

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.

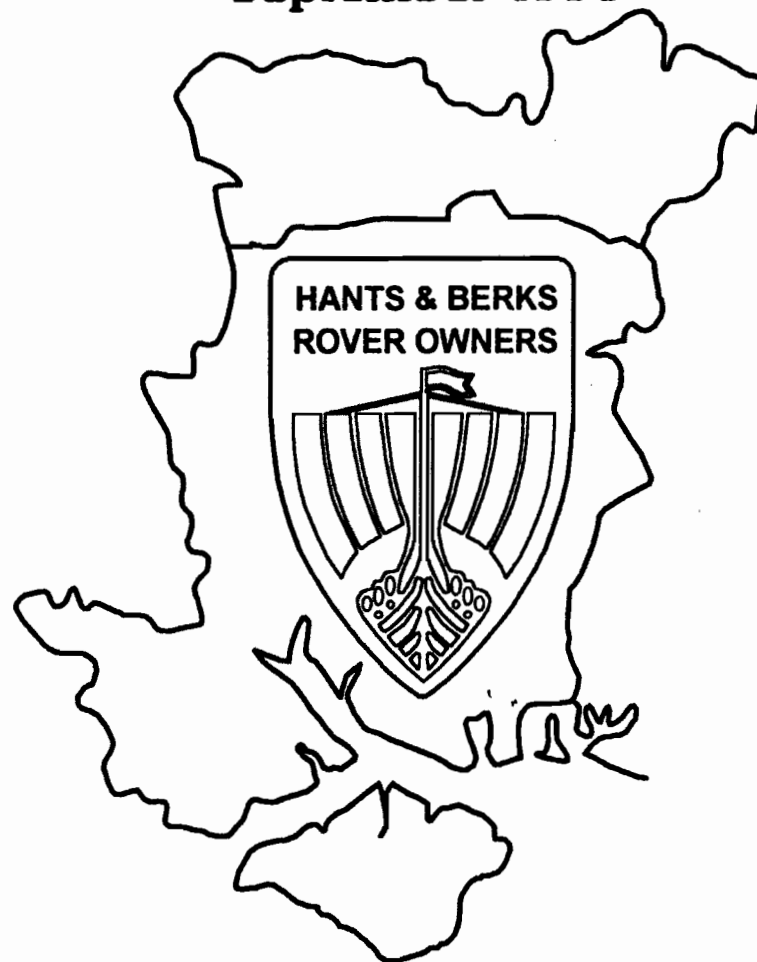
*Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. It is recommended that those involved obtain current maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, or borrow the club's set. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceding days, anticipate 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.

Aug 31st	Start of North—South Run. (Scotland). Contact Mike Dyer for details.
Sept 7th - 8th	2-day CCV Team Trial. SROC invite. See editorial.
Sept 15th.	Event / Show at Thruxton. HBRO will be on show. Come and join in. See details elsewhere.
Sept 21st - 22nd	Bagshot Heath Off Road Show. Marshals wanted.
Sept 29th	Thamesmead driving day. Details elsewhere.
Sept 29th	RTV / CCV Trials and camping at Hook End Farm.
Oct 4th - 6th	Majors Trial and Comp Safari. Eastnor Castle.
Oct 5 - 6th	Dunsfold Land Rover Trust Open Days. Details elsewhere.
Oct 13th	RTV / CCV Trials. Proposed. Site to be arranged.
Oct 18th - 20th	Welsh Hill Rally. Based at Bulth Wells. Come and watch our teams.
Oct 25th	HBRO AGM.
Nov 2nd - 3rd	RTV / CCV Trials at Nelly's Dell. Camping. Bonfire , etc. Winter Series.
Dec 15th	RTV / CCV Trials at Brick Kiln Farm. Winter Series. Confirmed.
December 7th	Xmas dinner. Grange Hotel, Alton. Details last month.
April 26th - 27th 1997	Military and 4x4 Charity weekend. Near Brighton. Organised by Twickenham Off-Roaders and Hillingdon Off-Road Club. Details later. Provisional.

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September 1996



**Newsletter of the Hants
and Berks Rover Owners**

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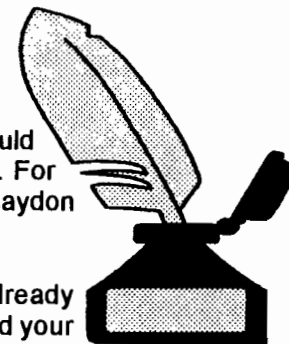
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Editor's bit....



The 101 Forward Control Club & Register would like to thank HBRO for the loan of the club barbecue. For those who weren't aware that we had lent it, see the Gaydon report elsewhere in this issue to find out where it went.

Xmas Dinner - those of you who have already phoned Maxine Leverett to book a place, please forward your deposit of £5 per person. Thank you. There are still places open, so give Maxine a call, it's not too late!
16 Ash Hill Road, Ash, Aldershot, HANTS GU12 6AE Tel:- 01252-332372.

Note that the dates for the two-day CCV trial to be run by SROC were wrong last month. Call Alan Pilbeam NOW on 01474-326521 if you want to enter.

This month...

- No more Nationals reports then? What a boring lot you are!
- Reports now move on to post-Nationals events. Steve starts the ball rolling with a report on Gaydon but who went to West Wycombe or Billing? Drop me a line and let the rest of the club know what they missed.
- Steve Kirby also describes the Inter-Club Challenge with Southern. Where were the rest of you?

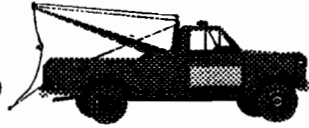
I'm writing virtually the whole of this newsletter on my own again this month. With so little to print, maybe we should revert to the alternating UPDATES that we tried last year. To be fair, I have been promised some articles for next month....

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 me at my home number. Phone first so I can set up the machine as it's not left on normally. Alternatively try e-mail:- (Please indicate in the text of your message the code you used and your own full e-mail address.)

