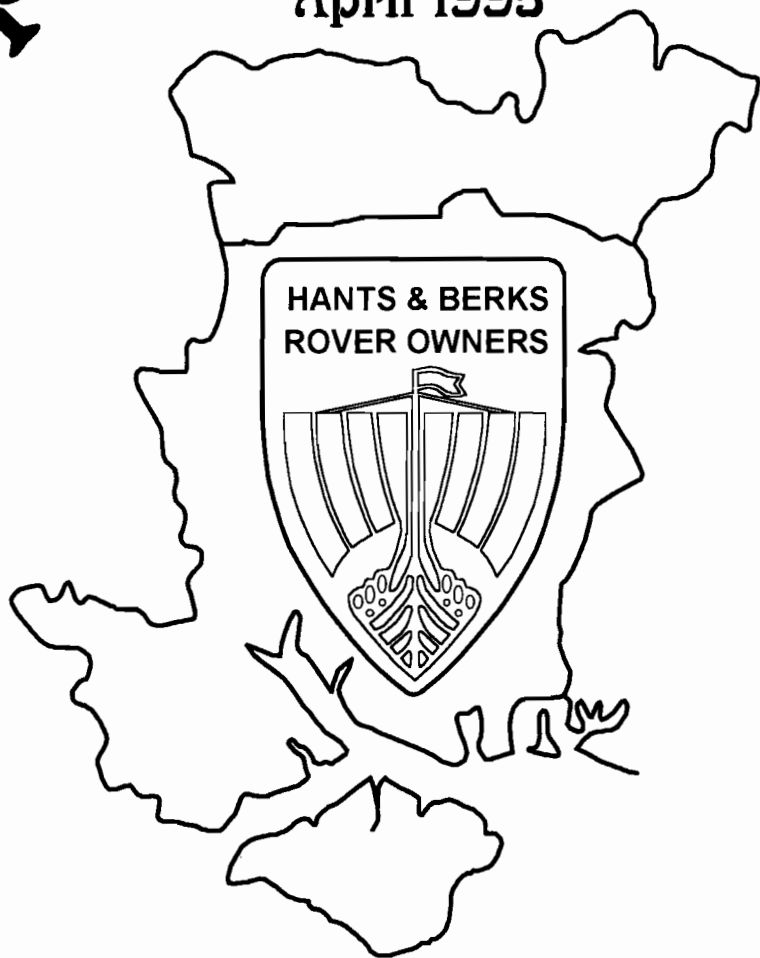










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Editorial...

This month's highlights:-

- Reports on Nellie's Dell events for 29th January and 19th February.
- War of the Roses news.
- Winter Trials Series Results - the big surprise was the number of eligible participants rather than the actual winners themselves.
- A couple of letters to the editor have flooded in..... (Yes! Two!)
- Report on the Brick Kiln Farm Trial 15-1-95.
(Results were in Feb's P&B.)
- UPDATE update.
- Oh No its the ARC AGM report again!
- Steve has a little waffle about being a scrutineer.
-and lots more.....

Please observe telephone calling times for committee members where shown. See opposite. Thanks.

We are still short of the final details of one of last year's events (the 1993 - 4 year being AGM to AGM) but the following figures may make interesting reading. We had 45 *different* members competing in the RTVs at various times last year. No real surprise there; bit low though. However we had 23 different members compete in the CCVT. Many of these were once-only triallers, 7 competing ONLY in the National Rally (under the HBRO banner). This year, since the AGM, we have already had 26 different RTV competitors and 9 CCVT-ers. There. Wasn't that exciting? I expect the CCVT side of the club to get quite a shake-up soon as two of the committee members (Sec & Chair) and one other member are moving into that category from RTV.

I know I put this in every month but it's important. Please don't assume that the editor knows about all the forthcoming events. Please forward details to me at the address opposite or use the phone / fax numbers listed below. If published details are wrong or need to be changed, please let me know ASAP.

In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed. If you use a PC, please send articles on disc (3½" or 5¼") and I'll return it afterwards. If you have a fax machine, send any faxes to 0181-562-6660 marked "FAO: Steve Kirby" and if you can't get me on the phone at home, leave a message on the answering machine in Steve's office on 0181-562-9604 anytime 24 hours. Thanks.

War of the Roses

Yes it's here again. As explained in previous years, this event started off as a competition twixt Lancashire (Red Rose) and Yorkshire (White Rose), hence the name. The term "War of the Roses" was coined by a certain W. Shakespeare in his historical plays; the term not being in use at the time of the "wars".

Be that as it may (and it probably is) where are we now? Well, the war has spread to become a National event. It's essentially an orienteering / winching event so you'll certainly need a winch if you want to compete. There are three vehicles to each team and there is space for only eight different club teams. Hants & Berks entry in the event has been confirmed. So don't waste it - let me know ASAP if you want to enter. Vehicles must fit one of the recognised ARC classes and we really need at least two of the three vehicles in the team to have a winch. The event takes about seven hours and is not for the faint-hearted or work-shy!!

There is also a bike trial and an RTV on the same weekend. Here's a brief run-down of the program:-

Friday 7th July Site opens. Oak Head Caravan Site, AYSIDE. Ref: 97-391838.
 Saturday 8th 09:00 - RTV Scrutineering.
 10:00 RTV competitors depart.
 Afternoon / early evening - War of the Roses Scrutinering.
 Early evening - Bike Trial.
 Sunday 9th 07:30 - Marshals leave site.
 08:00 Competitors assemble.
 08:15 - Competitors leave in convoy.
 09:00 - War of the Roses Starts.
 16:20 - Event Ends.
 Monday 10th 12:00 Site closes. For a longer stay, call site on 015395-31475.

How to get there:-

Leave M6 at junction 36, join A591(T) towards Kendal. After about 3.4 miles, turn left onto A590(T) sign posted Barrow-in-Furness. About 10 miles to campsite. This includes a very steep hill (Lindale by-pass) and then continue through High Newton village. Oak Head Caravan Site is on the left. It's a tight left turn after some trees so keep a good look-out for it. The turn from the approach road onto the site is difficult too, but there'll be people there to help you manoeuvre.

Contact Steve Kirby for fact sheet if you dare.....

WINTER TRIALS SERIES

RESULTS

As you know, the qualifying conditions for the four-round Winter Series were that the participants needed to compete in three events and officiate in one event. Out of all those who took part, only five members met these requirements and they are all RTV drivers. These were in classes 3, 4 and 5; no CCVT drivers qualified so the CCVT Trophy won't be awarded this time. There are certificates given class by class as well, but the recipient of the Winter Trials Series RTV Trophy goes to Neville Dewdney, a clear winner on points. Well done, Neville. The award winners are as shown below. Runners-up were Neil Shawyer (class 3) and Alan Smith (class 4). The "Official's Award" goes to Gary Langton who was the only member to officiate at all four events.

Very sincere thanks to all those who toiled (mostly in the rain) to lay out the sections and to marshal them on the days of the events. Without these hard working members, the rest of us would not have been able to "play".

