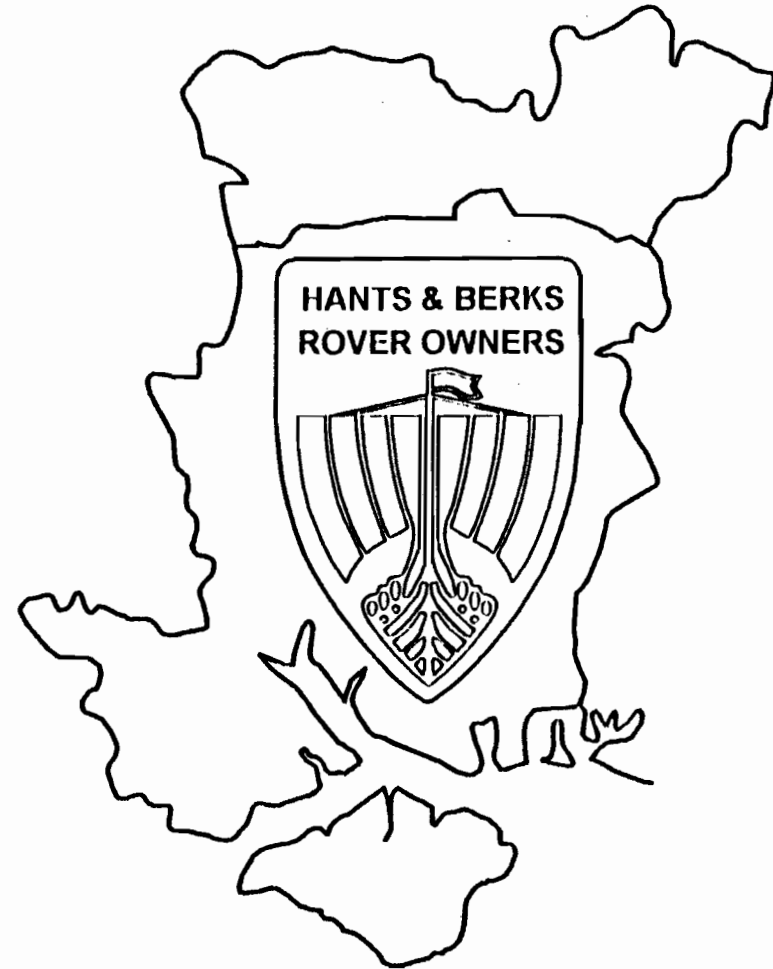


Forthcoming Events (Continued)

June 9th	AWDC invite to their event at Slab Common. RTV, CCVT, Comp Safari. AWDC rules. Call Ashley for details.
June 19th	Solihull factory visit. £2 fee this time as it's a charity do.
June 23rd	Trials at Brick Kiln Farm. Provisional.
July 6th - 7th	Stag Owners event in the New Forest. Provisional.
July 6th - 7th ?	AWDC Scenic Drive at Slab Common.
July 12th - 14th	Gaydon Heritage Meeting. ARC event. Details later.
July 12th - 14th	National Off-Road & 4 Wheel Drive Show. West Wycombe, Bucks.
July 13th - 14th	War of the Roses. 10 year anniversary. Details elsewhere.
July 19th - 21st	Billing Off-Road Show. See LRO mag. nearer the time.
Aug 18th	Trials at Nelly's Dell. Confirmed. Details later.
Aug 18th - 20th	Southern Hill Rally. Provisional.
Aug 25th	Yorkshire ROC Reliability Trial. Middlewood Hall near Sheffield. Call John Bradbury on 01706-38801.
Aug 31st	Start of North—South Run. (Scotland). Contact Mike Dyer for details.
Sept 15th	Trials and camping at Hook End farm. Provisional.
Sept 21st - 22nd	Bagshot Heath Off Road Show and end of North - South Run. Confirmed.
Oct 4th - 6th	Majors Trial and Comp Safari. Provisional.
Oct 6th	Dunsfold Land Rover Trust Open Day. Confirmed.
Oct 20th	Trials at Harroway Farm. Provisional.
Oct 18th - 20th	Welsh Hill Rally. Provisional dates.
Oct 25th	HBRO AGM. Any preferences for the day of week?
Nov 3rd	Trials at Nelly's Dell. Winter Series. Provisional.
Dec 1st	Trials. Military Site. Winter Series. Provisional.
Dec 15th	Trials at Brick Kiln Farm. Winter Series. Provisional.
December	Xmas dinner. Any offers to organise?












Pants & Berks

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Newsletter of the Hants
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Editor's Bit....



Why don't I keep my big mouth shut? That's what a lot of people want to know. I seem to have volunteered to edit the ARC Handbook for 1997. Well someone has to or it won't get done. More seriously is the fact that the ARC needs a new Treasurer and Secretary. Without those we'll have no ARC because it's a limited company. Anyone interested in supporting the National body? The ARC AGM should be quite exciting this year. It's on March 16th in the Land Rover factory grounds in Solihull. Please let me know if you're going.

This month...

- For the start of the "Green Lane" season, Steve prints (again!) his Green Lane Guide.
- ARC News appears again.
- The article about RTVs has stirred some of you into action!
- See Land Rover News for good news on the LR front.
- List of Special Offers.
- Rights of Way matters from Mike Dyer.
- North - South run latest.
- News from the treasurer.

haven't been for a while, you won't recognise it because a whole new factory has grown up where the main vehicle park was!

On the subject of Solihull, our "reader" has surfaced again. Nick Jennings asked me about the visit to the Land Rover Factory in June. He was hoping to work on the production lines for four days and keep whatever he had made! How come he's the only member to spot it?

Please forward details of forthcoming events 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. Ta.

Following recent news about the Royal family and accidents, a new slogan has been suggested "The car behind is a Range Rover" (Allegedly)

Steve Kirby

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 or faxing something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed or mis-routed. If you use a PC, please send articles on disc (3½" or 5¼") if you can and I'll return it afterwards. Practically any word-processor format will do. If you have a fax machine, send any faxes to 0181-562-4660 (anytime 24 hours) prominently marked "FAO: Steve Kirby" and if you can't get me on the phone at home, leave a message on the answering machine in my work office on 0181-562-9604 (anytime 24 hours). Alternatively try e-mail:- (Please indicate in the text of your message what code you used.)
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HANTS & BERKS ACCOUNTS 1993/94/95

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1993 TO APRIL 1995

	NOV 1993 APR 1994	MAY 1994 OCT 1994	NOV 1994 APR 1995	MAY 1995 OCT 1995
MEMBERSHIP SUBS	£1883.00	£1201.00	£2221.00	£1755.00
TRIALS INCOME	£1134.00	£ 759.00	£1684.00	£1545.00
MISC INCOME	£ 14.00	£ 154.00	£ 389.00	£808.00
TOTAL INCOME	£3031.00	£2114.00	£4294.00	£4108.00

EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1993 TO APRIL 1995

	NOV 1993 APR 1994	MAY 1994 OCT 1994	NOV 1994 APR 1995	MAY 1995 OCT 1995
NEWSLETTERS	£1220.00	£ 984.00	£1126.00	£771.00
TRIALS EXPENSES	£ 983.00	£1061.00	£ 876.00	£1064.00
MISC EXPENSES	£ 488.00	£ 670.00	£1353.00	£2053.00
TOTAL INCOME	£2691.00	£2715.00	£3355.00	£3888.00

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BALANCE	+ £340.00	- £601.00	+ £939.00	£220.00

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year ending October 1995 are as listed opposite. The accounts have been audited by Paul Oldham and have been agreed.

For the last year, the club has had a surplus of £1159:00 as against the deficit of £261 for the previous year. In addition to this surplus, the club has purchased a club trailer for £1000 and this has now been fully paid up.

This surplus is no reflection on previous committee members. It has been achieved by a series of event which were outside their control.

Lack of military sites and reduction in rates charged for them has meant a greater reliance on private sites. These show a better return and every trial has covered its costs.

Even though membership has stayed about the same, the increase in membership due from £16 to £20 has added to the funds available.

