

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*. Will event organisers please let me know when any of these is confirmed / changed / cancelled etc. Major changes, cancellations etc. are highlighted in **bold text**.

Short-term events programme is shown below; long term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

Green laners - call Dave Ridden for details of the next trip.

July 2- 4	RTV Trial, Treasure Hunt and Camping at Hook End Farm. Wessex Trophy. SS3
July 10 - 11	War of the Roses. Support our team!
July 15 - 18	Billing Show.
July 11	AWDC RTV+ at Slab Common, Bordon.
July 24 - 25	RTV Trial. Broxhead Common. SS4. No camping.
Aug 6 - 8	Battlehurst Farm. Inter-club RTV Challenge & Gymkhana with Southern ROC. Camping. Farm drive.
Aug 26 - 31	Summer Rally. RTV and gymkhana and AGM at Nelly's Dell. & . SS5. No ladies trial.
Aug 29	HBRO AGM. 6:00. At Nelly's Dell. See event above.
Sept. 11	ARC Meeting. Solihull.
Sept. 10 - 12	RTV trial at Bow Hill. Camping. WS1

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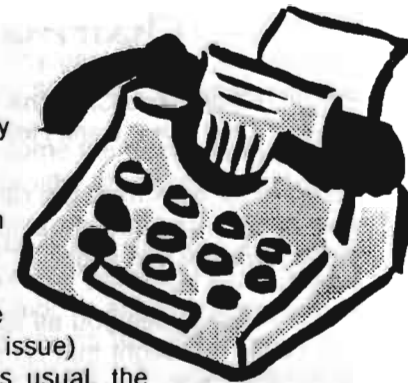
SCRUTINEERS -

Steve Kirby #, Chris Homewood, Neil Shawyer, Gary Hodgson, JJ Walker.

Notes - * committee member # member of ARC Scrutineering Committee.

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

Editor's bit....



I haven't had any articles for the 99 Rally yet. Were you there?

Don't forget the AGM this year has been brought forward to the end of August. It will be after the trial on Sunday 29th. at 6 p.m. If you have any proposals for the committee, please submit them by July 20th (to make the August issue) so you can all see them in plenty of time. As usual, the committee will be standing down but this year a significant number will not be standing for re-election. Many of the usual members who would fill these places are engaged in ARC2000 business so please consider stepping forward to take on a Committee post, even for one year, to get us over the "hump". (A hand-holding facility is available!)

Apologies for the duff info on Roundhills. The Stag Owners weren't due to be there anyway this time.

This month...

- Chairman's Chit Chat Corner.
- Part 2 of the Morocco trip by Sue van den Braak.
- Rally 1999 results.
- ARC meeting notes from Steve Kirby.
- AGM info + last year's minutes.
- Nick Jennings looks at possible Constitution changes.
- That's about it...

New phone numbers - again!

The ones to affect us most will be London (0171/0181 become 0207/0208), Portsmouth (01705 becomes 02392) and Southampton (01703 becomes 02380). These work already. Apparently, the official changeover is April 22 2000, just prior to ARC2000 so perhaps we should get used to the new numbers now.

Steve Kirby

In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting or faxing something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed or mis-routed. If you use a PC, please send articles on 3½" or 5¼" disc if you can and I'll return it afterwards if needed. Practically any word-processor format will do or use plain text. If you use Works, only version 3 or later, please. I've now changed to Publisher 97 so I can accept files in any Publisher format up to that version. Fax facility now available again. Alternatively try e-mail. If you send an attachment, please state in the accompanying text the full filename and file-type of the attachment; and your own full e-mail address. My e-mail addresses are:- at work:- Steve.J.Kirby@British-Airways.com and at home:- Steve.Kirby@cwcom.net To improve the chances of making contact, try sending messages to both addresses for the time being.

Chairman's Chit Chat Corner .

Chairman's Chit Chat Corner...

Date line....Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 8.00 p.m.

Got back from the nationals about 4.30 p.m., parked up the van , had a spot of tea , and straight in the shower. Now the t v is soap bound so I thought strike while the iron is hot...

Nice to see you all up in Yorkshire. Hope you all had as good a time as John and I. I thought that considering all the problems Yorkshire Rover Owners were faced with the event was really good. I didn't get to see much of the competition, but John came back with many tales of daring do by many of the competitors. I hear that Matthew Hewitt has been winging it again and that for the first time Dave Ridden has been hung upside down in a motor. No harm done other than to pride and a bit of paint on Mark Amblers trials machine.

The club had an official presence at the Nationals. As event director of the ARC2000 International Rally, Ashley Pocock had arranged for the club's small tent to be on site. From this base camp we enticed all and sundry to pre-book for next year. I was amazed how many people took forms. (approx. 300) and further still how many people paid on the spot. Thanks to all members who manned the tent throughout the weekend.

Hospitality Rules

So when you are not involved in official business, what do you do at the Nationals?. Well there is a bit of bargain hunting at the trade stands and some trips off site to catch the local ambience, and then there is the socialising.

In my opinion the HBRO specialises in socialising. Whether it is a quiet cup of tea on the camp site, reminiscing with old friends that you only see once a year at the Nationals, or indeed many HBRO members speciality the beer tent.

It is such a friendly club. Long may the club continue in this vein.

If you have read the ARC year book caravan section, as no doubt all of you have, you will no doubt be aware of the recommendations as to how a caravan rally should be run. Now there are some valid points in here that will be to everyone's best interest. The basic themes are safety and consideration to others.

On the safety side units should be reasonably spaced. This is to avoid the possibility of a small problem with one unit spreading to others and becoming a major incident.

On the consideration front, a more ticklish issue, we should all be aware

of others on the site. While not wishing to be a party-pooper etc. I feel there is a reasonable time after which noise from generators, discos, general merriment and frivolity, should be stopped.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't want to come the heavy hand and spoil the fun. I am just suggesting that we all should consider others in our activities.

By the time you read this item we will have had the Stag Owners do. Except that it is no longer the Stag Owners do. Several years ago the club would get an invite from the Triumph Stag Owners Club, to attend a camping and merriment weekend in the New Forest. Well it seems that the Rovers have outlasted the Triumphs (nothing new here you may say). Last year was the first of these events that we attended. Having spoken to veterans of the event over many years the only major problem, now the Stags are missing, relates to the football. Land Rovers are no substitute to two pristine stags as goal posts!!!, plus you can't use their grille panels as barbecues.

Nick Jennings

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Wessex Trophy RTV Trial & Treasure Hunt at Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Berkshire, July 2-4

RTV Summer Series.

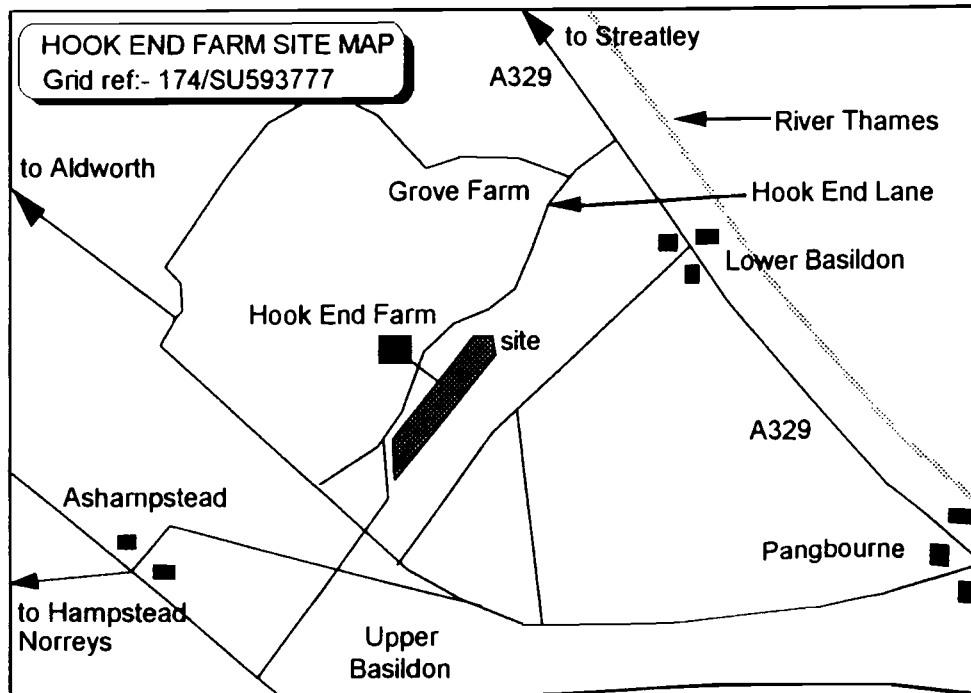
Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	Hugh Duffett.
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	Matt Hewitt.
Scrutineer	Steve Kirby.
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Camping	Kiran Raval.

Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / nav's briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

Payment to Sec of meeting.
 £12 on the day. £10 advance (>7 days).
 Facilities:- Toilets.
 TBA = To be advised.

Hook End Farm is on Hook End Lane, a turning off the Pangbourne to Streatley road, the A329 about 9 miles West of Reading. Or, 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.

Please read the
 Competition Event Information
 inside back cover.



RTV Trial Broxhead Common, July 24 - 25

RTV Summer Series.

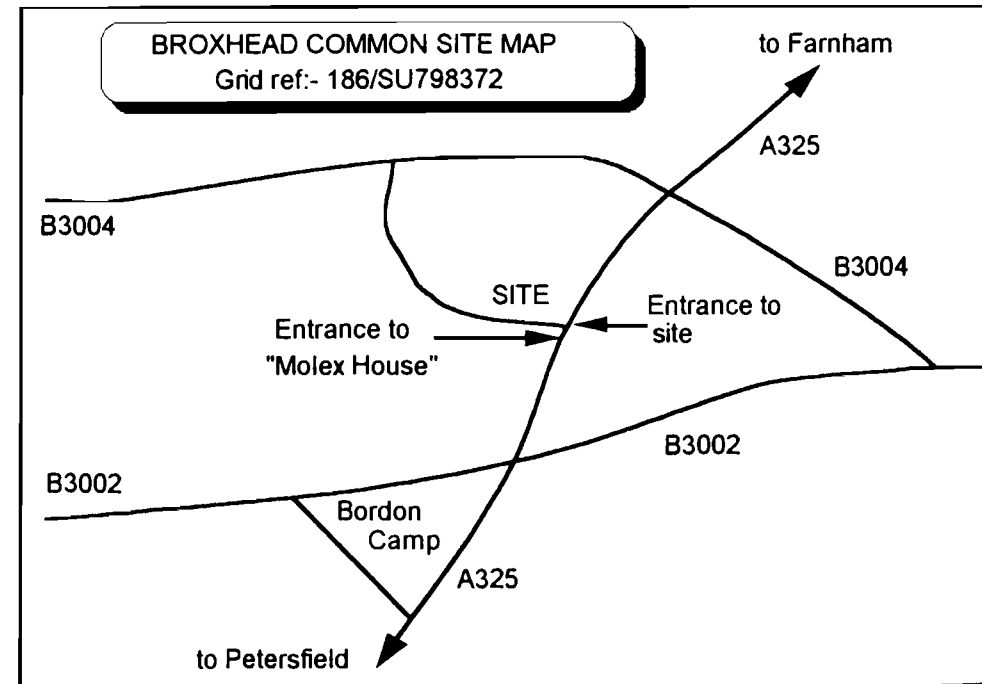
Status	Closed. HBRO only.
C of C -	Nick Van Den Braak
S of M -	Sam Parker/Maxine Leverett
Chief Marshal -	Steve Skinner
Steward -	Sue Van Den Braak
Chief Scrutineer -	Brian Frankland (TBD)
2nd Scrutineer -	Kiran Raval
Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / nav's briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

Cost - £15 per driver (due to being MOD land) £13 in advance (at least 7 days - send to Sam Parker)
 Facilities:- Toilet in trailer.

Broxhead Common is on the A325 between Farnham and Petersfield.

Camping.
 No camping available organised by HBRO.
 If needed, contact Kiran Raval for possible local sites.

Please read the
 Competition Event Information
 inside back cover.



HBRO's turn to host the Inter-Club Challenge with SROC this year. Battlehurst Farm, near Petworth, West Sussex.

RTV 8th Aug. Summer Series.

Status Closed. HBRO only.
 CoC Nick Van Den Braak.
 Steward Maxine Leverett.
 Chief Marshal Zoe Raval/Trisha Jacobs.
 Scrutineer B Frankland, B Davis
 Sec of Meeting. Sam Parker
 Camping Kiran Raval.

Scrutineering starts at 08:45.
 Drivers / nav's briefing 09:45.
 Marshals briefing 09:45.
 Event starts at 10:00.

Payment to Sec of meeting.
 £12 on the day. £10 advance (>7 days).
 Facilities:- Toilet in trailer.

**Inter-Club Challenge
 with Southern Rover
 Owner's Club.
 RTV Trial & 4x4
 Gymkhana, BBQ,
 Battlehurst Farm
 August 6th, 7th & 8th**

Gymkhana - Saturday 7th August.

C of C - Kiran Raval
 S of M - Jean Williamson
 Steward - Ian Parker
 Scrutineer - Gary Hodgeson (TBD)
 Entry - £1.50
 Time - approx. 10am Saturday

Farm Drive (TBD) - Saturday

Cost - FREE
 Time - approx. mid to late afternoon.

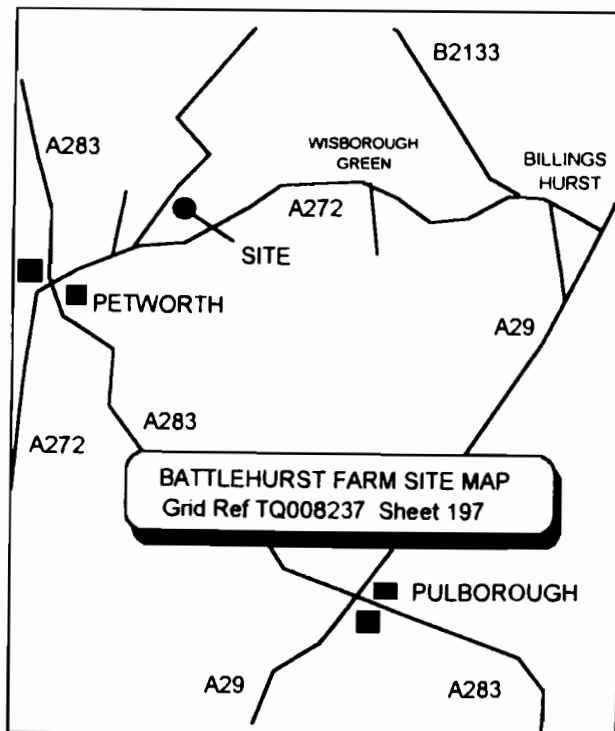
BBQ - Saturday

Burger and Sausage per person.
 Cost - FREE (Kindly donated by Nick Jennings)

Camping available.

