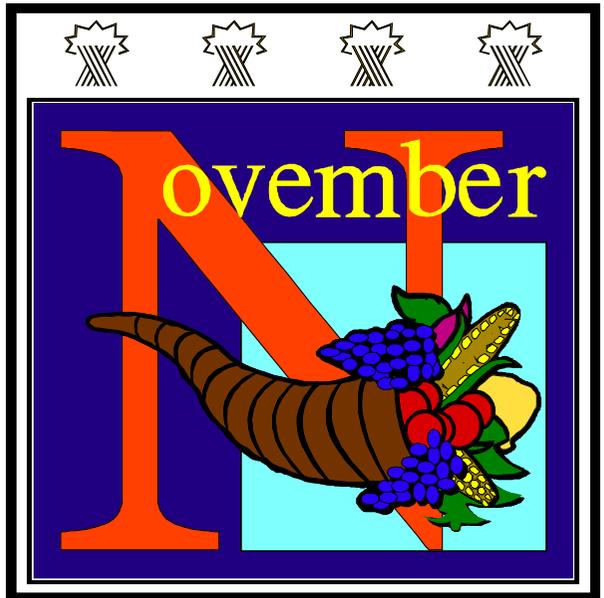


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Editor's bit....



The 2001 HBRO AGM has been and gone. Sorry I missed it. I have a regular annual appointment on the August Bank Holiday so I have missed the AGM for the last three years. This year I was unwell; unusual for me actually. We now have a much revised committee. I'm the only one left! Welcome all. New names and addresses opposite. Details are from my archives in some cases so if there are any errors here, do let me know. Full report next month.

Ian Parker informs us that you can now subscribe to the HBRO Online Newsfeed service for late breaking information and updates on forthcoming events. See www.hbro.co.uk

We have the first "Chat" from our new chairman.

Nick Woodage's "Atlas Overland" advert came to me last month with an important detail missing - the price quoted is for a vehicle with two occupants, not per person. A revised version is printed elsewhere this issue. It's actually a good value deal. Contact Nick for more details.

Pending the cessation of service from Cable & Wireless, please note that my e-mail address has changed to SteveKirby@Waitrose.com

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Ashley's first Chairman's Comments.
- Club Shop.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.
- Welcome to new members.

Articles:-

- ARC News 45.
- 8 into 4 will go, continued.
- Warning about caravan thefts.
- Belgium Nationals.
- Green Land Day report.

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 have a PC, you can send articles on 3½" disc and I'll return the disc 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 use plain Text (*.txt file) or Rich Text (*.rtf file) format preferably. Please include a brief explanatory message in the e-mail.

My e-mail addresses are:- at work:- Steve.J.Kirby@BritishAirways.com and at home:- SteveKirby@waitrose.com To improve the chances of making contact, try sending messages to both addresses for the time being. Thanx.

Chairman's comments

Where did the year go??!! It seems like we have only just had an AGM, and hey presto, another one appears. Pity we couldn't have had more than 40 members there to participate - maybe we'll have to book the mud-wrestling next year to bring some excitement to the proceedings.

Well, I am now your new Chairman, but no longer the Comp' Sec' / RoW Officer / Special Events Officer - that's a relief, I was beginning wonder how to fit it all in. Firstly, I would like to thank Nick Van Den Braak for his sterling efforts throughout his year in Office as Chairman, and hope that I can follow on with his initiatives and enthusiasm for moving the Club forward. Secondly, I would like to thank the other members of the committee who have also stood down, Sue Van Den Braak (Treasurer), Zoe Raval (Club Secretary) and Jenny Davis (Membership Secretary), all of whom have devoted many hours of their personal time to keeping the Club running. It is a laborious task and sometimes seems never-ending, but it's all-worthwhile in the end!

Now, we have a new committee, made up of long-standing members who are willing to wade into the paperwork, sort the finances, administer the club and organise events and competitions:

Treasurer - Maureen Ridden - well, we are in good shape financially, but we need to keep control of our spend and income, and Maureen holds the cheque book!!

