

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.)
- * Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the White Swan, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). 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.

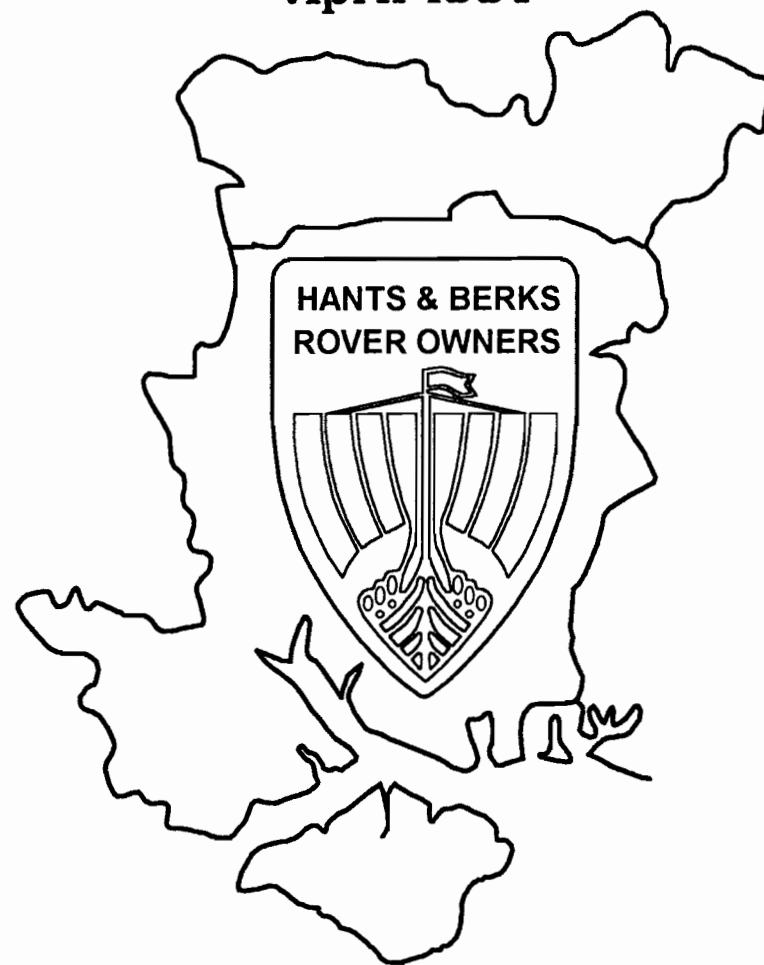
There seems to be masses on the calendar so I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment so get your diaries out! Note that *provisional* events are printed in *italics* and major changes highlighted in **bold text**. Please let me know when any of these is confirmed.

By popular request, the short-term events programme has been moved to the back cover for ease of access. More inside back cover.

April 6	Trials & Camping. Hook End Farm. NO DOGS PLEASE.
May 4th	<i>Be with you.</i>
May 4 - 5	<i>Ladies and Gentlemen's trials at Nelly's Dell. Provisional.</i>
May 23 - 26	ARC National Rally. North Wales.
May 26 - 31	"Follow-on" rally in Tywyn. Details last month and next.
June 13 - 15	Stag Owners Rally. Roundhill. NEW DATES
June 14	ARC EGM Solihull, Birmingham.
June 21 - 22	All Rover Weekend, Gaydon.
June 21 - 22	National Off-Road Show, West Wycombe. Details elsewhere.
June 21 - 22	Goodwood Festival of Speed.
June 28 - 29	<i>Trials, Chiddingfold or Southleigh. Provisional.</i> RESCHEDULED
July 5 - 6	<i>War of the Roses. Provisional.</i>
July 18 - 20	<i>Billing '97. Provisional.</i>












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April 1997



**Newsletter of the Hants
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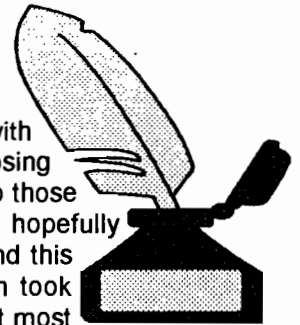
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the RACMSA (RAC Motor Sports Association) and the ACSMC (Association of
Central Southern Motor Clubs.)

Editor's bit....

We have had rather a rough time recently with great difficulties in getting land to start with and then losing land we thought we had safely in the bag. Apologies to those who turned up at Butser to find it all locked up. The hopefully temporary loss of this site was at very short notice and this coincided with a really bumper edition of P&B which took longer than anticipated to produce. The result was that most members didn't get it (the magazine, that is) until after the (non)-event.



A word here about the magazine production team. Producing the words and master sheets involves me sitting in front of a computer - which I enjoy. (when my anorak doesn't get in the way!) The hard bit comes when our treasurer uses his Alan Smith-paid-for super photo-copier to print the 250 or so copies. He and some volunteer, often Maxine, have to staple this lot together, fold them and stuff them in the envelopes along with membership reminders, etc. These then have to be addressed with labels Alan produces. These two then get their faces gummed-up licking sheets of stamps so the mags can be posted to the members. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all this hard graft so thank you for not complaining if the odd page is upside down or it arrives a day late occasionally.

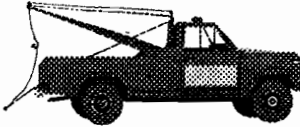
This month...

- Sam Parker describes her Green Lane Christmas.
- Ashley provides a list of trophies for you all to try for.
- Steve Kirby reports on the ARC AGM.
- Two green Lane trips announced.
- Maxine describes the LRO International Driving Day.
- JJ reports on the Rickshaw Ramble.
- Internet sites for the surfers to visit.

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, please. 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 PC 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 normally left switched on. 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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Competition Comment

Firstly, an apology, yep I got the month wrong for the Hook End event. Its April not March, fortunately Steve had the correct date in the calendar and event details, so as I haven't had any irate phonecalls, I'll pretend it never happened.

The Winter Series is starting to hot-up, (its becoming the Spring series), and because of the problem at Ash Park, there is still one event remaining in the Series; Hook End Farm (6 April).

