

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at The Jolly Miller on the B3349, between M3 and Odiham aerodrome. Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.) SU734517 approx.
- * 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.

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.

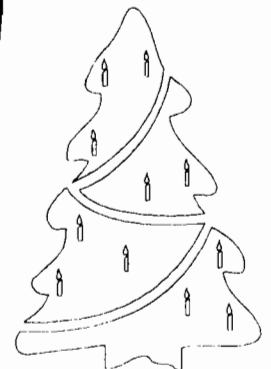
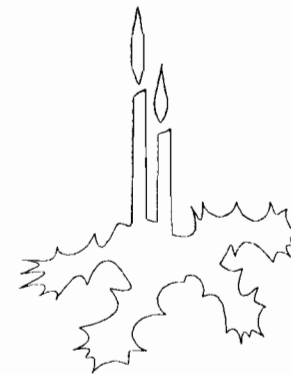
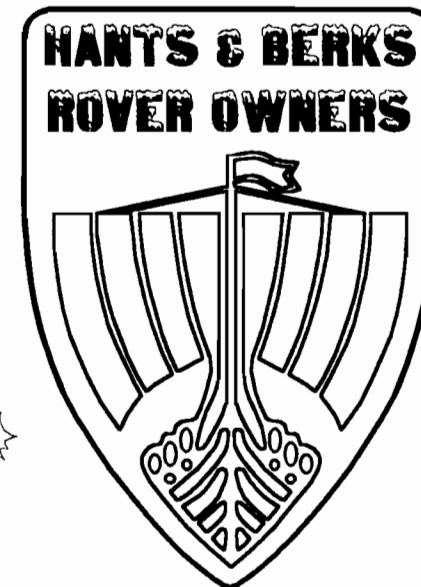
By popular request, the short-term events programme has been moved to the back cover for ease of access.

December 6th	Christmas Dinner. Alton. Book now! Call Maxine.
December 6th	ARC meeting, Solihull, Birmingham.
December 14th	Scenic Drive. Broxhead Common. £15.
January 4th	Trials. Brick Kiln Farm.
<i>January 25th</i>	<i>Trials. Surrey Saw Mills, Wrecclesham. Winter Series.</i>
February 13 - 15	Rickshaw Ramble. Weaver's down. Details later.
<i>Feb 28th / Mar 1st</i>	<i>Trials. Slab. Scenic Drive.</i>
<i>March 21 / 22</i>	<i>Trials. Hook End Farm.</i>
<i>April 3 / 4</i>	<i>Trials. Hook End Farm. MOVED!</i>
April 13	Easter Rally. Nelly's Dell or Chiddingfold.
May 22 - 31	ARC International Rally. Eastnor.

Pants & Barks

DECEMBER 1997

Season's Greetings



Newsletter of the Hants and
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"Hants & Berks Rover Owners" is a member of the ARC (Association of Rover Clubs), the RACMSA (RAC Motor Sports Association) and the ACSMC (Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs.)

Editor's bit....

The AGM music has stopped and everyone has sat down, but not in the same order as before. The main changes can be seen opposite. I kept out of the way! My feeble excuse is that I had to make an early start on Saturday morning to go to an ARC Scrutineering Committee meeting in Birmingham. ..and no, I didn't deliberately set the date to clash. Thinking of clashes, the December ARC meeting has been brought forward to the 6th, HBRO Xmas dins evening. Story of my life...

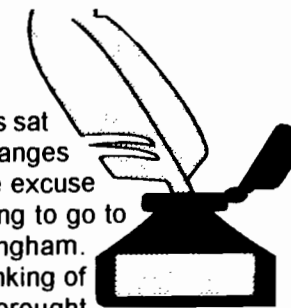
Many thanks to Dave Ridden for his work as Chairman and thanks to Nick for taking the helm for the future. The increase in social activities has led to the need for a Social Secretary, so we welcome Kiran Raval to the post. Somehow I think Zöe will get involved too!

"Thank you" to those who called about printing the newsletter. Alan decided to continue as treasurer after all on condition he didn't have to print the newsletter. So he found someone closeby to do it.

I write all this a month before publication date so I'm never sure when to wish you a Happy Christmas. You'll probably get the January issue before Christmas Day too.

...and finally - thanks to those who called about a Bedford van for the Classic Vehicle club at my place of work. We now have one. I'm a founder member of the British Airways Classic Vehicle Association. We have cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles and aircraft in the club. The van will be in painted in BEA colours to accompany our Trident jet airliner, yes really!

Steve Kirby



This month...

- Ashley's "Competition Comment" finally makes it in after e-mail compatibilities caused a blockage.
- Nick Jennings gets up to speed straight away with a new chairman's page.
- Nick also passes comment on the proposed regs published last month.
- ARC News makes a welcome return.
- Maxine writes her Secretary's Bit...

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 if needed. 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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Chairman's Chit Chat Corner

I had been thinking for a while that I could afford some time to put back into the club that I have got so much from over the years. Despite having been Treasurer & Membership Secretary for three years back in the eighties, it appears that I didn't learn my lesson. So despite my absence from the A.G.M. due to holiday commitments I ended up being your new Chairman.

The first things I would like to do is thank the previous chairman for all of his efforts in the past. I am just about to discover what it is all about Dave. Thanks for the past few years.

I hope to make C.C.C.C. (Chairman's Chit Chat Corner) a regular feature. It may contain serious items or just the ramblings of a light hearted nature.

As your new Chairman I want any members that have a question, worry, complaint, suggestion, idea, or anything else (other than medical conditions) to feel free to contact me through what ever means , and the committee and I will do our best to help you. This is , after all , your club and what you think & want counts.

Cheers for now

Nick Jennings

ps for those of you who don't know me by sight, I am the grumpy git with the beard and the tatty green ninety.

pps no phone calls after 9.30 p.m. as I get up at 4.30. a.m to go to work!

