



NOVEMBER 1985 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

First comment for this month is that **I'M STILL HERE**. Which only goes to show what undying faith you must all have in me !!! Now that is out of the way, and the excitement has died down, you will probably note a few changes. To start with, How Hard (Howard) is now our editor at large. So, all comments, articles and remarks to Howard Vyse, 67 Long Grove, Baughurst. Tel. Tadley 2708.

This now means that **ROGER PATTIE** is our new **Treasurer**, and **Dave (Red Leader) Cuthbert** remains as **Club Secretary**. We would also like to welcome **Roger Sutton** and **Colin Gross** to the ranks, even if they don't know what they have let themselves in for!!

During the **AGM** many points were raised about the Club in general, so a questionnaire has been drawn up for you all to fill in. If you could return this as soon as poss. this would be appreciated and will enable us to plan for the coming year.

Also at the AGM a video of the Annual Rally was shown. If we can press **Richard Stewart** into showing it again, we are prepared to follow this with some others of suitable motoring topics. That's if Richard get's the date right!!

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xx Not kisses, but **Project XX** as mentioned earlier this year. Production is due to start on March 20th next year and press preview dates are already booked for April, Trade and fleet buyers will be seeing the car between 4 - 16 April but actual details of the car are still secret. But apparently it has been seen in America during a dealership campaign and received an enthusiastic response. Although only a four door saloon, Austin-Rover also plan a five door hatchback due on the market a year later.

Now, those owners of Coupes like myself may have something to smile about because the Coupe is staging a come-back planned for 1988. If the stylists have got it right, on current information about the XX saloon, the Coupe could look like a Ferrari 365 of about 74 vintage. Except the nose is turned up the other way. We will have to wait and see, but if the MG concept car, seen in the press and TV recently is anything to go by, then the Rover Coupe could be something definitely worth waiting for.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS

After 2 years hard labour, Howard stood down as Treasurer at the AGM 1985, and I was elected (don't volunteer they always say!). WE must thank Howard for all the work he has put in in the past. He still colates, edits and sends out the newdletters, and has a little more time to deal with the articles you are busy writing.....

Membership subscriptions are now due. The **annual sub.** is still as last year **£6** but please feel free to send a larger amount as a donation. They are always welcome. I had tried to get the subs. amount raised, but I was outvoted. There may be a slight delay in processing your cheques due to a changeover of Bank branches - don't rely on a delay and then blame me if you get overdrawn. (By the way, I am rebuilding the gearbox and not now getting an exchange one!!).

SPARES

Unfortunately, I have not got this person's name only his phone no : FLEET 3235

He has a vast quantity of P6 spares :- bonnet, boot, gasket set, master cylinders, brake and clutch, brake pipes, suspension parts, middle exhaust box, mud flaps, workshop manual with 2200 supplement .. so give him a ring for more details. Mention Pete's name.!!

Head gasket set Rover P4 100 & 3 litre MK 1 - 1A will also fit LR 1964-80
Phone Tadley 5194 (Pete).

Gavin Withey (Tadley 4555) has P6 spares. 4 good doors, bonnett, boot, wings and engine bits. (He did promise a full breakdown of parts, but has not got around to it yet). (Finger out, Gavin).

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NEWSLETTERS

Are you happy with your lot? Are you happy with the format? If you are, GREAT. If you are not, write and let me know what I can do to improve it. Do you want more technical bits, reports, silly stories (whatever happened to Plastic Pellet!!). All suggestions to Howard Vyse, 67 Long Grove, Baughurst.

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Parts for 3.5 litre Coupe

Complete black interior trim.

Complete engine. Offers Trevor Butcher Fawley 894328

Club meetings

Hinds Head, Aldermaston Wed. 6th Nov. Sunday 24th

Hampshire Bowman Wed. 27th.

EVENTS

Nov.2nd Prince of Wales, Kintbury, Berks. Mr Ken Drackett is entertaining at this Pub, and we all know what he is like!! (bloody filthy) Start 8.30pm (or as soon as Ken has enough tonsil oil!!). Totally free (not the beer) He would welcome any HBRO members on the night, for support.