	18-12-94 BRICK KILN	15-01-95 BRICK KILN	29-01-95 NELLIE'S DELL	19-02-95 NELLIE'S DELL	TOTAL
RTV Class 3					
Neville Dewdney	15	Official	18	11	44
RTV Class 4					
Hugh Duffett	30	27	Official	9	66
RTV Class 5					
Steve Kirby	25	34	Official	5	64

Twickenham Off-Roaders

Anyone living within range of Twickenham is welcome to attend the Twickenham Off-Roaders meetings every Wednesday. Meeting place is in the Fulwell Park Residents Association Club House at 1a, Fortescue Ave, Twickenham. Enquiries to Phil on 0181-384-7998 or Jerry on 0181-575-3060.... or to Steve Kirby (that's me) who lives only 100 yards away! Bar facilities are available and the club-room is an Aladdin's cave of 4x4 pictures, posters and the odd broken crankshaft and bent con-rod! Videos are shown regularly too. It's the official meeting place for the Range Rover Register, AWDC, 101 Forward Control Club and the Military Vehicle Trust. The largest attendance is on the 1st Wednesday of each month but there's usually some from each club every week.

Steve Kirby

Nellies Dell, Event Report, 29-01-95 Winter Trials Series, Third Round.

We have been members for about three years but not trialled until recently. So we would like to say what a friendly and helpful lot of people you are. It must have been this that helped everybody try to forget the constant rain.

After a free-for-all to get to the start of section one, (vehicles sliding everywhere), the section was a good one. Section 2 was a drop over the edge of the quarry, left turn, "adjust" two old tree stumps, back up over the rim, not quite airborne, back down slope, through 12" thick mud and along to the finish. Section 3 was again off the top of the rim - is that vertical or what?! Lewis thought he was going to be inspecting the ground conditions close up on the nearside. We stayed upright only just, only to be caught out by a sly little side slope.

Lunch break was good - rain water with everything. Section 4 was back round the quarry and on to the skating rink. Down the slope, sorry tree, didn't mean it! Over the humps, up a near vertical slope - lucky there was a tree at the top in case one cleared the 1-gate with too much power! Section 5 was a new downhill route through the woods. A tight fit even with an old Series One. Slight adjustments to the panelwork. Good section. The next section was back up the hill; this is where power steering would be nice.

Last two sections were down by the old railway embankment. In and out of a tree-lined course. Section 8 was up the slope; nearly running out of puff. Back down slope. Passenger error - sharp right turn - where was the gate? Only further down! Still, a good laugh for the spectators. Last section was the reverse of 7. Back up the slope fighting for grip. With Andrew in front of me on points, when this cane jumped out in front of him on top of the embankment. He was not a happy man. Many thanks to all the work by Clerk of the Course, Sec of the meeting and all the marshals as without them there would be no meets.

Barry and Andrew Simpson.

Sec of the Meeting - Ashley Pocock. Clerk of the Course - Hugh Duffett.
Chief Scrutineer - Steve Kirby Steward - Ashley Pocock.
Marshals:- Dave Henry, Ian Copplesstone, Dave Bingham, Paul Barton, Steve Kirby, Gary Langton.

RESULTS RTV:

<u>Group 1 (Classes 2,3 &4) -</u>	Barry Simpson - 10	Andrew Simpson - 11
Neville Dewdney - 18	Russel Vare - 32	Neil Shawyer - 32
Nick Van Den Braak - 40	Alan Smith - 41	
<u>Group 2 (Class 5) -</u>	Paul Webb - 18	Michael Hobbs - 27
	Keith Jones - 28	Gareth Chambers - 45

RESULTS CCVT:

Mark tester - 37	Jon Tester - 49
Brian Frankland - 54	Gary King - 74

Letter to the Editor.....

Sir,

For some time now, members have helped to set out RTV and CCVT sections for weekend events. All RTV sections are test-driven to prove that the sections are possible. The CCVT sections have not always been driven in full as not one CCV driver and vehicle has been along to help set up or test-drive. The comments from CCV drivers is "If we set out, then we can't drive them on the Sunday". Several RTV members have regularly given up their right to compete on Sunday to set out and test-drive the sections on the Saturday. So if the "experts" expect to find CCVT sections, then at least **one** CCVT driver / vehicle should attend on setting out day so that the CCVT sections can be set out and test-driven before the day of trialling. This way, if a driver cannot get further than a couple of gates, they cannot then move the gates and have another go. Nor should they whinge or moan about about the site and sections or get stroppy with the Comp Sec, the marshals and the rest of the club members who have spent time and petrol setting up on the day before. An "Experts" section would be expected to be more difficult and be one which could not always be driven with a standard RTV vehicle full of canes, fire extinguisher, signs etc.

Thankfully, not all club members and committee take the attitude of some CCV drivers who expect only to turn up on Sunday morning, drive 8 or 9 perfect sections, then pack up and go home without so much as "Can I help collect up the canes", "thanks" or a "Goodbye". If it wasn't for the committee and interested members putting their own time in, there would not be events for them to turn up to.

I have been a member since 1986 when our club founder, Peter Nightingale, was chairman. I found the members friendly and helpful. In my first years of off-road driving even back then, the same (old?) faces helped setting out, e.g. Allan Tew, Chris Homewood, Nick Jennings, Gary Hodgson, Hugh Glossop etc. From 1988-92 I had a full-comp safari V8 in which I comped with the AWDC, as the HBRO did not run safaris nor did we have many CCVT events. Allan or Chris would drive my vehicle, then I could compete on the Sunday. One day at Slab Common, Nick Jennings asked if I was in the CCVT "experts". When I said "yes", Nick defined "experts" as a "has-been drip under pressure"! My feelings along with many of the other members who regularly set out is that if so-called experts are not prepared at least to show interest setting out sections, then don't expect to turn up on Sunday morning to find CCVT sections as we may not be willing to set out or marshal the CCVT event.

I'm not blowing my trumpet as I play the saxophone!

Dave Henry

Nellies Dell, Event Report, 19th Feb 95 Final Round of the Winter Series

The Winter has really lived up to its name this time with two of the winter series rounds being conducted in pouring rain and deep mud. Anyone in the market for a good set of mud tyres would do well to examine the rubber-wear of the low-scorers! Some of the sections laid out in reasonable weather on the Saturday had to be changed to suit the conditions. It was nice to see perfectly amicable discussion between the course designers and the competitors to make the sections safer and less damaging following heavy overnight rain.

Not so "less damaging" was the metal spike that punctured Clerk of the Course Dave Henry's tyre. Investigation revealed a whole series of such spikes where the fence beside the old railway embankment had been. The steel posts had rusted away and broken off at ground level leaving sharp pointy bits. When the ground was firm and dry, there was no problem; but as soon as the ground became soft, the rusty spikes started to rear their ugly heads. We have trialled in that area numerous times before. The section concerned was postponed while Dave and others dug out the offending posts and we were able to use the area in safety half an hour later. Thanks fellas for all the hard work there saving the tyres of the rest of us! Dave has put in a lot of work setting out over the last few events and as a gesture of thanks, the club has offered to compensate Dave for the damage to his tyre.

The event went well thanks to all the marshals and other officials who stood around in the rain making it all happen.