We'll be back at Nelly's for the May Bank holiday (3-5 May), with a Gentleman's trial on the Sunday, and a Ladies trial on the Monday morning. Camping is available from the Thursday evening through to Tuesday morning, and a barbeque and disco (£3 fee covers both) has been arranged for Saturday night. This is good event to sharpen up your skills ready for NATIONALS !! I DIDN'T SAY WHAT SKILLS !

The Nationals are getting closer, and I hear its going to be packed-out. The venue is attracting a lot of interest, with over 1,000 campers booked on to the Rally site. The HBRO follow-on Rally is also working-out well, although I believe the Eirianfa Camp Site is also fully booked. It may still be worth trying, in case of a cancellation.

I have been informed that the Stag Owners event has been changed to the 13-15 June, due to difficulties in getting the Rally site at Roundhills, but at least this doesn't conflict with the 'Goodwood Festival of Speed', now.

An event will be arranged for 29 June, however at this time I am unable to confirm which site will be used, hopefully Chiddingfold, but Southleigh is a possibility.

Ashley.

OFF-ROADING on the Internet

For those Web Browsers amongst you, I have been given a couple of addresses for 'Off Road' pages which are worth visiting, courtesy two of our members:- Simon Taylor has his own home page, at:-

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/simontaylor>.

Tim Burt also has a home page, at:- <http://www.stagesupplies.demon.co.uk>

Tim also suggests visiting:- <http://www.land-rover.team.net>

May the Web be accessible for you - Ashley

Steve Kirby recommends:-

WWW.BILLWOOD.COM run by Bill Wood who is arguably the Number One Land Rover fan in the USA. Bill also runs WWW.LRX.COM which is a Land Rover eXchange site for the buying / selling of Land Rovers and parts.

Trophies for ALL!!

It must be the crazy season again, there are Trophies appearing from everywhere! Two new ones for the 1996/7 year, are the; **Performance Cup**, donated by me for the overall annual RTV winner in Class 4, (Standard 90 inch vehicles), and one from Old Grey beard himself, Alan Smith, for the **Summer series**, which adopts the same rules as the Winter Series, but will run over 5 events, from May to September. In addition, new trophies will be presented for each of the Gentleman's trials (**The Boys Own RTV Shield**, Summer and Winter); for each of the Ladies trials (**The Girls Own RTV Shield**, Summer and Winter); and the **Boobs Bust** (donated by yours*truly), for the most innovative modification to a Land Rover during the season. Finally the Committee has agreed to present a Trophy (**The HBRO Champion Award**) for the best performance (I think we are talking trialling here?), at the ARC National Rally.

The following identifies the current and new Trophies:

Existing Trophies:-

TROPHY	CLASS/QUALIFY	DONATED	CURRENT HOLDER
Pilot Trophy - RTV	Class 5 - Range Rover	Roger Pattie	Paul Webb
Red Leader Shield - RTV (Annual)	Class 1, 2, 3, 5 - Leaf Sprung	Dave Cuthbert	Neville Dewdney
Winter Series - RTV	All Classes - 5 events Nov to April	HBRO	Hugh Duffet
Summer Rally RTV	All Classes - August Rally	Muddy Trax	Alan Smith
Safari Challenge Shield - CCVT	All Classes - August Rally	Safari Engineering	Brian Frankland
Ladies Summer Trial - RTV	All Classes - August Rally	Brooklyn Engineering	Anita Bunyan
Member of the Year (Annual)	All members - Work Hard	HBRO	Barry/Andrew Simpson
Wally of the Year (Annual)	All members - get it wrong !	HBRO	Hugh Duffett
Rickshaw Plate	All members - Work Hard at Weavers	BAMA	Barry Simpson

New Trophies:-

TROPHY	CLASS/QUALIFY	DONATED	CURRENT HOLDER
Performance Cup - RTV (Annual)	Class 4	Ashley Pocock	
Summer Series - RTV	All Classes - 5 events May to Sept	Alan Smith	
Girls Own RTV Shield	All Classes - May & November events - Female	HBRO	
Boys Own RTV Shield	All Classes - May & November events - Male	HBRO	
Boobs Bust	All Classes - The most innovative modification	Ashley Pocock	

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Ashley Pocock - Competition Secretary

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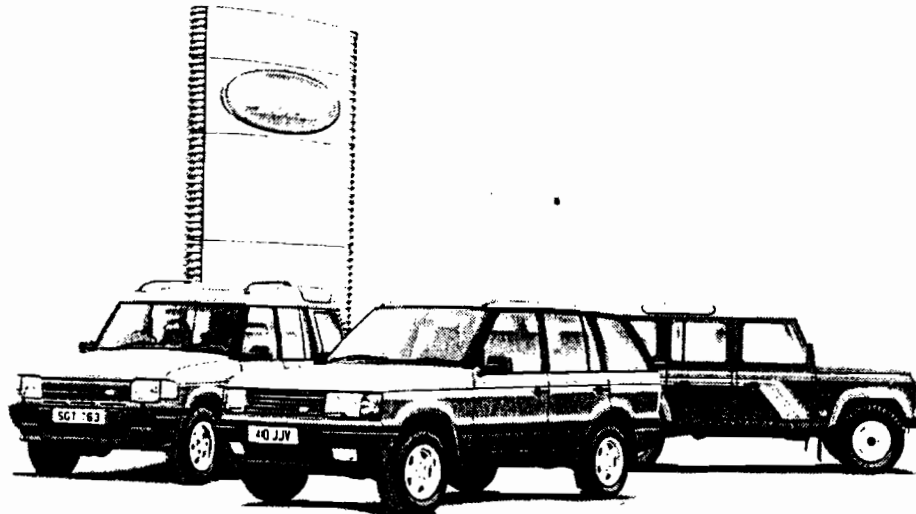
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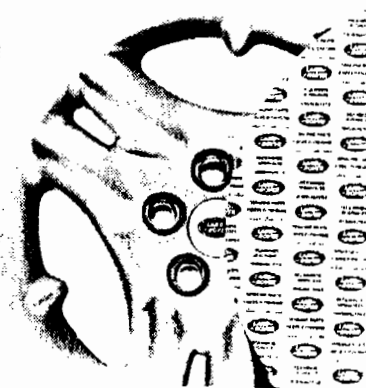