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Green Lane News.

As many of you will know, I sort of took over bits of the RoW job initially, and it was only at the last AGM that I was actually elected to the post. One person commented on my 'hellfire and brimstone' approach to the job - I actually used the phrase 'Use it or lose it' - but, regrettably, the North-to-South Run and its attendant problems has left me little time over the summer to practice what I preached. It seems, however, that our enemies have not been so slothful, and August 1st saw the DoT publish a request for views to be aired on the subject of, yes you guessed it, 'banning vehicles from byways'. Yes, after spending what must be (nationally) millions of pounds on reclassification, so that people walk on footpaths, riders ride on bridleways, and vehicles drive on byways, we've now got to give it all up.

By now, or at least very shortly, you will receive individually, some documentation consisting of -

1. A reprint of the DoT request.
2. Two copies of a proforma letter detailing your views.
3. A sheet 'cribbed' from LARA about suggested grounds for objecting; I make no apology for the plagiarism, Tim's a professional, and I'm not.

We have done our best to ensure that there is as much variation in the content between letters as possible. This is to make the Powers That Be read them individually and not just consign them to the mail spike. They have asked for two copies, that's what they'll get...you don't even have to raid the company photocopier. It'll only cost you five minutes and a stamp, but PLEASE DO IT!!!!!!!!! You can rest assured that every Rambler in the UK is primed up on this one, we MUST put up a good fight or else we will lose the byways FOR EVER!!!!!!!!!

I've just had a break from writing this and watched the news on BBC1 - the judgement on the issue of banning handguns is expected this afternoon, and some Tory MP is defending the (expected) decision not to ban guns, preferring to tighten up the rules governing who may own them. Some other Tory MP is rattling the bars of his cage saying that 'If your son or daughter had ever been shot....'etc. etc.. Now, I have no wish to make reference to any single specific incident which has involved the use of handguns in the UK, but isn't there a parallel here?. So-called 'public opinion' is being quoted as a reason to ban an object of popular dread, despite an overwhelming amount of evidence that almost 100% of users are responsible and have no intention of misuse. Now if the government recognise that there is no reason to penalise the majority in the one case - which is the instance in which

PEOPLE DIE when the object is mis-used - then surely they'll make the same distinction in the case where a road surface gets eroded.....won't they????

Away from the subject, whilst I'm away enjoying myself (Ha!) on the Gap in a 114" wheelbase vehicle on street tyres please could someone pop into Hampshire to do a recce and clearance on the U182 at Bighton, (SU602336); also at the U229, Pookles Lane, (SU626254) and the U196 (SU626254). This last one will need some muscle since the obstruction is an 'imported' tree-trunk. How come inanimate objects can teleport themselves like something out of Star-Trek, but they can never land on an Anti's head?

I know that HBRO members always make an effort to come to Bagshot, this year the Club spot will be the parking place for the Montereys at the end of the North-to-South Run. One of the purposes of the Run will be to demonstrate that off-roading is a 'disabled-friendly' occupation, so if you know anyone who is maybe confined to a wheelchair or has to rely on a stick to walk, chat them into coming along for a demonstration.

Mike Dyer

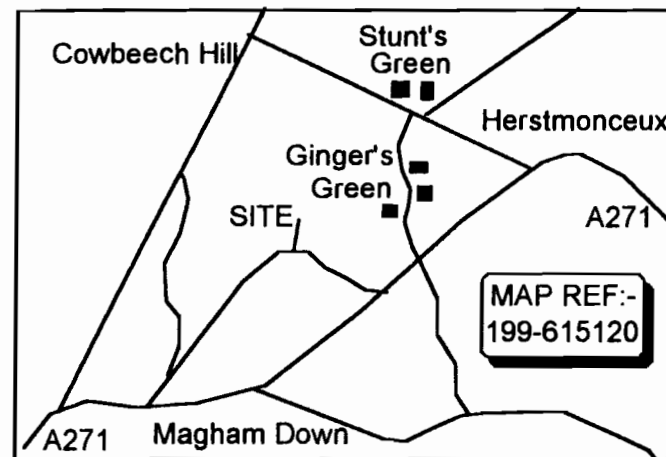
Festival of Motorsports. ACSMC Motor Sport Promotion Day. Thruxton, 15th September.

Ashley has applied for HBRO to participate in this event. Our display will show Land Rover vehicles over the years, with some positioned to demonstrate articulation, chassis, drive train, etc.. The club shop will be there and we will show action videos. Mains supply has been asked for and we have also offered to give off-road demonstrations. Six or more vehicles and personnel passes have been requested.

Contact Ashley Pocock (phone number inside front cover) for details.

Invite to Southern Rover Owner's Club Two Day Inter-Club CCV Team Trial at Deudney's Farm, September 7th & 8th

We have been invited by Southern Rover Owner's Club to their two day CCV trial at Deudney's Farm, Herstmonceux, East Sussex. The event is open to



all fully paid-up members of HBRO. The trial scores for the two days will be added to make an overall score. Teams will comprise 2 drivers in single vehicles or one double-driven vehicle and the event will consist of sixteen sections over the 2 days.
CAMPING:- Site opens on the 6th to Monday the 9th. Fee £3 per night.