Steve Kirby

OFFICIALS:-

Secretary of the Meeting - Ashley Pocock. Clerk of the Course - Dave Henry
Scrutineer - Nick Woodage
Marshals:- Doug Powell, Chris Homewood, Gary Langton, Dave Ridden, Dave Hatch, Mike Clark.

RESULTS:-

RTV

Class 2:-	Andrew Simpson - 7	Barry Simpson - 9	
Class 3:-	Neville Dewdney - 11	Alwyn Roberts - 13	
	Neil Shawyer - 15	Nick Van Den Braak - 33	
Class 4:-	Hugh Duffett - 9	Alan Smith - 19	
Class 5:-	Steve Kirby - 5	Keith Jones - 22	Roy Pine - 23
	Mike Hobbs - 24	Richard Snow - 31	Gary Chambers - 33

CCVT

Group 1:-	James Hynes - 34	Mark Ambler - 38	Jackie Berry - 47
Group 2:-	Jon Tester - 35	Mark Tester - 36	Brian Frankland - 38

Brick Kiln Farm Trial Report, 15-1-95

Having broken the right hand front drive shaft on my 90 the weekend previously, I managed to buy a good s/h shaft complete with CV joint from my local Land Rover man. After many hours of toil, lost skin and assorted adjectives, I had my pride and joy rolling again on Saturday before the trial.

Bring lighter in the pocket I decided I would marshal on Sunday (and give someone else a chance ha ha.)

Sunday dawned, the usual wet & windy weather greeted me as I prepared to leave home for the trial. Raindrops keep falling on my head (I feel a song coming on) as most of you know I have lost most of my thatch so I grabbed the first hat my sleepy short-sighted eyes saw (*There's nowt wrong with your eyes when the 10 cane looms up - Ed!*). I found out later that it was not my baseball hat - this one had a caption on it saying "Instant idiot - just add alcohol" (Did anyone say "if the cap fits, wear it")

Arriving at the trial site, I sought out our new comp sec. All resplendent in his ex German army all-in-one, zips-all-over olive green overalls and offered my services as a marshal. (By the way, his name is Ashley, not Adrian as I was happily calling him and I thought he didn't like me 'cos he did not respond)

Adrian, no, Ashley told me he had only a few entries so I was forced to enter (anyway, that's my story and I'm sticking to it) and relieve my cheque-book of another bit of paper.

I had just had my Landie passed by the scrutineer who seemed to have twisted his arm whilst looking over my vehicle (can't think why) when I saw lots of Land Rovers coming down the track and, - guess what - they all wanted to enter.

Finally we had about 16 entries. We were split into two groups as this is a small site which made it easier to get to the sections. Well this was the excuse our headmaster (or is it chairman) gave a the briefing. He also said as it was very slippery "under tyre" that we would be going down all the slopes because crampons had not yet been invented for Land Rovers (*Well they have, but we're not allowed to use them - Ed*)

The event at last started. Now this is what I was commanded to write about by the wise editor (*Crawler - Ed*) but I'm not going to 'cos the memory bank fails to hold information for very long (peculiar for a man in his prime) "Long past his sell-by date" I think I heard my daughter say. Hang on! I do recollect two buttock-clenching moments. One was at the start of a section where we had to cross a slope diagonally and disappear between two trees. All the drivers stood there muttering and shuffling their feet, when the "headmaster" said he would show us chickens that it could be done. So off he went in his pristine Range Rover (well it is pristine if you ignore all the dents and scratches). The demonstration went off without hitch or scratch. He is now being fitted for a larger hat. After more consultation it was decided to alter the start especially as we had some welcome new starters to the sport.

The second moment came in the afternoon when I was volunteered to go first on a section by Gary "101 truck" Langton as he had parked my 90 between the start gate canes. The section started off meandering down a slight slope through some trees then down a steeper slipperier slope half way down you were supposed to turn right, I turned the wheel to the right, all went well until I was half way through the manoeuvre when I realised I wasn't moving forward but sideways! White knuckles appeared on the steering wheel as I wondered which window to leave from. But my bottom was gripping the seat so I could not move! Not to worry because I was now moving forward again. "Splat" over a vertical bank into a pool of what looked like runny porridge. I regained some sort of composure (*or does that say compost? - Ed*) from gibbering idiot to just idiot and accelerated out of the "lake" and stopped up a bank sort of through number 3 gate. After getting my card marked, I parked off section. Time for a coffee and change of Pampers.

If I may be serious for one moment, I would like to thank everyone who make these trials possible. That's all the creeping I'm going to do.

Hugh Duffett

"UPDATE" update

Yes, I know this was sprung upon you all rather suddenly but some drastic action needed to be taken. We aren't destitute but we realised that the caravan was no longer usable, having not taken kindly to being dragged across rough ground and showing its age and poor condition by promptly falling apart. The box-trailer described in March's UPDATE is now in use and is to be fitted out with racks for the canes and stowages for other equipment, such as the fire extinguisher. A toilet is to be fitted and the cooking facilities made usable. It's far more practical than the caravan and was a bargain for what it is.

The contents of UPDATE was all new following the February P&B except for forthcoming events which were repeated (and updated) as most members need a "diary" on a month-to-month basis.

Steve Kirby

PORTHMADOG '95

North Wales LRC invite us to PORTHMADOG '95. This is an interclub camping, caravanning and competition weekend bordering the Snowdonia National Park. Events are :- CCVT, RTV, Comp Safari, Team Recovery, Winch Recovery and Scenic Drive (superb views). Terrific show. Call Steve Kirby for copy of the press release. August 24 - 29th. (Thursday to Tuesday)

For details, call Dave Cuthbert on 01492-534417 or Gwyn Jones on 01248-671502.

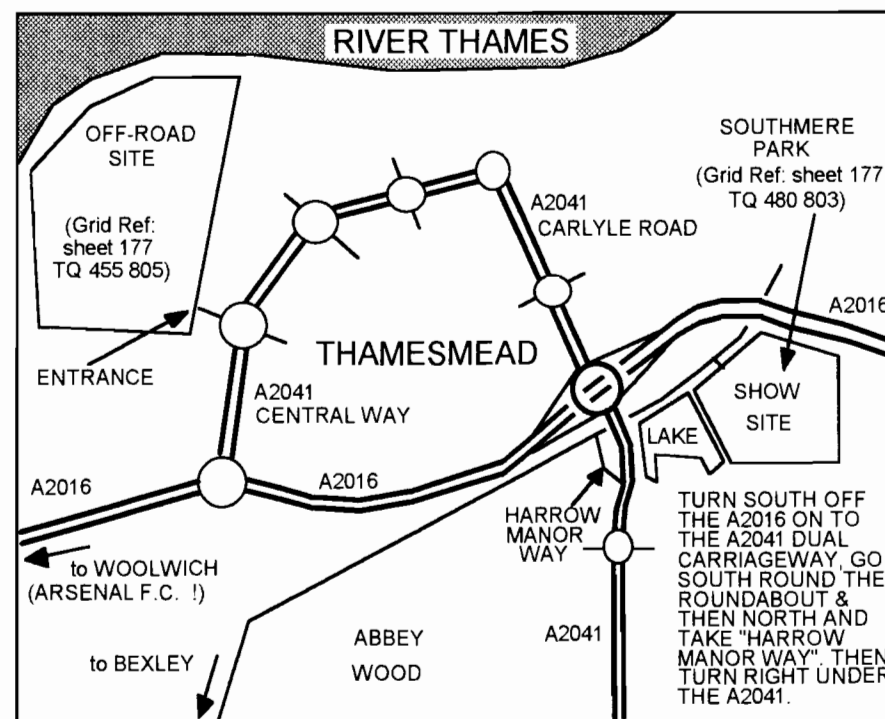
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Camping Weekend, Site Clearing and Trials at Nellies Dell. April 28, 29 & 30th