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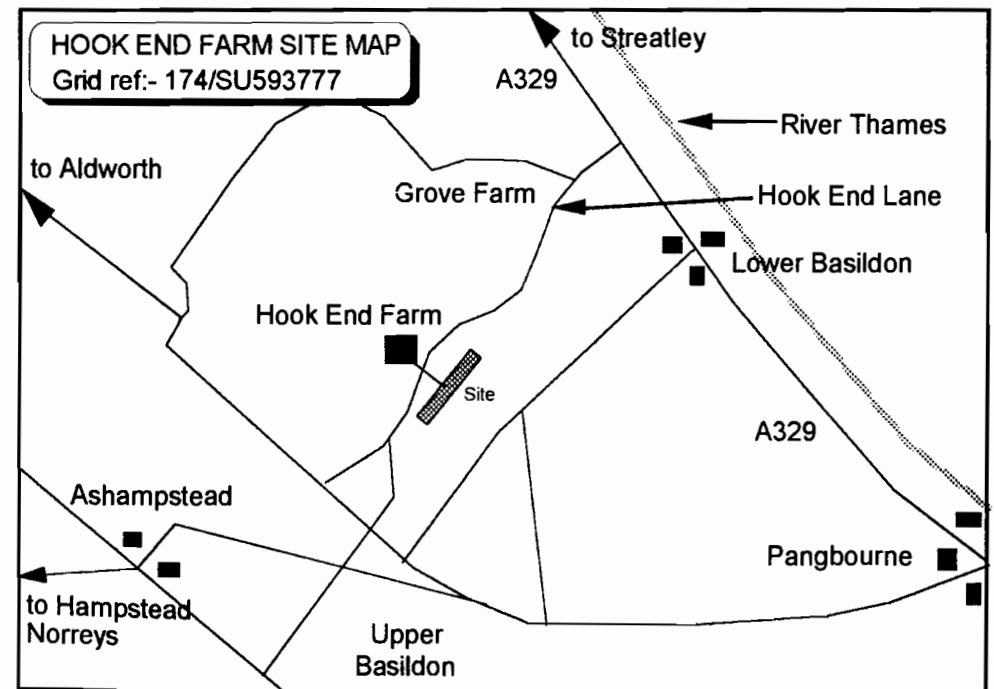
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RTV & CCV Trial & Camping. Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne

We are holding trials on the 6th of April with camping from Friday. Hook End Farm is on Hook End Lane, a turning off the Pangbourne to Streatley road, the A329 about 9 miles West of Reading. From the Newbury area, take the B4009 to Hampstead Norreys and thence East to Ashampstead, or take the A4 towards Reading and at Theale, take the A340 North to Pangbourne. The site is generously made available by Mark Ambler and his family. 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 £10 in advance or £12 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!

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**Land Rover Owner International Magazine
Driving Day 9th March.**

It began as a dash down the M3 and as we passed the A30, junction, I asked Peter that if we were going to Salisbury, why had we gone flying past the exit. His reply was that we needed the A303. Sudden realisation meant that we took the first exit off the A303 as the A30 was due south naturally we would meet up with it! Several villages later, decisions on left or right turns and following the sun - no A30. Usually we carry a map of the whole country but seeing as he knew where he was going we had only brought the OS map of Salisbury. So after tempers began to rise and close inspection of the edge of the map we headed for all signs pointing for Winchester. Right; the middle of Winchester, now here? Well by chance "Salisbury A30" appeared and the CB was turned on. As LRO stated, signs would be from the A30, we went straight past the Pitton turning. One U-turn later and heading into Pitton, we picked up Nick Jennings who was already on the site and thankfully gave us directions. (Shame he hadn't given Peter directions from the end of our street!)

Signing on and Peter tells the organisers that it's a shame they didn't put up more signs - his reply was that he thought 36 signs was about enough (Pity somebody's obviously nicked them) So only about an hour and a quarter after leaving home and I was desparate. No worries, LRIO are bound to have a portalo. "Sorry" they said "but plenty of trees." Great! So after a hunt about to find somewhere that wasn't surrounded by vehicles and we were on our way. Anyway, this way, that. Ah, the mob have arrived (the south coast Hants and Berks mob) and after a quick conflag we were off. THE HANTS & BERKS CONVOY! With Nick Jennings up front, a hole was suddenly found and without a second's thought he was in and out of it. Sadly for Ian and Sam they went in and promptly stopped dead with a tree nicely embedded in the front wing. Oh well as I said then it was too nice and straight - now it's an off-road vehicle. After displaying an excellent formation driving team and a few holes later, Jim and Brenda appear, Snap! Jim's got a dent just like Ian's!

The main hole was a chalk pit with a near vertical drop of about 10-15 feet. After watching some looney enter at the wrong angle and almost roll it, this lot had to have a go. Nick, Peter, Hugh, Kiran and Jim made it look relatively easy but surely there was no way this could be reversed! HBRO had to have a go! Spurred on by Tricia who needed an adrenaline boost and much to everyone's amazement, Peter and Tricia entered the pit from the opposite side. "He couldn't be thinking of doing this" I thought. Oh no. Peter drove out as if it was nothing. (Show off) With that, Jim decided that he'd do it and as we found out a week later that's where he broke his clutch.

All in all the day was very enjoyable and the site offered some interesting holes where the HBRO showed some impressive recovery techniques. Leaving the south coast mob continuing to drive round we headed off home listening to the CB until it faded. I should have asked if they stayed the

night as I remember hearing Kiran saying that "wouldn't it be good if they found somewhere to hide and then they could play in the dark!"