RULES:-

- 1) This is a two-person-team event. Competitors must enter in ARC specification Vehicles and produce an ARC log-book.
- 2) If a team starts in two vehicles and one breaks down, they will be able to finish the event by double-driving one vehicle.
- 3) There will be an individual competition within the team trial. Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall individual in both leaf-sprung and coil-sprung vehicles.
- 4) To claim an individual award, you must finish the trial in the vehicle that you started in.
- 5) In the event of a joint placing, the team / individual with the most "clears" throughout the day will apply.
- 6) If a tie-break / run-off becomes necessary due to bad weather, lack of time etc, this will be done at the discretion of the clerk of the course.
- 7) Trophies to be presented at the end of the event are as follows:-

Two-person team awards (any CCV vehicle)	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
Individual leaf-sprung award	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
Individual coil-sprung award	1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
- 8) Entries to the event will cost £15 per competitor and must be pre-booked. No entry on the day will be allowed.
- 9) Entries are restricted to 30 teams and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Three teams will be allocated in case of withdrawal etc.
- 10) Entries to be sent to:-Alan Pilbeam, Longreach, Old Watling Street, Gravesend, KENT, DA11 7NT. Tel:- 01474-326521

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RoverTune. 01734-842777, 01734-842000, 0860-560556 (mob) 01734-843019 (fax)	Spares (new and s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers a speciality)	Trade prices, regular special offers.
Safari Engineering tel: 01734-732732 fax: 01734-732732 mob: 0836-384505	Series I, II & III, 90 / 110 bits new and s/h.	No specific discount, just a jolly good deal!
Urquharts, Petersfield. 01730-261022	Spares.	Cost+20% on non-franchise parts. Trade price on others.
Country 4x4, Terry Vincent, Calcott, Reading. 01734-412412, 0836-577892 (mob)	Spares (new & s/h), servicing. (Range Rovers only). Custom bull-bars by SIMBARS.	No set discount but very hard to beat prices!
Southern Winch Centre, Southampton. 01703-270600	Superwinch, Warn, Ramsey, Rule winches. Winch accessories, ropes (£2:60/m incl loops), Hi-lift jacks, spotlights etc	Discounts vary but very competitive prices and free fitting on winches
DroverCare. Winchester 01962-886722	Service & Spares for all Land Rover Products.	10% discount on labour. Parts prices very competitive.

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Don't forget to take your membership card with you!
If anyone can add to this list, please contact Steve Kirby with the details.

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All Rover Weekend - Gaydon 1996

Big mouth job again. Let me explain. I wasn't sure if I was going to attend the West Wycombe Off Road Show or go to the ARC "All Rover Weekend" at Gaydon this year. At an ARC meeting, Chris Savidge of the 101 club was asking if anyone had a big barbecue that the 101 club could borrow as they were celebrating 21 years of 101s this year and were offering to run a grand barbecue for a lot of people. The 101 having been officially "born" in 1975 is now 21 years old. I tentatively offered the HBRO's ones pending committee clearance to do so. Yes that's OK says the HBRO committee. Hmm... It looks as though I'm going to have to take it there too so I've got to go! Moreover, my own 101 is from the first year of production so it's 21 too, so I'm duty bound to go - no actually I *want* to go. Bad news is that the barbecues are at Nelly's Dell - somewhere in the undergrowth (!) not having been used for a while. Ashley, ever generous, says he'll have a look for them next time he's there as he knows the farm well. Not only does he sort this lot out for me but he brings it all to Alan's yard for me to pick up when I can. I can't thank him enough. Next HBRO committee meeting enables me to collect the stuff without having to make a special trip. The two half-drum support bases fit inside the half-drum troughs and the whole lot only takes the space of a single whole drum. Clever that. Don't forget the grilles though!

I started out early on Saturday morning and arrived at Gaydon about 9:30 and pitched my tent in the camping field opposite the Heritage Trust entrance. I dropped off the BBQ stuff in the arena and handed over the ARC flag to be flown on Nick Kay's magnificent 15 metre pneumatic mast. Quite an impressive piece of kit.

I then drove over the road to the museum and put my car on display. Free entry to everything going if you display your vehicle. Already loads of 101s and other Land Rovers, Range Rovers, Rover saloons, etc. parked in the hot sun. Former HBRO member Hugh Glossop was there with his latest acquisition which is a very very rare 4-door Range Rover which he basically rescued from being scrapped. The vehicle was in a poor state so Hugh got it for only a few hundred pounds. It pre-dates the Monteverdi 4-door model by ten years. Built by PanelCraft, it's really rather a lash-up. The front doors are shortened by being cut and shut with shortened glass to suit and closing against repositioned 'B'-pillars. The rear doors are made from front ones much chopped and changed with the skins reversed and the 'C'-pillars made of modified 'B'-pillars and angled back the same way. The rear side sliding windows have been shortened and fitted to the rear doors. The front seats are Recaro items very crudely welded in place and the whole interior trimmed in a fairly dark brown, including the headlining. Quite a sombre image to the interior. The original exterior colour was apparently some horrid metallic bronzy type hue with chrome bumpers and chrome Rostyle wheels. Combine this with the ugly conversion and I'm surprised they sold at all. The huge amount of work needed to achieve the whole

conversion nigh-on doubled the cost of the vehicle. Most went for export. There are only two confirmed in existence in England and this is one of them. Quite a find. There's a respectable collection of other vehicles, mostly Monteverdi Range Rovers. A few other "real" Land Rovers and several very tasty saloon cars made up a good show on behalf of the ARC.

Lunched with Hugh and others in the museum. Very good and a reasonable price too. Hugh is full of his "find" and I'm not surprised. If he really does justice to the restoration, it's going to cost him a lot of pocket money. It's one of those rare vehicles that probably isn't really worth much; yet. Geoff Miller (Range Rover development team) says that it probably will increase in value considerably over the next few years but it will need to be looked after carefully. The exhibition of our vehicles at the museum is an added attraction to the museum's visitors and so we get in free. The museum collection is very impressive and is forever changing. Rover (and predecessors) vehicles predominate but there are a few other makes including a recently donated BMW from the late twenties which is basically a German built Austin Seven. From these humble beginnings, BMW grew to the size whereby it was able to buy the company that spawned it in the first place. The donation of this vehicle was in response to that purchase! A whole range of first and last from the production lines seems to be the main theme but many experimental and development types are on display in and around the main building.

Late afternoon we make the long haul (about 250 yards) over the road



Hoods, Tilts, Upholstery of all kinds

For all standard models of Land Rover, or made to measure for specials, in khaki, blue or green. Soft windows put in from new or added to old tilts. Seat covers made, any upholstery made.

Repairs to hoods, upholstery, tents, etc.