For details contact Kiran Raval.
 Cost - approx. £3.50 per unit per night

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



BALA 99

THE NORTH WALES LAND ROVER CLUB'S

AUGUST INTERCLUB WEEKEND

Come and Join Taliesin to celebrate 51 years of Land Rover in North Wales
 Off Road Driving on the premiere LANDCRAFT site



Bike Trial

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Gymkhana

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Cross Country Vehicle Trial

Competitive Safari

Dog Show

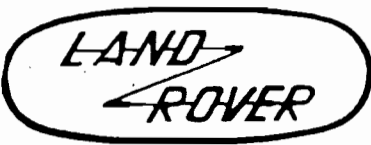
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AUGUST 27, 28, 29, 30, 31st 1999

Site courtesy of LANDCRAFT

Event Coordinator: Brian Lewis 01606 45089

Event Secretary: Sue Bennett 01824 780474

Contact Steve Kirby for entry forms



BALA 99

After the success of last years event celebrating 50 years of Land Rover. North Wales Land Rover Club will be holding their August Bank Holiday Annual Interclub Weekend again at the popular LANDCRAFT site at Llandderfel, Bala.

The Weekend will open on Friday the 27th with Off Road Driving taking in all the many disciplines of 4 X 4 & Off Road Driving and to quote Land Rover Worlds report from last years event :-

Of all the off-road venues in the country the Landcraft site at Bala, set in the heart of the Welsh mountains, has some of the most fabulous views and challenging, varied terrain, There could be no better place to hold the North Wales LRC's annual August Interclub .

All routes will be suited for S1,S11,S111, 110,90,130,101, Range Rovers, Discovery, Discovery S11, Freelanders, Defenders. to name a few.

More 4X4 & Off Road Driving on Saturday, whilst in the afternoon the Gymkhana, Winch & Team Recovery will take place .

On Sunday there will be both the RTV & CCV Trials to keep everyone happy, whilst the speed boys, and girls, have their turn on Monday with the Comp Safari.

The children will not be forgotten, with a bike, "children" of all ages will be welcome, plus within site of the 1st recorded Sheep dog trials. The NWLRC will have there World famous Dog Show.

In the evenings come along to the Marquee, and put the World right as well as trying to explain the reason your vehicle did not behave itself.

All of this within sight of Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake) the largest lake in Wales, and the heart of scenic North Wales, Llangollen not far up the road one way, Snowdon itself the other,

As we said last year! What more could you want ????

Book before 27th June 99 and get a 10% Discount.

Event Coordinator: Brian Lewis 01606 45089
353 Manchester Road, Lostock, Gralam, Northwich. CW9 7NL.
Event Secretary: Sue Bennett
Camddwr Bach, Llanarmon-yn-Ial, Nr Mold, North Wales. CH7 4QJ.

**PLEASE BRING AS MUCH DRINKING WATER AS POSSIBLE,
AS THE SITE RELAYS ON A NATURAL SPRING AND CAN DRY UP IN SUMMER**

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Yorkshire Nationals 1999 Results

I've tried to give as much information, as space will allow, and also in a way so that you can compare your scores and placing within your class. I have given the 1st in class' score and the last in class' score. The overall positions are out of 193 for RTV and 182 for CCV & 92 for Comp. Safari.

Maxine

RTV RESULTS

CLASS	POS IN CLASS	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SECTION SCORES	TOTAL	POS OVERALL
2	1st				3	16th
2	11th	Butterfield	Richard	8 9 8 8 1 7 10 0 1 3 4 4	63	180th
2	13th				67	185th
3	1st				5	22nd
3	9th	Hewitt	Matthew	6 2 0 9 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 0	22	91st
3	21st	Taylor	Jim	6 10 0 8 1 1 1 0 6 3 3 0	39	141st
3	28th	Cuthbert	Dave	0 7 3 0 9 0 9 0 4 5 4 6	47	159th
3	36th				69	186 th
4	1st				1	1st
4	7th	Duffett	Hugh	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	2	15th
4	23rd	Van Den Braak	Nick	2 4 0 2 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 0	12	48th
4	43rd	Woodage	Nick	8 1 0 8 1 0 0 0 0 9 0 0	27	113th
4	60th				144	193rd
5b	1st				8	29 th
5b	4th	Hobbs	Mike	4 0 0 1 0 7 0 0 0 0 0 0	12	51st
5b	13th	Mann	James	9 2 4 8 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0	26	104th
5b	24th	Chambers	Gareth	0 3 0 8 3 6 7 0 6 1 0 0	34	136th
5b	30th				81	189th
8	1st				18	67th
8	2nd	Skinner	Steve	7 0 0 8 1 0 7 0 0 0 0 0	23	93rd
8	3rd	Kendall	Steve	8 0 8 0 9 0 8 0 0 1 1 4	39	143rd
8	6th				121	192nd
10	1st				1	3rd
10	6th	Bridger	Andrew	6 0 0 0 1 0 6 0 0 0 0 0	13	53rd
10	17th	Kirby	Steve	9 4 1 5 1 0 7 0 6 1 1 1	36	139th
10	18th				45	155th

CCV RESULTS

CLASS	POS IN CLASS	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SECTION SCORES	TOTAL	POS OVERALL
1	1st				20	8th
1	7th	Ambler	Mark	0 0 0 3 5 3 11 3 1 3 1 2	32	37th
1	34th				116	174th
3	1st				64	99th
3	6th	Hewitt	Matthe w	12 4 5 10 5 3 10 3 9 8 8 2	79	128th
3	16th				137	181st
10	1st				14	3rd
10	28th	Bridger	Andrew	10 12 1 7 5 12 6 4 1 3 0 2	63	98th
10	48th				117	176th

COMP SAFARI RESULTS

CLASS	POS IN CLASS	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	MIN	MAX	AVE	TOTAL	POS OVERALL
1	1 st			155	208	187.4	937	49
1	3 rd	Ambler	Mark	211	405	271.5	1358	74
1	retired			185	800	492.5	retired	
9	1st			99	113	106.4	532	1
9	48	Duffett	Karen	190	800	323.2	1616	80
9	retired			469	800	634.5	retired	

Secretary's Final Bit!

Just a few words to say that if you haven't heard yet or noticed the agenda, I will not be standing for the committee at the AGM in August. I wanted everyone to know that although I'm involved with the organizing of the ARC2000 Internationals, this is not my reason for not standing. I was going to wait until next year but I feel that after nearly three years on the committee it is time to let someone else have a go – good luck to that person. (I hope you realize how many phone calls you'll get from people saying "I'm interested in joining Hants and Berks, could you tell me what you do?" and so starts a lengthy call!)

I would like to thank all those who have helped myself and the committee in that time and who knows maybe I'll stand again one year if I'm allowed back!

Maxine

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A Constitutional Change ???

The rules relating to the running of scenic drives have change recently. The MSA now issue the permit for these events with a "Clubmans" specification. This means that any driver wishing to take part has to be a club member. The clubs constitution does not allow for memberships to be created ad hock to enable those wishing to take part in a scenic drive to be eligible under the terms of the MSA permit.

The committee has decided that it would ask the club to approve an amendment of the constitution to allow for this type of situation. Our wish is to change the Social Membership to the conditions described above.

As defined in the constitution at present , item 14 , Social members are defined thus....

Social Members may attend club meetings and participate in club events as passengers, they have no voting rights and other than notice of renewal of membership , will normally receive no official correspondence . They must be personally known to an ordinary member of the club.

The proposal of the committee is this.

Sentence 1 insert the word "competitive" between the words "club" & "events".
Sentence 1 remove the words "other than notice of renewal of membership"
Sentence 2 remove the words "They must be personally known to an ordinary member of the club." Social Members may attend club meetings and participate in club competitive events as passengers, they have no voting rights and will normally receive no official correspondence .

These changes will allow the club to make those people wishing to partake in a scenic drive into club members, if they are not already, and to comply with the conditions laid down by the MSA.

We hope you will understand the reason for seeking this change to the constitution. Scenic drives bring our sport to a large audience, they benefit the club in terms or revenue and increased publicity, and we also gain new members at many of these events.