November 16, 1997

Dear Steve,

I've renewed my subscription again and should like to make a request that the club puts a greater focus on greenlaning. I went out on trips with Mr Dyer when he was around. He left then Alan Smith encouraged members to organise trips themselves in the absence of a R of Way officer. I stepped up to the plate and organised a trip in June (6 vehicles), and I think a further trip took place at Alton in July.

Since then ...all quiet. Nothing has been organised, no member-organised laning trips have been encouraged. We have a new Rights of Way officer, I believe but HBRO Greenlaning seems to be defunct.

How can we get things moving again?

Regards

Paul Flett

Caversham,
Berkshire

Dear Steve,

Interesting and thought provoking article in the mag about future vehicle regulations!!

You asked for comments so here are a few that sprang to mind.

1. Section A (5) Air filters.
If the filter & housing are free, so long as the housing remains in the same place, does this mean that K&N type filters will not be acceptable ?
2. Section F (1d) Nudge bars.
"The bar must be made of tubes" Are tubes round or does square or rectangular box section constitute a tube ?
3. Section F (1j) Winches etc.
Does a winch bumper come with in the scope of this rule ?

Cheers for now.

Nick Jennings

Response:-

- 1 I reckon it means that you can't have a remote filter assembly. If the original housing was on top of the engine, then the replacement one must be there too, regardless of its shape or make.
- 2 According to the Oxford Dictionary, a tube is specifically cylindrical and used for carrying air or fluids. In engineering terms that's a **pipe**; a **tube** is a structural item and certainly can be rectangular. The terminology is quite specific, like the difference between a bolt and a screw or a fuse and a fuze. Note that most nudge-bars have flat plates in their construction too, so where does that leave us?
- 3 The rules don't say that you can change the bumper, so you can't. Conversely, you could argue that the bumper is the mounting system that enables the winch to be fitted without modification to the structure of the car. It's an interpretation matter and may depend on the scrutineer on the day. "So no change there then!"

I'll take your queries forward to the scrutineering committee for clarification. But it does show how hard it is to produce what is intended to be a simple set of rules!

Steve Kirby

Competition Comment

The Summer Series is over, with the last in the series being Nelly's Dell at the end of August. The results were announced at the AGM on the 31 October 1997.

Hook End (Safari Challenge). The CCVT competitors have decided that in the light of the lack of entries (2 only), that they would like to have the Trophy re-submitted for another event. Thanks guys, your offer is appreciated, and we will try to find another event at which the Safari Challenge will be a goal for a larger group of competitors.

Bagshot Show went well, with HBRO as the lead Club, and I know that Chris Jones the organizer was very complimentary to our marshaling and organization, so thanks to all who participated, and apologies to those who unfortunately didn't get a Sweatshirt. One problem did occur, involving a back injury to someone seated in the rear of a Series one. The circumstances are still being investigated, however it does draw to our attention the danger for passengers who are not cosseted by comfy seats and restrained by seat-belts. We must be conscious of this at future events. The injured party fortunately suffered serious bruising and has recovered well, but did spend several days in hospital.

Off-Road driving day & Trials at Slab was a tremendous success for the Club. It was mud, glorious mud, but everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, despite the almost continuous recovery programme. Many entrants commented on the professionalism of the marshals and the effectiveness of the organisation. Everyone who participated should give themselves a pat on the back, well done !! Thanks to Bob and the Bedford RL, without whom some vehicles could still be embedded in the pit now!!

We did unfortunately have a repeat of the incident at Bagshot, a second back injury. This time involving a coil-sprung vehicle and a passenger seated in the rear. The injured party was admitted to hospital briefly and retired home with pulled muscles and severe bruising. Again the circumstances are being investigated, but my worry is that the RACMSA will impose more rigorous regulations on this type of event, and we need to find a way of preventing these accidents in the future. We have been lucky in that both accidents did not result in a more serious injury, however I am concerned that the next time could be the one that either results in a major medical emergency, or questions the diligence of our marshaling. I am planning to ask St. John's to attend all Scenic drives in future, but I would appreciate any thoughts, inputs or suggestions on this matter.

The IOW trial went well, and Martin Parsons is planning further events, and will let HBRO know dates when confirmed. Sorry about the short notice on this event, but unfortunately we didn't know until the Slab event that it was on - blame Martin. How about a summer trial on the IOW - Martin??

Fire training was held at Thruxton, and again the comment was; how useful this experience is to anyone who has not experienced the use of the different types of extinguishers and their application. Although this exercise was

focused on vehicle fires, it's very helpful in understanding the principles of dealing with other types of fires.

Another event that escaped the HBRO calendar, the Longleat Off Road weekend (25/26.10) which we found out about a couple of months ago, but didn't get invited to until 1 week before the event, when Marshals were needed. Sue Lea, Gary Hodgson and myself attended, and it appeared to go well. I was impressed with the new Toyota Landcruiser, and the Off Road Course through the Lion's enclosure. Sorry, I couldn't call everyone, ran out of coins for the phone.

AGM was on Friday 31 October and was switched to Nelly's for the convenience of members camping there for the weekend. The idea was good, but as it was freezing and we had to erect the Marquee, it may be better to switch to the Lawns next year. Fortunately Alan arrived with two Calor heaters, both of which have been voted onto the committee for saving the day. The minutes of the meeting will be published in P & B.

Nelly's Bonfire special and BBQ went with a bang, actually several bangs!! Food was great, thanks Maxine and helpers. Bonfire burned well, thanks Barry, Gary *et al* for preparation and particularly Barry for clearance and disposal of remains. I managed to avoid Fireworks going-off in the back of the Disco this year, but still had to take rapid avoidance action for some of these sneaky Chinese jobs.

