having found out about his predicament, we all rushed out to see. Result is the Subaru is still there one week later. Who said you couldn't do it over the Japanese? The moral to his story is "LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP".

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BRISTOL MARCH 23/24

I had an interesting chat with the organisers of the Bristol Classic Car Show the other night, and can reveal a bit more for those who are interested. We will be participating in the Rover Display at the Show which consists of such items of interest as a Rover Pushbike, motorcycle and Veteran car. Also T3 will be there and so will one of the five cylinder P6 prototypes as well as a replica of Leylands SD1 rally car. There's also the usual collection of P6, P4 etc and hopefully a few specials such as P6 Estates. Among the Clubs is the Series 1 Land Rovers but no mention of Range Rovers. Hope to see you all there.

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MONEY GRABBERS REPORT

I am glad to report a good response for the Amsterdam trip. So far we have four cars and about 10 - 12 people going. Please ring me (Tadley 2708) and put your name down; we will require a deposit of £30 to be paid by July 85 and then the balance before sailing. Last but not least, I will want your car reg. no and the name of driver (this is for Townsend Thoresen) Everyone will require a passport. You can get the forms at a main P.O & you must take your Birth cert. for proof of identity. You will find some Club leaflets enclosed. What you do is spot a Rover, dash up, put leaflet under wiper or driver's nose. Tell driver all about Club. Make sure your name and address is on the leaflet. If you don't want to be contacted, put any committee member's name and number. Don't forget to put your membership no. on the leaflet, because Pete is going to present the member who obtains the most new members with a smashing prize (its a secret)

Five landies set off from Basingstoke on 3rd February for a days green roading, driving North towards Sherborne St John, we then headed West toward Whitchurch and found some quite interesting tracks. North of Andover we had no problems with excess mud or narrow tracks, but a new hazard presented itself, burnt out abandoned Volvo, which completely blocked the track so we had to reverse about 200 yards to a suitable turning point. The car had been dumped fairly recently midway along a 1½ mile track, obviously to escape detection. These things can't be kept hidden from HBRO ! We called in on the Police at Andover to advise them of it. This was after we had driven through an industrial estate, to the West of Andover, which had been built without consideration to a track which was now right through the middle of it. The track seemed to be used as a useful dumping ground!

Heading South out of Andover we swung East and North back toward Whitchurch and then retraced our steps back towards Basingstoke, an enjoyable day out with a few water splashes for fun !

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A few days before our January Green Roding trip, I contacted Berkshire County Council about the status of some of the tracks on the proposed route. It was suggested that I call in to the Planning Department who hold the Definitive Maps of Berkshire. These are 1:25000 maps ( the Pathfinder Series scale ), but in fact they are the First Series with footpaths, bridleways and roads used as public paths (RUPP) colour coded on them. The Planning Department is concerned with the status of the rights of way and at one time had started to put appropriate signs up. The RUPPs were posted as Cart Track, but this is no longer done, partly because of financial constraints but also because it was becoming an incorrect description. In 1976 Berkshire County Council had submitted a Draft Definitive Map showing all the Rights of Way, but when the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 was introduced, the Draft Plan was abandoned although some points raised from the Draft Plan would have to be resolved. The Council will now review continuously the Definitive Maps and by way of orders change the status of disputed rights of way. Talking to the Planning Department I was told that local interested parties, ie those involved with walking, horseriding and motorcycling, were notified of the proposed changes, but no motor vehicle association was notified because they didn't know of any. Now the HBRO will be notified of changes in Berkshire and already we have been sent information on "diversions of footpaths" and "reclassification of RUPP as Byways open to all traffic". This latter type being most important as it confirms the right of all traffic to use the way. Until the new orders come out the existing classification of the right of way remains. One of the tracks we drove along in January near Hermitage is actually signposted as a bridleway but shown on maps as a RUPP. On the definitive map held by the Council it is a RUPP, but it is proposed to downgrade it to a bridleway, so somebody is jumping the gun. Obviously if you come across a sign which says bridleway or footpath but is shown on a map as a RUPP then the Planning Department will have the answer.