There are very few people offering this kind of service.

to the camp site where a children's bike trial had been taking place. Barbecues were assembled and fired up by 19:30 (that's half past seven in English). The barbies are up to speed in minutes. The chap running them supplied the charcoal which he made himself. I've never met a real-life charcoal-burner before. There's always something new, isn't there? He showed us photos of how it's made. The old clay "clamps" aren't used much these days; he uses a huge steel multi-part conical affair which produces about a ton of charcoal at a time. Very impressive. The clamp comes apart to be taken to where the timber is. All he needs to do is to fire it up there in the woods; not forgetting to inform the local fire brigade that there will be clouds of smoke appearing for a couple of days while the charcoal cooks. His charcoal is much better than the stuff you buy in the shops. We all supplied our own food and it turned out very well. Chris Savidge's wife had made binfuls of cakes which was distributed free and hot water was supplied for members to make coffee or tea themselves. This actually works well, as bringing food and the makings of drink is very easy and saves members bringing cooking utensils along. The electric Burco water heater contrasted well with the adjacent barbecue! What a superb evening too.

Next morning the weather was fine and dry again so I packed up the tent and stowed everything in the back of the 101 and crossed the road again for the display area. The previous record for 101s together in one place stood at 28. Could we break this record? Yes, easily. More turned up on the Sunday compared to the previous day. Malcolm Whitbread brought his infamous Comp Safari 101 racer along and John Kaye drove up from Reading to add his to the line up. We got over 50 eventually. After a brief shower of rain in the morning, the sun reappeared and proceeded to cook everyone again! During the day we twice paraded the whole lot round the museum grounds for the entertainment of the public present. Bearing in mind that Gaydon is out in the middle of nowhere, the attendance by the public was quite good. Another children's bike trial took place on the grass in front of the museum during the day. About mid afternoon, there was an award ceremony for the best vehicle there, the farthest travelled, the bike trials winners and an assortment of other presentations to Rover vehicles of all types. The judges were museum staff and other guests, such as Norman Busby who led the 101 design team.

Just when we thought it was safe to go home, a photo shoot was called. All the 101s were then driven to a meadow on museum land and arranged so a photo could be taken of this record attendance on the 101's 21st birthday. The photographers were hoisted up on a 'cherry-picker', you know, one of those hinged-arm devices the council use to change street lamp bulbs. Try sitting on the ground and looking straight up at the sun shining over the shoulder of the photographer!

The trip home looked ominous but there was very little traffic so all in all a very successful and enjoyable weekend. It's possible that the date may be shifted next year so it doesn't clash with the West Wycombe 4x4 Show or be so close to the Billing event.

Steve Kirby

Bagshot Off-Road Show 1996

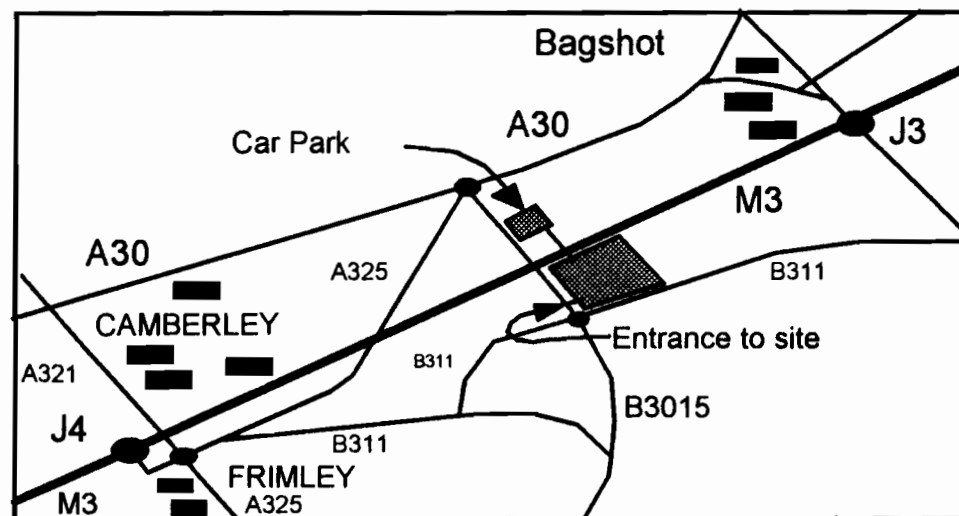
The show will take place on September 21st and 22nd. HBRO will be closely involved as usual although the 101 Forward Control Club & Register will be official hosts again this year. There will be some setting out to do on the Friday before (20th) but the main workload will be on the two days marshalling the visitors and manning the HBRO stand.

HBRO will have a club stand as usual and this will need to be manned over the two days. We can have our new trailer or a caravan as before and this can be used as over-night accomodation. The main arena will hold the trade stands, dealers and distributors so you'll be able to buy your new and second-hand bits as usual.

All the usual courses will be in use but we'll be running the Alpine Course and the Cross-Country section the right way round again this year. "Trials" sections will sprout from the Alpine Course at various points. These will be fewer in number but much longer. These will need to be devised and manned.

Any HBRO members wishing to help set up the special sections or to marshal on the day, run the club stand etc. please contact the organiser, Chris Jones, on tel: 01344-25867 / fax: 01344-291689 or Tracey & Mick Doherty on tel: 01252-27198, or Steve Kirby on tel: 0181-287-0377.

Entry by the public will be by ticket only, so if you have any friends who want to go, call any of the above listed numbers for application forms. The site is right alongside the M3 but you'll have to leave it by junction 3 or 4. The site entrance is off the B3015 just a few yards to the north of the roundabout with the B311. There is a car park off the B3015 just to the north of the M3 connected directly to the site by a walkway under the motorway. (You cannot drive through).



GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT Camping Weekend with Bonfire, Fireworks display with BBQ and RTV / CCV Trial at Nelly's Dell. November 2nd - 3rd.

We are holding a Bonfire night with barbecue and RTV / CCV trial at Nelly's Dell, about 6 miles south of Alton, Hants on the A32. 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.)