Nick Jennings
Chairman
HBRO

A.G.M. 1999 AGENDA

TO BE HELD AT NELLY'S DELL SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 6pm IN THE MARQUEE.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 1998 AGM reviewed
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Secretary's report including correspondence received
6. Treasurer's report
7. Membership Secretary's report
8. Competition Secretary's report
9. ARC Liaison Officer's report
10. Rights of Way Officer's report
11. Proposals received
12. Voting on proposals received
13. Resignation of existing Committee
14. Voting for 1999/2000 Committee

<u>Committee Position</u>	<u>Current Officer</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
CHAIRMAN	Nick Jennings	
SECRETARY	Maxine Leverett	
TREASURER	Alan Smith	
COMPETITION SECRETARY	Sam Parker	
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Kiran Raval	
RIGHTS OF WAY	Dave Ridden	
ARC LIASION	Steve Kirby	

Only Nick Jennings, Alan Smith and Steve Kirby are prepared to stand for a further year.

15. Appointment of Auditors
16. Any other business
17. Awards ceremony
18. Date of next A.G.M.
19. Close of meeting

HANTS & BERKS ROVER OWNERS

1998 AGM MINUTES

HELD AT THE LAWNS HOTEL, A32, HANTS.
31ST OCTOBER 1998

Present at the AGM were -

- Mr. Nick Jennings (Chairman)
- Mrs. Maxine Leverett (Secretary)
- Mr. Alan Smith (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
- Mrs. Sam Parker (Competition Secretary)
- Mr. Kiran Raval (Social Secretary)
- Mr. Dave Ridden (Rights of Way Officer)
- Mr. Steve Kirby (ARC Liaison)
- plus 34 Members of the HBRO

Mr. Jennings welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced himself and the current committee to those present.

1. Apologies for Absence
Roger Pattie Nigel Leak Paul Barton

2. Minutes of 1997 AGM

The 1997 AGM Minutes were distributed to every member of HBRO via the Newsletter. Approved.

3. Matters arising from those Minutes
There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Mrs. Leverett reported that various promotional correspondence was received through the year which is placed in a special folder available for members to see. ARC and ACSMC minutes, and all other correspondence that is received, is distributed to the relevant committee members.

5. Chairman's Report

Mr. Jennings thanked the committee for the smooth running of HBRO and thanked the members for the social side. Mr. Jennings also thanked the landowners for the use of their land and all members that were officials at events.

Mr. Jennings stated that HBRO had been given good publicity in the press in the last year and listed the various events that members had been involved in including none HBRO events. The HBRO equipment had been increased thanks to Mr. Smith for taking care of funds. Nigel Leak was now running the website, originally started by Graham Taylor, at no cost to HBRO. Mr. Jennings reported that with more people getting involved in organizing roles, HBRO felt stronger,

which is what is needed for the ARC Internationals 2000. He stated that he would endeavor to ensure that the club would not suffer from organizing this event. Mr. Jennings stated that the committee always needs feed back from members

6. Secretary's Report

Mrs. Leverett reported that the last year had been hectic. Last years Christmas dinner went very well and this years' was well underway. Skittles had also been organized for November.

7. Treasurers Report

Mr. Smith reported that the funds currently stood at over £5000. This increase was due to fun days. Although money was lost on trials through the year. Mr. Smith reported that C.B.'s, generator and lighting had been purchased and the cost of producing the newsletter had increased. Mr. Smith stated that membership fees and trial costs would remain the same. Insurance and ARC membership fees had also taken a large amount. Mr. Smith reported that at last years audit had found £27 difference in Alan's favour. Mr. Smith thanked Roger Hardwick and Peter Hubbard for auditing this year.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

Mr. Pocock reported that it had been a good year including 2 gymkhanas, 2 scenic drives and the Stag Owners weekend was now an HBRO weekend. National events were entered, Battlehurst Interclub was well represented and Rickshaw 1999 was to go ahead. Mr. Pocock reported that all the sites worked well with Nelly's being used a lot. Competitions had a good turn out with no official complaints and no accidents or injuries. Dates for next year were being planned and equipment was being increased. Mr. Pocock reported that for scenic drives the RACMSA are stating that all attending have to be ARC members. Mr. Pocock would look into this deeper. Mr. Pocock also thanked all members for their help and stated that he had found the last 4 years hard work but rewarding.

9. ARC Liaison Officers Report

Mr. Kirby reported that the ARC reports printed in the newsletter were unofficial but those matters affecting HBRO such as caravan and camping regulations. Mr. Kirby stated that driving licenses did not have to be shown when signing on and that entry form and membership card were sufficient.

10. Rights of Way Officers Report

Mr. Ridden reported that the green laning had gone well with varied areas being covered and none damaging lanes being found. Due to numbers some days had two groups totaling 12-14 vehicles. Mr. Ridden thanked those members who had lead groups. Mr. Ridden reported that the Green Laning trip in Wales had been cancelled due to Council investigating damage to lanes. Contact with Hampshire and Berkshire C.C. had been little with Wiltshire constantly intouch. Mr. Ridden reported that he went to Hampshire C.C. with Steve Kirby to mark HBRO maps

with current information. Mr. Ridden stated that some Green Lanes were very muddy with TRO's on several lanes and reminded those wishing to go green laning to not drive in bad weather and to check as some lanes are not legally driveable.

11. Social Secretary's Report

Mr. Raval reported that before Christmas there had been a skittles night and Christmas Dinner and through out the year there had been a pub quiz and camping weekends were very busy, with walks, treasure hunt, discos, fun, games and BBQs. Stag Owners weekend changed to HBRO weekend. Wales was cancelled but would hopefully be planned for next year. Mr. Raval reminded members that when camping the regulations in the handbook had to be followed. Mr. Raval stated that he hoped to organize more social evenings next year and thanked Zoë, the committee and all his friends for their support.

12. Membership Secretary's Report

Mr. Smith reported that the membership had varied between 310 and 396 and currently stood at 259 Ordinary members, 101 Associate members and 36 Social members. Mr. Smith reported that by the new year the ARC newsletter would be circulated direct to members.

13. Proposals Received

The proposals were read by Mr. Jennings:

12.1 Updating the Constitution

Item 7 Replace the word 'four' with 'five'

Item 8 Replace the word 'his' with the words 'his or hers'

Item 9 Replace the word 'his' with 'their'

Item 11 Remove the words 'or *£100.00 whichever is the lesser amount'

Item 16 Replace the words 'him from membership' with 'that application'

Item 19 Replace the word 'his' with 'their'

Item 20 Replace the word 'his' in the first line with 'their'

Item 23 Replace the word 'his' with 'their' in all its occurrences

Replace the word 'he' in the last sentence with 'they'

Item 28 Replace the words 'he' & 'his' with 'they' & 'their' respectively

Item 29 Replace the word 'himself' with 'themselves'

Item 33 Replace the word 'his' with 'their'

This was unanimously agreed.

14. Resignation of the Existing Committee

All members of the committee, except Mr. Pocock, stated that they were willing to stand for a further year.

15. Election of Officers

POST : Chairman CURRENT HOLDER : Mr. Jennings

NOMINATIONS : Mr. Jennings

POST : Secretary CURRENT HOLDER : Mrs. Leverett
 NOMINATIONS : Mrs. Leverett
 POST : Treasurer CURRENT HOLDER : Mr. Smith
 NOMINATIONS : Mr. Smith
 POST : Competition Secretary CURRENT HOLDER : Mr. Pocock
 NOMINATIONS : Mrs. Parker
 POST : ARC Liaison Officer CURRENT HOLDER : Mr. Kirby
 NOMINATIONS : Mr. Kirby
 POST : Rights of Way Officer CURRENT HOLDER : Mr. Ridden
 NOMINATIONS : Mr. Ridden
 All were elected (unopposed).