The problems of access to rights of way is dealt with by the Surveyors Department so if you have difficulty because of eg posts blocking the way, then these are the people to notify.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This month you will find a full list of members. There are some surprising names missing, so if you spot one, give them a nudge to renew soonest.

Also included is a club calender. If you wish to attend any of these, let me know as I have entry forms, and we may be able to lend you a club sign for the event. It is intended to take a club entry to the Bristol Classic Car Show, Motorcade 85 at Breamer House and Easthampstead Autosunday. If you can attend any of these please contact one of the commitee.

With this issue you will be receiving more windscreen handouts (you have run out by now haven't you). These have a space in the middle for you to write any extra information, next meeting, contact number etc., and it is suggested that you also put "please quote (your membership no.)" this will allow us to see who has recruited most members each year.

We have heard that some people have gone to the Hampshire Bowman and failed to find other club members. This I find surprising (unless you went to the November meet, when they where selling H.S.B. half price, and it was a little crowded. If you go just ask for Mike Hansford and I'm sure he, or his brothers, will make the trip worth it.

Following the success of the windscreen stickers (the Chairman still has a few left if you are quick) we are looking into club sweatshirts. If the quality is suitable we have found some £6.50p, but will only be able to supply them against a firm order with advance payment. If you are interested please let me know (you will not be committing yourself yet)

I have information about several sources of spares, including 3 complete cars (with a faulty major component)

### Additions to Library

#### Newsletters:

"Roveround" Anglian Rover Owners Club	Jan 85
"Southern News" Southern Rover Owners Club	Jan 85
"Yorkie" Yorkshire Rover Owners Club	Jan 85
"Nero News" North Eastern Rover Owners Club	Jan 85
"Eastern Rover Growl" Breckland Land Rover Club	Feb 85
Freinds of the National Motor Museum	Jan 85
Association of Rover Clubs	Jan 85

### Future Events

March 3rd. Green Road trip along the Ridgeway. Meet in Newbury, the Warth car park at 0900  
March 13th. Hinds Head, Aldermaston  
March 23/24th. Bristol Classic Car Show  
March 27th. Hampshire Bowman  
March 31st. Green Road Trip. Meet at Petersfield railway station at 0930  
March 31st. Hinds Head Aldermaston  
May 5th. Green Road Trip, Watch this space.  
May 25/27th. Association of Rover Clubs National Rally, Cumbria.  
May 25/27th. H.B.R.O. trip to Wales  
June 16th. Motorcade 85, Breamer House.  
July 7th. Easthampton Autosunday.  
July 20/21st H.B.R.O. Annual Rally, Priors Deane, Petersfield.  
October. H.B.R.O. Trip to Amsterdam.

## WEEKEND TRIP TO WALES

As mentioned last month we are planning a weekend camping trip to mid Wales. This will be on the spring Bank Holiday, 25/27th May, ideally including Friday. This of course is the same weekend as the Association of Rover Clubs National Rally, but as this is in the Lake District hopefully this won't cause too much of a problem.

Planning is still at an early stage, but below is a draft itinerary of what I have in mind.

Friday(early). Meet in Newbury

Friday(lunchtime). Meet in pub (where else) in Rhayader (mid Wales). The great difference in speed of members vehicles may mean some will not wish to travel in convoy all the way from Newbury.

Drive by way of Elan Valley to Devils Bridge (visit falls and railway). Take road across mountains to campsite (Machynlleth?).

Saturday. At leisure in Tywyn, Barmouth area. Optional green roading in Cader Idris area.

Sunday. Go to Porthmadoc. Travel on Festiniog Railway to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Visit slate mine museum. Alternatively visit Portmerion (Italian village, location of the "Prisoner" T.V. series)

Monday. Cross the mountains past Lake Vyrnwy to Welshpool. Visit either Powys Castle and Gardens or the Welshpool & Llanfair Railway.

Return to Newbury.

This is the basic idea but details depend on opening times, timetables, campsight etc.

I am investigating campsights at present, if anyone knows any where in the right area let me know. In any case they will probably require booking in advance.

Red Leader

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**SPARES.** Contact is Hugh Glossop on Mortimer 332475. Listed are a few items Hugh has in stock, and is able to help with. Prices are approximate.