Another factor was the magazine which is now printed locally at a lower standard but with no reduction in content or regularity.

The last factor which has helped was the club shirts which have all gone giving a reasonable return for money spent.

Indications for the last three months show this surplus to be growing with a current surplus of £2600:00 credit. As to whether we allow this fund to continue growing depends on our objectives over the next few years. Projected events such as the ARC Nationals growing concern over insurance cover and increasing ARC dues may have to be met avoiding an increase in members' subscriptions or trial fees.

Any views on the level of funds and suggestions on how it should be spent would be welcome.

Alan Smith.

Association of Rover Clubs Handbook 1996

These are now available free of charge. Please ask for one at events or pub meets. Alternatively, call Steve Kirby or Alan Smith and they will send one to you.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle complies with the regulations. If you have any doubts, call Steve Kirby who will clarify any confusion or raise any ambiguity with the ARC.

RTVs & Damage. The Comments Arrive!

Various responses have been received regarding the article about RTV events. This was prompted by the subject being raised at an ARC meeting and I expanded the "discussion" into an article. Below is a reply from Paul Oldham and a further response from Mike Dyer; both messages sent on electronic mail. That'll teach me to put my e-mail address in the editorial page!

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From: Paul Oldham  
Subject: RTVs and Damage

Hi Steve

I was very interested in your article on RTVs and Damage in "Pants and Barks". I only starting trialling last year and I've currently not trialling after my fire. I'm also in a slightly invidious position because I hope to be in elsewhere by this time next year so I shall probably be in another ARC-affiliated club. However I have helped set out at three events (the site up north of Reading, Broxhead, and Harroway) which gives me a little experience on both sides: setting out and competing, in fact oddly more of the former than the latter.

From my point of view, as the owner of a fairly tatty SIII SWB I'm happy with the current level of RTV trials. I've always regarded "non-damaging" as meaning no possibility of major damage or rolling unless I did something extremely silly and I think we've tried to set out on that basis. That means that I find the possibility of hitting a tree with my bumper acceptable, so long as I don't do it too hard; and scraping the paint work, and especially the top gutters, along branches and small trees acceptable too.

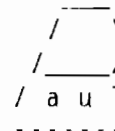
Now I can completely understand that if I owned a "shiny" this wouldn't be acceptable - plastic bumpers and shiny paint work don't mix well with trees but if we reduce RTV trials to the level where it would be acceptable it will be a lot less fun for the likes of me and Nick Van Den Braak. If that happens I'd be left with the alternative of moving to CCV but even if I had the time or money to upgrade my SWB it is my only vehicle and it has to look reasonably presentable from the outside, which CCVs simply won't be when the new regs come it (unless SWROC get their way).



It also has to be said, as you acknowledge in your article, that it's damn difficult setting out an RTV section now, much more so than CCV where the general rule is "that looks impossible - send them up there". We've set out several RTV sections and then scrapped them when we've realised that one part or another is simply too difficult or dangerous for RTV. Trying to set out RTV to be non-damaging in the full sense is going to be extremely difficult on some sites.

My opinion, for what it's worth, is that the answer is your suggestion of "Family Vehicle Trials". Truly non-damaging trials. Of the sites I've seen I reckon Harroway would be best for that, there's lots of open space there and wide tracks between the few trees. Perhaps the proposed camping and trials at Harroway in May/June might be a good time to try this out?

Regards



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From: Michael Dyer
Subject: Re: RTVs and damage
In-Reply-To: <memo.296945@cix.compulink.co.uk>

Hi Paul, Hi Steve.

Yes, I'm in agreement with Paul; our standard of RTV is about right for someone who is prepared to accept scrapes/tiny dents but I doubt if Nick VDB would ever commit his Discovery to one! The notion of an FVT is possibly a difficult one to implement on a regular basis, due to the lack of suitable spaces. Steve and/or I will raise it at the committee meeting on 13/2 to see what the feelings are.

:-) Mick Dyer

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The responses continue....



Nick & Maureen Jennings
Caversham Park
Reading
Berks

Dear Steve,

As you suggest in your RTVs and Damage article I thought I would put finger to keyboard and spout forth my opinions on the subject.

In an ideal world, which this is far from, it would be great to be able to organise an RTV that was non damaging yet challenging. Unfortunately the sites that we as a club frequent are somewhat limited in the variety department. This is not a criticism of the sites as such as I know they are few and far between and it is difficult to find new ones. The organisers of club events make the best use of the limited resources. This inevitably leads to the difficulty of a section being determined by tight canes, tight gaps between trees, deep ruts and steep hills etc., that may cause slight damage to the pristine vehicle. One needs a site like Slab Common to be able to rely on the terrain to offer the challenge for the competitor.

All in all I think that the organisers do a splendid job with raw material available. Keep up the good work chaps.

So what else was there in the February edition of the mag. Ah yes. It was good to see that the Broxhead Common Leisure Drive was such a success. I know that Nick Woodage has put a lot of hard work into this project and it has now proved a money spinner for the club.

Ashley's competition comments were quite thought provoking. How many of us can put hand on heart and say that they wear their seat belts at all times when driving on the trials site.

I have just fitted new shocks to the rear of my 90. This time though I splashed out and put some proper ones on. They are DeCarbon Gas shocks. Well, what a difference. It took virtually all my weight (and that's saying something) to compress the shock so I could slip it over the upper mount and through the bottom mount. They say you get what you pay for and in this case I must agree.

I note from the A.R.C. News that members are eligible for discount on Scandinavian Seaways ferry fares from August 18th. Now that's bloody typical as we have just booked a passage on the 16th! We're off to Denmark for a short summer break in the Disco. Perhaps A.R.C. members can get discount to the

entrance to Legoland??

All the best and see you at the events.

Nick Jennings.

Steve Kirby comments:- I agree about the DeCarbon gas shock absorbers (dampers really, but I won't restart *that* argument!) They cost about three times the price of the standard items but in the long term they'll easily last three times the life and be so much better than the standard items along the way. I use them on my 101. Has anyone else tried non-standard dampers? What do you think of them?....

Invite to Breckland LRC RTV, CCVT, Celebration of 25 years of the club.

Breckland LRC is 25 this year. To celebrate they are holding a major event with RTV, CCVT, Scenic Drive, Trailer Reversing, Gymkhana, trade stands, evening entertainment, catering, camping facilities, rides for children, competitions and more.....

Location is the Construction Industry Training Centre at Bircham Newton, near King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Call Steve Kirby for details, SRs, entry forms etc.

RTV. Scrutineering to 09:45. Start at 10:00. Fee £6	Sunday May 5th
CCV. Scrutineering to 09:45. Start at 10:00. Fee £6	Monday May 6th
Scenic drive. £2 a lap.	Both days.
Camping Friday / Saturday / Sunday evenings	£2 a night.
Large grassy field.	

So how far is it? My electronic map quotes about 180 miles from Basingstoke (for example) depending on the details of the route. My computer shows M3 / M25 / M11 / A11 / A1304 / A1065 / more A11 and more A1065 then branch off to Great Massingham, Harpley, Great Bircham and then Bircham Newton. Alternatively you can head North first up the A34 / A43 / Peterborough / A47 which should get you close enough for local maps to take over. I've asked for detail maps of the area. Both routes are pretty much the same distance.