Saturday:-

General get-together with building up the bonfire (bring as much inflammable junk as you can carry) and setting up the barbecue. Contact Nick Woodage in advance for your food requirements if you want him to supply some. Bangers and burgers with rolls/buns will be available. Please bring some fireworks too; just a couple of quid's worth each should make a good show. The trials sections will be set out as well. Give it a try - test driving them can be as good as a trial!

Sunday:-

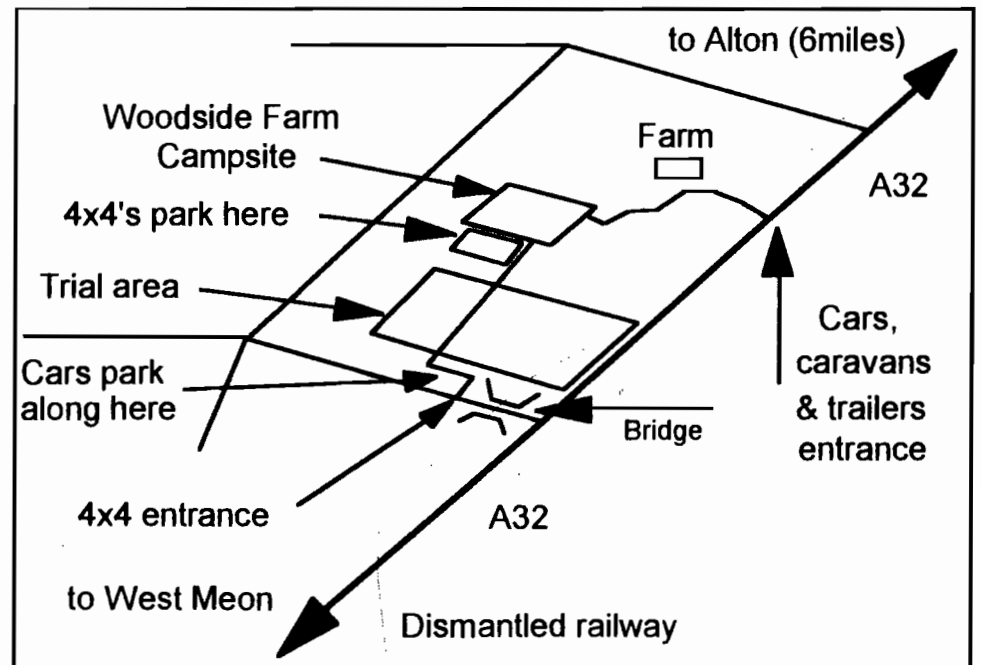
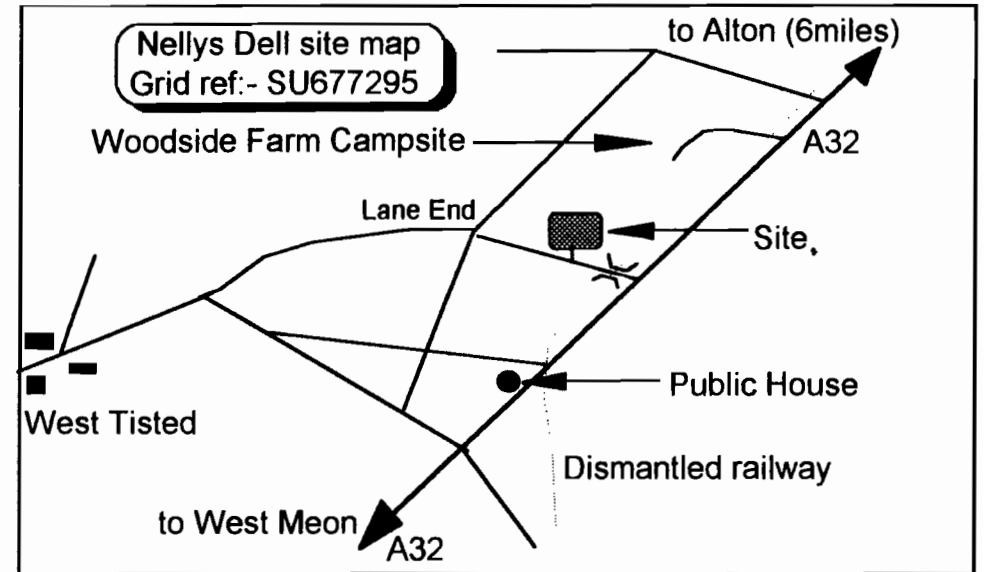
Scrutineering start at 08:30.a.m. and the competition will start at 10:00.a.m. prompt, so please be on time. Classes will be as per ARC rules but experience has shown that amalgamations are probable. It is still up to you to ensure your vehicle complies. Don't forget your MOT certificates, and driving / 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 various parts of this event including designing the trials sections, it's always the same few who get lumbered with this. On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal and we'll show you how to score if you've not done it before!



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Battlehurst Farm Inter-Club RTV Trial

Bit of a disappointing turn-out for the Inter-Club Challenge at Battlehurst Farm, considering how close it is. Only seven HBRO members competed. The full details were a little delayed in coming from Southern but the event dates were listed on the events page for quite a while and there's always the phone numbers inside the front cover if anyone needed more details.

The generally poor attendance on the Saturday threatened the running of the Gymkhana but Paul Barton put one together and an assortment of vehicles took part.

On Saturday evening, the manager of the farm took us on a conducted tour of the farm, explaining the philosophy of running a mixture of a milk herd and arable farming. State of the art milking machinery and bulk storage was shown. We then went to visit the calves following by a field-trip (into real fields!) to meet the livestock. The farm manager uses a Land Rover of course. The 90 has a bull-bar and light guards all round as the cows eat the lights! A kind of green lane trip followed through the woods to various other areas of this huge property. We paused here and there on high ground to admire the lovely views of West Sussex. We stopped off for a while at Brian Bashall's owl rescue centre. Most of the youngsters (and some of the adults) had never seen owls at close quarters before. I must admit, I never realised just how big Snowy owls are, standing two feet tall and spanning over 5 feet. I've seen them in books and on TV but the reality is a revelation. The barbecues were fired up upon our return to the camp-site and we ate ourselves silly in preparation for the hard work on the following day. Well, that's my excuse anyway.