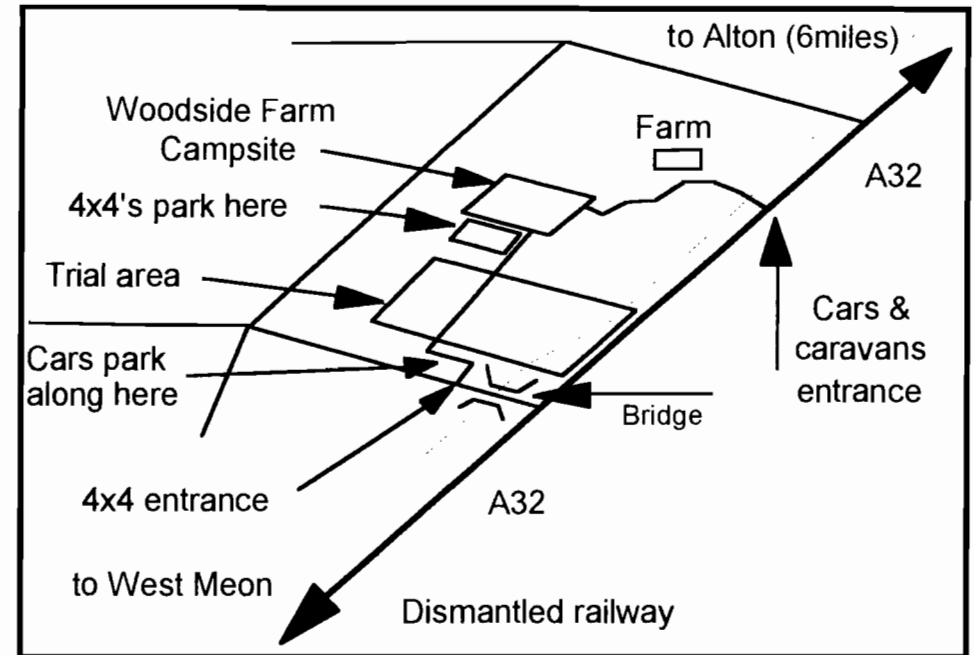
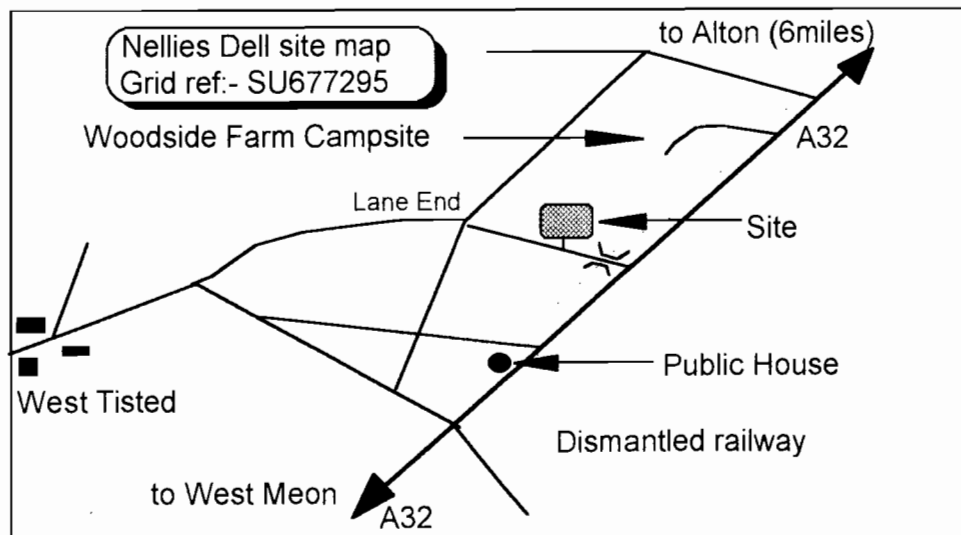
We are holding a camping and site clearing weekend along with RTV and CCV trials at Nellies Dell, about 6 miles south of Alton, Hants on the A32, on the above dates. The site will be open from the Friday afternoon. The event will be open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. Entries should be on an official entry form if possible. The fee is £10 in advance or £12 on the day. Payment to Ashley Pocock. (Address inside front cover.)

For site clearing, bring a saw (chain-saw if possible) and some elbow grease to extend the competition area.

Scrutineering start at 08:30.a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00.a.m. prompt, so please be on time. Classes will be as per ARC rules but experience has shown that amalgamations are probable. The new ARC Yearbooks are being handed out now. These contain the new vehicle regulations (Those in the 1987 and 1989 ARC Yearbooks are long since out of date.). It is still up to you to ensure your vehicle complies. Don't forget your MOT certificates, and driving / RACMSA competition licence.

RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" and the "Pilot Trophy".

Please come along on Saturday to help set out the sections, it's always the same few who get lumbered with this. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal once in a while, we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!



Regular Competitor?

If you pre-enter HBRO events on a regular basis, please let Ashley Pocock, Gary Langton or Steve Kirby know and we'll send a wad of entry forms. In the past, we sent these in P&B to everyone 3 or 4 times a year but only about half a dozen members pre-enter on a regular basis; hence most of you are amassing a stack of waste paper. We have worked out that it's cheaper to send forms directly to those who need them most, so it is for them that we offer this service.

Peak Trophy

Peak & Dukeries LRC are running the "Peak Trophy" a Camel Trophy-type event on Sunday the 30th April. It's a one day team event. Teams of two vehicles (one of which needs to have a winch and the other to be CCV spec - although this could be the same vehicle) and four people per club to go over a set course. Various tasks will have to be attempted during the event, but the general theme will be to move a vehicle and team through an 'impenetrable jungle' in the wilds of Derbyshire. There will be an off-road training day on the Saturday. Caravanning facilities are available. Contact P&D secretary Ian Joustra at 181 School Road, Crookes, Sheffield, S10 1GJ or phone him at work on 01709-382733 or at home on 01142-667724.

RACMSA Scrutineers' Seminar Boreham, 25 Feb. 95

To remain an RACMSA Scrutineer requires many things - one of which is the required attendances at annual seminars. (Two attendances per three years being mandatory) They are very informative; giving updates on the Blue Book, discussions on the subtleties of some of the rules, the problems and future of the sport and, quite simply, meeting other scrutineers and discussing life, the universe and all that.....