Membership Secretary - Alan Smith - previous holder of this role, prior to moving over to become Rally Co-ordinator for ARC2000. Don't forget to pay your sub's on time or Alan will be after you with the dogs!

Club Secretary - Kiran Raval - Zoe's taught him everything he knows!

Rights of Way Officer - Dave Ridden - I think he's still got the maps from when he was RoW officer before!

Competition Secretary(s) - Matthew Hewitt and his partner Shan - making their debut as Competition organisers, but I am sure we will all "rally" round to help.

Social Secretary - Ed' Ellis - returned especially from overseas duties just for this role!

Special Events - Nick (Commander) Woodage - famous for his scenic (well, that's wot they're called!!) drives, Nick is planning some even more devious challenges!

Good luck to the new committee for the coming Club Year - let's hope we don't face another FMD crisis and can we all work on the Sun God for some - not so wet weather, this winter, please.

So, what are we doing for the next twelve months, I hear you say. The

period up to Xmas is sorted, with one competitive or driving event per month, plus participation in the Road Master. November is a Club only Driving day mixed with a family challenge, December starts with HBRO running the Off-Road Section of Exercise "Road Master" for the Military on Bagshot Heath, followed by a welcome return to Nelly's for a fun trial between Xmas and New Year.

The 2002 calendar has been prepared, however as is normal at this time of year, we are awaiting a meeting with other Off-Road / Motorcycle Clubs to agree our MOD site allocation, and until that has been agreed we cannot confirm dates or venues. We are hoping to run at least 12 competitive events, sites permitting, and probably 3 driving days. Our August foray into West Sussex to fend-off the challenge from Southern Rover Owners is back on the calendar, and no doubt we will try to persuade Mark Ambler to let us back onto Hook End after FMD subsidies. The intention is to try more 'Club Focussed' driving days, where the members can enjoy themselves more, rather than organise and Marshal just for the benefit of the 4x4 public.

I think that is enough for my first Chairman's chat, so here's hoping for decent weather and no damage.

Ashley Pocock.



HBRO On-Line

Don't forget to visit our Web site at:-

www.hbro.co.uk

Also see the ARC web site at **www.the-arc.co.uk**

Welcome New Members.

New members for August -

Gregory Pike Titchfield

Darren Wells Newbury

Nick Scally Reading

Graham Love Fareham

James Cuthbert Brighton

Davis Baldwin Sandhurst

Peter Blades Guildford

Paul Hack Guildford

Nicholas Cadle Portsmouth

Bernie Rainer Whitley

Kevan Shakleton Bordon

Bob & Jenny Davis

Let's Off-Road!



25th November,
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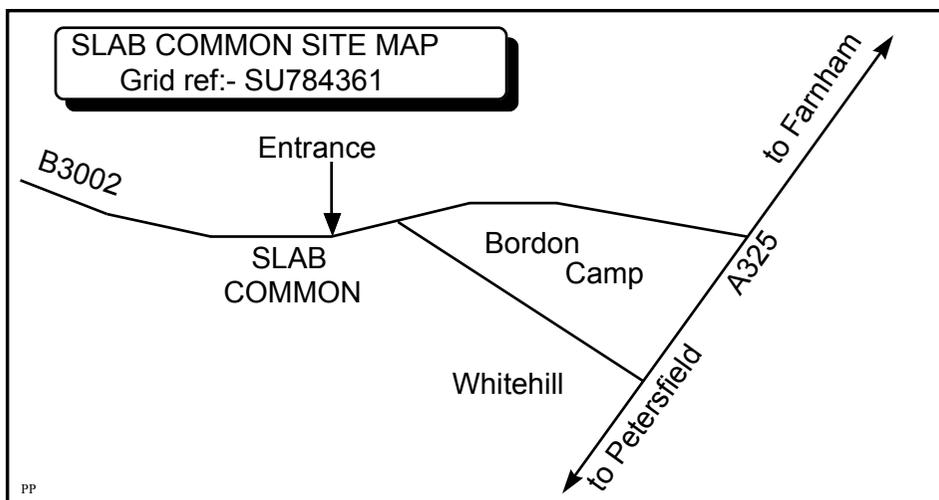
OFF-ROAD DRIVING DAY

with a series of simple 'challenges' to
spice up the event!