Maxine

Camping & RTV Trial at Nelly's Dell May Bank Holiday 1st - 6th

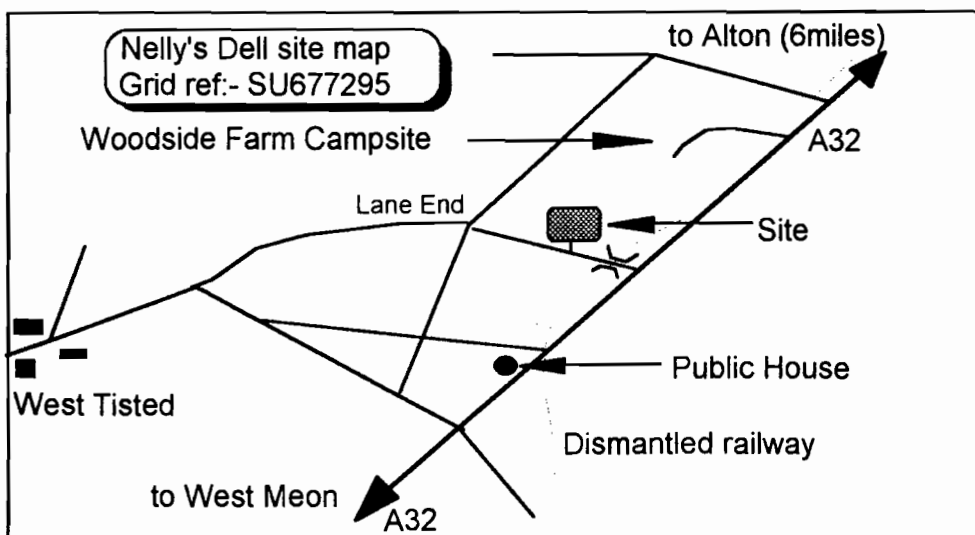
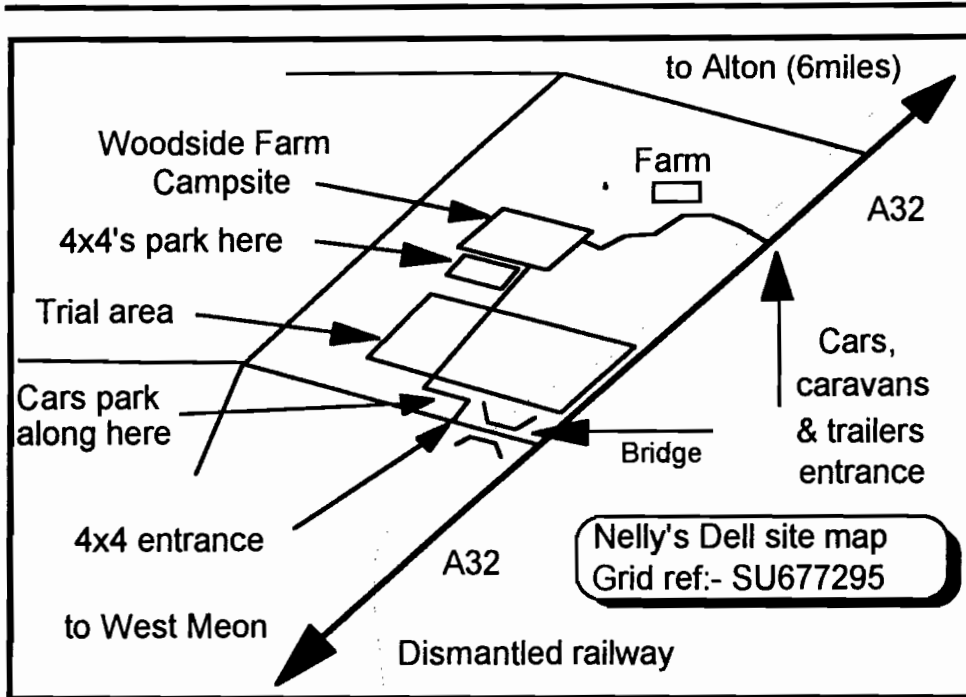
We are holding a camping weekend with RTV trials at Nelly's Dell, about 6 miles south of Alton, Hants on the A32. There will be a Gentleman's trial on the Sunday, and a Ladies trial on the Monday morning. Camping is available from the Thursday evening through to Tuesday morning, and a barbeque and disco (£3 fee covers both) has been arranged for Saturday night. The trial 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.)

Scrutineering starts 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 possible. The ARC Yearbooks contain the vehicle regulations. It is up to you to ensure your vehicle complies. Don't forget your membership cards, MOT certificates, and driving licence.

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

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

Maps opposite.



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Sgt JJ. Walker.
BAMA
Feb 97

Dear All,

Sorry that I have not written earlier, however I have had to do some work!!! I am getting ready for the Army Rally Team.

In my position as BAMA Championship Co-ordinator, I would like to thank all the club members who attended Exercise Rickshaw Ramble and to say that without their help, the event would be a non-starter. Unfortunately, due to the way that the Association is run, I am unable to change the rules until 1st of Jan. So for future events involving civilians, the organising will be better. To be fair to Cpl. Burton, the clerk of the course, he was left on his own to run things as the officer who normally runs this exercise is currently not in favour with the upper echelons and not likely to be ever gain (allegedly!) However, on a brighter note, here are some post-event scribbles handed in after the event.

Of the 64 competitors, 56 replied and of those, 27 enjoyed the trial sections giving us a good percentage.

Car 03 - Experience difficulty with fog. Also remarked on a better briefing for the trials marshals.

Car 04 - Drama - nearly falling over on the first gate on the first section of the trial only saved by the marshal who jumped on the rear bumper.

Car 10 - Dramas - Delay in the Curry (snap)

Car 11 - Most enjoyable phase - Navigator - trials - had a rest.
Driver - trials - What fun!

Car 14 - Need any help? - Had to be winched down from a crazy angle on the trial.

Car 29 - Dramas - Roll and partial roll on the same trial section.

Car 31 - Drama - Rolled on section 5 trials, recovered swiftly by marshals.

Car 36 - Enjoyed trials because it got a bit warm in certain areas of the body.

Car 37 - Enjoyed trials because we didn't realise what abuse you could put a Land Rover through.

Car 46 - Trials were great but can you design them for knackered Series III 109s?

Car 47 - Enjoyed trials but it was very narrow between the posts.
...and last but not least,

Car 45 - Did not find the start line for the night nav either!!

Just to put the record straight about my wagon, the tilt in particular, this item is not a standard part therefore under the rules of the ARC you would not be allowed to compete in an RTV with it. However, in CCV it is a whole different ball-game and I do a nice line in them!