1997/1998 Winter Series is now underway, and for those new members, a quick repeat of the rules: The series comprises 5 RTV events normally running from November through March, although if we lose an event due to inclement weather or loss of a site (this will apply as the Broxhead event in December will not feature a trial), the series will extend to April. Entrants must compete in 3 events, and marshal in one. One event can be missed. If 4 events are entered, the lowest 3 scores will be used to compute the overall winner.

The first event, Nelly's Dell on (2.11), has already taken place, but as one event can be missed, there is still a chance to compete and win, so let's be having you!! Nelly's Dell was a very good turn-out, and Kiran Raval (CoC), and his team managed to create some new twists and turns on the site which everyone enjoyed. Thanks Kiran and all the officials for the day. Results detailed elsewhere.

Broxhead 97 takes place on the 14 December, and will feature another scenic drive, fun sections, Quad bike demos, and a visit by Santa (well that's the rumour!), so bring the kids, and the children. Following the success at Slab, the idea is to construct a scenic drive course, with a series of FUN challenges, arranged as sections around the route. The entrants will then travel the route, entering the sections, and attempting the challenges. These sections cannot be scored but each successful attempt could result in a token which could be used in exchange for a can of WD40 or ?? . Ideas on a postcard please. We would like 10 sections, and therefore 10 groups of members, each to conceive and run a challenge. Volunteers please. The intention is that ALL members participating should also take it in turns to 'run the gauntlet' and attempt the challenges.

Remember the challenges must be safe, but could be graded by entrant, e.g., novice in brand new disco with impending Turbo/Gearbox/Head Gasket failure, OAP in blue trialler, Flash Gordon in Truck Cab 90 etc., etc.. Teas, Coffees provided free to officials - what a bonus !! (Max is planning refreshments). Hey, what about fancy dress !! Well it is Xmas !!

Clearance day at Ashpark on 27 or 28 December is being planned, but as this is still to be confirmed, can anyone interested please call me for details during December.

Green laning trip along the Ridgeway is on the cards for 1st January 1998. Contact Dave Ridden, or Nick Jennings for details.

An early January Trial is being arranged at Brick Kiln for the 4th January. CoC will be Alan Smith. Please check with Alan or myself to conform all is OK, prior to the event.

A late January Trial has been arranged at Surrey Saw Mills on 25 January. CoC will be Ian Parker. Kiran is arranging camping on the site for the Winter enthusiasts.

Rickshaw Ramble has moved to 13-15 February 1998. The Ramble for the uninitiated, is a Services event, which HBRO assists in the running. The event is set-up on the Friday, and runs during the day on the Saturday and over the Saturday night / Sunday morning. The activities include: Off-Road Sections, Timed Safari, Night navigation and Scatter. HBRO provides marshals for the activities. The location for the event is Weaver's Down, and surrounding areas, close to Longmoor camp, all renowned for their excellent Off Road driving terrain. Camping over Friday and Saturday nights will be available. Passes will be issued in advance, (and access to the site will be limited only to those with passes), and I will arrange specific activities for each marshal prior to the event. This is being done to avoid some confusion experienced at previous Rambles. I will need to have a complete list of volunteers by the 6 February 1998.

Looking ahead further, I am planning for another scenic drive / trial day at Slab on 1 March, Ashpark over Easter, with camping, and an inter-Club trial at Broxhead on the 11th May as a National Rally warm-up. Further dates will be issued in the Club calendar next month.

ARC National Rally 1998 is quite a different affair from the past events, as you should have now realised from the application forms. Any comments on the programme, or how you are planning to attend, e.g., one weekend, two weekends, all week, would be useful to see if we can co-ordinate our trips with other Club members.

The AWDC has asked HBRO if the Club would be willing run one or two of the stages at the Southern Hill Rally in 1998. This involves all aspects of the stage, including control, marshalling, timing etc.. Anyone interested, if you could let me know asap, so that I can determine whether we can support their offer. In addition they have asked if we would be willing to raise sponsorship for the sections we run, so any ideas on this would be appreciated.

Ashley Pocock.

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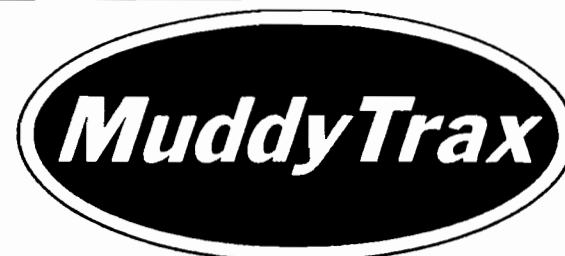
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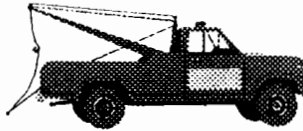
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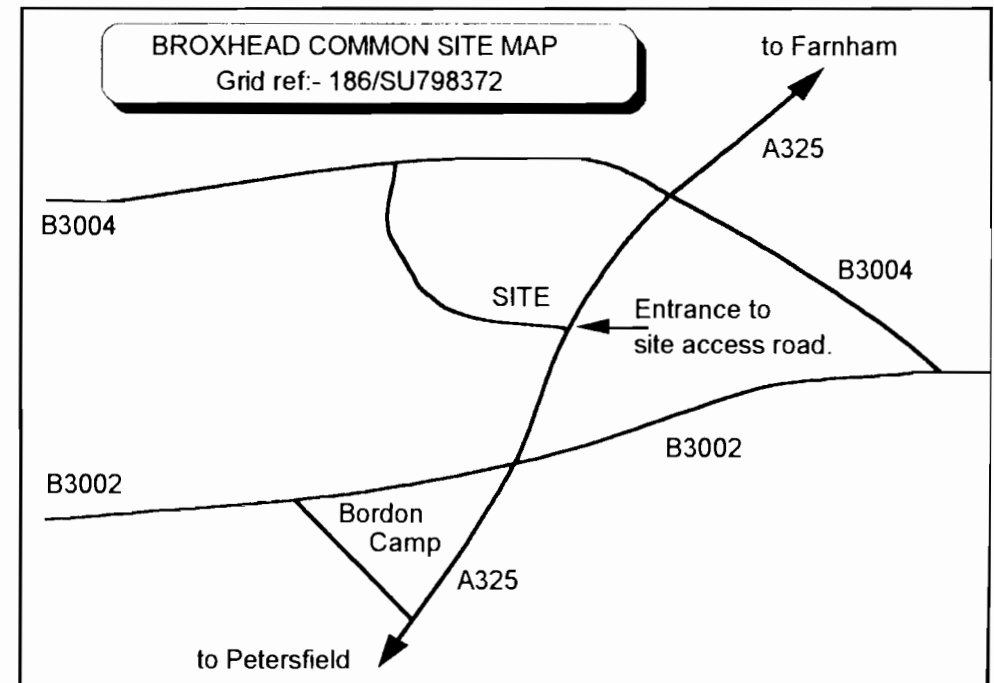
Broxhead Common, Dec 14th