All vehicle occupants must be seated & wear an approved seat belt at all times. The passenger sitting along side the driver must be at least 14 years of age. Passengers who occupy the rear seats of the vehicle must not be less than 2 years of age, any child under 4 years of age must be

Site opens from 10.00 till 15.00 hrs – Located off the A325, on the Bordon to Oakhanger Rd, West of Bordon, Hampshire.

£12.00 per vehicle/driver plus £2.00 for each additional driver



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National Green Lane Day - 22/10/01

Here are some shots from the work we did on a lane near Leckford, Stockbridge on National Green Lane day - it was a serious amount of clearance of Sloe, Hawthorn and other bushes with sharp bits sticking out all-over. The work is not complete and will need another day, but we cleared some 100m. Attendees included: Ashley / Jackie / Byron / Hayley Pocock, Dave and Maureen Ridden,



David Knight, Nick Woodage, Peter Swales and of course Rob Thompson (HCC - NE Area RoW Officer).

Ashley Pocock



8 into 4 will go! Part 2.

In the September issue of *Pants & Barks* I set the scene for why I was converting my 109 S111 to V8 power. The October issue should have had the technical bit in it. However, life never goes to plan, does it. Now, I did say in part 1 that if you didn't see part 2 in the October issue then I would have used my ex MOD 90 for the trip to Cumbria. That didn't work out either.

Sometimes being slow to do things works to the good. As I hadn't gathered all the items needed for the conversion, I had not started removing any bits of the 109. Therefore, I still had a fully working vehicle and so the 109 was still used for the Cumbria trip. Two reasons for this. One, I needed to go via Northampton to drop my daughter off at her Nana's (the 90 only has two seats) and secondly I prefer the greater all round visibility of the Station Wagon for towing.

The trip to Cumbria went very well, if a little slower than originally intended with a V8. For interest the 109 did 19 mpg on the journey to Kendal and 15 mpg coming home. There was such a strong head wind on the return trip that I seldom used the overdrive. This convinced me even more that a V8 was needed for such journeys towing a caravan.

Progress on the conversion is being made. I now have the engine mounts which save cutting and re-welding the existing mounts on the chassis. I also have the adapter which turns the oil filter through 90 degrees to prevent it hitting the chassis. I've got a potential buyer for the stainless steel exhaust I've advertised and since the back half is still on the vehicle; this will have to come off very soon. The removal of the exhaust will kick off the strip down to remove the 4 cylinder engine.

This article should be published in the November P&B. I can't promise to have completed the conversion by the time the deadline is up for the December issue but hopefully I will be some way into the project and can give you an update.

The 4 cylinder is still up for grabs. One potential buyer seems to have faded. It performed very well on the Cumbria trip, if though it struggled at times with the weight. In September I used it to go to the LRO show at Stoneleigh, a 220 mile round trip. The Cumbria trip was a total of 670 miles. So for almost a 1000 miles the engine used about 1 pint of oil and it's still as clean as the day it went in.

Next Month - May be not the completed conversion but I should be able to give you an update on what involved in removing the existing engine and possible modifications needed to install the V8. E.g. the bulkhead needs modifying and the oil bath air filter will need cutting off from the battery box.

Roger Hardwick

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Belgium National

This year only 3 vehicles from HBRO attended the Belgium Nationals. The party was made up of Nick Woodage and Dave Knight in Nick's Yellow Submarine, I mean Discovery. With the weather a submarine may have been more appropriate. Then there was Bill Brown, with wife Sue and children, Ben, David, Arron and Hannah in Bill's Blue 110. Finally myself with friend Andy Badger in my Green Ex MOD soft top 90.