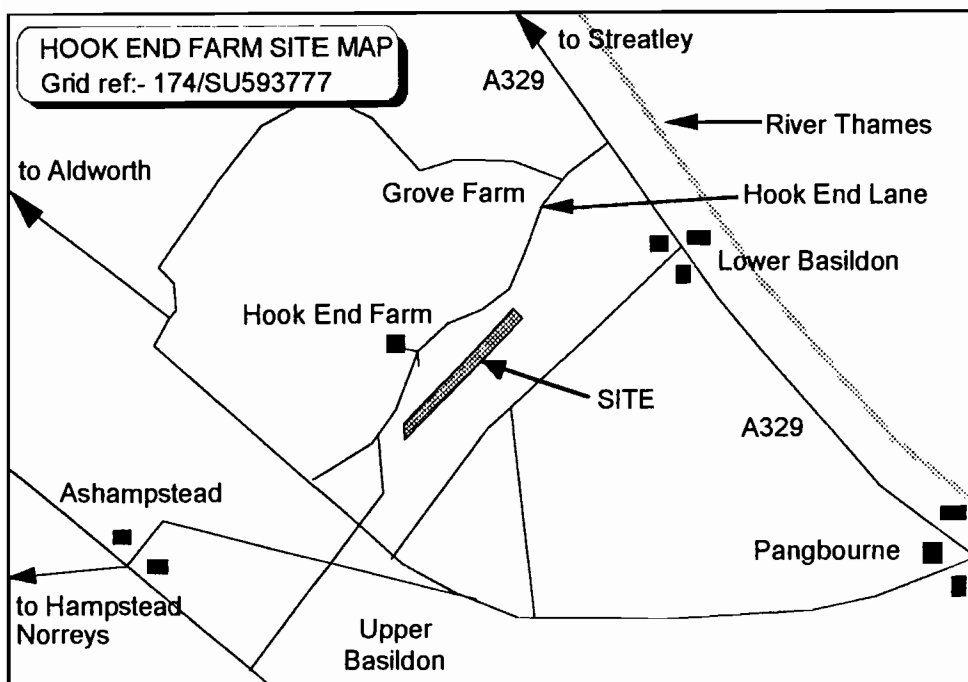
RTV & CCV Trial

Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne, March 17th.



We are holding an RTV and CCV trial at Hook End Farm which 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 to Hampstead Norreys and thence East to Ashampstead, or take the A4 towards Reading and at Theale, take the A340 North to Pangbourne. This site is 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 1996 ARC Handbook. Contact the secretary 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!



A.R.C. NEWS

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Editorial

Q What is the function of 'Press & Publicity'?

A To tell the 'outside world' who we are, and what we are doing.

Q Who are we?

A We are the ARC - which is an association of Rover Clubs, bonded together by an interest - or is it fanaticism? - in Rover cars and Land Rovers. In our case the 'bonding' is achieved by a committee (called a 'Council') made up of members of the member clubs, to co-ordinate the activities of the various clubs, hopefully to everyone's benefit.

Here we have our first problem! - in some areas, 'the club' seems to regard itself as 'us' and the ARC as 'them'. The ARC is "the clubs", if you think something is wrong with "them" - look in a mirror - go to an ARC meeting and get involved.

Q What are we doing?

A The ARC is an administrative body, aimed at co-ordinating "the doings" of the clubs, so what the ARC is doing, is effectively what you are doing.

So it would appear that my job is to tell the 'outside world' what you are doing.

Q Who is the 'outside world'?

A The best audiences you are likely to get for your club's local events are like-minded enthusiasts within a certain geographical radius of your event location, i.e. other club members. If you are also keen to spread the gospel to non-club Rover owners, then we need to publicise ourselves in the motoring press, and local newspapers.

So my job would now appear to be, in priority order:-

1. Tell the "inside world" (i.e. the rest of us) what you are doing.
2. Tell the "outside world" what you/we are doing.

Any prospering commercial company has two outputs of information -

1. to the "outside world" via its Press & Publicity Dept.
2. and to its employees (preferably as a priority) via its management structure, or via a Communications Dept. Please treat me as your Communications Dept.!

To achieve best results, could all Newsletter editors consider spreading 'our' gospel via a regular ARC News feature in their magazine, and could you all add me to your circulation list.

The Board of Directors (the Council) needs to know what its various departments are doing, and the various departments need to know what The Board is up to, and the outside world might enjoy consuming our product! *Here endeth the first lesson!*

The King is dead - Long live the King!

On February 15th 1996 the very last Range Rover Classic will come off the production line at Solihull, just about 26 years after the first

On Saturday Feb 17th, a cavalcade of Range Rover Classics led by YVB 153H, and including many derivatives, will drive from Lode Lane to the Gaydon Heritage Centre, accompanying this 'last of the line' example trailed behind a NEW Range Rover.

Gaydon Heritage Centre will be open all day for visitors, and all Range Rover drivers will be allowed free entry (other occupants have to pay!) and all ARC club members will get discounted entry on production of a valid membership card. Come and take part in a moment of history.

Please note there is no accommodation for visitors or spectators at Lode Lane, get to Gaydon by 10.00 am to see the cavalcade arrive there.

Event News

1 Off-roaders looking for a day of mud-plugging might like the Midland Auto Trader/Goodyear 4 Wheel Drive Day at the Haycock Hotel, Wansford, Peterborough, on Sat 24th February 1996 from 9 00 am.

Call 01780 66966 for more info, and entry form.

2. There is a new off-road course, the "Whiteknuckle Off-Road Park" opening at Adstone, near the Northants/Oxfordshire border on Sunday 10th March 1996.

Charges will be £15 per vehicle per day. Clubs get one free entry per 10 vehicles. For more info send me a 19p stamped addressed DL envelope.

3. Easter at Eastnor - Midland Rover Owners Club are holding their usual Easter rally 5th - 8th April, with camping/caravanning, Bike Trial, CCVT, FVT and Comp Safari (Yet to be confirmed). This is an inter-club event, all are cordially invited. For further details contact Steve Cook on 01527 525021.

4. Yorkshire ROC are running the Yorkshire 4 x 4 Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday 25th August 1996 at Middlewood Hall, Worrall, Sheffield, map ref: 110/314922.

30 miles of off-roading sections are interspersed with 70 miles of on tarmac "link sections". This is intended as a non-damaging, family based event, with tasks for navigator and rear seat passengers, open to all 4 x 4 vehicles, straight out of the showroom!

Contacts:- John Bradbury 01706 38801
Norman Whiteley 01484 603564 phone/fax
Dave Barker 01423 734412

5. The "Malvern Motoring Event" (Malvern 96) takes place this year at the Three Counties Showground over the weekend October 5th/6th

This year, and future years, the 4 x 4 fraternity is being catered for as well as Vintage & Classic and Autojumblers. Club stands are encouraged, and on-site caravanning is available. For more info send me a 19p stamped addressed C5 envelope

6. Looking ahead to 1997, a Central England 4 x 4 Show is being planned for June 1997 at Weston Park, Shropshire.

Trade stands, Club stands (free to National 4 x 4 clubs), Auto Jumble and Craft Fairs will be available, as will a scenic drive and an off-road course. For more detail, send me a 19p stamped addressed DL envelope.

Geof. Miller

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BRICK KILN FARM RESULTS



For all sorts of reasons, none of the CCVs had their log books so weren't able to compete and the CCV event was cancelled. This left us with masses of marshals but a reduction of income! There were several first-time drivers and their scores were quite respectable. Good show!

Mick Gillett and Steve Kirby drove down to Nelly's Dell for a special log-booking session on Feb 4th. We covered about ten or so vehicles so the CCV entries in future events are building up well.

Secretary of the Meeting - Roger Hardwick. Scrutineer - Gary Hodgson.
Clerk of the Course - Dave Ridden. Steward - Brian Frankland.
Marshals:- Andrew Bunyan, Andy Marsh, Neville Dewdney, Hugh Duffett, Karen Duffett, Steve Kendall, Brian Frankland, Jon Tester, Mark Tester, Niall Banyard, Dave Henry.

RESULTS

Class 2

Andrew Simpson - 18 Barry Simpson - 24

Class 3

Dave Jennings - 11 Nick van den Braak - 23 Graham Yates - 26
Russel Vare - 29 Matthew Hewitt - 43 Richard Arnold - 46

Class 4

Alan Smith - 18 James Richards - 26 Mark Bower - 36
Gavin Duffett - 39 Nick Jennings - 53

Class 5

Neil Shawyer - 20 Mike Hobbs - 27 Gareth Chambers - 38

Class 10

Steve Kirby - 41

Pictures Wanted

Pictures wanted:- Have you taken any photos of my 101, reg. JJH 723N? Please give me a call to arrange copies. Thanx. Steve Kirby.

Anyone else who wants pix of their vehicles give me a call and I'll put the request in here.