JJ Walker.

ARC AGM 97

ARC AGMs are taking on a different hue with much business being carried out by sub-committees who report back to the main meetings. Result - much less discussion and more business matters dealt with. This report is produced from notes taken at the time and the numbers are from the agenda. Sometimes they are combined or not dealt with at the time so some numbers are missing. Anyway, pin back your lugholes and read on. Steve Kirby

4) Matters arising from previous minutes

- CCMSA (Cross Country Motor Sports Agency, a wholly owned subsidiary of the ARC). We need to continue to run this. It enables us to issue RTA (Road Traffic Act) exemptions to other clubs, something the ARC itself can't do because of the constitution. We can use the Agency to issue RTA exemptions to the ARC if we feel the need to go it alone independently of the RACMSA.
- Land Rover 47-51 Register is to continue its membership (following suggestions that it might leave.)
- ARC Financing - Council has appointed a sub-committee to look into the details.

5) Chairman's Report - Peter Oakden

- Considerable achievements made over the last 12 months.
- Competition Policy in place and being reviewed by the Scrutineering Committee.
- ARC News now communicates directly with most members. This will now take the place of Runes as it can be in members' hands 7 to 10 days after compilation - rather quicker than the two months Runes took (and hardly anybody received!) News goes directly to all the members of the 18 clubs who have provided whole-club mailing lists. Peter again gave all clubs the reassurance that mailing lists will not be revealed to third-parties nor used for other purposes. Vote of thanks to Ted Ivory for all his work on Runes; and vote of thanks to Geoff & Pat Miller and Andy Neaves for all their communication work on ARC News.
- The ARC has a new president. He is Nick J. Stephenson, Design and Engineering Director, Rover Group. He has expressed an interest in coming to the National Rally. The name may not be well known (yet) but this is a high-profile position in the company and he is based at Gaydon. We are delighted he has agreed to become involved. Welcome aboard!
- On Feb. 2, a meeting of representatives of non-competitive clubs took place. 7 clubs were represented. A new council position has been created for non-competitive Land Rover Clubs post (to be Chris Savidge). For the car clubs, Alan Gillam of the RSR is looking for a suitable delegate for that

post. What is the non-competitive content of the National Rally? Input from this group will be effective for the 1998 event.

- Some clubs still not received their Handbooks. Investigations are in hand.
- Copy date for 1998 Handbook is end of June 97. Target for production is September. Suggestions for articles relating to 50 years of Land Rover, and any other topic you want to write about to go in the 1998 edition.
- A cavalcade is planned to be run by LR Ltd / ARC / Solihull Council. Planned date 26th April 1998. Route for the 150 participants will take in the factory / Solihull town Centre / Gaydon / Warwick / Meridon / an off-road bit / NEC. Start and finish points not set. We could have the Gaydon weekend then and this could be combined with it. Any further suggestions?
- Finally - thanks to all the work put in by the Council and the various sub-committees.

6) Secretary's Report. John Bradbury.

- Pennine LRC have withdrawn from the ARC as of June 1st 1997 as they don't like the rules. Good enough reason but a bit sudden. They have left it so they can participate in the National Rally though!
- Dave Carter of YROC has arranged deals with the NFU Insurance Scheme. (HBRO and other clubs have already had dealings with them. Lots of satisfied customers, I understand - Ed.)
- Ian Davis, Competition Manager, RACMSA will attend the September ARC meeting. Anything you want to ask? Questions in advance if possible please.

7) Treasurer. Andrew Stavordale.

- Rights of Way Fighting Fund. Support for causes to defend our access to land. Only £320 left in the kitty.
- CCMSA and ARC accounts reviewed in great detail. Contact Maxine if you want to see a set of ARC accounts.
- There were 136 caravan permits issued in 1996.
- Income gap needs to be closed. Proposal is:-
 - Competitive clubs subs up from 220.5p to 231p / member.
 - Non competitive clubs subs up from 55.125p to 58p / member.
 - Overseas clubs up from £50 to £55 / club.
 - Ceilings - Non-competitive - 300, competitive - 400.
 - Caravan permits:- Normal - up from £2 to £5; Short notice & faxed - up from £5 to £10. This large increase is due to the fact that the Council has found out that Jim Campbell has been spending far too much of his own time and money sorting these permits out. If you think this is expensive, try getting permission from the local council!
 - Car mileage allowance for those on official ARC business to be raised slightly from 9 / 12 / 17 pence per mile to 10 / 13 / 19 pence per mile (for vehicles doing 30 / 22½ / 15 m.p.g.) This accounts for increase in

fuel costs, road tax and wear and tear.

- All clubs to consider this and vote on it in June. Effective from 1998.

8) & 14) Election of Officials and other voting results.

- Council members - no change.
- Scrutineering Committee - Andy Flanders replaces Martin Dransfield.
- Privilege days (Co-promotions with non-ARC clubs) increased to 3 p.a. w.e.f. Jan 1st 1998.
- Fighting fund - 25% of Rally levy to go to Rights of Way Fighting Fund w.e.f. Jan 1st 1998..

10) 1997 Rally. North Wales LRC

- Progressing well. 220 RTV, 240 CCVT, 110 Comp, 700 camping.
- Standby lists now in use.
- Objection raised to "full-house" triallers entering RTV. Can they be excluded as being not within the spirit of the event?
1998 Rally. Lancs. & Ches. LRC.
- Eastnor now a possible (and most desirable?) location.
- Possible major support from LR Ltd.
- Make into a one week event? (50th anniversary, don't forget.)

11) Gaydon June 21-22 97.

- RRR hosting. See advert elsewhere this issue. Non-ARC Rover clubs invited.

13b) Overseas Liaison. Derek Spooner.

- Moscow LRC members came to England and Derek had a fruitful meeting with them.
- Cyprus showing interest in a club.
- Handbooks have been sent to interested parties overseas.
- Euro-link - meeting in Nuremburg in Aug. 98.

13c) Land Access. Tony Kempster.