The journey over to Belgium was quite uneventful. We all met up at the appointed time and place. There was no problem with the ferry, had the right currency and we found the site (in the grounds of the Chateau de Ramegnies-Chin) without getting lost. Unlike last year when I travelled with Nick Woodage and we were to travel in convoy with Steve and Carol Skinner. Steve had had new tyres fitted to his S111 V8 the day before the trip. Unfortunately one was fitted incorrectly and by morning was flat. So we ended up travelling separately. Nick got to the ferry only to find it had been cancelled and were put on another ferry. Nick changed some money on the ferry and got Swiss Franks instead of Belgium Franks (well known story this now) and we got lost in Tournai trying to find the site. The motorway has two exits at Tournai which I hadn't realised, so we took the first one when we should have taken the second one.

Back to this year.

We arrived at a very wet and soggy camping field. We settled on an area which had enough grass left to pitch our tents on. Having first clear away the cow dung. The area was by the exit to the field and adjacent to a tarmac access road and a wood area. This had its' good and bad points. Good in that we didn't have to wade through a muddy field to get to the meal tent or trade stands. We also later parked the vehicles in the wooded area rather than trying to get in the field. The bad was that the exit to the field got so cut up that almost every vehicle trying to get out had to be towed out. But not until they had churned up a lot more of the field in trying. Those who have been to the Belgium Nationals will know that there is a night navigation run starting at 10pm on the Friday. We gave up just after midnight but many others were arriving back long into the early hours. Now, the site had a one way system. On entry you drive past the Chateau, into the first camping field, round this field and out again to cross the tarmac road mentioned earlier into another camping field. This means that all those in the second field had to first drive through the first field. As we were camped by the exit of the first field we had the noise of Land Rover engines revving away, trying to get out of the first field into the second, until about 4am. This could all have been avoided by using the access road past the Chateau and turning right into the second field.

We awoke on Saturday to a fine day and headed off to the food tent for a continental breakfast. Now all food is provided for this event but Nick and Dave had still brought enough food to keep us all going for a week. Nick's not too keen on this continental stuff. He likes his tins of all day breakfast. We set off on

another navigation run. A good 50% of the driving is on lanes and unlike in England, the locals are very friendly and wave to you as you drive by. Despite being told the routes were new for this year the lanes looked very familiar to last year. The difference being the lanes were a lot slipperier and several times Bill's motor looked like a Tesco shopping trolley. You know, when you have to push them sideways to go straight. Around noon we came to a very wide three way junction. We decided to pull over opposite a car park. Bill's four youngsters had spotted a shop for icecream. Now when we stopped there were no other Land Rovers to be seen but within 10 minutes the car park was full of them. We continued, the next lane requiring some hedge surgery before we could proceed. Nick and Bill did a good job here. Nick with his bow saw and Bill with his garden multi-tool. Bill's multi-tool was a present. He thought it was going to be a mechanics multi-tool but when he opened it in stead of pliers it had secutures. Still it came in handy for the hedge. Around 5pm we worked out where we had got to on the map and headed back to camp. Saturday night there is a video showing, on a large outdoor screen, of some of the action filmed so far. This is followed by a very good firework display.