I went to my first seminar on the above date. The long drive to Boreham, near Cheltenham turned out to be well worthwhile. We had a presentation on management skills, a necessary part of motor sport in the late 20th century!. Then the director of "Lifeline" fire extinguishers gave an excellent presentation on fire extinguishing systems. Halon / BCF isn't illegal (yet) but there are now several perfectly acceptable official alternatives. The replacement for the almost universal 2.5 kg Halon unit is a 1.75 litre foam extinguisher. This is the same size as the item it replaces but much cheaper. Yes! Cheaper. Price is about £35; about £10 cheaper than the Halon equivalent. An equally informative talk was given by the manager of "ProDrive" who run the Subaru 555 Rally Team.

As an exercise, we were given a set of problems to solve. For example, "The exhaust pipe falls off a car immediately after taking the flag at the end of the race. What action do you take?" Discussion points were:- The race is over but is the event? Will the officials be influenced in their decision whether the competitor stops to pick it up or takes his lap of honour without it? What about noise? Will the vehicle be under-weight without it? What would YOU do?

Do you want to be an RACMSA scrutineer? An engineering or vehicle maintenance background would be very useful but not totally essential. Much experience actually scrutineering is very important so if you are doing any scrutineering now, no matter at what level, keep records of where and when 'cos you'll need to quote these as evidence of experience. (For example, "Cross Country Vehicle Trial, Woodside Farm, Privett, Hampshire, 19th Jan 1995" is a quite acceptable valid record.) A fairly deep working knowledge of the contents of the Blue Book is also important. You don't actually get tested on it as the book is always available to you and so any test would be an "open book" one anyway. A qualified scrutineer doesn't get paid for working at a race meeting but travelling and accommodation expenses are paid. There's much more I could tell you so call me for more details if you're interested.

Steve Kirby. RACMSA Scrutineer.

Exhaust pipe question:- (1) The event is NOT necessarily over at the drop of the flag. (2) The officials are indeed highly likely to be influenced by the competitor's actions. Failing to attempt to recover the dropped pipe from the track would be taken as serious disregard for the safety of other drivers. (3) Some competition classes are required to pass noise regulations AFTER the race. (4) Some classes require post-race scrutineering, including weighing. ... and so it goes on.....

Another letter has arrived.....

Editor, Pants & Barks.

Colwyn Bay
5th March '95

Dear Steve,

I was very surprised to receive an Update rather than the usual eagerly awaited Pants & Barks this month. I am sure the Committee thought long and hard before taking this step, but I hope they are making the right move.

One of the surprises was the cost of the Newsletter. As you are aware I am involved with the production of Dragon's Drivel, the newsletter of the North Wales Land Rover Club. I do not know what the current membership of the HBRO is, but ours is around 250, and our newsletter cost between £100 and £150. In fact the last one, only 28 pages but with the largest circulation (all our memberships expire at the same time), cost less to print than the stamps to send them out. Admittedly it was late, so sent first class, but this cost does not include envelopes, or stamps for copies sent to other clubs (the £100-£150 figure does) although judging by the copies the NWLRC hasn't received lately, presumably you are already economising on this matter. I appreciate that Pants & Barks has better quality printing than Dragon's Drivel, but I believe ours is perfectly adequate. Your own figures suggest that whilst the cost of printing the Update is fractional, the overall savings are far smaller, at only around 40%.

Whenever the subject of cutting costs is raised the Newsletter seems to be the first target. If you check the early minutes I'm sure you will find this subject was first aired before you even joined the club, and I'm sure has been discussed many times since. I must admit to a touch of hypocrisy as the NWLRC newsletter is bimonthly, but once I became Editor I never suggested increasing it, although it would have made many things easier, we are regularly wasting two months waiting to get information to members, then complaining about the poor response forgetting our three months notice was only one month for them.

However I digress, as usual. Of greater concern is what this saved money is to be spent on. Here again the Committee have the advantage as they know how many members regularly compete in trials. From my experience I would be surprised if it amounts to more than a quarter, and suspect it will be far less. Are the majority of members loosing out for the minority? Does the Club need a trailer any way? Again this is a subject that has been discussed many times by the NWLRC Committee, concluding that it is an extravagance luxury we can do without. Admittedly a major factor has been the problem of who will store it, maintain it and tow it to events, despite good intentions I believe most clubs have found this task falls to the same couple of people each time, the choice is in any case limited to those who are not already towing vehicles or caravans to event. Admittedly as I notice that the current calendar only shows two trials, it seems it will spend a lot of time parked in the drive.

At this point, may I, as an ordinary member, thank Alan Smith who is evidently prepared to do something for his Club, instead of just sitting on his b— writing moaning letters.

I trust the Committee has not fallen into the old trap of thinking that members who do not compete or take part in other club activities are somehow second class members, and do not warrant consideration. They are not, they are full members who have paid their due subscriptions, and if all they want in return is a monthly newsletter then in fact they are already subsidising the more active members, and they are ignored at our peril.

I trust the Hants & Berks Rover Owners are not following the route other Clubs have in the past in catering only for the keen competitors until you reach the point where there is no new blood coming in to take over when competitors move on, and no pool of members to provide marshals etc.

• Dave Cuthbert

The Editor replies:-

For those new members who don't know, Dave "Red Leader" Cuthbert is a founder member of HBRO and has contributed much towards making the club the success it is today. I'm sure he won't mind me describing him as a bit of a traditionalist when it comes to Land Rovers and he is the generous presenter of the annual Red Leader Shield for the best performance by a "Real" Land-Rover - a standard class one with leaf springs! Despite having had to chase his job to north Wales, Dave still has genuine concerns for the club.

I can understand these concerns, but I am jealous of the very low printing costs the North Wales Club have access to. P&B costs £175 - £250 each month depending on the number of pages for the 250+ copies produced monthly. (That's for 240 members plus complementary copies for other clubs, honorary members, etc.) We limit the number of pages to 28 otherwise we go over the weight limit for the normal 17 pence stamp. The light weight of "Update" will enable us in future to include, for example, RAC Recovery application forms and other pamphlets and extras in the same post and still use a 17 pence stamp. In the past, doing this has meant using a 29 pence stamp just to cover the extra few grammes for distributing documents and pamphlets that bring no financial return to HBRO. As the March "Update" stated, the result of all this is to reduce the £2500 annual cost to £1500, precisely the 40% saving that Dave mentions.

The fitting out of this large trailer will make life much easier for those working at events and we will also, at last, be able to provide proper toilet facilities at trials and rallies and we hope this will encourage more family members to attend.