Battlehurst Farm is like a large scale Nelly's Dell, really. A few lumpy bits, some twists through the trees and a muddy stream provided adequate interesting terrain for an enjoyable trial. Far too much of it was full lock-to-lock for my liking and the gates were so narrow as to touch both sides of the vehicle at the same time at one point. Yes I know I have a wide vehicle by choice, but the gates should be to direct the vehicle to the appropriate area of difficult terrain, not to present a challenge in themselves. Southern make up their own trialling rules and, as with the National Rally, these odd variations were the only bits that spoiled the event for me. Basically, the shunt is intended to make passage through a trial section possible for LWB vehicles whilst leaving it challenging for the smaller vehicles. Under SROC rules, you have to declare, before you set off, the point at which you wish to

take the shunt. This is at variance with ARC rules and rather defeats the object of having the shunt. Similarly, they do not allow you to cross your tracks AT ANY POINT on a given section. This too is a quite pointless variation on the ARC Handbook stated process which merely prohibits you crossing your tracks between any *pair* of gates. I did point out all these matters to those present and if any Southern members read this, then I hope they'll treat it as constructive criticism and not a whinge. I wonder if they realise how many potential competitors they put off? "If you don't like the rules, then don't play the game" seems to be the principle.

Anyway, we put up a good fight (which is a polite way of saying that Southern retained the trophy!) Competing for and supporting HBRO were Ashley Pocock and family, Gary Hodgson and family, (these two double-driving Ashley's series One), Nick van den Braak and family, (very posh, nearly new 90) Nick and John Jennings, (90 - currently for sale), Clive Parker, (110), Steve Kirby (101) and Russel Vare (88"). In support were Roy Michael and Barry & Andrew Simpson with numerous friends. Apologies if I've missed anyone out.

RESULTS

Class 1

S.Greenwood - 10 D. Aldridge - 18

Class 2

G. Hodgson - 28 A. Pocock - 44 B. Magarth - 49 S. Maitland - 54

Class 3

S. Stemp - 21 M. Stemp - 38 R. Vare - 42
M. Mephram - 47 P. Pilcher - 54

Class 4

A. Shorter - 38 N. van den Braak - 44 C. Ward - 48 N. Jennings - 49

Class 5

L. Wright - 17 R. Brownlee - 37 C. Parker - 57

Class 10

S. Kirby - 42

Sorry, no gymkhana results have arrived.



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Looking Back - Gaydon 96

74 outfits camped for the weekend in glorious weather, and a total of 118 vehicles were displayed in the South Arena.

The 101 F.C. Control & Register put on a superb display of 47 101's, their largest assembly ever, and 46 vehicles ran in the two cavalcades around the museum on Sunday. In fact we had to extend the cavalcade route as on the first lap a severe case of "M25 syndrome" set in!

Over Sunday lunchtime, Ron Whitehead, Workshop and Restorations Manager at the Heritage Motor Centre, wandered around the display and chose his favourite 101, favourite (other) 4 x 4, and his favourite car, and the owners were presented with prizes at the closing ceremony at 3 pm.

All three received a copy of Eric Dymock's superb book "Rover - the first 90 years" and a commemorative MG calendar, and a Rover lapel badge.

These were:-

Most Desirable 101 - Ian Hardy from Leicester, the 101 Club's Midland Area Rep.

Most Desirable Car - Philip Round from Hereford, RSR member with Rover P3 - 60 Sports Saloon.

Most Desirable 4 x 4 - Yours truly - RRR & RSR with 1969/70 Velar.

An additional award, a £25 voucher towards a Gough stainless steel exhaust system was awarded to Jim Burns, 101 Club Scottish Area Rep from Lanark, for the longest distance travelled, incidentally with a truly 'historic' vehicle, the original Trans-Sahara vehicle and trailer outfit.

The prizes were presented by our specially invited guests, themselves two 101 "historic characters", Tom Sheppard, leader of the Trans-Sahara expedition, and Norman Busby, 101 Project Engineer, together with his wife Alma.

In addition to their vehicle display skills, the 101 Club provided superb red hot, environmentally friendly charcoal for the barbie on Saturday evening, and Bouncy Savidge even provided everyone with cake (choice of three varieties) for sweet course.

Frank Myatt and the LR Series II Club laid on two kids bike trials, one on Saturday evening and one on Sunday morning, the winners being presented with their prizes by Kate Watson, Marketing and Events Executive for the Heritage Motor Centre.

Saturday -	7 years and under	-	Russell Hearn
	8 years to 12	-	Eric Bookley
	13 years to 16	-	John Clink
Sunday -	7 years and under	-	Tim Howland
	8 years to 12	-	Slade Hodgkinson
	13 years to 16	-	Ben Hanbury

Found at the Gaydon Rally

A 49 mm camera lens cap, a Matchbox model Ford Transit, and a Matchbox model Tractor Shovel, please contact me if you think they are yours.

Looking Back - ARC EGM June 15th 1996

At the June EGM, Ian Davis of RACMSA promised to answer two questions which could not be answered at the meeting. These were:-

- Q1 Why are only National B and higher graded RACMSA Scrutineers empowered to affix RACMSA helmet stickers, when all Scrutineers are empowered to check helmets at Scrutineering?
- A1 It is only those grades of Scrutineer who are deemed to have the experience and training to 'sticker' helmets.
- Q2 Can a driver (competitor) change vehicle in a competition when the entered vehicle has retired?
- A2 Not without provision in the events Supplementary Regulations. Having reviewed the General Rules and Regulations the only way that this can be facilitated is for the entrant (driver) to nominate at signing-on a reserve vehicle. This is different to double driving per se, as the use of the reserve vehicle would only be as necessary. It is not permissible to change vehicles ad hoc, after signing-on. Once a competitor has retired, that is it, if they continue to compete after technically retiring they are no longer covered by insurance. For the reason above, this ad hoc practice must stop. I noted that the delegates seemed divided on the desirability of the practice, I believe that if clubs wish to permit this practice, then that is their choice, but they must do so in accordance with the above procedure, and I suggest the nominated reserve vehicle be in the same class as the vehicle entered.