We are running a Promotional Event / scenic drive at Broxhead Common. Anyone can come and have a go. It's open to the public. Fee is £15.

This will be a Gymkhana / Bagshot type event with simple but interesting sections off the main route. If you've never set out anything like this before, then this is your chance to come along on Saturday and give it a try. Call Ashley if you can come along to help lay out; it can be hard work and fun at the same time. Please be there by 10:00 latest on the Saturday or you won't be able to get in.

On the Sunday, please enrol as a marshal and get in free again!

There will be limited catering and toilet facilities.

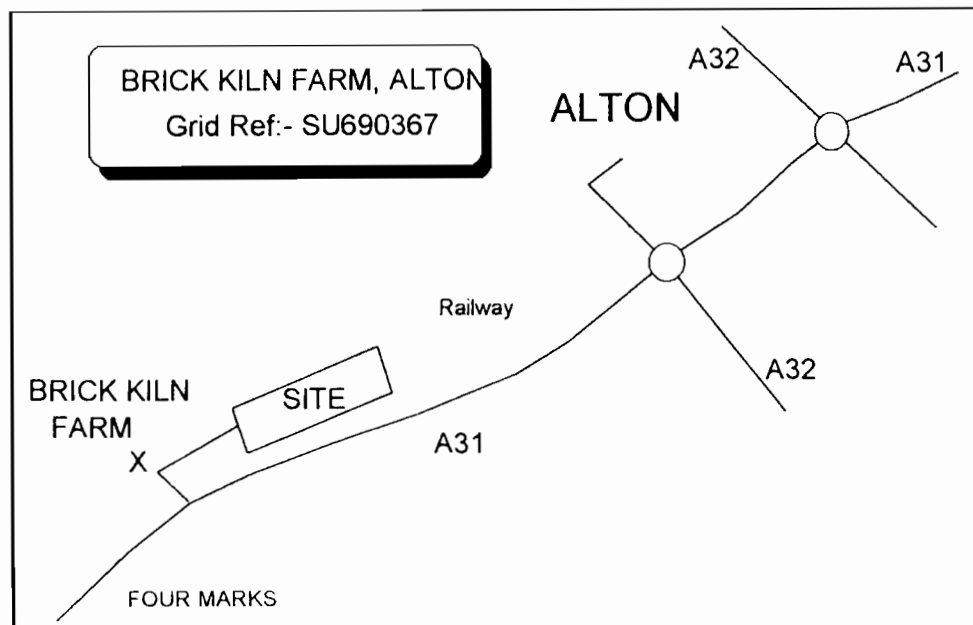


RTV Trial Brick Kiln Farm, Alton, January 4th

We are holding an RTV trial at Brick Kiln Farm near Alton, HANTS. The site is right next to the steam railway. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. This will be a round of the Winter Trial Series. Entries should be on an official entry form if possible. The fee is £12. 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. 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!

Finally, please don't all rush off at the end: those who add up the scores and deal with the paperwork need a bit of help. It's always the same few who do it. Thanks.



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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Major Ben Hervey-Bathurst OBE, at his home at Eastnor on Saturday 18th October.

In 1960 he heard of the Land Rover Engineering Department's requirement for somewhere 'secret' to test its new 129" Land Rover, and offered his services via a mutual friend. From this simple offer of help blossomed a friendship which spanned 37 years and which transformed Eastnor Estate into a world-renowned mecca for Land Rover testing.

As a direct result of this contact, the then Midland Area of the 'original' Land Rover Owners Club was invited to camp in the Deer Park, and thus Eastnor also became one of the prime sites for Land Rover Club activity.

Known universally as "The Major", he was an enthusiastic and skilled Land Rover user and 'salesman', but he always liked to keep our feet on the ground by having a hill that we couldn't climb! Once we did climb it, he would go away, get out the D8 Caterpillar, and cut a new one!

He loved to see people enjoying the countryside and to see Land Rovers doing what they were designed to do, and was ever the perfect gentleman. We were proud to have him as a Patron of the ARC.

The world of Land Rovers and indeed the Land Rover Club scene has lost a true champion. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Anne, sons James and George, and all the family.

If you are thinking that it's a long time since the last ARC News dropped onto your doormat - you're right! - Pat & I have been off-roading in Colorado again - 2500 miles in a Chevy Blazer, I'm afraid (and a Chevy Suburban) But we did get to ride in a couple of US Range Rovers as well, a 1983 carb'd 3 speed Auto 4 door, and a 1988 EFI. Various activities since (including jet lag) have left you news-less I'm afraid, for which I apologise, but here we go again.