24th Nov. Grand Treasure Hunt. Starts 10 am (sign on at 9.45 am) from the Community Centre, Overton. This is opposite the White Hart Pub. Treasure Hunt finishes back at the White Hart at 12 noon for lunch. After Lunch a show and shine in the car park. There is a hose pipe available so you can clean your heap.

Please ring Howard on **Tadley 2708**, so that we can find out how many cars will be going. o/s sheet 185 GR 517498.

Green Roding Notes

Yes, we have been green roding again, a small group of landies met at Basingstoke on 6th October. The group included two 'new' landies, Colin Gross's LWB safari that he has rebuilt from the chassis up, in fact he has rebuilt that as well; and (Red Leader) Dave's series 2, WOW as featured in last month's newsletter, he has bought whilst the long term rebuild of Toby takes place. Some may have seen Colin's LWB at the Wednesday meet at the Hinds Head; the engine was, I think, even cleaner than that in Andy Smith's P5B, but Andy slipped me a fiver to find some mud when we went green roding, so Colin's engine now looks like a 'real' landie engine. Unfortunately I was not able to take my 2A Simmy as I was overhauling the gearbox (seems like a possible article for the newsletter Rog --ed) and attending to the front brakes.

Our 0930 start was slightly delayed whilst Dave changed over wheels from road to off-road ($\frac{1}{2}$ mm more tread) tyres; he actually has two complete sets of wheels plus the set on Toby (what's a wheels plus ?) if things get bad!

We had decided that in the morning we would drive from green road section to green road section towards the Northwest and then have a longer green road drive in the afternoon back towards Basingstoke, that way the 'new' vehicles could get into green roding gently. We set off West to join the Harrow Way, then by road through St. Mary Bourne to join the Roman Road Northwest out of Andover. Along here we came across 'Hampshire Gates' (we were $\frac{1}{2}$ mile inside the Hampshire boundary), these are simply wires put across rights of way by farmers to enable them to move animals from one field to another across the track easily, the wires have markers on them to stop you driving into them and also hooks so that they can be speedily taken down and replaced. We also met two walkers with dogs muttering that we should not be driving along the right of way- they had parked their car on the right of way, the car was a Reliant 3 wheeler... 'nuff said.

We drove through Lower Chute towards a right of way heading up North towards Chute Causeway, unfortunately reconciling the tracks with the map revealed an overgrown 'white road', there were footpaths and bridleways leading to the right of way we wanted, but no obvious vehicular right of way (shades of the church at Brown Candover!) so pending further investigation we retraced our tracks and then headed up North toward Shalbourne to join the track which would take us past Combe Gibbet. About 3 miles along the track we cut down to Ham for lunch.

So far we had only a few puddles and a few overgrown tracks as problems. Some of the tracks obviously hadn't been driven down for some time (ever?) and we decided on discretion for one track - we have a photograph of Colin walking out from the overgrown track looking pleased that he wouldn't have to drive through it !

The afternoon's drive was uneventful, a couple of narrow sections as we drove back towards the A34 North of Litchfield. I travelled as passenger then drove Colin's LWB, strangely enough it was the first time I have travelled in a LWB, it made light work of the fairly hard surfaces - difficult to believe we have had so much rain - it could even be described as , better whisper it.. comfortable!!!. Colin has done a nice job of the rebuild, the engine is freeing up, and off the highway is now down in temperature to the cool side of boiling! no problems on the open road.

We retraced our tracks back along the Harrow Way and then back to Basingstoke before dark.

Rog Pattie

Green Roding:

Still the first Sunday of the month, for times and locations contact Dave (Basingstoke 476227) or me, Rog (Pangbourne 2884)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

AGM. As a result of the AGM there have been some changes on the committee. The line up is now:

Chairman	Peter Nightingale
Secretary	Dave Cuthbert
Treasurer	Roger Pattie
Committee members	
	Howard Vyse
	Roger Sutton
	Colin Gross

Some of you may not know all of these, especially the newer members, so I will introduce them to you.