Looking Ahead 1997

ARC International Rally

To be held at Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen, North Wales, on May 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. Regulations and entry forms are now available and should be returned by 1st March 1997. If your entry is returned by 31st August 1996 you get a 10% discount.

The site will be open from midday Thursday 22nd May until midday Tuesday 27th May.

There are plans for a lead-up rally at a vintage rally on Anglesey, and for a follow-on rally near the coast in mid-Wales - more details later.

For more entry information contact Alan Brown on 01248 352645.

For Trade Stands or Sponsorship contact Mike & Pauline Morris on 01745 550237, or there is now a Rally Info line on 0891 227300 (calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49 p per minute at all other times).

As usual, the ARC Council requests that member clubs do not organise other events over this week-end.

Looking ahead 1998

As any true enthusiast will realise, 1998 will herald 50 years of Land Rover's technical (if not numerical) domination of the 4 x 4 scene. During my early years at Lode Lane in the 1950's, one national daily newspaper told the world that the Land Rover was called a 4 x 4 because of its square (or even cubic) shape!

Obviously we all have cause to celebrate this birthday in style, none more so than the Series I Club, and the Series I Register, and I suspect that many Series I restorations are aimed at completion ready for the various events that will occur during 1998.

1998, therefore, will be a year during which it will be particularly important not to have clashes of events, so if you would let me know of any proposals I will start a 1998 calendar of events, starting with - June 27th/28th - The Land Rover Series I Club's 50th Anniversary Rally at Shugborough Hall near Stafford.

THE DUNSFOLD LAND ROVER TRUST

OPEN WEEKEND 5th & 6th OCTOBER 1996

See the World's Greatest Land Rover Collection

This unique event will start at midday on the 5th October

First day's activities will include:-

- *Treasure Hunt
- *Quality BBQ
- *Bar
- *Food
- *Evening Entertainment.

Subject to the weather, the following day's events will include:-

- *Full-time Commentary
- *Continuous Entertainment
- *LR Spares Sales
- *Paint-a-Dredd Competition
- *Off-road Buggy Driving
- *REME Corp Winning Display
- *Army PTI Demo
- *Recovery Demo
- *Vehicle Demonstrations
- *Films & Videos
- *Kiddies Korner
- *Bouncy Castle.

Dave Mitchell will be there in his marquee with all his models, books, magazines, toys, and all sorts of other things for sale.

Annual Prizes and Awards for Various categories.

Results at 1400hrs. (2 p.m. in English!)

Prizes for most outrageous / customised Land Rover.

Awards for the best vehicle in class.

Entrance is by Programme at the gate. Free entry for Friends of the Trust, £3 per Adult, Children free.

Pitches available for 2nd-hand / new sales. Please apply.

Limited Camping & Caravanning spaces will be available for a nominal charge.

Phone 01483-200567 for details of any of the above.

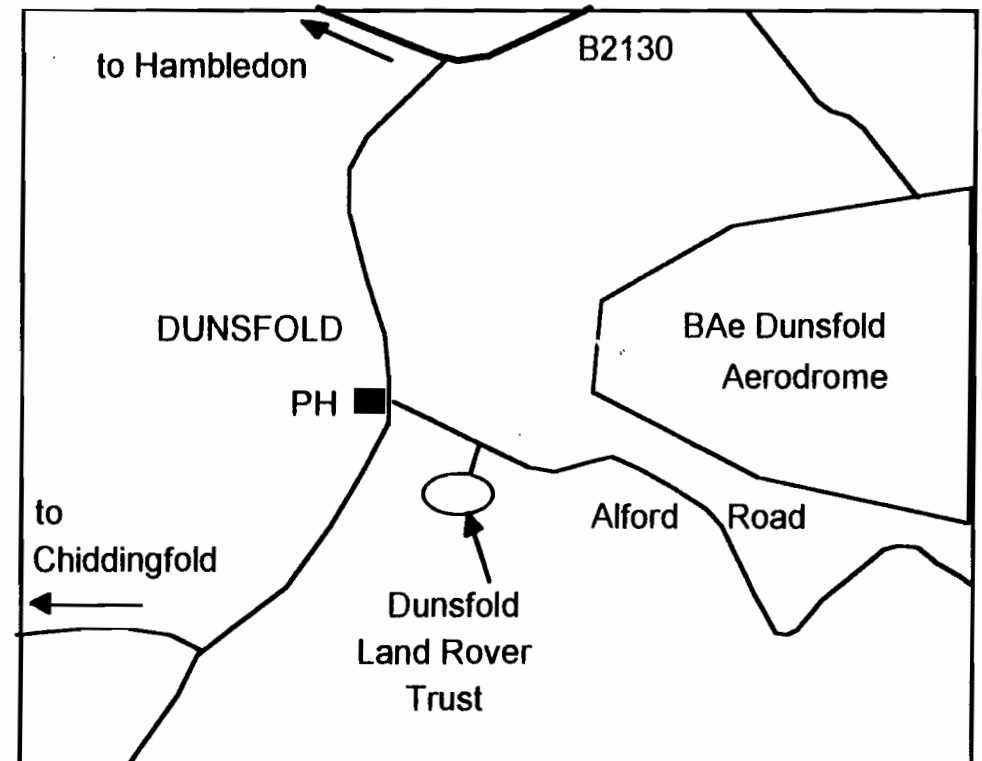
DUNSFOLD LAND ROVER TRUST OPEN WEEKEND, OCTOBER 5th & 6th.