- The 1997 LARA "conference" is in the form of a series of "workshops" in Swindon, Cannock and Penrith April 15 / 17 / 22. Topic is competition land use. Your contact is Alan kind on 0191-236-5107.
- LARA Motor Recreation Development Officer (MRDO) post is now open. Need a job? Tim Stevens is still available.
- Green Lane day 97 is (was, by the time you read this) on March 23rd. News to me!
- Damage to green lanes - if you see any damage or offences being committed, note car numbers, take photos, note any other information such as exact time, date, location, etc. for evidence.
- Last time, we reported preferential treatment / bias towards motorcycles

over 4x4s. At a recent meeting with Tim Stevens, Norman Whiteley presented several cases of bias and the responses from LARA were acceptable, but only just. Of particular concern was a report that a very senior officer of LARA observed untaxed, unlicensed, underaged use of motorcycles on a right of way and failed to report this to police. He should know better. Comment from the floor of the ARC meeting was that the ARC should take a higher profile to counter maladministration by county councils. We should be more forceful as pussy-footing has been ineffective. The Rights of Way sub-committee are to discuss this matter.

- HBRO donated £100 to the Rights of Way Fighting Fund. Round of applause. That will hopefully shame other clubs into doing the same thing.

13l) RACMSA - Harold Carman.

- Rear radiators - installations per the ARC Handbook are acceptable.
- Roll-bars and pop-rivets. No more log-books for vehicles in which roofs and body panels etc. are pop-riveted to the cage tubing.
- If any log-booked ARC vehicle is refused entry to a non-ARC event, then get the scrutineer at the event to write the reason in the Log-book.
- Composite seat. Check on security of mountings. The belts will restrain a driver in a forwards accident, but the seat does all the work if you spin backwards into something.
- Course marking. The Hill Rally was criticised for poor marking of hazards. The backs of direction arrows should be painted black to reduce the confusion.
- Drilled radius arms. The discussion on this was brought to a head when Geoff Miller (who worked on the development of the Range Rover) stated quite clearly that the front radius arms on a coil-sprung vehicle are carefully stressed items and must not be drilled for any purpose. End of argument. If yours are drilled in any way, you will not be allowed to compete in ARC events. Change them now. Got that?
- Re-drilled pitman arms. New holes nearer the hub have been observed on some vehicles. This is done to increase the steering rate. Vehicles modified in this way will not be allowed to compete in ARC events. OK?
- All occupants of any vehicle in a competition must be signed on.
- Much publicity about AFFF fire extinguishers being banned by the AWDC. The units they had trouble with are believed to have been for domestic use. If you buy one, make sure it's suitable for use in a vehicle. Also ask about the way it is to be mounted - vertical or horizontal.

13j) Shows and Displays - June and Jack Green

- Information, photos etc. will be useful for displays.

13k) Scrutineering.

- Dave marsh is to arrange a meeting for all scrutineering committee and

club reps to discuss proposals on the Competition Policy.

15) AOB

- Next EGM - 14th June 97.
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Christmas Lanes

While most of you sat in front of the fire, watching the television, or the few of you lucky enough to be soaking up the sun, myself and a few friends were pitched in caravans in some farmer's field close to Newbury. And before you ask, as some have, we were not protesting!

The five of us travelled up on Christmas Eve and set ourselves up to spend the next few nights under the stars. We woke up on Christmas Day with a thin layer of snow on the ground and opened up our pressies. We then started to cook our Christmas Dinner. If anyone has tried cooking a roast in a caravan, they will know what a mammoth task it is. But when you are cooking a turkey big enough to feed five, with stuffing, sausages and ten (someone was counting) vegetables, then it becomes an art form! With a bit of luck, rather than skill and co-ordination, it all came together at the same time.

We missed out on nothing, other than central heating. Crackers, party poppers, hats, even a Christmas Tree were all set up in the awning. We even had room for Christmas Pudding! So why on earth did we go away and set up in the middle of some field, freezing our socks off? Green laning of course!

'On Boxing Day, we got up early and headed off. The scenery was wonderful. It was very peaceful, and apart from the hunt that was taking place in the background, we saw few people. As it started to darken, we headed back. We'd covered a lot of green lanes that day, seeing a lot of the countryside around the Newbury area.

The next day, we were up early again, ready to set off for another day's green laning expedition! We came out to find it was snowing. It kept falling for some time after that. We had breakfast and headed off. However, only about five minutes into our journey disaster struck - we had lost contact with our friend Tricia and her passenger for the day Tony, on the CB radio. After making attempts to get her on the radio, myself and Kiran turned our vehicles around and headed back the way we had come. On turning the bend we were greeted with the sight of a Land Rover up on its side and Tricia sitting on the top. Her and Tony had skidded on the ice and managed to roll through 360 degrees before coming to rest on the side.

Tricia needed some first aid for a cut on her head (I can't get away from it even in the hols!) And had some bruises where they had rolled around so much. But both had survived a pretty nasty accident without any serious injury. But the Land Rover did not survive so well, when it was back upright again, it looked very bent indeed. After that experience, we sat back at the caravans

trying to take it all in, drinking our tea. Once Tricia was all sorted, though, she was raring to go again, and although having to leave the crumpled Land Rover behind, we all set off again. We are not easily put off!

We enjoyed another day's green laning and headed back, this time in the dark, to the campsite. The next day was spent packing up and arranging for the vehicle to be taken back home by the recovery services.

But despite the mishap, and the very cold weather, we all had to agree it was the best Christmas we have had. (Beats fighting over which channel to watch!)

SAM PARKER

Land Rover driver and Occupational Health Nurse

Green Lane News

Date; Sunday 6th April

Time; 10:30 am

Place; To be advised to group when booking.

Planned Trip; Byways around Wokingham.

There is a very well maintained network of byways around Wokingham, thanks to an enlightened local District Council. The route will follow mostly unsurfaced routes, skirting open fields, through broad-leaved and coniferous woodland with one river to ford and several stream crossings.

Duration; 2 to 2½ hours followed by a lunch stop at a country pub with garden.

Difficulty; Moderate, steady, non-damaging driving. Some muddy sections.

Notes; Bring boots, gate opening can be muddy. Bring a flask for a coffee stop (and lunch if preferred to Pub Grub.)