Peter Nightingale. Chairman & founder of the club runs a P6 and owns P5Bs, I've lost count of how many.

Dave Cuthbert. Starting his second year as Secretary. Owns a 1950 80" Land Rover and runs a 1956 Ser 2

Roger Pattie. Has been looking after our off road interests and runs a rebuilt ex-RAF blue Ser 2

Howard Vyse. Has just stood down after being treasurer since the club was formed but will be carrying on as a committee member and Newsletter editor. He owns an ex-Ministry 3.5 saloon.

Roger Sutton. He ran the barbeque at Petersfield. With his girlfriend is taking over a pub in Wales, but will be in the area during the week. (It looks like another camping weekend is called for) At present using a company car while saving for a Land Rover.

Colin Gross. One of our newer members, Colin has just finished a complete rebuild of a Ser3 LWB Land Rover, with the intention of using it for a trip to Iceland.

I would like to take this chance to thank Howard for all his efforts as treasurer and to thank our two outgoing committee members, Andy Smith and Ian Hancock.

HANTS AND BERKS ROVER OWNERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1985 - 1986

Membership No.....

Your membership expires at the end of October, so please, if you wish to rejoin the Club, fill in and return this form, together with your subscription of £6. (Cheques made payable to **Hants & Berks Rover Owners.**) to **Dave Cuthbert, 313 Cranbourne Lane, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 3NU. N.B.** Overseas membership £10

Surname Forenames

Address

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Model	Year	c.c.	Type of Body	Colour	Reg.No.	Points of interest.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the following questions ..

Club Meetings

Are you happy with the venues (please tick)

The Hinds Head, Aldermaston Yes No Don't attend

The Hampshire Bowman, Dundridge Yes No Don't attend

If NO please suggest an alternative.

Are you happy with the Wednesday evenings? Yes No

If NO which nights would you prefer?
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Would you be interested in any of the following activities on Club Night ? please tick

- videos/films/slides
- talks on motoring matters
- show and shine competitions
- treasure hunts
- quizes
- skittles, within the Club or against other Clubs
- Scalextric competitions.

Any other suggestions :

Questionnaire continued

Are you interested in ..	(please tick)	
	Yes	No
Radiator Grill badges		£10 each (solid brass)
Windscreen stickers		£1.20 each
'T' shirts (HBRO)		Price to be arranged
Sweatshirts		"
Acrylic sweaters		"
Key fobs		"

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Would you like the Club to put on more social events such as :
trips to shows etc, discos, dances (evenings)
(days) : museum visits, factory trips, social runs to picnics, bar-b-que.

Would you like more weekend trips (please tick)

UK camping	Yes	No
UK hotels	Yes	No
Continental camping		
Continental Hotels		
Duration : sat & Sun		
" Fri, Sat, Sun		
" Bank Holidays.		

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Would you like the Club to organise competitions ?
Yes No

Trials
Rallies
Competative Safaries
Auto tests
Auto cross
Circuit races
Hill Climbs
Driving competitions
Sprints

EDITOR'S BIT (is this the typist?)

Well, Masher is reformed. I can now "erase" all the naughty words from the articles sent in, which brings me nicely to : please send in any article, does not have to be on motoring, could be on your holiday, visits to old Aunt Martha (who drives a Rangie) etc.

One bit of info. on how **Dave Cuthbert** got a L.R. with the reg. **WOW** .. well, what happened was , **Dave** painted a large letter **"W"** on each cheek and as he was tired and he yawned, everyone said **"WOW"**. (sorry chaps, clean version only). I will be looking out for funny stories each month, so none of you will be safe (OK **Uncle Pete**)

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CHRISTMAS DINNER 18th December 1985

This year we will be going to **THE DOVE, MICHELDEVER, HANTS 7.30 pm £8.50**
There is a choice of 3 menus. Limited numbers, so please send £2 deposit each to book a place. Please send your money to **Dave Cuthbert**. More details next month.

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