I re-read an article recently, and I quote some passages from it -
"... two major points would seem to me to need attention. The first is to streamline the organization of Trials and the regulations thereof, and the second is to find ways and means of providing events and services which will cater for those members of the Club who do not compete in the Trials and Rallies which the Club promotes at present."
"The primary object of the Club is to promote events and facilities which will be of interest and provide entertainment for everyone who owns a Land-Rover. Trials, we know, do not do

this and a great deal of thought has been put into developing other fields of activity and steps have been taken to supply the basic organization to achieve results. However, there is one point which stands out above all others: it is that this is your Club and it is your voices that we want to hear "

Sounds topical doesn't it? Could it emanate from an ARC meeting, or a Club AGM?

No! - it's Tim Harding's introductory article in the original Land Rover Owners Club's magazine 'REVIEW', when he took over as Secretary from John Tracey in September 1960. Nothing changes, does it!

Incidentally, one event which came about as a result of this article was a "Land Rover Tour of Europe" holiday, with a mixture of solo Land Rovers and Land Rover/caravan outfits, and a solitary 3 litre Rover P5.

Non-Competitive Clubs Liaison

Under the heading 'Building for the Future' in ARC News 12, March '97, we advised you of the formation of the Non-Competitive Clubs Sub Committee and the appointment of its Council representative Chris Savidge.

This sub committee is now fully operational under the Chairmanship of Bill Berry (Chairman of Nottingham LR Club), and its most recent meeting was held with sunhats and factor 20 in the sunshine at Billing.

The Committee is actively involved in discussions on the Heritage Cavalcade April 98, the International Rally 98, and the All Rover Rally 98.

If you have any ideas to put to this committee, or more to the point, if you have expertise in, and can organise, any interesting events, then contact your club rep, listed below.

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Peter Hughes	-)	Series I Club
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Richard Lines	-)	LR Register (+47-51)
David Leather	-)	
Paul Williams	-	Rover Sports Register
Mike Whitchurch	-	P6 Rover Owners Club
Tony Luckwill	-	LR OEC Ireland

or direct to Bill Berry - Nottinghamshire LR Club - Tel 0115 972 4836

or Chris Savidge - 101 Forward Control Club & Register - Tel 0115 926 7716

For many years, the accusation has been made that non-competitive members were neglected, and did not have a voice in administration processes of the ARC. Things have changed - you now have a say in what goes on - use it! Chris Savidge would be very pleased to be able to go to the next Council meeting with a list of hundreds of volunteers for non-competitive events at next year's International at Easton!

And, of course, there are no demarcation lines, interest from non-competitive members of competitive clubs will never be turned away!

Events 1997

'The Malachi' - by Lines LRC 29th/30th November 1997

A 2-day night and day open Comp Safari is being held at Wickenby, Lincs, over the weekend 29th/30th November. Fees will be £40 for two days or £20 for one day, pre-booked. Bookings after Nov 25th will pay fees of £50 and £25 respectively.

Camping is available (free) but with no water or facilities. Food will be available all weekend. For details contact Vince Mauterfield, Holly Cottage, Wickenby, Lincs LN3 5AB. Tel 01673 885115.

50th Anniversary Year

1 Heritage Run April 26th 1998

Following a meeting with Graham Cheary of Land Rover, the following details can be confirmed -

- Starting point will be the West Car Park of the N.E.C. and starting time will be 9.00 am
- Cavalcade will be made up of 50 Land Rover vehicles spanning the 50 years of production, one representing each year. Following will be 50 'special conversion' vehicles, such as 6 wheeled, fire tenders, ambulances, Popemobiles, Royal Review vehicles, military vehicles, etc. etc. Finally there will be 50 vehicles owned by "Personalities", from the business, leisure, entertainment world etc etc.
- - From N.E.C. West Car Park, the route will take in a visit to the factory (Danson Lane gate) with a photo opportunity on the 1 in 1 hill (optional)
- Then to the centre of Solihull (Mell Square) to receive a certificate from the Mayor (Photo)
- Drive to Gaydon Heritage Motor Centre via A4140, A4177, A452 and B1100 (the old A41), via the centre of Warwick - assume cruise speed of 40 mph
- Lunch break at Gaydon (photo) leaving at approx 2.30 pm
- (Possibly) call into Gaydon Test Track - one lap of a defined test circuit
- Return via Warwick to Meriden (Centre of England) (photo)
- Return to N.E.C. (by approx 6.00 pm) to designated area alongside Pendigo Lake for vehicle display, Birthday Party and Firework Display finale at 8.20 pm
- Breakfasts will be available at West Car Park upon arrival, free to drivers of participating vehicles, discounted price to others
- Food and refreshments will be available at Gaydon at normal prices
- Food and refreshments will be available at the N.E.C. birthday party, together with a band and other attractions. All Land Rover employees (associates) are invited to this party
- All entrants will receive a prestigious plaque as a memento of the event

Chris Savidge, the ARC Council member representing non-competitive clubs, is now formulating detailed plans for the clubs' participation in the event.

Application forms will be issued with the next ARC News for individuals to complete and submit (together with a recent photograph) to have their vehicle considered for both the "50 years" section and the "special" section. These should be returned to Chris Savidge, but you should also advise your Club Secretary of your application (send him/her a photocopy).

Vehicles chosen will be smart (a credit to Land Rover and to the Club) and each "entry" will have a 'reserve' in case of last minute problems. Land Rover (Graham Cheary) is co-ordinating the "personalities" group.

It is possible that a caravan rally will be organised, either close to the NEC or close to Gaydon, to cater for distant visitors wishing to stay for the weekend. Assistance will also be available for those requiring hotel or B & B accommodation.