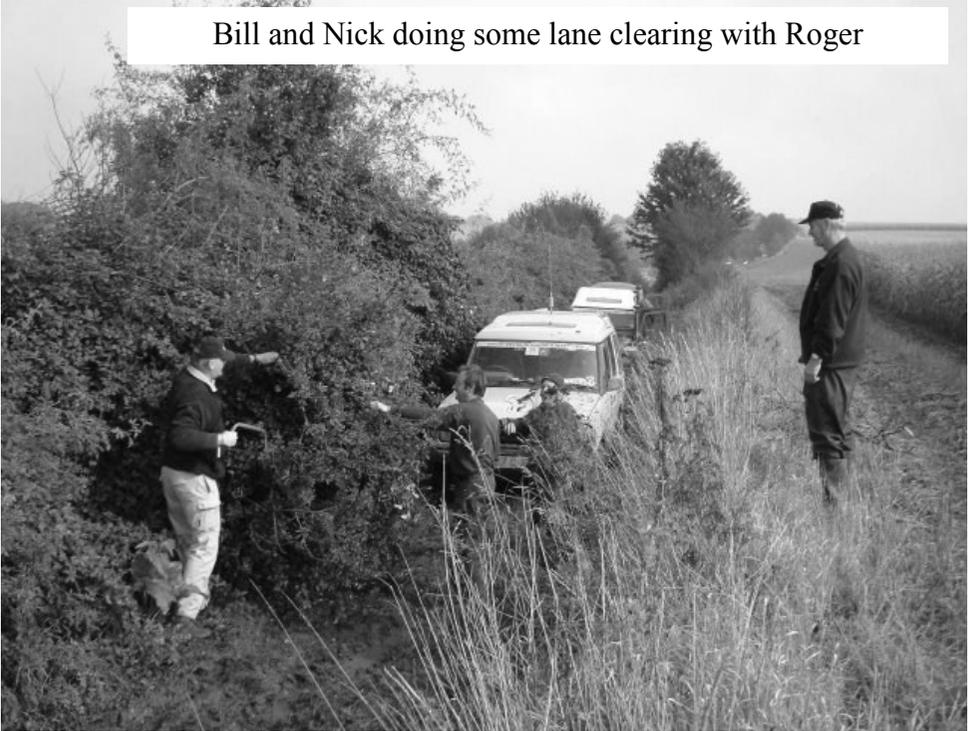
Sunday is the trials day. Jeff Pavitt from HBRO won this last year with a Zero score. No chance of a zero score this year. There was so much mud and water about the recovery teams were kept very busy. I convinced Nick and Bill that it would be better to watch and observe during the morning. This would also



Typical Belgium recovery technique

let the queue die down and we would drive straight on after lunch. Wrong. By the afternoon the ground was so cut up and we only managed two sections out of four before we ran out of time. Nick managed to get on three sections but had to be towed out three times on one of them. I got stuck on the second section in a hole with 12 inch deep ruts full of mud. I was driving so Andy had the pleasure of wading out to attach the rope. The marshals had decided to pull me out backwards at 90 degrees. In foot deep ruts I don't think so. Bill got stuck at the beginning to the same section. Not quite managing to climb out of a hole under a log bridge. To extract him the marshals used a large caterpillar digger attached to Bills winch. This lift his front wheels six feet off the ground. It looked

Bill and Nick doing some lane clearing with Roger



like he was going into orbit with the vehicle near vertical.

There was a very interesting V shaped log section about 10 yards long. With the rain this was very slippery. The best way to tackle this was to treat it like a slalom, zig zagging from one side to the other. The trials posts had been placed in the middle of the V. I managed to do this but unfortunately came off it a bit too fast and was unable to turn in the mud to make the exit gate.

This year the organisers had laid on jet washing to get some of the mud off and make sure lights and number plate were clean for the journey home.

On the return to the ferry port I had to keep telling Nick that I couldn't go much above 60 mph as I was getting a bit of wheel wobble. This started an

interesting exercise as both Nick and Bill said we weren't doing 60mph. Nick has a GPS so we used this to measure distance and found my 90's speedometer is over reading by about 10%.

By the way 2 weeks later while washing the rest of the mud off I found the bolts holding the front off-side drive flange on had come loose.

Stocked up with wine and beer from the cash and carry we boarded our appointed ferry and concluded a very enjoyable week-end. We all had a great time and I must say the four children were very well behaved despite all the times they were stuck in the back of the 110 having to endure Bill's driving.

I'm looking forward to next year's event. Perhaps some more from HBRO will join us.

Roger Hardwick





A.R.C. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Association of Rover Clubs
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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

It is encouraging to see that there have been no new outbreaks of Foot and Mouth disease reported within the last few days. Hopefully the battle against this dreadful virus has finally been won. The voluntary restraint shown by our member clubs on "Off Road" and "Green Lane" activities over the past months has been acknowledged, by farmers and others in the rural community, as the understanding action of a responsible Association.

I would like to thank all of you for your effort in having assisted with this policy of restraint.