Competition Comment

The 'best laid plans' and all that, didn't prevent the first trial of the year turning into a non-event for the CCVT triallers. Sorry Guys, NEW YEAR - NEW RULES, but at least you got your officiating in for the Winter Series. I must admit the combination of ARC, RAC, Insurance, Road Traffic Act, Public Rights of Way, Byelaws and all the other regulations that we must face and comply with, makes for one complex problem. So as a reminder for all those CCVT competitors, your vehicle must be LOG BOOKED in order to qualify for entry in a trial. Thanks to Alan Smith who very quickly organised an Inspection session at Nelly's Dell, courtesy of Steve Kirby and Mick Gillet, who very kindly travelled down from the Midlands to perform the necessary checks on some 7 vehicles.

The Military Event planned for 31 March has been cancelled. As normal this is due to non-availability of a site. In fact currently out of the 3 dates that HBRO applied for, none has been accepted by the DLA. The Club has been offered 19 May, great, the weekend before the Nationals. You just can't win !!

AWDC have offered to invite HBRO to one of the two events they have managed to extract from the DLA. The date is 9 June, so let me know if you are interested. Don't forget the AWDC do run to slightly different regulations from ARC Clubs, and use engine size for vehicle classification. However this should not cause a problem for those who wish to spend a day showing the other side how its done. If you want to find out about the AWDC reg's, I have copies.

It looks as though the next event at Hook End (21 April), may be the last, due to the local activists, (they can probably hear the noise in Newbury !). So lets have a good show at this extremely attractive venue.

There seems to be some confusion over event prices, probably caused by me (my wife says I have the same problem with Xmas cake - greed). For 1996, Military Events are priced: £12 in advanced, £15 on the day, all other events are £10 in advance and £12 on the day.

The **War of the Roses** has been booked, and any potential participants need to raise their hands for selection for this shoot-out at the OK Corral. One team of three vehicles is needed, so let me know if you are interested. Volunteers also needed for the Majors.

Lastly but by no means least, as you have read / heard / rumoured, Mick Dyer has organised a Humungous Off-Road Charity Event for the 28 April. It will be at Broxhead Common and at Martinique, another military site a few hundred yards down the same road. It's not really an off-road show, but more of a family "do" with the display area at Martinique and off-road demo drives at Broxhead

Common. If Mick can get the public and sponsor support and then it will be down to the unbounded enthusiasm of the HBRO team to really make it HAPPEN !!

Watch out for further announcements!

Ashley, Comp' Sec'.

Chairman's Chat

Having been quietly working away behind the scenes, I thought it was about time I put pen to paper and let you all know about the things that have been going on.

Not being of a competitive nature I prefer to try to ensure that every one else has a good time at rallies, green lane trips etc. To this end I've tried to be around to help set-out or marshal at most trials, although I haven't been able to attend all of them due to family illness and work commitments. I've also tried to give as much support as possible to our green laners and I am hoping finally to get the Land Rover on the road to drive a few more myself. You can get to a trial in a B reg. Maestro but I'd hate to try to go off-road in it!

Brooklyn Engineering have very kindly agreed to give us some sponsorship and the Committee has appropriate trophies under consideration.

Wessex Land Rovers have invited two of the committee to attend a trade evening on February 21st. It should prove very interesting and I hope we'll have a report on this in a later edition of P&B.

We have been offered the use of a new trials site North of Andover, which should mean that you can all enjoy some new and different trials there. Being an open site, we may be able to have some good non-damaging trials there.

Mike Clark has organised a trip to the Land Rover factory later in the year and no doubt this will prove to be as popular as usual.

Good luck to Mike Dyer with his North - South Run. A very good cause now getting some support from Vauxhall, who are providing three vehicles. The club's open day in aid of this project is on April 28th. It would be great to have a really good turn-out of members and their families as there should be something for everyone. This includes hot air balloons, vehicle painting, a Trailmasters stand displaying two desert support vehicles and much, much more.

Following the effort of the committee for the last couple of years in this direction, it would be a good idea if the club could continue to have more social type events - perhaps a barn-dance, American Supper....? or maybe events for Rover cars (*Like your Maestro? Ed*). Any ideas will be welcomed by the committee who will put them into action.

Finally I hope everyone has been enjoying their off-roading and will continue to do so.

Dave Ridden.

HARROWAY FARM RESULTS, 18TH FEB.

Sincere thanks go to those who set out the sections on a cold and windy Saturday; I'm told it was only slightly slippery then. Sadly, heavy overnight rain made a mockery of some of the sections. Upon finding quite impossible parts in some cases, some canes were moved a bit to enable the drivers to get to the 9 gate at least! We had 21 RTV entries which were split into two groups. Obviously the second group at any given section didn't make any subsequent changes. As long as we all had the same courses then whatever changes that were made didn't matter. I don't think we altered much. The lowest score of the day was 29 by Paul Webb which shows how difficult it all was compared to the last time we were there when two drivers went clear all day.

With only minutes to go to the start of the event, we had only two marshals. I'm getting pretty fed up driving 45 miles to an event and having to give up my entry and become a marshal so others who rarely or never marshal can drive; and I'm not the only one. One of these days we simply aren't going to have an event until we get enough volunteers. We had only three or four at the start but fortunately, some more signed on later as they arrived. We finished reasonably early; so there was no reason for everyone to zoom off as quickly as they did before the results were compiled; and we couldn't allocate a report writer so I'm doing it again (and taking the opportunity to have a moan!). This time there were only 6 or 7 still there when the results were posted. As usual, all but one of the CCV drivers had gone. It was the same few left to pack the gear in the trailer. Come on chaps, play fair or it'll all fall apart!

Steve Kirby

Secretary of the Meeting Ashley Pocock.

Clerk of the Course : Steve Kirby. Scrutineer : Gary Hodgson.

Steward : Jackie Pocock.

Marshals: (to cover three groups) Ashley Pocock, Dave Ridden, Dave Henry, Steve Kirby, Chris Blackaby, Allen Blackaby, John Jennings.

RESULTS RTV.(21 entries)

Class 3 Russel Vare - 31; Neville Dewdney - 33; Richard Arnold - 33; Alf Howland - 33; Graham Yates - 34; Nick van den Braak - 35; Matthew Hewitt - 53

Class 4 James Richards - 36; Hugh Duffett - 39; Alan Smith - 40

Class 5 Paul Webb - 29; Steve Kendall - 32; Keith Jones - 36;

Neil Shawyer - 37; Gareth Chambers - 38; Peter Everett - 42; Richard Snow- 44; Mike Hobbs - 46; Roy Pine - 47

Class 10 Andy Bunyan - 32; Ian Copplestone - 37

RESULTS CCV (7 entries)

Group 1 (Standard)

Jim Court - 55; Gary Langton - 59; Nick Jennings - 60; Nick Woodage - 65

Group 2 (Specials)

Brian Frankland - 48; Mark Tester - 57; Jon Tester - 68

We Win Some - We Lose Some

I would like to bring to your attention the problems HBRO is having in securing suitable sites for trials.

We have one more trial at Hook End and then it must finish for the foreseeable future. This is not because the owner does not want us to use the land, it is because local residents and council have raised objections. This seems very unfair since we use the site at most twice a year

We may well have similar problems with Woodside Farm (better known as Nelly's Dell). Here again, the owner wants us to use the site and cares little for the complaints raised by residents on the farm. But even so, we achieve nothing by mouthing off at the residents who have a just complaint when they object to some of our members speeding past their houses and horses. These residents could, if they take their cases to the local authorities, block or seriously curtail our use of the site.

Another problem is the lack of military sites. Even when we have been allocated a site, it can be taken away at short notice.

So overall, we have to conserve our existing sites. We must make an effort to keep the peace with our existing sites. We have seen how even when the owner wants us to use the site that this can be blocked. So please consider other folk who may be affected by our actions and retaliate by complaining to local authorities.

So in light of these problems, please keep your ears and eyes open for alternative sites.

Alan Smith.