17. Voting on Nationals 2000 Committee

Mr. Pocock thanked Mr. Dave Cuthbert for travelling from Wales to the meeting. Mr. Pocock stated that positions on the National Committee could be expanded. The list of nominated members was read and with no objections it was carried. Offer for other volunteers was then asked for. Mr. Nick Woodage agreed to organize the Scenic Drive. Mr. Jennings – Proposed, Mr. Nick Van Den Braak – seconded. Mr. Mike Clark asked if HBRO was doing the 2000 Nationals or was Midland challenging. Mr. Pocock stated that Midland were applying for another year and Mr. Dave Cuthbert confirmed that HBRO was doing 2000 Nationals. Mr. Neil Sawyer asked if outside help had been offered. Mr. Pocock listed several clubs, which had offered assistance. Ms. Tricia Jacobs asked whether the Comp. Another group would organize safari. Mr. Pocock stated that AWDC and Malcolm Whitbred had been contacted and involvement by the Artillery Off Road Club was possible. Following Carl Tanners question, Mr. Pocock stated that the Nationals would possibly be held in Hampshire at Lon Valley and Rushmoor and the site would be confirmed by March and the DLA would sign contract stating that should the site be withdrawn an alternative site would be provided.

18. Appointment of auditors

Mr. Roger Hardwick and Mr. Peter Hubbard agreed to audit this years accounts.

19. AOB

Mrs. Brenda Taylor asked about alternative sites for trials. Sites would be looked into such as Harroway Farm.

20. Awards ceremony

The awards were announced as listed in the Agenda.

21. Date of next AGM

It was agreed that the next AGM be held in October.

22. Close of meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.00pm

HBRO MEMBERS TRIP TO MOROCCO

Part 2

By Sue van den Braak

THURS 15th APRIL (Morocco. Meknes to the Cedar Forests. First Wilderness Camp)

Up at 6 am. We had a cooked breakfast bacon, eggs and tomatoes. On the road by 8 am. The fields are now full of crops of one kind or another, it seems very fertile in this region. As we drive along the road the children run from the fields and the houses to wave to us. At one stop a little boy and girl came to the vehicle trying to sell small hand-crafted items, we did not want what they were selling but we gave them a packet of sweets and a pencil each. They were so pleased their little faces lit up. They thanked us in French. All along the road we see shepherds with their folks of sheep and their sheep dogs. People are either walking or on donkeys. We have just passed a donkey being lead by an old man. The donkey had a huge basket on either side of its back and another one on the top of its back. All three full to the brim with carrots. (No wonder they are called a beast of burden) We are meeting a lot of people walking with bags and others riding donkey's. If there is a man and women together, the man will be riding the donkey with the women walking behind. We have just reached the outside of a village and can see where everyone is going. There is a **Souk** (Market) at the village. Instead of a car park there is a field full of donkey's tethered. We have stopped at El-Hajeb for fuel. It is a small town that looks quite wealthy, with some quite modern buildings. Most of what you see in Morocco, be it housing or business premises is either in a state of half built or half demolished (believe me it is hard to tell which). The lorries, trucks and cars that you do see, are mainly in the town areas and these vehicles are all very old (20-30 years at least). The trucks and lorries are usually so laden as to be dangerous. The cars are mainly old Mercedes. While the lorries and trucks are old Bedford's, for some reason the Moroccans like to paint these bright pink. We have seen so many birds, Red Kites, Storks, and Egrets, plus other very pretty birds we do not know. The birds dawn chorus is unbelievable. The scenery is now becoming more barren. There are piles of stones which they seem to be making into dry stone walls to either separate or mark the fields. These walls are not constructed like they are in Derbyshire or Yorkshire, they just seem to push and pile the stones up together. They collect their water from wells. We have just seen a thatched house, meaning all thatched, the shape of a ridge tent. Instead of a caravan for the men to stay in while road repairs or construction is going on, they have tents pitched on the road side. A town called Azrou was our lunch time stop. In the market, we bought fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, bread and bottled water enough supplies for the next three days as we are going to be wilderness camping. Then we had lunch of small fried spicy fish and little potato cakes, washed down with coffee, in a little cafe. It was very tasty. Having eaten, we were on our way again. Just

outside Azrou we left the main road (which would be considered a lane in this country) and started our first bit of off-roading. We had entered the Cedar Forests (which are huge) and were now driving on forest tracks. Very soon we saw some Barbary Apes, quite a large family group. Some were swinging from the trees others were on the ground. There were mothers with babies on their backs. We felt very privileged to have watched them. On again, we are only in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains at the moment but it is impossible to describe the size of the mountains and valleys. The colour is magnificent. Rich brick red against the dark green of the cedar trees, some of which are up to 100ft high and 6ft in diameter. Then there are the little hillside settlements with their green fields on the sides of the mountains. The higher we drove the worse the road got, the bad winter weather has washed the track away in places. At around 7000ft and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon we made camp for the night. The campsite was a wilderness camp, in amongst the large cedar trees, near a village called Kerrouchen. Although we never saw this village. Nearby there was a rough shelter made from wood and plastic sheeting that a forest worker and his family were living in. As soon as we had pitched our tents we collected wood for a camp fire. Then we cooked dinner. After dinner the camp fire was lit and we all sat round it. We chatted and laughed. The temperature was now freezing, we all got as close to the fire as we could. Everyone was tired but nobody wanted to leave the warmth of the camp fire to go to bed. At 9 o'clock we went to bed. We wore thermals and socks and had the hoods of our sleeping bags over our heads. That night the temperature was below freezing. However, once we had got warm inside our sleeping bags we were fine and slept all night.

FRI 16th APRIL (Morocco. Cedar Forest to Berber Village. Second Wilderness Camp)

We were up at 6pm. On saying good morning to the rest of the group, most people said what a cold night it had been, but said they had managed to sleep. However, Tim and Helen have a Roof Tent, and they said they never managed to get themselves warm and had hardly slept at all. We noticed Ray hobbling around using a stick, it turns out he fell out of the truck. (Its a very big ex-army Daff Truck.) He missed his footing on the steps and fell. He has hurt his foot or ankle very badly, and is in a lot of pain. We had a good cooked breakfast which I think we needed on this very cold morning. Jim and Rita are always so well organised and had lit another small camp fire, which we all huddled round. We also burnt the camps rubbish on it before we left the site. I think Nick and I are starting to get a bit better organised. It is not easy living out of the back of a Ninety. Before we left home we had planned the packing so well. Almost everything is in boxes. However, we always seem to need something that is in a box that is right at the bottom, even though we have put the items we need most in the top boxes. At the end of a hard day when you are tired, tempers can get a bit frayed. But it is also hard work in the morning when you are trying to get packed up quickly to get back on the road again. Nothing ever seems to go back in the vehicle the way it was the day before. We always seem to be in a mess