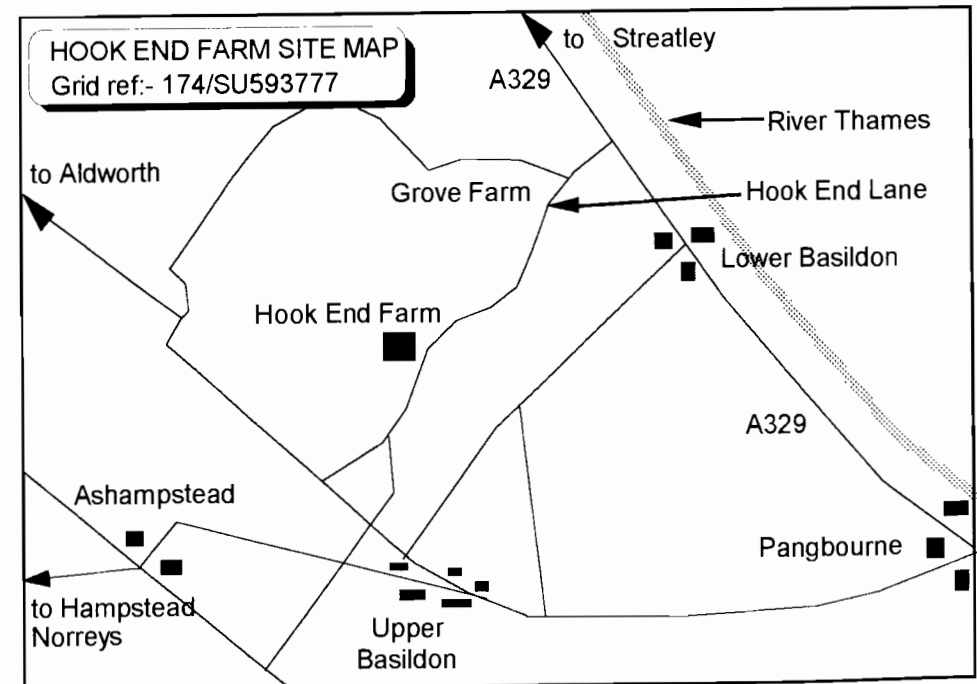
As Dave reminds us, the members have always made it clear that they want some sort of communication each month. P&B does tend to repeat a lot of information. As its name suggests, "Update" contains *changes* from the previous issue. If the whole thing turns out to be a mistake, then we can revert to the monthly P&B (after we've paid for the trailer!!) The cessation of the sending of complementary copies to other clubs appears to be a temporary oversight.

Further comments are invited.....

RTV & CCV Trial Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne

We are holding a site clearance for this new venue on the 2nd of April and an RTV and CCV trial on the 9th of April. Hook End Farm is on Hook End Lane, a turning off the Pangbourne to Streatley road, the A329, about 9 miles West of Reading. From the Newbury area, take the B4009 North to Hampstead Norreys and thence East to Ashampstead, or take the A4 towards Reading and at Theale, take the A340 North to Pangbourne. Please come along to help prepare this site, generously made available by Mark Ambler and his family. Contact Ashley for more details. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. Entries should be on an official entry form if possible. The fee is £12 in advance or £15 on the day. Payment to Ashley. (Address inside front cover.) Scrutineering will be at 9:00. a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00. a.m. prompt, so please be on time. ARC rules will apply as usual. You should now all have a 1995 ARC Handbook. Contact Steve Kirby or Gary Langton if you haven't got one yet. Don't forget your MOT certificates and driving licences. RTV will be a qualifying round for the "Red Leader Shield" and the "Pilot Trophy".

Please come along on Saturday to help lay out. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal once in a while, we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!



ARC AGM 1995

Brief resumé of the ARC AGM held at Solihull. Only Steve Kirby went so you'll have to put up with his usual bias! Isn't anyone else interested in what's going on? As before, the numbers and letters line up with the agenda and the missing ones represent no news available or no report was made.

5. Chairman's Report (Peter Oakden)

- Felt that progress was painfully slow but didn't describe what progress he would like to see.
- Finances to be sorted out - increase in levy should help towards that end.
- ARC to co-ordinate inter-club events so that they don't clash. In practice this could be done by the clubs advising the ARC so that any potential clashes can be identified before they occur.
- Felt that there were too many regulation changes. (Well he wanted progress didn't he? But is this progress? (Answers on a postcard to.....))
- Is the structure of charges correct? As the percentage of actively competitive members in each club is very low, perhaps we should levy them individually.

6. Secretary's Report. (Andy Stavordale)

- Are the ways we do things correct? Please pass any suggestions to him.
- There are 6 overseas clubs who are full members of ARC.
- The ARC is now on the Rover Group's Press Release mailing list.
- Make sure that your SRs are on the permit application.
- Tony Holder is our DVLA contact. The implementation of new driving licences is still under discussion and the DVLA is apparently heeding the input from the clubs on this matter.
- As a matter of historical interest, the first National Rally was in 1954. The ARC wasn't called that then but it's interesting to see how far back some traditions go.

7. Treasurer's Report (Lawrence Johnson)

- Expenses claims of all kinds must be accompanied with "proof of purchase".
- Fees at the moment apply to those who may compete rather than those who do compete. Should this be changed?

8. Constitution changes.

Several changes were made to the constitution. They related to the size of the committee and also a change was made to enable off-shore member clubs to have a say (voting rights, etc.)

9. Rule change voting:-

A - Petrol injection engines in all classes - Rejected.

B - Locking differentials may fitted but not used (RTV only) - Rejected.

C - Open RTVs allowed with roll-bar - Rejected.

D - New wording for Competitive Safari class 4 (Diesels). - Accepted.

E - Revised text defining roll-bar width - Accepted.

F - Additional information on mountings etc. in roll-bar regs - Accepted.

G - New order of contents for roll-bar regulations - Accepted.

H - Bolted mounts for foreign registered road legal vehicles - Accepted.

I - Fire extinguisher types to be determined by RACMSA Yearbook - Accepted.

J - All vehicles other than RTVs to have full roll-cage - Accepted.

K - Original number of carburettors not to be exceeded - Rejected.

L - Extra bar on "roof" of roll-cage for open vehicles - Accepted.

M - 2¼ litre engines to be allowed in standard class Series Ones - Rejected.

N - Design for internal main hoop attached to external front hoop - Accepted.

O - Additional throttle spring to apply to ALL types of engine - Accepted.

P - Vehicles to be within the spirit of the rules as well as the letter - Accepted.

Q - Over aggressive tyres can be prohibited by event organisers - Accepted.

11 National Rallies.

1995 Still progressing well.

1996 SROC to run this. Progressing well. Entry forms to be at September ARC meeting.

12a Gaydon 95. Off-road course to be available this year. Camping Thursday to Monday. BBQ on Saturday evening on the Gaydon museum site.

12b ARC Handbook. Advertising in it is £150 per page. 7,500 will be printed this year as there were clearly far too many last year.

13 Election of officers. Now known as the "ARC Management Team". Very few changes. Norman Whiteley becomes a council member without portfolio and Colin Parry of North Wales LRC become a new member of the Scrutineering Committee.

14 New Clubs.

- "Three Spires LRC" is now a member. Area of operation is between Staffs & Shrops and Midland ROC areas. Those two clubs raised no objections.
- "Invicta" Land Rover Club in Kent has applied.

15 ARC Subscriptions. Increase of 25% suggested. Of the total budget, £13K comes from subs. The Range Rover Register are restructuring so they don't have to pay £2K+ in subs when only a handful of members compete. We await further news from them. Other clubs may do the same and so drastically reduce the income to the ARC. A "competitor" levy may be needed in the future.

16a Caravans - The message is simply "Get a permit". The consequences of

not doing so can be very serious not just for the transgressing club but for the ARC itself.