It is also possible, even probable, that this 'Run' will become an annual event.

Watch this space!

2 International Rally, Eastnor, May 21st - 31st 1998

You should all by now have received a booking form for the rally via the Rover mailing system, don't forget the 10% discount if you book before 31st Dec 1997. Closing date is 31st March 1998.

The Management Team for the rally is now complete, and several planning meetings and site meetings have been held.

The general format outlined some time ago is now being 'filled out', and lots of help with event ideas and labour is required from all member clubs.

If you have some expertise you can offer or just a pair of legs to marshal with, please contact a relevant person listed below -

Event Director:	Harold Lowe	Tel & Fax 01772 716956
	89 Broadwood Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 4TE	
Event Secretaries:	Ian & Sue Foster	Tel & Fax 01204 396449
	31 Slimbridge Close, Brightmet, Bolton, BL2 5NT	
Treasurer:	Andrew Neaves	Tel 01827 874008
	8 East House Drive, Hurley, Atherstone, CV9 2HB	
Comp Co-ordinator:	Colin Gaukroger	Tel 01270 664463
	45 Franklin Avenue, Crewe, CW2 7NE	
Press & Publicity:	Steve Wells	Tel 01472 398019
	6 Hall Farm, Binbrook, Lincoln, LN8 6BW	
Rover Liaison:	Peter Oakden	Tel 01827 880677
	Oak Cottage, Wood Lane, Norton-juxta-Twyccross, Atherstone, CV9 3QB	
Non-competitive Co-ordinator:	Chris Savidge	Tel 0115 926 7716
	86 Spring Lane, Lambley, Nottingham, NG4 4PG	
Special Event Director:	John Bradbury	Tel 01706 638801
	14 Bolton Road, Rochdale, OL11 4PB	
Site Management:	Steve Cook	Tel & Fax 01527 525021
	26 Sutton Close, Winyates, Redditch, B98 0JR	
Trade Stands:	Rob Walker	Tel 0151 728 8683
Ladies Activities:	Bonny Savidge	Tel 0115 926 7716
	86 Spring Lane, Lambley, Nottingham, NG4 4PG	

3 Series 1 Club - Sloughborough Rally 27th/28th June 1998

Entry forms are now available, and the closing date is 30 Nov 97, so don't delay. The rally is, of course, open only to members of the Series 1 Club and the 1947-51 Register.

4 Land Rover Register 1947-51 - Anniversary Tour August 1998

The 50th Anniversary Tour will reproduce the trek made by five pre-production 80" vehicles in July 1948 in support of the World Gliding Championships of that year, held in Samaden, Switzerland.

The Tour is to include historic vehicles L11, R12, R16, L19, L29 and a member from New Zealand, and will set off on August 9th and return August 22nd.

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1998

ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL RALLY



PRESS RELEASE

The biggest event in the 50 years of the Land Rover's production is well under way. As you will all know by now the nine day extravaganza to celebrate the 50th is to be held at Eastnor Castle from 22-31 May 1998. We have already secured sponsorship for some of the Rally. Besides Land Rover Ltd, we have NFU Mutual Insurance as another main sponsor. Superwinch is sponsoring the winch recovery and also some on-site activities. Famous Four Products are generously supplying all the marshals' waistcoats, which incidentally will be given to the marshals as a thank you for marshalling at the event. We also have Quick Call Tyres sponsoring the new Timed Trial. International Off-Roader Magazine are sponsoring all pre-International press releases. There are many companies already making enquiries regarding trade stands and sponsorship. As soon as we have signed deals we will be letting you know who is supporting what.

Among the many attractions for the nine days there will be an on-site Safari drive around the Eastnor Estate organised by the Nottingham Land Rover Club, an evening is being planned where it is hoped that members will attend in traditional 1948 dress to be entertained by a 1940's Big Band.

It is hoped to arrange visits to the Solihull factory from Eastnor, probably to see the Freelander production line. There will be plenty for the non-competing members to do, the committee are encouraging a full variety of trade stands to attend, a creche is being organised, and a large number of Rover cars as well as Land Rovers are expected for the Concours d'Elegance which will be held in front of the Castle itself. Novelty driving competitions will be active all week.

The usual Trials and Competitive Safari etc. will be, as usual hard fought for. The Trials will be limited to 240 entries and the Safari to 150, the Timed Trial will have a limit of 72 entries for the six sections. The Team and Winch recovery competitions will also take place. The Gymkhana and Trailer reversing will take place daily. It is hoped to present the trophies for all competitions the following evening after the discipline has taken place, this will give time for the scores to be tabulated correctly instead of having to rush them through. The scores will be sent to each club who will have a nominated member to look after a notice board for their members. The board will also have a daily newsletter displayed upon it, if a club has a very large contingent at the Rally then that club may have the need to have two notice boards.

The nominated representative will also act as that club's caravan officer seeing that all camping rules are obeyed throughout the week, this will help to make everyone's stay a pleasant one. Each club, it is hoped, will have their club flag displayed around the arena as well as flying on their camping area.

If you have any suggestions to make this mammoth event even better, then please contact Harold Lowe with your ideas on 01772 716956.

S.J. WELLS, 6, HALL FARM, BINBROOK, MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE, LN8 6BW
Tel: 01472 398019

Secretary's Bit

LADIES

This event is obviously a large undertaking and we want to cater for your interests as well, especially if wallowing about in mud with a Land Rover leaves you stone cold. We already have lots of ideas in the pipeline and we would welcome your input, both for making life easier on the campsite, and also for your entertainment. (sorry the Chippendales will NOT be appearing- they can't stand the mud either)

Bonny Savidge (101 F.C.C&R.) would like to hear your ideas, please phone her on 0115 926 7716 (before 10pm please)

ALL MEMBERS

Originally L&C were going to host the whole event but due to land problems our original site was not available. Consequently it became necessary to acquire an alternative site at short notice. Thanks to Peter Oakden, Eastnor Castle was offered to us. As most people will know Eastnor is hardly round the corner from Lancs and Cheshire, so it was decided that the International Rally should become more an ARC event with L&C being responsible for the competitive events.