but when you talk to the others in the group they all say the same. (With the exception of Jim and Rita, who after years of this sort of camping in the desert, are extremely well organised) We were all packed up to leave the camp site by 8.10am. We are now around 5500ft and have dropped down onto a vast open plain, in the distance we can see the High Atlas Mountains. They look huge and the peaks are covered with snow. It is an incredible sight. The group have a great banter going on between them on the CB's. We have a lot of laughs while we are driving along. The HBRO sense of humour has caught on. There is some rather sarcastic wit at times but nobody is offended. You just hear comments like, just you wait I'll get my own back. We have developed a very good arrangement when someone needs a loo stop. A call goes out on the CB, the persons name and just stopping for the loo. That vehicle then drops back, the rest of the group carry on but the back vehicles might just slow down a bit. Another call goes out on the CB when the loo stop is complete and that vehicle is back on the road. It is working very well and nobody is getting left behind. We drive along and always keep an eye on both the vehicle in front and behind. If we make a turn right or left we always make sure the vehicle behind has seen us before carrying on. As we travel on, we see that although the people are very poor, their settlements are very well organised and there is no rubbish around the houses. They have small lush green fields and orchards with trees full of blossom. As we pass through the villages the children run to greet us. We have brought Pencils, Felt Tip Pens, Exercise Books, A Big Packet of Coloured Paper Sheets and Sweets from home. A quote from Ray's literature: **Morocco has a huge under 20's and child population and most of them will hang on and around your vehicle. Just when you think its safe from behind every bolder, every bush and every mound will pop a child. You will wonder at how fast they can run over rocks, with no shoes on and you will be amazed at their 0-60 mph acceleration rate. As for their top speed in MPH (miles per sweet)Wow.** This is absolutely true. Travelling along we pass the old Bedford lorries everywhere. They are late 50's early 60's and all carrying twice their design weight load. By 10.15am we are back into tree covered hills again, looking down across another plain with a lake in it. We stop to take a photo of the beautiful view in front of us, very high hills and a large village. We drop down again onto another plain with the Atlas mountains spread out in front of us, we are now at 6000ft. At 12 o'clock we stop at a busy little town to get some supplies. At a little cafe we drink glasses of sweet mint tea, very nice. Nick and I buy a spit roasted chicken and some of their thin potato chips for our lunch. The chicken is very nice but the chips are very oily and taste of chicken, we think they cook them in the oil from the chicken. We did not eat the chips. (I hope we don't suffer later.) We leave the town behind and after a while we leave the track and drive up a river bed. This is fantastic off-roading amongst the most spectacular scenery for two hours or more. I do some driving here. We take a lot of photos. Eventually we arrive at a small mountain Berber Village (Ait Hani) about three families live here. Mohammed is the head of the village and he greets us. The children break your hearts, they have very poor clothing and many have nothing on their feet. As

soon as we arrive they are around us all the time asking for things. Anything we take out of the vehicle they want. Cooking items, plates & mugs, tea towels, clothes, shoes just anything. They remain with us the whole time we are preparing and eating our evening meal. The children are very inquisitive and ask many questions. We have to ask Hassan to explain what they mean. Ray has told us to observe basic security and not leave items laying around. He said to keep the vehicle closed. Theft is rare in Morocco but they tend to think on the lines of "Finders Keeper's." The villagers make us so welcome. We are camping in their yard. Their houses are biblical and have remained much the same for thousands of years. Really primitive. However, there is an order in this primitive existence. Although very poor, they are not dirty and there is not rubbish around the dwellings. In the centre of the yard in front of the houses is the well. There is a small wood store. Ray has told us that tonight they will take some of the wood from their wood store to light a campfire for us. They wish to show us their hospitality. After we had been there an hour or so the shepherd brought the village goats and sheep down from the mountain, they ran between the vehicles and tents before being herded inside for the night. After dinner we see Hannou, Mohammed's wife cutting wood for the fire. Ian offers to do it for her and takes over. The fire is lit and we all gather round in our chairs to be entertained by the Berbers. They play Drums, of which there are two types. One looks like a large tambourine and is played by just using the palm of the hand. The other drum hangs round the neck and is played at both ends with two small drum sticks. Then there is a wind instrument (a long-necked lute) called a Buzouk. The mouth end is like a recorder while the other end is like a small trumpet. They played and sang local folk songs while the young teenage girls danced arm in arm. The whole village, plus our group joined in the fun. A very memorable experience. We all thanked them with Hassan helping in the translation. Then to bed, another cold night the temperature probably dropped to just above freezing but we had a goodnight's sleep.

SAT 17th APRIL (Morocco. Berber Village to Third Wilderness Campsite.)

Awoke 5.30am. We only had local bread and marmalade with a cup of tea for breakfast this morning. The children were around us all the time asking for sweets and clothes, so it was easier not to cook a breakfast. After we had eaten and packed up camp, Mother Hannou showed us round the cattle house and their dwelling which is all part of the same building. We went in through a door straight into the area that housed the animals. It was warm and cosy and kept very clean. (It smelt of animals but was not unpleasant.) There was very little light as windows in these dwellings are small and few. She showed us the cows that she had just been milking and then in another area a hen turkey with her young chicks. We were then shown the rooms that the family lived in, a small room where the cooking was done and a living/sleeping room. Although cold outside this home was very warm. Hannou was so proud of her home. She made us sweet mint tea and showed us some weaving that all the female members of

the family were working on. Then she showed us the items that had been made from the weaving. Small pillows etc. The home and the way they lived was probably unchanged since biblical times. Having thanked Hannou very much for her hospitality, we left the house and prepared to leave the village. As we were walking back to the vehicles the goats and sheep were let out ready to go back on the mountain side for the day. Little Devika was very interested in a kid (baby goat). I must say all the animals were very well looked after and looked in good condition. I got very upset on leaving the village as the children became quite hysterical when we handed out the sweets, exercise books, pencils, felt tip pens and coloured paper. They were fighting each other, biting and kicking. In the end Nick gave the items to Mahammed to give out. He restored order and distributed the items fairly. (You cannot blame the children for behaving this way. Before westerners went to the village they would have been quite content with their lot. But having seen what we have they want these things.) We just did not seem to have enough to give everyone. We left the village and started to climb again. The views if possible, became more and more spectacular. As I am writing this, the GPS has told us that we are at 7000ft and still climbing. We travel along this narrow mountain track. God knows how I am managing to write any of this as we are bumping along. There is a sheer drop Nicks side of a 1000ft or so. (If Carole Skinner was here she would be screaming now.) Our ninety, and all the other vehicles are now covered in a thick red dust. As we head further into the Atlas Mountains and the villages become few and far between the Bedford Lorries seem to take on a multi purpose role of bus service and animal transportation. We see them laden with sheep down below and people above. We are on a very narrow track and have to move over to let the lorries pass. We travel on and drop down a moderate descent into a wide valley and Lake Tislit, with its twin, Lake Isli out of sight at the moment further along the valley to the east. We are at 7400ft. (According to the legend the lakes of Isli (the man) and Tislit (the women) were formed by the tears of two young people whose wedding was cancelled because of a feud between their families. (Today at Imilchil there is September gathering of the clans, like a country show which is dominated by a Brides Festival held to celebrate the legend. Young men and women dressed in their traditional finery go courting from tent to tent while families barter about the possessions a marriage might produce.) We drove onto Lake Isli (this is a dead end road so we have to return the same way) where we stopped for lunch. All the men bought Traditional Berber Scarves from Hassan and he showed them how to tie them. They posed for a photo. They really did look the part. We returned back along the same track to Lake Tislit again and continued our journey higher into the Atlas Mountains, through villages and then vast open spaces until we reach our campsite or the night. (Ray had told us that a Moroccan he called 'Martin' who lives in a village 10k from the campsite, would cycle to the site to cut wood and make a camp fire for us. The land we have been travelling through is very barren and has no trees. So we have been wondering what wood he is going to use to make this camp fire. I've said perhaps he will use the hedge hog like plants that are growing on the mountain side.) We have now reached our