Bagshot Off-Road Show 13th / 14th April 1996

We have been asked to assist in the running of this extra event. This is not an HBRO organised event but those selected will represent the club. It is not a trade show like the one later in the year. Invitations to this event will come from the organisers of the show. The following are required:-

- There is a need for assistance in setting out the sections on the 12th.
- 25 or so marshals are required for the 13th / 14th of April. First choice will be to those who can attend for both days.
- We need members to man the HBRO Club stand / trailer for the 13th and 14th. If you can manage one day, that will be fine.

Please contact Alan Smith on 01252-835821 if you can offer your services for any of the above. Thanks.

Green Laning Guide

The term "Green Lane" or "Green Road" is a general expression used to describe any unsurfaced country way; often of some antiquity. The terms have no significance in law. If a right of way exists along such a way, then it will be one of the following:- a Byway (shown on OS maps as a 'Byway Open to All Traffic' or BOAT), a Road Used as a Public Path (RUPP), a Bridleway or a Footpath. Under the terms of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, there is currently a review which will eventually reclassify all RUPPs in England and Wales to either BOAT (if vehicular rights are proven to exist), Bridleway or Footpath, the BOAT being the greatest right of the three and the only one to carry vehicular rights. In each category the greater right is always held to include the lesser. RUPPs and BOATs are public highways, so your vehicles will need to be taxed and insured and seat belts must be worn where applicable.

Let's look briefly at the situation:-

Right of Way:- In this context, the 'right of way' is the legally protected right of a member of the public to pass and repass along a defined route across private land. I use the word route because there may not be any visible evidence of the existence of a track on the ground. The M4 and Petersfield High Street are not rights of way in this context.

BOAT or Byway:- This has vehicular and all the lesser rights of way. Vehicles must comply with all driving regulations applicable to ordinary road traffic.

RUPP:- This does not always have vehicular rights of way but is always a bridleway and a footpath as well. Indeed, it may be signposted 'Bridleway' or 'Footpath' but still have vehicular rights. You may need to check with the relevant council to establish what rights exist. In a rights of way policy statement, Berkshire CC says of RUPPs "...and it is not an offence to drive a vehicle along one. However, the right to drive will be determined through reclassification during the next few years". Clear?

Bridleway:- This is for the use of horse and bicycle riders and pedestrians only.

Footpath:- This is for pedestrians only.

Whilst not in the same general class of the rights of way described above, but equally as important, are.....

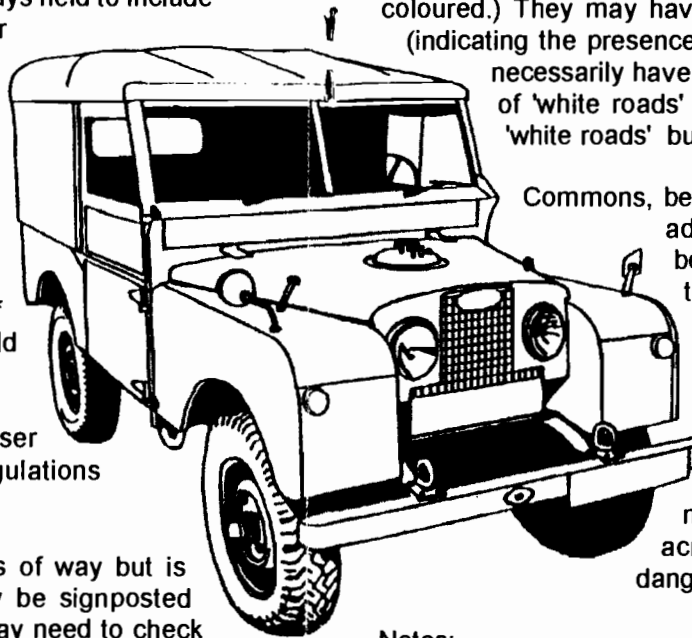
Unclassified County Roads (UCR):- UCRs may range from fully surfaced wide suburban roads down to ill-defined overgrown tracks across open country. Most County Councils accept that these have vehicular rights even though the route may co-exist with any of the other types of right of way. Dorset, Glamorgan West, Gloucestershire, Gwynedd, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Warwickshire do not accept that UCRs always have vehicular rights, while Kent and Yorkshire North cannot confirm. On an OS map, a UCR may appear as a coloured or uncoloured ("white") road, a single broken line or nothing at all! UCRs are "county maintainable roads", but are bottom of the list for allocation of funds for repair.

"White roads":- There are many minor roads shown on OS map in white. (i.e. not coloured.) They may have continuous, single or double-dotted defining lines (indicating the presence or absence of walls or fences) but these do not all necessarily have public vehicular rights. You cannot tell the true status of 'white roads' just by looking at them! Many UCRs are shown as 'white roads' but not all 'white roads' are UCRs.

Commons, beaches & moors:- There have been many misleading adverts recently showing vehicles on commons, beaches, moors and mountains, etc. You do not have the right to drive a vehicle in the majority of these areas unless you have permission from the landowner. The 'foreshore', that is the area between the high and low water marks, is generally Crown Property and you may not drive there either. There are a few littoral RUPPs and BOATs, usually coming about due to erosion, (i.e. the sea has moved inland) whilst others are ancient short cuts across bays or estuaries. Such routes are often very dangerous too.

Notes:-

- The roads described above may co-exist in any combination resulting in a confused appearance on a map.
- Byways (BOATs) and UCRs can be closed either temporarily or permanently by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The notice declaring the existence of a TRO must remain posted at both ends of the relevant road all the time it is valid. No notice - no TRO. However if you know there is a TRO but you can't see the legally required sign, please stay off the route anyway.
- Do not assume that Ordnance Survey (OS) maps always give correct information on rights of way. While the review mentioned earlier is in progress, the rate of change is very high and OS maps cannot possibly keep up.
- The LARA Code of Conduct, (Land Access & Rights Association) issued from time to time, categorically stated at one time that UCRs all have vehicular rights.



Not all county councils agree with this. (See UCRs above.)

OBSTRUCTIONS:- The law relating to obstructions is awfully complex. Strictly speaking, a gate is an obstruction but unless it is locked we usually take no action. Fallen trees may be cut and moved out of the way but, as they are the property of the landowner, they must be left at the side of the road. The law allows you to move only the amount of the obstruction that enables you to continue. You may not set out especially to clear a known obstruction, but if by chance you have suitable tools with you then you may use them. If the road is blocked, you may be able to drive around the obstruction but in so doing, you may need to leave the proper route. It is generally accepted that you may deviate only onto land owned by the person responsible for the blockage. Be particularly careful not to do any damage away from the track if you try this. Generally, I would recommend that you turn back. Report any major obstructions (accidental or deliberate) to the HBRO Rights of Way Officer or to the relevant council. Deep ruts or mud or water, that render the road impassable, do not necessarily constitute an obstruction; so you do not have the right to drive round such 'obstacles'.

Organising a Trip:- Good maps are essential but if you intend to rely on OS maps, make sure you have the latest edition (Note (c) above notwithstanding.) The 1:25000 Pathfinder Series are particularly recommended as they show field boundaries as well as rights of way to a larger scale. The club owns a set of Pathfinder maps of the whole of Hampshire and Berkshire and an official definitive map for Berkshire so call or see the RoW Officer for information.

Take at least two but no more than five vehicles (absolute maximum). Competition and / or aggressive looking vehicles are not recommended. Please fill in and return Survey Forms to the Rights of Way Officer. If you need any forms, ask me. Take a spade and a good nylon tow-rope (at least 1" / 25mm), two 3/4" / 19mm-pin shackles and check your tow points. You will need a secure tow point front and rear: looping ropes around spring shackles or bumpers is not safe. Please contact the club scrutineers for advice on installation of recovery points.

Try to avoid low-lying and / or known boggy areas after prolonged rain. Under no circumstances take on difficult lanes as a challenge. If you have a choice, drive in a downhill direction. Using public highways for leisure purposes is quite legitimate but playing on them is a different matter.