Contact; Paul Flett on 0118-9734430

Party size; 6 vehicles maximum, because of the proximity of some routes to built-up areas.

Please give me call if interested.

More Green Lane News

Date; Sunday 26th April

Meet; 10am at Chievely Services (M4) near Newbury O.S. ref SU.480.727

Contact; Ross Kennedy. Tel. 01276-36049

Details; I'm planning a gentle trip around the Berkshire Downs north of here (OS map 174), the lanes should be in good condition even if we've had a wet spring. A group of 3 or 4 vehicles would be nice (sad but politically correct), but of course we can always subdivide a larger group, so all old & new faces welcome. Expecting to finish 4 - 5pm. Bring a picnic lunch!

Please give me call if interested, so I can advise any change of plan.

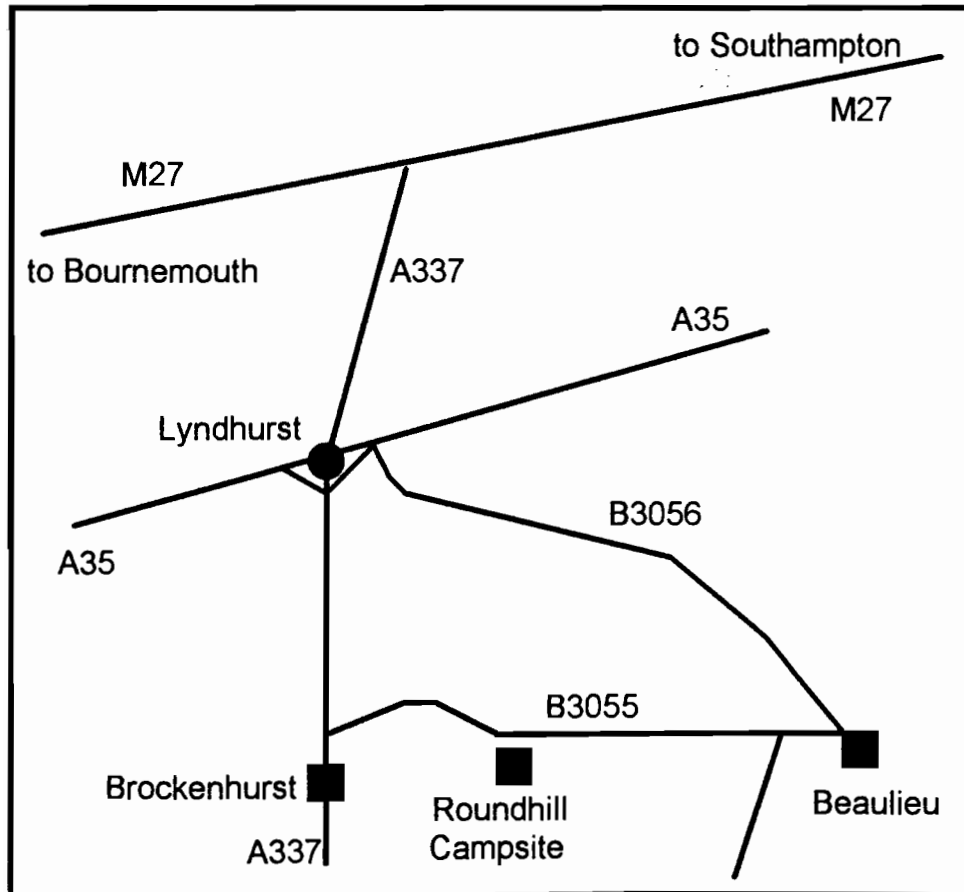
Stag Owners Club Invite, New Forest.

The Stag Owners Club are holding a social camping caravanning weekend on 13th to 15th of June. The site is in the New Forest close by the Beaulieu Motor Museum. Camping is just outside Brockenhurst in the heart of the New Forest on the Roundhills campsite Rally field. We have been invited to share their event and they have invited us to their Saturday night barbecue which starts around 7:00p.m. Mobile shop visits Saturday and Sunday morning. A toilet block has everything except showers. Camping fees are £4:50 per pitch per night.

Entry to Beaulieu Motor Museum is £5:50 each providing there are 15 people or more. This is purely a social weekend so come on down and enjoy Hampshire at its best.

Please ring Ashley Pocock if you need more information on 01264-710546.

(Prices and times based on last year's event; check with Ashley.)



TV Times by E-mail!

From: (Michael Dyer)

It's on! Channel 4's Undercover Britain series is showing Dangerous Walks at 9:00pm on 09 April.

The 30 minute programme has to be after the watershed because of the aggressive and abusive language heaped on walkers and riders. The famous Maperton RUPP of Mrs Masters (GLEAM) is featured as one of the routes. Mr Masters jnr evidently obstructs the presenter and locals on the right of way.

Please pass the word.

Alan kind Via Tim Stevens (LARA)

:-) Mick Dyer

For Sale

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

Commercial Adverts:-

£25 for half page and £50 full page per annum; payable in advance.

These rates are very good considering the perfect targeting. Current circulation is around 250.

All adverts are dated as to their first month of publication. When they become about 3 months old, they will be dropped unless the "owners" renew them!

* Diesel Engine 10J. 2¼. 5 bearing. 1983 - 95000 miles. Emissions 1.08. Up to 70 mph and 28 mpg. Removing from 110 for transplant. Available in vehicle for testing until mid-April. Some wear / smoke. Will need overhaul. £250 complete. Contact Dave Best in Guildford on 01483-505998 (MAR97)

* Land Rover bits Twin choke Weber Carburettor from 1984 2¼ petrol attached to new style inlet and exhaust manifold with modified down-pipe to convert to a Series II / III. All in excellent working order. Down-pipe is rusty but solid, only one year old. Worth roughly £250 but will sell for only £65. Can also supply oil-type air filter and accelerator cable and flexi-tube for above at slight extra

cost, to convert to a series vehicle. Phone Andrew Brett in Reigate on 01737-210799 (MAR97)