16b Overseas Liaison - Info on the ARC now posted on the Internet. Off-roading holidays in France now available. Contact Fran Luxton.

16c Rights of Way.

- Still much 4x4 mis-use, mainly by motor-safari type groups and wilful individuals.
- The "Gap" road in Wales. TRO status still not set. Still useable at the moment.
- The Ridgeway officer has reported irresponsible use by vehicle M588 GBX. Do you know who owns it?
- The LARA AGM is in April. News later.

16e ARC Newsletter. Articles can now be accepted on computer disc.

16k RACMSA Liaison.

- Radiators in the back of vehicles is being looked into.
- Neck Collars for use during Comp Safaris are being investigated.

16l Shows & Displays - West Wycombe Show. No firm news yet but HBRO was asked if it would support it again. Well? We usually enjoy it as it's not too far away and it's usually free!

AOB

- John Arrowsmith of Midland ROC promoted the "Midland LR Challenge" based on classic reliability trials. 130 road miles including navigation stages and observed sections and tests at five venues in the midlands. 2nd July. Open to any member of competitive ARC club.
- Peak & Dukeries are running the "Peak Trophy" a Camel Trophy-type event on the 30th April. Teams of two vehicles and four people per club to go over a set course. Contact P&D secretary - address in ARC Handbook.
- Invitation to celebrate 20 years of Land Rovers in DENMARK in 1996. Contact:-

ALAN ANOV
GØDSBØLSKOVVEJ 16
DK 7321 GADBJERG
DENMARK

If you can pronounce that, you can go! Put that in your 1996 diary now.

Next meeting to be 17th June 1995.

Steve Kirby

GREEN LANING NEWS

REPORT of the LANING TRIP 12th March 1995

Another joint RRR/HBRO production, this time on Salisbury Plain; a lovely day, more like late April than mid-March, oo, look, is that a Land Rover or ten coming towards us?; They're not green so they can't be Army, anyway, its Sunday, the Army don't work on Sunday, no, its the Southern Rover Club and they're having a CCVT, and we're in their way, so sorry, we'll be off now, have a nice day. PS Justin & Rachel we met your ex-rangey, it had some mud on it, don't suppose you'd recognise it, listen who's talking, this bloke doesn't even **have** an off-roader at the moment.

Next trip might well be Friday 7th April...give me ring if interested.

Ring me - 01276-473907 or 0374-687856 - for a list of the club maps, which are available 'for hire' at 50p per map plus postage. Additionally, some maps are available to buy from me at £6.00 each; they have been marked from the appropriate Definitives or my 'first-generation' copy, and will have a label giving their date of marking and will enclose any additional information that I may have received

GREEN LANING DATES		
Apr	7 Fri 16 Sun 23 Sun	Wilts Berks Hants
May	4Thu 14 Sun 24 Wed	Wilts Berks Hants
Jun	4 Sun 14 Wed 25 Sun	Wilts Berks Hants
Jul	5 Wed 23 Sun 25 Tue	Wilts Berks Hants
Aug	13 Sun 22 Tue	Wilts Berks Hants

MAPS AVAILABLE : 164 Oxfordshire), 173 (Wilts), 174 (Berks / Hants / Oxfordshire / Wilts), 175 (Berks / Oxfordshire), 183 (Wilts), 184 (Wilts / Hants), 185 (Wilts / Hants), 186 (Hants / Berks), 193 (Wilts)

For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let me know when a sale is complete so I don't keep printing an out of date ad each month. I know I forget sometimes so you may need to remind me more than once! Please help potential customers by quoting location and dialling code in your adverts. Thanx.

Commercial Adverts:- £50 for half page, £80 full page and £100 for whole back page per annum; payable in advance. These rates are very good considering the perfect targeting. Current circulation is over 200.

All adverts are dated as to their first month of publication. When they become about 6 months old, they will be dropped unless the "owners" renew them!

- * Wheels & Tyres Four Goodyear Xtra-Grip 7:50x16. Loads of grip left; £120. Five Michelin Town & Country radials, 205x16. Part worn £15 each or £65 the set. One wrap-around bull-bar with light protectors; black plastic coated: £60. Contact R. Snow in Hayling Island on 01705-466285 (MAR95)
- * JJ's Clearout. Discovery safari snorkel and wing - £80. SIII 88" safari hardtop with rear door - £100. SIII 24v wiper motor, new - £50. SIII 12v wiper motor, new - £50. Disco / RR wrap-round bull-bar - £50. Truck-cab for 88" - £40. Chassis & log-book (ideal hybrid project) - £50. SIII front shocks, new - £20 pair. Cable bonnet opening (ideal cut-off toggles) - £3. This is just a small selection. Please ring for anything as I might have it hidden somewhere. All prices open to negotiations. Call JJ in Aldershot on 01252-28494 ansafone. (MAR95)
- * Mick Maskelyn's Miscellaneous Market 109 rear pick-up - £25. 109 rear Salisbury axle complete - £50. 101 spare wheel with good bar-grip tyre - £50. 101 fume sheet - offers. Range Rover 4-speed gearbox - £100. RR front and rear seats - £75. 90/110 windscreen and frame - £60. Two new 7:50 XCLs - £100. Warn electric winch and mount plate - £175. Perkins 4236 3.8 litre engine complete with rad - £450. Call Mick on 01635-874013 (MAR95)
- * Land Rover bits Lightweight rolling chassis with log-book, £400. 3 litre straight 6 engine, £150. 4.7 diffs, £40 each. 205x16 tyres, £20 each. SWB hardtop, £75. Safari rear door, £40. Series I radiator, £20. Series II steering boxes, £30 each. Centre PTO, hydraulic pump, valves and tank, £125. Diesel injection pump, £75. Call Trevor Bush in Greatham HANTS on 01420-538140 (FEB95)
- * Four Wheel vehicle trailer. £400 ono. Harvey Frost manual winch to suit; Offers. Call Peter Jeffs in Hook on 01256-768136 or 0860-695183. (NOV94)

For Sale

- * Assorted Thingies -Full Width bull-bar for 110, excellent straight and very good condition : Five new (i.e. never-on-vehicle) white wheelrims for 110 : Four not-so-new wheelrims for 110 - no bashes but need a lick of paint. Roofrack for SWB; square section legs, flat load surface with wooden slats. Best offer on each secures. Call Mick Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907. (FEB95)
- * Wheels and Tyres One TOYO All Terrain 225x75R16 on steel Discovery wheel, 6mm tread, £30. High-level rear tow-hitch and tank guard for Discovery; call for details. Contact Colin Gross in Ruislip, Middlesex on 01895-638957 (FEB95)
- * Michelin XC4 tyre. 750x16. Virtually unused; literally only a few miles. On RR wheel. £50, including wheel, £30 on its own. Ideal normal road tyre for 110 or similar. Only one though! Contact Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 0181-894-3961 or 0181-287-0377. (JAN95)
- * Land Rover Bits. Series III hard top with side windows and alpine lights and rear door - £85. Three door tops; 1 N/S with glass - £10. 1 O/S with glass - £10. 1 N/S no glass but with runners - £5. Freewheel hubs, AVM, currently fitted to light-weight - £40 pair. Buyer collects or arrange delivery to a trial or club event. Call Nick Woodage at home on 01730-894418, Mobile 0850-408161, or Nick Jennings at home 01734-471258, Mobile 0836-604585, Business 0734-471520. Gary Langton at home 0705-388929. (NOV94)