Behaviour:- Slow down or stop for walkers and horse riders. Be pleasant to other users no matter what their attitude is to you. Many walkers will be surprised to encounter a large vehicle (or four!) in the middle of nowhere. The vast majority of walkers don't know the first thing about rights of way! If you are confronted by a farmer or a landowner, state that you are exercising your right to pass and

repass. Do not state that you are "looking at the view", "taking photos", or "making notes on the condition of the lane", because that is not within the remit of your rights to "pass and repass" and your presence could then be taken as unlawful. If a landowner is adamant that the road is private, back off and check up. Simply ask for the shortest route off his / her land. Under no circumstances refuse to leave the land; that's the worst possible thing to do. Most of them can afford better lawyers than you can! "PRIVATE PROPERTY" signs are often to be found and these serve as reminders that you may, indeed, legally be on private land. However, a "PRIVATE ROAD - NO ENTRY" sign is illegal. Such signs are there to put you off! Don't let them succeed.

At the start of this piece I used the word "Briefly". So what happened? Well that is brief, believe me. The laws relating to Rights of Way are very old and complex. If you really want the details, read on.....

Recommended reading:-

"Rights of Way: a Guide to Law and Practice", by Paul Clayden and John Trevelyan. Published by the "Open Spaces Society", 25a Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 2BA. This used to be £5 with £4 postage but it's probably more now! This is the best general purpose book on the subject.

"Public Highways: Their Origin & Status", by Alan Kind. Published privately.

Worthwhile charitable organisations to support:- The Byways & Bridleways Trust.

.....and there are hundreds more.

I am indebted to Alan Kind, Dave Cuthbert, Mike Scott, Tony Kempster, Liz Hurley, Colin Gross, Peter Gott, Mike Dyer and many others for advice in the compiling of this article.

Steve Kirby



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Land Rover News

Land Rover have just received their largest order ever. The Army has ordered 8000 light and medium utility trucks; Defender XD 90 and XD110 and 800 field ambulances; all Tdi 300 powered. The XD (Xtra Duty) range has evolved from the Wolf development vehicles. LR has also received its first orders for vehicles from the Italian Army. Together, these orders amount to £200 million. Orders this size don't go unnoticed and are likely to have a "knock-on" effect which should trigger the ditherers to place orders with LR too.

The last Range Rover Classic rolled off the production lines on February 15th. This was celebrated (or mourned?) at the factory and a Range Rover cavalcade toured to Gaydon two days later where the vehicle will take its place as a museum exhibit. (Shame).

Do you really want a Judge Dredd vehicle? Well now you can. You'll need to raid the piggy bank for five grand plus the dreaded (Dredded?) VAT. Call the numbers below. The 101-based vehicles are not road legal but I'm sure you'll find a way! Are they ARC legal? Not for a few hundred (hundredd?) years!

All information above kindly supplied by (= plagiarised from) The Dunsfold Land Rover Trust's February Newsletter. Put your money where your mouth is and join the Trust. Call Brian Bashall on 01483-200567 or answerphone / fax to 01483-200058. Annual donation is £20 to become a "friend". To qualify to drive the vehicles, the donation is any amount you like over £60.

"Friend" Steve Kirby.

Rights of Way News

LANING DATES FOR THE WINTER SEASON

10/03 Hampshire

31/03 Berkshire

THE NORTH-TO-SOUTH RUN

I hope that by now the majority of HBRO members will have read that a quirky little laning trip is planned for September. Well, it's definitely going to happen... but only thanks to Vauxhall, who are supplying two Montereys and a Frontera. Yes, Solihull declined the offer to be part of what is probably the longest continuous green-lane expedition mounted in the UK, in spite of planned radio, television, and newspaper coverage. I won't go into all the details - you'll read all about it in all the off-road magazines to one degree or another - but suffice it to say that it will take three weeks, involve Scotland, Wales and England, up to 30 disabled drivers, and I'd swap my phone bill for Fergies overdraft any time! After the Run's over, I'm going to write stories about Budget the Little Red Trials Iron and become fat and rich.....just like F*rgie! Hey! - I just thought - I'm halfway there already - I just need rich and that's IT!!!!

The HBRO have agreed to support the Run. Two HBRO members will be scouting the route through Wiltshire and Hampshire; the Club are going to have an Open Day, on 28th April; entry will be free only to members, and may include a two-part Trial; HBRO members will have their own competition (pre-book only) on each: however, there is one (very small) condition of entry..... members must be prepared to help to marshal the public during the public trials or in some other capacity.

It is hoped that the planned attractions will include...

- Scenic drives in a 109, 110 and a Stalwart.
- Static (and not-so-static!) displays by a Pink Panther and assorted Big Toys like a Scammell.
- The ADI racer (DUS 5T) will be giving courtesy rides.
- Demonstration by the Herts Rally Rescue 6-wheel Range Rovers.
- Hot-air balloon rides.
- Static displays by The Dunsfold Museum.
- Archery demonstrations.
- Many attractions for kids - bouncy castle, coconut shy, paint-the-Land Rover competition, etc.
- Various raffles for off-road goodies.

A competition for a GPS unit, courtesy of Trailmasters, who will be displaying their Moroccan expedition vehicles.
Various 'trade stands' with well-known suppliers offering keen prices on components.
Hampshire County Council will be demonstrating their Rights of Way exhibition.
3 Para have agreed to lend us some large tents.

The aim is to put the emphasis on a 'family fun day', so please pass the word to your friends, whether they're off-roaders or not.

The Committee have decided to try some new projects this year -

Firstly, the Club is going to attend 3 school fairs. All three will give the Club some good publicity, and it is intended to put on some Rover-related attractions. These will be a static exhibition of 3 to 4 vehicles, including a CCV which the kids can paint. The line drawings for the Club sweatshirts will be offered as part of a colouring competition, and the Club maps will be on display along with other literature. The first, on May 12th, is at Windlesham Infants School, near Ascot from around 1100 - 1500. Since the School owns its own woodland adjacent to the field in which the fair is held, some (very) small-scale off-roading is being offered - for the kids only, before you start queuing! We also have a very positive response from Owlsmoor Primary, for June 22nd, and we are talking to several special-needs schools as well; as you can imagine, an appearance by our club might not be suitable for all special-needs children, and we have no interest in causing problems for school authorities.

No doubt there will be plenty of activities on offer over the Easter weekend, but the Hertfordshire Land Rover Fanatics and the Lea Valley ROC are having a green lane run in support of DORA; if you are going to be in the Watford area over that weekend, watch the off-road press for details.

There a new driving licence changes on the way which might affect the right to tow a trailer. I think that the following information is correct, but disclaim total accuracy - if you think that it might affect you, chase it up to confirm.

From July 1st 1996, holders of category C or D licences who wish to tow large trailers, such as a carriage or CCV on a trailer, will be restricted to a weight limit for the laden trailer of 750Kg. Anyone wishing to haul a heavier gross weight trailer will need a further test.

Present car drivers are generally entitled to drive vehicles with categories B, B+E, C1 and C1+E. New drivers passing a test after July 1st 1996 will have to pass an additional driving test for each category. Also, new drivers of vehicles with categories C1, C1+E, D1 or D1+E will have to pass a medical. From the same date, a new driver may drive a 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight vehicle plus a 750Kg GVW trailer or a Category B vehicle with a larger trailer, provided that the combination does not exceed 3.5 tonnes and the laden weight of the trailer does not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle.

Category C vehicles may be combined with a trailer up to 750Kg.; however, to qualify, category B licence holders need to take a further test. It will no longer be possible to take a test for category C+E entitlement immediately after a car test. Two tests to upgrade are necessary.

Large trailers, such as horse trailers, need an additional driving test. A vehicle with an unladen weight of 1.5 tonnes couple to a trailer of GVW of two tonnes could be driven on a category B licence. The same vehicle pulling a large horse trailer with GVW of two tonnes would fall into B+E, needing a further test. The category C1, when the vehicle is required to tow a trailer, only covers a combined GVW of 7.5 tonnes. Therefore, B license holders will require higher medical standards and a further driving test for the C1 licence.

Subcategory C1+E allows vehicles to be combined with a trailer over 750Kg. provided the combination does not exceed the unladen weight of the towing vehicle. For this purpose, B licence holders will need to take two further tests; C1 followed by C1+E. Candidates for this may not be under 21 years of age.