campsite, we are at 8000ft and miles from anywhere. It really is a wilderness. As we start to put the tents up we notice the grey clouds. It looks like we might have some rain. Everyone works very quickly as the first drops of rain fall. The tents go up in record time. It is at this stage that Jim and Rita show signs of frayed tempers and we had thought they were perfect. After they had put the tent up, Jim decided to put a wet weather shelter out from the side of the roof rack, so that Rita could put the table and cooking stove underneath and prepare the evening meal in the dry. He was reversing the 110 when he drove it into the table that Rita had just put two mugs of tea on. Rita said very little, she just waved her arms in the air. It's nice to see they are human. Once up, the wet weather shelter was excellent, we all had a laugh about Jim's reversing and said we were glad they were not perfect after all. When we first introduced ourselves on the ferry and talked about any concerns we had about the trip (mainly the women) the main concern had been the wilderness camps and having to go into the trees (**What trees!** At this wilderness site there is not a tree in sight) with are loo roll and shovel. Sharon's concern was more about squatting. She didn't think she would be able to squat, in fact she was so worried about it Keith had gone out to the garage and found an old folding chair. (The type you find in church halls.) He had cut a hole in the middle of the seat so that Sharon could take her shovel and loo roll, dig herself a hole and sit there in comfort on her seat. (On this site, if she had done that, she would have been sat there in full view of everyone.) Up till now she has taken herself off into the trees and squatted quite contentedly and we have not seen the seat. So we have asked for an unveiling. BRILLIANT!! Following a lot of light hearted banter, it has been decided once and for all, to prove which vehicle has the best articulation, a Shogun or a Ninety. So after dinner a test was devised using large piles of rocks to cross axle the vehicles. The Shogun went first. It eventually climbed up onto the rocks but required centre and rear diff-locks to be engaged. It had several inches of day light under one of its front wheels. It was now the Ninety's turn. To make it more interesting a few more inches of rock were added to the piles. With Zoe at the wheel and Kiran guiding her the ninety eases up and over the rocks. With the test over, Kiran said to Zoe. "Don't forget to take it out of diff-lock." To which Zoe replied. "Oh! the diff-lock, I forgot to put it in." All the Land Rover owners walked smugly away back to the campsite. Keith took it all in good spirit as he knows that his vehicle is the nicest to drive on tarmac. As I have said this site has no trees and nowhere to hide. Most of us have either taken ourselves off in our vehicles when we have needed a loo. Or we have used a bucket in the porch of the tent and dug a hole afterwards. Either way we have got by. As for Sharon, any shyness she had went out of the window when she took herself off and found a boulder to squat behind. Unfortunately the boulder was not big enough and most of the camp got a very good view of her pert little bottom. **Nick said, "Nice one Sharon"**. 'Martin' arrived on his bike. A very friendly Berber who came round and introduced himself. He spoke French. He then got to work cutting and collecting the wood for the camp fire. (Yes, it was the hedge hog like plants on the side of the mountains.) He climbed up the mountain side and cut and rolled

these plants down until he had enough to keep the camp fire going for us for the evening. The fire was lit and oh boy did those plants give off some heat when they were burning. We all gathered round the fire to keep warm, it was below freezing now. While we were round the camp fire we saw the lights of a vehicle in the distance but getting closer. It stopped and then turned into our camp. It was a Freelander, with three Germans. They asked if they could join our camp. 'Martin' helped them to put their tent up quickly and then they joined us around the camp fire. Then to bed.

Part 3 soon!

Hants and Berks Rover Owners Wordsearch

ARC	Hill	Marshal	Section
Camping	Holiday	Offroad	Socials
Friendly	Kids	Points	Trials
Gate	Lane	Pubmeet	Walks
Games	Maps	Recovery	Wet
Green	Mud	Rut	

The words can be forwards, backwards, diagonal, vertical or horizontal
This is purely a 'time waster' - no prize!

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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. I am actively involved in many matters under discussion so this report is not guaranteed to be free from bias!

Steve Kirby

4) Matters arising from previous minutes:-

- NFU insurance. Matt Cullimore of NFU is looking at furthering relationships with the ARC. They want access to people who have an interest in the services they provide. NFU may assist with the publication of ARC magazine or newsletter. NFU are keen to be involved at a local level. Get to know your local / regional office. They may want adverts in club newsletters or even sponsor events. The anonymous survey being carried out at the National Rally was for NFU; so if they asked YOU some questions, that's what it was all about.
- The ARC will present the £3000 cheque to Eastnor Church on August Bank Holiday Monday. This money was raised at last year's Rally.
- The Exhibition Unit has had some work done on it but it still needs to be finished off. Some work also needs to be done to enhance the unit but those who have towed it say that the balance needs to be changed to reduce the nose weight.
- Colin Council raised the issue of the right to vote on any rule change proposal and not have any proposal rejected.

5) Chairman's Report - Peter Oakden.

- YROC Rally had a history of heartache leading up to the final site. Councils need to be aware of what some of the problems were. Occurrences at the site need to be recorded and acted upon if necessary.
- Norman Whiteley stated that "Lots of lessons learned from all the problems" and requested some time at the next meeting in order to explain all the problems and some of their solutions.

6) Secretary's Report. Caroline Flanders.

- ARC News to have a note stating that any address changes should be sent to the appropriate person in the respective club so that change will eventually go into the ARC Database of addresses.
- Please send your club magazines to Caroline.
- Voting for new fee structure. There was no reply from 20 clubs (but the balance was redressed somewhat when representatives signed the forms there and then.)
- A clothing embroidery company called Embro Direct claims to have rights to reproduce the LR oval on clothing. This is being contested.

7) Treasurer. Andrew Stavordale.

- AJS has been working away from home quite a lot recently and apologises for any neglect in his duties both ARC and RAC Recovery.
- The 50th event account is now closed except for one specific item still to be dealt with. An independent set of accounts will be issued in due course to cover the whole deal. Thanks go to Andrew Neaves for all his work on that event.
- Credit Cards. Authority has now been gained and the equipment has arrived. The guaranteed compensation figure for non-card transactions is £25. The system can be used for subs and event fees, etc. £5 of the takings go to the credit card company. Payment is to the ARC and reimbursed later.
- Please send and club official address changes to Caroline or AJS, we aren't psychic!
- The P6 Rover Owners Club now have a new secretary and treasurer
- Trophies. If you have won one, please get them engraved in the previous style and send the invoice to AJS.
- Norman Whiteley asked if the new trophies awarded this year are insured. All ARC trophies are insured.
- All UK clubs have paid up to date.

8) Fees 2000.

- Norman Whiteley queried how version 3 would work. He stated that his club would be paying £500 less each year. The scheme was to change the method of payment so that only the services used would be paid for. There ensued a long discussion on the details of exactly how the scheme would be work. There seems to be some loopholes. Note too that members who are in two clubs will now pay only once. The result would be a drastic drop in the ARC's income.
- Colin Council asked about clubs voting on event / technical matters. This depends on whether the club is MSA registered to run events. Only those so registered may vote on technical matters.
- Wait until clubs give feedback as to number of competitive members and calculate what the income would be. If this is well down, then AJS will have to raise the fees across the board by whatever percentage in order to regain the status quo.
- The actual voting was 21 for, 11 against and 4 abstentions. Andrew gave thanks to all those who worked on the process.

9b) International Liaison. Derek Spooner. Not present. Report read out.

- Rather quiet this year so far. Recent showing of interest by several clubs has not been followed up.
- Austrian Rover Club 10th anniversary. Many UK members turned up.