- * 90 / 110 Truck cab unit. consists of roof with roof-rack, and rear window panel and windows. Plus tail-gate and cables. £175. Contact Barry or Andrew Simpson in London on 0181-870-1804 (FEB97)
- * Range Rover interior. by UK Interiors. Complete virtually unused. Consists of whole interior, full set of seats, panelling, roller-blind type rear load area cover, the lot. Checkered grey cloth. Bargain at £200. Contact Barry or Andrew Simpson in London on 0181-870-1804 (FEB97)
- * Series II / III bits Truck Cab - £35. Solex PA40 carburettor - £10. Inlet manifold - £3. Late Series III brake servo - £5. Series III bulkhead, needs repair - £25. Call Roger Hardwick in Aldershot on 01252-376797 (DEC96)
- * Land Rover bits... Free-wheeling hubs - £15. Galvanised roof rack with ladder - £10. Stainless steel downpipe for 2¼ petrol 90 - £10. Lucas Sports Coil - £10. Lumenition ignition - £20. Cat guard for 90 fan - £8. Gunson Gas Analyser - £25. Series 1 windscreen frame - £10. Series 1 front transmission cover - £3. Call John King in Maidenhead on 01628-25909 (DEC96)
- * Land Rover LWB Series III bits. Truck-cab - £40. Wings - £35 the pair. Doors - £10 each. Dash - £15. Seat-box - £15. Bonnet - £25. Tailgate - £10. Salisbury rear axle complete - £50. Front axle complete - £40. Props - £15 each. Windscreen - £20. 2¼ petrol engine, good runner c/w carb, starter, alternator, distributor - £130. Plus other bits. Call Dave Hatch in Fareham, HANTS on 01329-314998. (DEC96)

Vehicles for Sale

- * Comp Safari Racer. Range Rover based. 3.5 Rover V8 with Holley Carburettor and Headman headers. 5-point Salisbury rear axle. New SAT tyres. Recent engine rebuild. Very reliable and competitive. Ready to race. Offers to Peter Goulding in Winchester on 01264-860505 (eves or w/ends) or 01962-760515 (daytime) (MAR97)
- * 1975 Series III SWB Station Wagon. 7:50 tyres. Free-wheeling hubs. Bull-bar. MOT to end of May 97. Good condition. £1700. Call Gordon on 01344-489656 after 6 p.m. or weekends. (FEB97)
- * 1979 Yamaha YB1000 Deluxe 1WD motorcycle. 12,000 miles. MOT to end of July 97. £450 o.n.o. Call Gordon on 01344-489656 after 6 p.m. or weekends. (FEB97)

- * Hybrid Land Rover 88" Built on 1973 Range Rover chassis. SD1 Rover V8 engine. Defender Front end. Internal roll-cage. Bull-bar. Big boots. Fully equipped. Fire extinguishers. Hi-lift jack. Ropes, strops, shackles, etc. Class 10 winner (well would be if you nobble Andy Bunyan!) Engineer's Report supplied. £1850 o.n.o. Ring Steve Hallam in Hook, Hants on 01256-768494 evenings and weekends. (FEB97)
- * Range Rover, 1980. V8. Brown. P.A.S. Overdrive. Late discovery low-mileage engine. Front & rear tow points. Polybushed. Mot to October. £1700. Call Kevin Rumble on 01252-540973. (JAN97)
- * Series 3 LWB Land Rover. 2.5 diesel. Hard top. HD Chassis and suspension. Overdrive. FWH. MoT Oct 97. Tax to Jan 97. £1300. o.n.o. Call Paul Curtis after 6 p.m. on 01420-22528 (DEC96)
- * 1951 Series One Land Rover 80" Trialler Built to trialling spec. Standard condition Class 1 with full roll-cage. Original engine and gearbox. Good running order. Has competed in ARC National Trial most years since 1978. £500 to a club member and enthusiast. Phone Fred Southey in Salisbury on 01980-621068 (DEC96)
- * Vauxhall Cavalier 1988. 1600cc Automatic. Long MOT and tax. £750 ovno. Mick Dyer in Windlesham on 01276-473907 (DEC96)
- * 1957 Series One Trialler. 2¼ engine, SATs. ARC Log-book. V5 registration document. Photos of rebuilt. Receipts. £850. Call John King in Maidenhead on 01628-25909 (DEC96)
- * 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. (DEC96)

Wanted

- * Forward Control Series Ila wheels. 7" rim width pattern, 16" dia. 5-stud. With or without tyres. Call Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 0181-287-0377. (MAR97)

WARNING

Any adverts dated up to and including DECEMBER may disappear next month unless you renew them!

SERVICES / ONGOING

- * Hoods & Tilts etc.:- 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. Call Lorraine and Jeff Heydon in Alfreton, Derbyshire on 01623-552309 or 01773-830551.
- * 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.
- * Roll-bars In stock or made to order. Fabrication and welding service available from BS certificated welder. Call Neville Dewdney in Ashvale on 01252-650212. Note the new number.
- * SCALE MODELS. I have a small selection of Land Rover model kits which are available to club members at a special price. Land Rover 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 - Long Term

July 26 - 27	HBRO / Somerset & Wilts / Yorkshire Rover Owners Club Holiday Rally. Provisional. Original Fordingbridge location not available. Possibly Bowhill.
August 2 - 3	Inter-Club Challenge with Southern. Battlehurst Farm.
August 15 - 17	AWDC Southern Hill Rally. Provisional.
August 23 - 24	North Wales event. Porthmadog. Provisional.
August 23 - 25	Ladies' and Gentlemen's RTV Trials. Camping. Summer Rally. Nelly's Dell. Provisional.
September 7	Trials at Broxhead Common. Provisional.
September 13	ARC EGM Solihull, Birmingham.
September 14	Thruxton Festival of Motorsport. Provisional.
September 21	Trials. Wessex Shield & Safari Engineering Challenge. Hook End Farm. Provisional.
September 27 - 28	Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show. Hosted by HBRO. Provisional.
October 4th - 5	Major's Trial. Provisional.
October 12	Trials. Slab Common. Provisional.
October 10 - 12	Welsh Hill Rally. Provisional.
October 26	HBRO AGM. Provisional.
November 2	Trials. Nelly's Dell. Provisional.
December 6th	Christmas Dinner. Alton. Book now! Call Maxine.
December 13th	ARC EGM Solihull, Birmingham.