Several road tax classes are now abolished, including Farmers' Light Goods and Farmers' HGV. Farmers' Light goods will move to PLG and Farmers' HGV will move to the standard HGV classes and pay VED according to their revenue weight. These changes will involve an increase in cost.

Dual-purpose vehicles towing a trailer which together gross 3.5 tonnes or more, if used in conjunction with a trade or business, or for hire or reward, will need to be fitted with a tachograph if, as in the case of a farmer, they are working further afield than their nearest market. Additionally, they will need to be run under an operators licence.

Confused? I was until I rewrote it, now I'm hopelessly confused. Will this mean that I can't use my 110 to tow a trailer with a Rangey on it? If anyone in the club has some easy answers then maybe they could clarify.

GLEAM has raised its head again; this time, that worthy organisation is advertising for new members in the various riders magazines. For those who dont know, GLEAM is an acronym for the Green Lane Environmental Action Movement, and their stated aim is to ban all vehicles of all kinds from all the rights of way that they currently enjoy. Raise the question of the rights of disabled people to enjoy the countryside in the only way that they can - in a vehicle - and they go quiet. Despite much effort to keep their identity secret, using Post-coded Box numbers, etc, it is a widely-held fact that this small band of people who claim to speak for the majority are led by one E. Still (yes - she of Berkshire County Council fame!). The organisation is based at Bucklebury Lodge, Chapel Row, Southend, Reading, Berkshire RG7 6YT. When the North-to-South Run is over, we will hopefully have upwards of forty or so disabled people who might wish to take up an opposing viewpoint to this league of worthies. In the meantime, I suggest that you swell the coffers of the Post Office by writing - not abusively, please!! - to the good lady in question and attempt to show her that we too are concerned about countryside access.

The NATIONAL GREEN LANE CLEARANCE DAY (March 24th) has raised far more controversy than its proposers and supporters are prepared to admit, and there have been some very strong reservations voiced from within the ranks of the 4x4 fraternity. I was lucky enough to participate in the Motor Sports Forum of the Welsh Sports Council in mid-February, and at that event Tony Kempster himself admitted that the idea was fine, but that there were very valid objections. Following consultation with the committee, the official HBRO position is as follows.

'The committee of the HBRO welcome the idea of a national green lane clearance day as a cohesive attempt to counter recent adverse publicity and to show the general public that we are prepared and willing to improve conditions for all users of the countryside. However, they recommend that anyone wishing to help with this project do so only under the guidance and direction of the proper authorities and in conjunction with the appropriate specialists in nature and conservation.'

I am NOT organising any official clearance event, for reasons which I will gladly enter into in a different arena, but I welcome any members individual participation in the idea subject to the riders contained within the official committee position. A major consideration which should be checked by the individual is that of insurance implications.

If you want to help with this kind of thing, join the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV). Contact numbers are :- 01628-771189 (Berkshire) and 01962-774714 (Hampshire)

The 1st April 1996 will see the change from County Councils to Unitary Authorities; this will prove to be a disaster to anyone wanting information on RoW matters in the short term. Consider the position in Wales; Mid-Glamorgan is to be split into four UAs, all of which will have responsibilities for RoWs in their areas, but none of which will have inherited the resources of the current authority in this area. Of the current four RoW specialist officers, only one is being re-employed in this role, the others having fought - and lost - to be kept within the discipline. Where will this leave Joe Public, who has the legal right to see - on demand - the relevant definitive and List of Streets at any reasonable time?. You tell me - I'm still trying to get sense out of the people who are supposed to have the answers. They dont know themselves because no-one has told them. I have dark visions of Definitives being consigned to the skip because no-one in the New Order and Scheme of Things knows what to do with them.

Thanks to Ross Kennedy Peter Webb Niall Banyard and Mike Ellis for their recent referrals. I hope that they are satisfied with the action so far taken.

Mike Dyer

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Invite to Lancs & Cheshire ROC Easter Inter Club Event.

Lancashire & Cheshire ROC cordially invite members of HBRO to their Easter Inter Club event. Competitions are Comp Safari, RTV, CCVT, Team Recovery, Winch Recovery and children's Bike Trial.

Location is Trentham Gardens, Trentham, North Staffs near Stoke.

Call Steve Kirby for details, SRs, entry forms etc.

Saturday April 6th.	RTV.	Fee £12
Saturday April 6th.	Team Recovery	Fee £15 per team.
Saturday April 6th.	Winch Recovery	Fee £15
Saturday April 6th.	Bike trial.	Tea time. Fee not stated.
Sunday April 7th.	CCV.	Fee £12
Monday April 8th.	Comp Safari.	Fee £20

Camping Friday / Saturday / Sunday evenings Rally fee £20.

So how far is it? My electronic map quotes about 160 miles from Basingstoke (for example) depending on the details of the route. My computer shows one route that is basically A34 all the way or take the M3 / M25 / M40 / M42 / M6 and come off at junction 15, Stoke. Trentham Gardens is a major landmark and will be sign-posted from there. In fact you will have driven right past it on the M6!

War of the Roses. July 13th & 14th.

This tough event has been lacking in support from this club over the last two or three years. Scratch teams have turned up at the last minute for two years running. We must be better prepared this year. Our entry has been paid for already! As mentioned in previous years, the event is a winching, orienteering, initiative & imagination event set out in the Cumbrian hills overlooking Morecambe Bay. It lasts for about 7 hours so you need brain *and* brawn - and a winch on at least two of the three vehicles that make up the team. Two team members are allowed per vehicle - six total.

Let's have some interest from members who know they can work together and who know they can make it. The entry fee is paid for by the club but it's a long way. My trusty computer comes up with 275 miles from Basingstoke. A34 all the way to Birmingham and then M6 to beyond Kendal and you're almost there. Please contact Steve Kirby or Ashley Pocock if you're interested.

Steve Kirby

Publicity Material Received....

GREYSTOKE 96

Invite from Cumbria and Red Rose to their Easter Weekend Event for RTV, CCV, Winch Recovery, Gymkhana, Bike Trial and a host of assorted events for all the family. Site open from 4th to the 9th April. Contact me for entry forms.

MUDPLUGGING 96

4x4 & Country Fair at the Whitbread Hop Farm in Kent on 5th and 6th of May. Camping and two day pass will set you back a mere £25. For this you get 2 days camping, Husky Racing, Falconry Displays, Pony Club Mounted Games, 4x4 Ballet(!) Lawless Frontier Western Team and various motorised events, children's rides. There is the attraction of the hop farm itself and a selection of traders, Craft Fair and ringside entertainment.

Make cheques payable to Whitbread plc and send to:-

Team Mudplugging, PO Box 205 Rochester, KENT ME5 0ET 01634-271860

OLD SODBURY'S SORTOUT

March 30th, Old Sodbury, near Bristol. We have been given a pass which will admit a Land Rover free of charge to act as a club "stand" to attract membership and provide club information. Ask me for it if you want to go to promote the club. Or call the organisers on 01454-321010 for details.

ISLE OF MULL RALLY

1st to 3rd March. Anyone got a rally car? Call 01688-302395 for details.

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DONINGTON PARK 4x4 ROADSHOW

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I have all the documentation for the above so give me a call if you are interested.