Vehicles for Sale

- * Land Rover 109. Duff engine but basically all there. Very tatty but axles, wheels, shafts, radiator etc. OK. Buyer to collect. Any offers? Contact Dave Jeffery in Kingston on 0181-546-5301 or 0181-715-4861. (MAR95)
- * 1977 101" GS Forward Control. LHD. 24volt. Taxed and MOT. £2600. Contact Ian Piggott on 01734-722345 (FEB95)
- * 1980 Range Rover. V8. Bull-bar. Alarm. Recent new sills. Long MOT. In daily use; priced for quick sale due to financial reasons, hence only £1550. Phone Mark in Gosport on 0705-521218 (FEB95)

Vehicles for Sale

- * Series IIa SWB Land Rover 1968. 2¼ petrol. Hard top. Green with cream roof. High back seats. Light Guards. 7:50 XCLs Long MOT. Very clean, tidy and straight. £850. Call Paul Balsillie on 01673-843118 (days), 01734-268451 (w/e and evenings) (FEB95)
- * Series III LWB Land Rover Ex-MoD. FFR spec with hard top and 12v ignition system. 2¼ litre recon petrol, manufactured in 1976; released 1984 on Q plate. 7 months MOT. 8 months tax. Springs, spring hangers, shockers, starter motor, door tops all renewed in last 6 months. £975 ono. Call Paul in Yateley on 01252-878778 (home) or 01252-860090 (work). (JAN95)
- * 1966 SIIa SWB Petrol Hard-top. Blue and cream. Tax and MOT for 6 months. £700 o.n.o. 01705-755561 (DEC94)
- * V8 90. Carter Carb on Offenhauser inlet. BFG Mud Terrains. Safety Devices steering plate. Boarded out rear. PAS. £5500 ono. Call Simon in London on 0181-397-5716 (NOV94)
- * Comp Safari Racer. Full ARC spec. Competition winner. Available with or without race-tuned 4.2 litre V8. New project forces reluctant sale. For details, call Malcolm Whitbread in the evening on 0635-201673 or during the day on mobile 0831-281914. (NOV94)
- * Series IIa Land Rover AMBULANCE. White, clean and tidy. 27000 miles. Blue lights and stretchers but otherwise not equipped. Ideal for paramedics or expedition vehicle. Bargain at £1400. Private sale. Contact Chris Bashall in Dunsfold on 0483-200046 (OCT94)
- * Series IIa Land Rover LWB. 1969. Over £3000 spent including gearbox, transmission, brakes and starter overhaul. Any reasonable offer considered. Call 0923-853151 (evenings) or mobile 0836-730006. (SEP94)

Wanted

- * Door tops -To fit a lightweight but I think the tops from ordinary series IIs and IIIs will fit. Call Mick Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907. (APR95)
- * Diesel Engine. Good working order. Normally aspirated 2¼ or 2½ for Land Rover. Call Ian Pattingale in Staines on 01784-460386 (DEC94)

Wanted

- * Series One wings. Pair front wings for 86" Series I. Straight ones please!! Contact Charles on 0734-832559 (OCT94)
- * V8 90. "D" or "E" reg. Contact Ted Marynicz on 0666-822348 (SEP94)

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SERVICES

- * VIDEOS Professionally made videos produced and distributed. Contact Dave Jeffery of "4-WHEEL FILMS" on 0181-546-5301 or 0181-715-4861.
- * Roll-bars In stock or made to order. Fabrication and welding service available from BS certificated welder. Call Neville Dewdney in Ashvale on 01252-28185
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- * Tyres:- Call Sean Murphy of "Just Tyres" (One of the Southam Tyre Group) on 0836-516937 (mobile) for all your tyre needs. (BFGoodrich and Bridgestone mainly.) Discount is variable and there will be special deals announced from time to time. There are depots in Reading and Southampton for example so they're not too far away.

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Events for Your Diary

*First Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible)

*Last Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the White Swan, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m.). See OS sheet 185, SU555175 approx.

*Green-lane trips will usually be on the second Sunday of the month. See list below. If this second Sunday clashes with an HBRO trial, then it may be moved to the first or third instead. The Comp Sec will try to book trials on dates other than the second Sunday where possible. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. It is recommended that those involved obtain current maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, or borrow the club's set. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceding days, anticipate postponement.

GREEN LANE TRIPS - see page 21

April 2nd	Trials site clearance at Hook End Farm. Please volunteer to help. See below.
April 9th	Trials at Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, near Pangbourne, near Reading. Details elsewhere.
APR 14th - 16th	Lancs & Cheshire invite to Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire. RTV, Team Recovery, Winch Recovery, Off-Road Driving, Bike Trial, CCVT, Comp Safari. Autojumble, Camping. Details later.
April 14th -17th	Off-Road Driving Weekend at Otmoor Park, near Beckley, Oxford. Camping facilities and refreshments available. Call J.W.Henman on 01865-351741 or mobile 0836-722891 for details

April 28-30	Camping weekend with RTV & CCV trials at Nellie's Dell. Site clearance work as well - please come and help. Contact Gary Langton.
MAY 26th - 29th	ARC National Rally, Blankney Park, Lincolnshire. Rally co-ordinator is Eric Rawlings, 01507-526847.
JUNE 4th	The London 4x4 Show. Southmere Park, Thamesmead. SE28. 150 acres of off-road driving. Trade stands etc. To pre-book, call 0181-265-3760
JULY 7th - 10th	WAR of the ROSES weekend. RTV and bike trial on the 8th, main event on the 9th. Details elsewhere.
JULY 14 - 16	Gaydon All Rover Weekend.
July 15th - 16th	West Wycombe Off-Road & 4x4 Show?? No firm news yet but should be a repeat of previous years.
AUG 6th	Southern ROC Challenge Invitation at Battlehurst Farm. Details later.
AUG 8th - 13th	Norwegian Land Rover Club 20 years anniversary, LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY. Sightseeing, Green-roading, trials, social events etc. More later.
August 20th	Trials at Broxhead Common. To be confirmed.
August 24 - 29th (Thursday to Tuesday)	North Wales LRC invitation to PORTHMADOG '95. Interclub Camping, Caravanning and Competition Weekend bordering the Snowdonia National Park. CCVT, RTV, Comp Safari, Team Recovery, Winch Recovery and Scenic Drive (superb views). Terrific show. Call Steve Kirby for copy of the press release. Alternatively, phone Dave Cuthbert on 01492-534417 or Gwyn Jones on 01248-671502.
Sept. 17th	Tour round the REME workshops at Prince Philip Barracks, Bordon Camp, Hampshire. £3 each. Call Gary Langton if you are interested.
Sept. 23rd - 24th	Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show. (provisional date)
Oct. 6th - 8th	Major's Trial & Comp at Eastnor Castle. Details later.
December 17th	Trials (or something) at Slab Common. To be confirmed.