There will be another chance to see the Dunsfold Land Rover Trust's collection at an open weekend.

A substantial percentage of the World famous collection will be present along with numerous visiting vehicles, Army vehicles, a cut-away training chassis and other cut-away vehicles should be there. Bring your own interesting vehicle to put on show. The planned attractions are listed opposite. There will be conducted tours of the collection's vehicles.

Catering and toilet facilities will be provided. Entry fees are listed opposite. Location is Dunsfold Land Rovers, Alford Road, Dunsfold, Surrey.

Map reference is about TQ 009 358 on OS sheet 186, right by the famous Dunsfold aerodrome, about 8 miles, 12km, east of Haslemere. For further details, call the phone number opposite or Steve Kirby on 0181-287-0377.

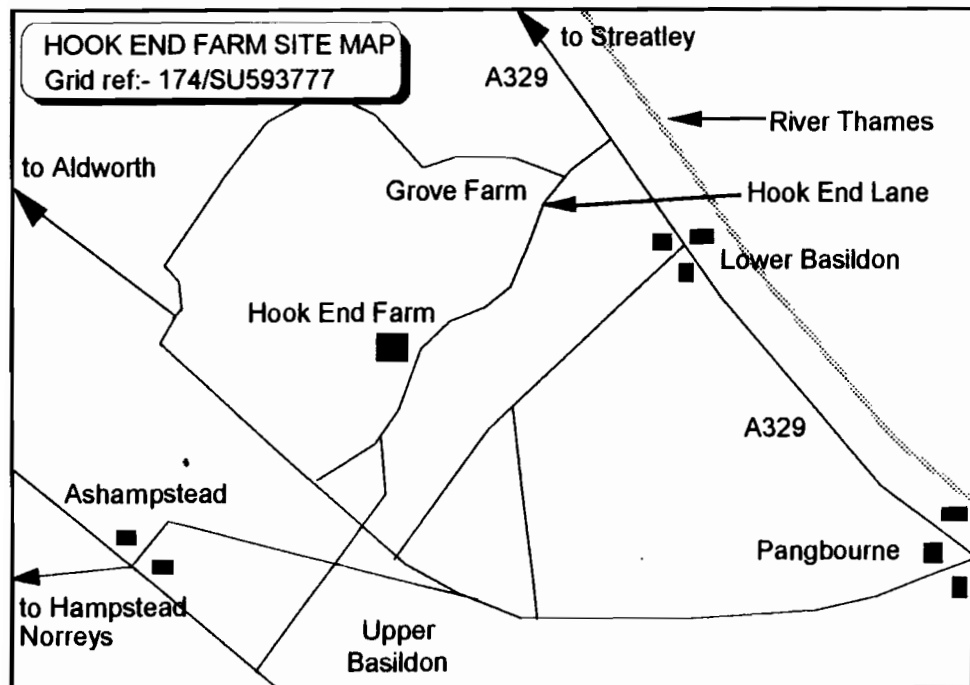


RTV & CCV Trial, September 29th. Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne

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. 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 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!

LATE NEWS Camping as well this weekend. No details available at time of printing. Call Ashley for information.



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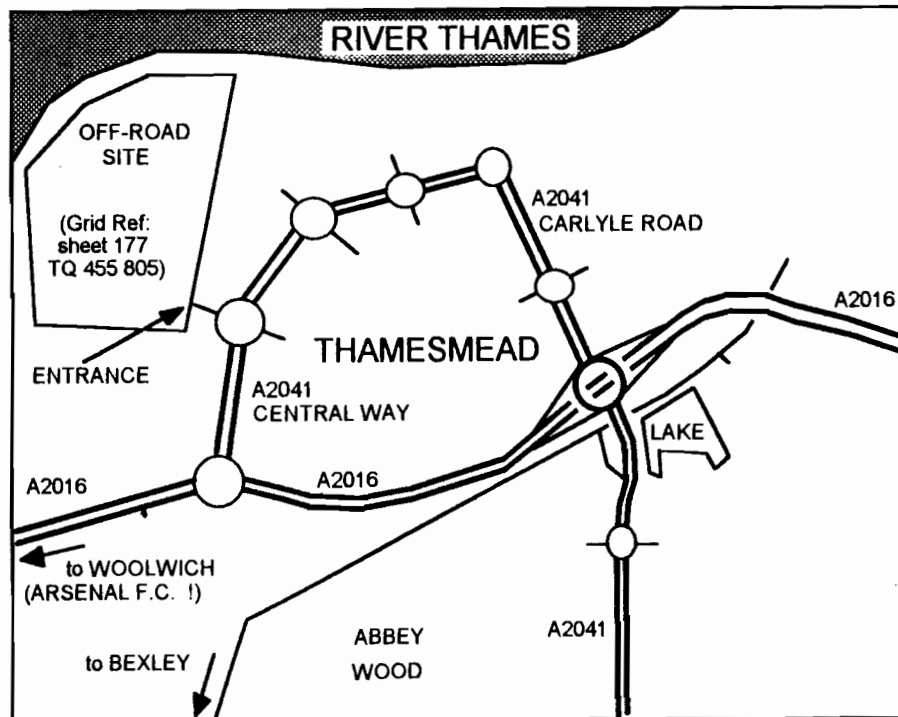
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- * Land Rover & Range Rover Short wheelbase hard-top c/w Safari rear door - £120. Range Rover chassis (ideal for hybrid) - £40. Early RR bonnet - £30. RR diffs - £70 each. RR manual steering box - £25. RR ½ shafts - £10 each. RR axle case with discs - £25 each. RR rear prop - £15. Four 16" eight-spokes 9" wide, £50 the four. Dave Hatch, Fareham, HANTS. 01329-314998. (SEP96)
- * Set of Five 7x16 127 / 130 wheels. Shot-blasted, ready for painting. £100. Contact Malcolm Whitbread in Redditch, near Birmingham on 01527-857982 (SEP96)
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