Steve Kirby

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* Series III diesel engine and gearbox. With all ancillaries. Needs attention. Dixon-Bate adjustable coupling. Never been fitted. £40 o.n.o. Call Neil on 01705-267070 (MAR96)

* Range Rover Spares. Rolling Chassis complete with diffs - £300. Passenger door with tinted glass - £30. Front wings - £25. Rear wings with quarters - £25. Decker panel - £5. Bonnet - £35. Tinted sideglass, four items - £15. Heater - £10. Dash - £15. Clutch slave cylinder - £10. Clutch master cylinder - £10. Pedal box - £15. Radius arms - £10. Drag links - £10. Rear axle complete less diff and brake calipers - £30. Front axle case - £20. Bumpers - £15. Dave Hatch, Fareham, HANTS. 01329-314998. (MAR95)

* Range Rover Bits. Roof - very good condition. White. £75. Slatted front light guards, 2-door rear wings (fair), pair front wings (fair), old but useable bull bar. Offers on unpriced items. Contact Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 0181-287-0377 or e-mail as on page 3. (MAR96)

* Wheels and Tyres Four 205x16 Firestone Town & Country on SWB rims in good condition £100 the lot, also one 205x16 Avon Rangemaster on SWB rim, brand new never been used £25. Two 7.50x16 Firestone Transport 1000's on LWB rims in good condition £40, also three 7.50x16 Michelins on LWB rims worn but still serviceable £30. Call Jeremy Matthews, near Alton, on 01420-563663. (FEB96)

* Roll-cage for 88" Fits around truck-cab. Complete with all brackets to fit to chassis. Home made. ARC spec. Offers around £150. Call Mark Ambler on 01491-671846 or 0831-345485 or fax 01491-671010. (FEB96)

- * Standard steel wheel rims, Four from 1995 110 Brand-new, never been on the road, make me an offer. Prices open to discussion. Call Mick Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907. (FEB96)
- * Full length roof rack for 90 hard-top, 2 x county style rear folding seats , Tirfor hand winch, exhaust jack, and various other bits and bobs. To view any of these items see me at any of the club trials or club nights at Aldermaston or call Nick Jennings in Caversham on 01734 471528 / 475172 Works number, 01734 471258 / 543056 Home number, 0836 604 885 Mobile number. (DEC95)

Vehicles for Sale

- * 1979 88" Genuine County Station Wagon. Sound diesel engine and gearbox. Body a bit bruised. Full MOT. £1800. Call Neil on 01705-267070 (MAR96)
- * 1974 SWB Land Rover. 2¼ petrol. Truck cab. Free-wheeling hubs. Overdrive. Green. No tax. No MoT. Suitable for spares or repair. Offers around £350. Hard-top available if required. Call Dave Baldwin on 01734-462906. (MAR96)
- * Land Rover Series III SWB on shortened RR chassis, RR running gear, RR box with SD1 V8. New Y-piece and front pipes. SD1 seats. Runs but needs front brakes sorting (probably seized calipers), painting and decent set of wheels. £1200. Dave Hatch, Fareham, HANTS. 01329-314998. (MAR95)
- * Radio body Land Rover 101 Forward Control. 2.5 turbo-diesel fitted by Dunsfold Land Rovers. £7000. Fine expedition or support vehicle. Would part exchange for Land Rover 110 Station Wagon. Call Mick or Tracey Doherty in Aldershot on 01252-27198 (FEB96)
- * Rover 3500S P6 1972. Almond with black vinyl roof. On-going restoration. Jobs done to date include:- new shock absorbers and springs all round, rear end re-bushed and fettled, new inner sills both sides, new exhaust, doors ½ completed, nearside refurbished & sprayed, offside in primer. Base unit good condition, engine sweet as a nut, spares include a complete second car, can be heard running. Shed and garage full of spares too many to list but includes doors, boots, bonnets, switches, lenses etc. Very reluctant sale as new job and V8 hybrid Land Rover do not permit it. Offers around £1500 to Steve Hallam in Basingstoke on 01256-768494 (JAN96)
- * Land Rover SWB SIII. On shortened Range Rover chassis. R/R running gear. R/R box. SD1 V8. SD1 seats. New full harness belts. New swivel seals. New exhaust down-pipes and Y-piece. Needs minor things done e.g. balancing

carbs, wiper blades, paint spraying and a decent set of wheels. £1500. May p/x Range Rover or Land Rover. Dave Hatch, Fareham HANTS. 01329-314998. (DEC95)

- * Land Rover SWB Series IIa Hard top. 1970. Petrol. Average condition. Tax & MOT. £1100 o.n.o. Call Andy Bridger in Fareham on 01329-238674 or mobile 0802-253778 (DEC95)
- * 1986 Land Rover 90 V8 auto Station Wagon. Superwinch X 9000 in winch bumper. Spot lights. Up-rated camshaft, 4 in to 1 exhaust headers, Disc brakes all round, 4 pinion heavy duty diffs front and back, heavy duty half shafts all round, side mounted protection bars, chassis mounted spare wheel carrier that operates with the rear door, 3 speed auto conversion by Ian Ashcroft, 5 x 265/75 B.F. Goodrich Mud Terrains on Disco rims, locking wheel nuts, Glass panel sunshine roof, 12 months tax, 12 months M.O.T. , New exhaust ½ system. Offers are invited in the region of £7000 o.n.o. Call Nick Jennings in Caversham on 01734-471528 / 475172 Works number, 01734-471258 / 543056 Home number, 0836 604 885 Mobile number. (DEC95)
- * Series III SWB Land Rover. Hard Top. T reg, 1978. 2¼ petrol 5 bearing engine. Alpine lights and sliding windows. Full tilt and sticks etc. available to convert to soft-top. 205 size tyres and spare set of 600x16 tyres. Weber carb fitted. Bull-bar. MOT to end of year. Good condition. £1595 o.n.o. Call Ian Rose in Newbury area on 01635-578840. (NOV95)

Wanted

- * SIII Dashboard components. After an electrical fire I'm looking for the following: fascia top rail including at least one demist outlet, one demister hose, lower fascia main section, edge trim which runs along the top of the lower fascia, everything surrounding the instrument panel except the instrument panel and the instruments themselves. Paul Oldham 01252 860090 (day) 878778 (night). (FEB96)
- * SIII SWB Safari roof - the double skin one with top lights and side windows. SIII PTO capstan winch. Paul Oldham 01252 860090 (day) 878778 (night). (FEB96)
- * CB Radio and Accessories Steve Hallam, 01256-768494 (JAN96)

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SERVICES / ONGOING

- * **WHEELS & TYRES**:- Call Southam Tyres on 01865-716777 for all your wheel and tyre needs. "Just Tyres" (One of the Southam Tyre Group) have depots in Reading and Southampton for example so they're not too far away. Discount is variable and there are very special deals available on wheel/tyre pre-assembled combinations. Several club members have already found the deals to be very good.
- * **Michelin XCL tyres** Brand new. £85 each. Contact Ashley Pocock in Badshot Lea, near Aldershot, on 01252-310893
- * **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
- * **SCALE MODELS**. I have a small selection of LandRover model kits which are available to club members at a special price. LandRover 101 GS £21.00 each, Land Rover 90 Defender Station Wagon £17.50 each, Series II/III Hard Top or Station Wagon £17.50 each. Others available on request. Call Alan Smith on 01252-835821.
- * **Pressure Cleaning** Low cost pressure washing service and equipment hire (with full accessories). Great for spring cleaning or assistance with restoration. Also wet sand blaster for chassis cleaning and stripping. 15 mile radius of Tadley (North Hampshire) Ring Bob Lloyd on 01734-816318 anytime.
- * **VIDEOS** Professionally made videos produced and distributed. Contact Dave Jeffery of "4-WHEEL FILMS" on 0181-546-5301 or 0181-715-4861.

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 as advertised elsewhere. 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.

There seems to be masses on the calendar so I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment. Below and back page.....

Forthcoming Events

March 16th	ARC AGM Solihull.
Mar 17th	Trials Hook End Farm. Winter series. Details elsewhere.
April 5th - 8th	Lancs & Cheshire invite. RTV, CCV, Comp Safari. Trentham Gardens. Details elsewhere.
April 12th -14th	Bagshot do. Details elsewhere.
April 21st	Trials and Camping at Nelly's Dell. Details later.
April 28th	North-South Run Open Day. Broxhead Common and Martinique Military Sites. Some details elsewhere and much more later.
May 5th - 6th	Invite to Breckland LRC celebration of 25 years of the club. RTV, CCVT, Scenic Drive, etc. Details elsewhere.
May 25th - 27th	ARC National Rally. You should have entered by now!
May 28th - Jun 3rd	Trials and camping at Harroway Farm. Follow-on rally from the Nationals. Night Rally. Provisional.
June 1st - 2nd	London 4x4 Show, Southmere Park. Details later.
June 2nd	Trials at Military Site. Provisional.