Talks are presently going on with Eastnor Estates to determine the exact area to be used for each discipline.

As far as the rumours which have been flying around regarding the types of competitions, let me state that this is the area that L&C have a certain amount of expertise in, and we intend that all the competitions will be of a standard and level to which we can all look forward to enjoying at such an historic event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those, from both our club and others who have pledged their help with the event. This does not mean that we have enough help yet, so please keep coming forward- it gives me confidence in the success of the event knowing that we have such superb support.

Colin Gaukroger (Chairman L&C)

Firstly, just quick mention about the latest Nelly's event. A big thank you to all those that helped over the weekend to make it such an enjoyable one, especially Kiran for his cooking abilities! It's a shame that it was as cold but at least it didn't rain.

After Mr. Kirby's mention in his letter about me spotting mistakes, I had great pleasure in pointing out MY two mistakes in the notices last month about the Skittles and Xmas dinner - he hadn't spotted them! Which leads me onto the skittles which by the time this is printed should have successfully(!) taken place. The Xmas Dinner is also just around the corner with the raffle prizes increasing all the time and will hopefully be as much fun as last year. I've heard from some members that so many people are staying the night that the hotel is practically full. Do the management realise what breakfast is going to be like - that's of course if anyone will be fit for breakfast.

What a Month for Club Publicity;

Has anyone noticed the amount of photos and articles in the 4x4 press this month? A couple of months ago, LRO's Laurie Wright wrote about our Interclub Challenge with Southern accompanied by several photos of club members but this month we seem to be everywhere. 4x4 Mart's review of the Bagshot Heath Show has a photo of our chairman Nick Jennings doing a spot of Spring cleaning to his Land Rover. International Off Roader has photos of my Landy recovering a little vehicle at Bagshot with Mr. Bunyan close at hand, and also a letter from Mr. Twinney of Famborough praising Hants & Berks for their sections at Bagshot (see letter printed elsewhere in this newsletter). But have you read the exceedingly good review of our highly successful Slab Scenic Dive (*Another typo, Maxine? It was a dive for some! - Ed*) in the Off-Road and 4 Wheel Drive magazine pages 70 to 73) What a nice man Mr. Parrott is (author of the review) we will invite him again!

One last note - BROXHEAD 14th December. This is detailed elsewhere. But it's not going to be any normal Scenic Drive - this is going to be the Hants & Berks (no club could do better) Scenic Drive with a difference. Want to know more? Turn up, pay your money and see what lies ahead!

Maxine Leverett

Farnborough
HANTS

Hants & Berks Rover Owners Club,

To all concerned with the Bagshot Heath Off-Road Show.

I just had to write a few lines to thank all concerned in the "event" (sponsors - clubs - organisers - etc.) being a 70 year old OAP with his Suzuki SJ410 I still enjoy off-reading as much as my grand-children (from 4 years to 23 years) whom I take along, even the cross-country water (mud) course which the "kids" really love but I cannot praise enough the excellent marshalling by the Hants & Berks Rover Owners Club also the off-track special marked out sections on the Alpine course.

FULL MARKS TO ALL

Sincerely

Joe Twinney

Rights of Way.

First of all, thank you to all the members for electing me as Rights of Way officer at this year's AGM.

Our first green lane outing should have taken place on November 30th in the Basingstoke area. The next is planned for 1st January 1998 to welcome the New Year for those of us who haven't celebrated too hard the night before. Please contact me on 01794-501606 for details. I had hoped we could do the Ridgeway but New Year's Day comes under the restriction for Sundays and Bank Holidays; so maybe this could be a longer trip later in the year instead. If anyone would like to lane in a particular area, please let me know and I'll do my best to arrange a trip for you. By next January I should be more organised and will publish a list of planned trips in the magazine.

I would like to organise regular green lane trips to cover Hampshire, Berkshire and Wiltshire. We have only a small proportion of rights of way available for us to use and it is important that we continue to drive them and record the use of them. Hopefully we will be able to maintain good relationships with the County Councils and their groups of users whilst enjoying our laning.

Dave Ridden.

"Troutbeck",
Bannister Lane,
Eccleston,
Chorley,
Lancashire.
PR75PQ

22:10:97

Dear Club Secretary,

Could you help me please, I have recently had my Land Rover 90 Stolen off my driveway outside my house, On the 3:10:97 between 10.15am and 11.00am. Perhaps you could let your members know by passing on this information.

Registration No.D793 RAW

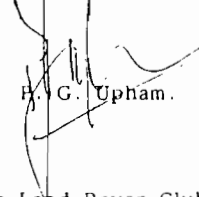
VIN/Chassis No.SALLDVAB7AA277246

Engine No. 11D04767A (Range Rover V8)

NATO green with a grey truck cab top, Originally Avalon Blue, with a white passenger door. Glass Etched with registration number.

B.F. Goodrich mud terrain T/A 265-75-16 tyres fitted on white steel 8 spoke wheels. The roll cage that is fitted has had additional welding and plating done to the mountings on the chassis to meet the requirements of the A R C specification, it has one outstanding marking on the inside of one of the chassis rails on the rear mounting for the roll cage the letters PH in weld and are approximately 3 inches in height. Also fitted to this vehicle was a Audioline radio cassette model 510. Two Jerry can holders, and an Ammo box bolted to the rear body. Also fitted are a pair of aluminium chequered plate wing tops. A NATO tow hitch is fitted to the rear, and a Dixon Bate jaw hitch fitted to the front on a tailor made piece of 10mm steel plate attached and bolted using the holes at the front of the chassis to bumper. Information as to the whereabouts of this vehicle can be passed on to the Police at Chorley on 01257 269021 or myself on 01257 451413. I look forward to hearing from you or your members and thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



P. V. G. Upham.

(Heartbroken Red Rose Land Rover Club Member)

For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let the editor know when a sale is complete so we 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), phone number with full national dialling code, fax, e-mail, etc 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!