- 9c) Non Competitive Clubs Co-ordinator. Chris Savidge.
- Good Heritage run in 99. 143 vehicles turned up.
 - 2000. 30th year for Range Rover and 15th year for Range Rover Register. To be held on 17th June 2000.
 - National Rally Concours d'Élégance at the YROC National Rally this year - only a few entrants but it went off OK.
 - All Rover Weekend at Stoneleigh. Entry form will be in the next ARC News. Day visitors are welcome but must pre-book. Contact Chris Savidge. The Range Rover Register will be running off-road courtesy rides with 12 vehicles plus a winching demonstration. There will be a reunion of pre-production Discoveries. The ARC will have a display showing the versatility of Land Rovers. We really want Series Ones and twos with original attachments such as winches, farm machinery, pumps, etc.
- 9d) Car Clubs. Paul Williams.
- RSR originally wanted the credit card facility to take fees from overseas members who are numerous.
 - Paul wants to visit non-ARC Rover clubs to spread the word as the ARC is perceived as being exclusively competition orientated. This is to encourage more membership and to support the cars more.
 - Wants cars to be represented well at Stoneleigh.
- 9e) Countryside Access. Tony Kempster.
- Has received many consultation documents from various government departments.
 - MSA Regulation issues over venues crossed by rights of way. See MSA reg H.1.7. Section 33s apply whenever and right of way is driven on in any way by vehicles on the event site. Written consent is required by the local authority.
 - New concept coming soon is for a traffic Suspension Order to suspend traffic on a right of way.
 - New publication now out - "Health & Safety at Motorsports Events" this is for smaller events. Price is £6 for ARC clubs. Decision was made to purchase a copy for each club.
- 9f) National Rallies
- ARC2000 Dave Cuthbert gave a brief description of the work so far on the HBRO-run rally next year. Application forms will be available at the September meeting if not before. Enough forms for one-per-club were handed out for the clubs to copy and use. Location described. Site is looking good and is now confirmed. HBRO are looking for ancillary activities. BAMA is to be involved.
 - 2001 Cornwall & Devon going ahead OK
 - 2002. Any offers?

- 9g) ARC Handbook. Steve Kirby.
- Long delay outside my control. New format for 200 and onwards. Separate rule book plus a quarterly (?) "glossy" magazine. Peter Oakden showed the TR clubs magazine which Steve and Tony Holder has seen at the printers and felt that it was an achievable target for the ARC
 - Steve again reminded the members of the great amount of work needed to produce this and also that despite having stated that he couldn't find the time to do the Handbook for 1999, Tony Holder had again pulled out all the stops to alleviate the delay in production. Vote of thanks given to Tony and Steve for their work on this.
- 9j) Rover Company Liaison. Peter Oakden.
- Nick Stephenson, the ARC President, is no longer with the company. BMW are getting a grip of what they have management-wise. The person who deals with the trademarks and logos has been changed and has been contacted to see where we are going with this issue.
 - Andrew Neaves and the ARC Council are proud of ARC news. 10,000 copies per issue are printed and posted out. This happens 10 times a year. I leave you to work out what that lot costs bearing in mind postage is included! How could we cover the cost of that if the facility is withdrawn.
- 9j) Shows & Displays. June & Jack Green.
- Exhibition unit is being refurbished at a cost of about £1500. It worth £5k at the moment but in prime condition could be worth another £3k so the expenditure is well worth it. These trailers are £20k+ new.
 - Photos and other material wanted for display purposes. Green Lane trips, Competitions, Working parties etc.
- 9k) MSA Liaison - Harold Carman.
- What to do with old Halon / BCF extinguishers? These are recyclable although not sure where to take them. The ban is for motorsport use only. You can continue to use them for other applications although you won't be able to get them refilled once used.
 - There is some suggestion that plumbed-in systems may be needed for some events but the ARC does not want plumbed-in systems.
 - Bag tanks may be required for hill rallies but they have a 5 year life.
 - Controlled live recovery will be permitted soon. Training courses are starting.
 - A safety / marshalling booklet from a motorsport safety charity is being distributed by the MSA but contains information which differs from that in the MSA Yearbook.
 - Speeds for Comp safaris. MSA wants to increase the average speeds but the fees will go up to cover insurance.
 - Roll-bars for the Freelanders at the Nationals was made by Safety Devices.

Log booking was done to ARC specs. There is some discussion on roll-cage mountings to late model unit-body Range Rovers rather than to the chassis.

- Legacy roll-bar designs. Harold mentioned a letter from the MSA stating that legacy roll-bar designs can be used until 31st Dec. 2000.
- MSA reps. We need to put forward some ARC members for the MSA Off Road Committee. Agreed to contact Ian Davis for advice.

9) Scrutineering Committee. Dave Marsh not present.

- Steve Kirby made a report.
 - Minutes of the Scrutineering meetings are sent to all Scrutineering Committee members and all club reps. Items discussed at the meetings are published in the club magazines with significant topics being raised in ARC News.
 - Steve described the process following a scrutineer finding that a vehicle does not comply with the regulations. The competitor will then contact the Clerk of the Course to explain why he / she feels the vehicle does comply. The CoC then makes a decision, in consultation with the scrutineer if necessary.

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ARC2000 Update

Firstly, I must thank all of the volunteers who helped man the ARC2000 tent at the Yorkshire Nationals – your help was much appreciated. As the tent was manned throughout the duration of the Nationals, it became somewhat of a stand-in for the absent 'Rally Control.', so performed a double function. The ARC2000 team made the most of the Yorkshire Nationals to learn about the problems and tricks to running the Internationals. The YROC organising team were very helpful, despite the load they had to carry because of the last minute problem of Site relocation. Certainly there are a number of lessons to be learnt from the Yorkshire event, not least of all how to try to avoid last minute change of venue. Unfortunately there seems to be little one can do to ensure the site chosen and agreed when the event is planned originally remains the one used on the day. The advice from most people is – talk to everyone in advance – locals, services, Councils, conservationists, naturists (? I might have got this one wrong – but you never know your luck !) etc..

The ARC2000 management team has met since the YROC Nationals, and reviewed the problems identified at the event. If any member who attended the Nationals has any comments or suggestions about event, please let me know.

The plans for our own 'Millennium Internationals' are proceeding apace. This includes further site visits, to prepare detailed site maps, and sensitivity proposals to satisfy the concerns raised by English Nature. The interest by English Nature in our event came as a surprise, although the Land Warden for Long Valley had made us aware of certain areas on the site being 'out-of-bounds' due to the presence of certain rare birds. The ARC2000 team had already drawn up plans for the use of the site to avoid any contact with these areas by fencing-off, marking, and marshalling. Unfortunately the DEO/Military had not informed English Nature about our event and consequently when our friends at English Nature found out about ARC2000 they felt they needed to raise a concern over the event. Since identifying the potential problem, I have contacted both English Nature and DEO, and am trying to resolve any outstanding issues English Nature may have. Certainly the sooner it's resolved the better we'll all feel. Until English Nature are happy with our plans for Long Valley, it is politic to defer our pre-ARC2000 RTV and Scenic drive events.

On other fronts, things are progressing well, with significant effort on Max's part leading to a very healthy list of sponsors, which is good to have at such an early stage. Maureen received a number of entries at the YROC Nationals, and has had a steady stream of postal entries since. The management team is working together very well, and a number of creative suggestions are being reviewed to make the ARC2000 event a special Millennium occasion.

There are still many tasks unallocated so if anyone wants to help there's plenty to be done, both on the competitive side and the arena, camping and site activities.

Ash.

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- Entries to be on an official HBRO Entry Form.
- 1999 ARC Handbooks are now available. Contact the secretary if you haven't got one yet.
- All HBRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LR's), the "Pilot Trophy" (Standard Range Rover) and the "Performance Trophy" (for 90's)
- When you come to help set out the sections on the day before the competition, please find the Clerk of the Course (or whoever is in charge at the time) and sign on the attendance sheet. The event insurance covers those members setting up the event and is there for your benefit; but it is valid only if you sign to say that you are there.
- Please help to marshal the event. Attend the marshals briefing and then ask an experienced marshal for guidance on how to score and how to assist in the safe running of the event. We'll show you how to score if you've not done it before.
- If you are interested in scrutineering, please ask to accompany one of the scrutineers on the day. They'll show you how the checks are done and what to look for.

Long Term Events List.

Sept. 26	RTV. Rushmoor / Long Valley
Oct. 10	Scenic Drive at Broxhead Common.
Nov. 5 - 7	RTV, Bonfire, fireworks etc Hook End Farm. WS2
Nov. 20 - 21	RTV at Nelly's Dell. Camping. WS3
Dec 4	ARC Meeting. Solihull.
Dec 4	Xmas Dinner. Mariner's Hotel, Frensham.