L/R Ball joints £3 - 5 depending on type

R/R £6

Hub oil seals £1

Stub axle ring £1

2 1/4 petrol full gasket set £10

2 1/4 water pump £12

LR Prop shafts £45 complete

Brake shoes (axle set exchange £10)

Series 3 radiator (brand new) £75

All gearbox parts

Land Rover overdrives

Tyres for LR RR P4 P5 P6 etc

V8 engine parts

RR LR goodies if required ie bull bars eight spoke wheels etc

Anybody wanting P4 spares and doesn't mind second hand parts, my spies tell me there are several of these old ladies laying in a scrapyard near PEWSEY Railway station, near Marlborough, Wilts.

Set of 4 over riders for P4, 110 or P5 3 litre dashboard complete P5 "

Pair of hubcaps P4 or P5 3litre

2 sets of Rover Boot letters

Various other badges

Set of saloon windscreen and door glass and rear screen

plus many other parts P5B saloon.

Details Tadley 5194

HANTS & BERKS ROVER OWNERS Members on 01 02 1985

001	P.Nightingale	Ashford Hill	P5B, P6
002	H.Vyse	Baughurst	P5B
003	C.Pemberton	Basingstoke	P3
004	H.Glossop	Mortimer	LR1(V6), LR2(V8), RR
005	D.Barnes	Lambourne	P5
006	A.Smith	Tadley	P5B
007	D.Cuthbert	Basingstoke	LR80"
008	B.Wheeler	Cirencester	P5B
011	I.Stewart	Baughurst	
012	I.Hancock	Beenham	LR3 109(V8), RR
013	R.Stewart	Tadley	LR3 88
016	B.Acres	Southampton	LR1 86, LR2 88
018	P.Anderson	Battersea	P5B
020	R.Black	Thatcham	P4
024	C.Carter	Newbury	LR1 88
026	D.Charrett	Thatcham	P6
028	K.Drackett	Fareham	P6
030	T.Edwards	Chippenham	LR2 88
033	S.Hansford	Droxford	LR3 1w
034	M.Hansford	Droxford	LR2 1w(V8)
035	A.Howells	Reading	LR2
036	T.Jones	Gt.Bookham	LR2, RR
039	D.Lee	Fair Oak	P5B
040	R.Micheal	Tichborne	LR2 109
043	L.Norredal	Copenhagen	P5B
044	R.Pattie	Whitchurch	LR2 88
046	R.Phillipson	Thatcham	P6
050	R.Selby	Southampton	LR1 86, LR3 109
051	S.Slater	Durley	LR80", LR2 88
053	C.Spragg	Walton on Thames	P6
054	R.Sutton	Overton	
057	J.Wallis	Petersfield	LR 1ton, P4
059	B.Williams	Gosport	P5B
060	G.Withey	Baughurst	P6
061	A.Wythe	Hannington	LR3 88
062	R.Francis	Miami	P6
063	M.Rain	Tadley	LR2
064	L.Simmonds	Charvil	P5B
067	M.Jefferson	Southampton	P5B
068	S.Bell	Basing	
069	M.Adamson	Upper Basildon	LR1
070	A.Nightingale	Ashford Hill	P6
071	A.Tew	Tadley	LR1 86, RR
072	M.Butterfield	Wallingford	LR1 88
073	V.Langton	Allbrook	LR2
074	S.Harris	Eastleigh	LR2
075	A.Thacker	New Milton	P6
076	P.Simons	Horley	P5B
077	J.Boegvad	Denmark	
078	J.Henrick	Denmark	

DATES OF EVENTS AND NEXT MEETINGS.

March 13 Hinds Head 7.30 pm  
24 Hinds Head 12.00 noon  
27 Hampshire Bowman 8.00 pm

March 23/24 Bristol Classic Car Show

April 20 Run to Syon Park Museum and house. Also gardens  
butterfly farm and wild fowl trust (if liked).

Then on to Tramshed after driving slowly across  
London having a look at the sights.

Meet 1 pm at Little Chef on Reading side of  
Junction 11 M4.

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