Bits & Pieces...

- * Caravan - Abbey Durham, 13ft, 1979, 4 / 5 berth, sink, hob, grill, fridge, 12 volt electrics, pumped water, Salou awning, spare wheel, gas cylinder. View at Nelly's Dell. £700 o.n.o. Contact Barry Simpson in London on 0181-870-1804. (NOV97)
- * Range Rover Gearbox. Chrysler Torque Flite 3-speed auto with torque converter and adaptor plate. £340. Call Tom Tilley in Bracknell on 01344-867764 after 6 p.m. (OCT97)
- * Land Rover Bits Series III Gearbox / transfer box unit with V8 adaptor kit. Can be heard running OK in vehicle until end of September. Flotec low-profile oil pump base and remote filter assembly for V8. £375 the lot or may split. Contact Andy Smith in Wokingham on 0118-9793827 or e-mail on andrewsmith@motivepr.co.uk. (SEP97)
- * Land Rover Bits. Breaking SIII LWB Safari all parts except engine. Wings, very straight - £35 each. Bonnet c/w spare wheel carrier - £25. Dash - £25. Rad - £25. FWH - £20. Seat bases (good) - £5 each. Backs (good) - £5 each. Props - £15 each. Rear door - £25. Breaking SIIa LWB Hard Top c/w side windows - runs. Engine - £150. Gearbox - £100. etc. 90 rear half of chassis ideal for hybrid - £40. Plus other bits of junk. David Hatch, 4a Gordon Road, Fareham, HANTS. PO16 7TW (SEP97)
- * Bits Five Freestyle alloy wheels with good 205x16 Michelin XMS tyres - £500. Steering protector bar to fit 90 / 110 £40. - TDi engine blanket - £20. Contact Tony Blaze in Newbury on 01635-248852 or 0410-227012. (SEP97)

- * Land Rover 90 front seat set (3). Black leatherette material. Excellent condition complete with mounts but no headrests. £100. Call Alan Smith on 01252-835821 (SEP97)
- * Land Rover Parts Four Discovery steel wheels - £80. One Discovery tyre, brand new, Goodyear Eagle, 235/70-16 - £50. Five Pirelli Scorpion 255/65-16 tyres, 3000 miles only, on Discovery steel wheels - £350. Land Rover Series truck cab with all fittings - £20. 90 / 100 / Defender truck cab with full interior trim - £200. Call Ian Woolls in Bracknell, Berks on 01344-50360. (AUG97)
- * Range Rover Parts (2-door 1980) Top tail-gate - £65. Latest style rear side windows (no runners to go rusty, similar design to 90 side windows) - £45 pair. Front wings - £10 each. Rear wings - £15 each. Bonnet - £35. Full internal Safety Devices internal roll-cage - £100. Rear seat - £10. Dash board - £10. Front & rear wiper motors - £10 each. Heater unit - £15. Front inner wings - £25 pair. Parts can be delivered to any trial or club meeting. Contact Gary Langton in Felpham, West Sussex at home on 01243-582473 or at work on 01705-486363 ext 8204 or e-mail glangton@xyratex.com (AUG97)

Vehicles for Sale

- * "POOTLE" Land Rover Series III 1974(N) SWB 2¼ petrol. MOT July 1998. Tax to Dec 1997. 72000 miles. New springs, shocks, carb, transmission brake. Original hard and soft tops. Very reliable. Excellent drive. First home forces sale. Offers around £2000 to Kathryn Cleary in Christchurch, Dorset, on 01425-673597. (DEC97)
- * Land Rover 90 E-reg 1987. County model with 7 upholstered seats. 86,000 miles. Tax till end Jan 98. Mot till end Mar 98. 2 owners since new. Towpack. Remote controlled alarm. Spotlights. 2 new tyres recently. Steps. White. Very good condition. £7,495 ono. Contact amanda on 01932-220386 eves or 0181-562-3184 days. (DEC97)
- * 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. (OCT97)

- * Range Rover. 1990. Grey. 3.9 EFi V8. Auto box. ABS. Anti-roll bars. Air con. Cloth interior. Tow-bar. 235 Pirelli tyres. I'm going to Australia for a while so offer David (my father) £7000 and it's yours. It's at Hook End Farm (where we have the trials) near Pangbourne. Mark Ambler. Call 01491-671255. (OCT97)

Wanted

- * Series 2 or 2a SWB 25+ years-old (no tax!) for off-road and green-lane use. What have you got? Anything over and above considered. Call Leigh Durham on 01425-621433. (DEC97)
- * 80" series 1 trialler or road vehicle must have reg docs or ARC log book (if trialler) Phone Martin Pike 01252 332646.(DEC97)
- * 90 Fuel Tank and 2¼ Diesel Engine. Call Wayne Osborne in Gosport on 01705-582338 (DEC97)
- * Land Rover Bits. 90 / 110 Windscreen & bonnet, must be straight. 90 2¼ engine crankshaft pulley with power steering. 90 front & rear props. David Hatch, 4a Gordon Road, Fareham, HANTS. PO16 7TW (SEP97)
- * Tyres 265/75/16 BFGoodrich Mud Terrain tyres. Contact Tony Blaze in Newbury on 01635-248852 or 0410-227012. (SEP97)

WARNING

Any adverts dated up to and including SEPTEMBER 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.
- * 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.



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