Although the number of daily outbreaks of FMD is in rapid decline we must still be aware of the risks of spreading this virulent disease. I appreciate your wish to return to your beloved pastimes of Off Road Motor Sport or Green Laning but these activities must be resumed with extreme caution and due care for the restrictions that still apply.

The ARC Council recommends that risk assessments should continue to be carried out by Club Competition secretaries before proceeding with any Off Road event. We further appeal to those members who live or work in areas that are still classified as Infected Areas to continue to refrain from Off Road Activities until their area is declared free of the disease. Your perseverance is recognised as essential to maintaining the responsible attitude that has been displayed by our clubs and their members throughout this outbreak.

Denis Bourne A.R.C. Chairman.

LAND ROVER NEWS

Land Rover has announced changes to the vehicle range for 2002 including central locking and one key for the ignition and doors on Defender! There is a new Discovery HSE model with different grille and other changes plus major enhancements to Freelander ready for the USA launch in 2002. As always see your local franchised Dealer for details.

COUNTRYSIDE RIGHTS OF WAY WORKSHOP

A.R.C. is supporting a CROW workshop to be run by LARA at Uckfield in East Sussex on 10th November. Tony Kempster A.R.C.'s ROW representative is taking bookings – details and booking slip in this Newsletter.

CLUB EVENTS AND THE CROW ACT

A provision contained in the new Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 gives the public a 'right to roam' on foot at any time on access land and on land over 600m [1968ft). Access land includes areas which are wholly or predominately mountain, moor, heath or down and registered common land. There are also provisions for landowners to dedicate any land they wish as access land and for the definition to be widened to include the foreshore and adjacent land. Mountain, moor, heath and down does not include improved or semi-improved grassland but these terms do not appear to be defined in the Act.

All access land will eventually be shown on maps prepared by the Countryside Agency [in Wales, by the Countryside Council for Wales). Following consideration of representations, maps will be issued in provisional form and, subject to appeal, they will become conclusive maps. It could be four or five years before conclusive maps are published but clubs should now be considering the likely affects on their activities.

Access land will not come into being and the public will not be able to exercise their new right until the conclusive maps have been published but that is when problems will arise for clubs. This is because although the landowner will be able to close access land to the public for up to 28 days each year, none of these will include public holidays or more than 4 days which are a Saturday or Sunday, and even then, not during the summer months. There a provision however for a longer period of closure if consent is given by the relevant agency.

If access land is not closed to the public, there will be a need for marshals to act on behalf of the landowner to prevent members of the public interfering with the running of an event.

Both LARA and the MSA consider that the new Act will therefore seriously affect club events in the future. The September EGM agreed that all clubs should consider the possible implications for their events. It is recommended that a specific agenda item be included in the December EGM with a LARA presentation to highlight the threat to grass roots motor sport.

Clubs should inform the ARC Secretary ASAP that they will have a representative at the December EGM for such an important presentation.

Finally, the ceasing of Sport England funding in 2004, will result in financial constraints for LARA. The September EGM considered that clubs should indicate what they consider to be LARA's most valued work and whether the benefits of continued membership are justified for the foreseeable future.

Tony Kempster Countryside Access Officer

FORTHCOMING A.R.C. CLUB EVENTS

SOMERSET & WILTS MENDIP CHALLENGE 2001 – 13th/14th October 2001
Somerset & Wilts ROC cordially invite all A.R.C. affiliated clubs to join us at West Harptree, located in the Mendip Hills, Nr, Cheddar, Somerset for a Road Taxed Vehicle Trial on Saturday 13th October and a Cross Country Vehicle Trail on 14th October. Scrutineering from 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Friday. Trials limited to 100 vehicles. Camping available from Friday 12th October @£5 per unit per night. Booking forms from John Donovan, Competition secretary, 7 Champion Close, Thornbury, Bristol, BS12 1UF.

A.R.C. 2002 International Rally

Cornwall and Devon Land Rover Club have confirmed dates for the competitive elements of the event as Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd June 2002. Details of follow on rally and arrangements for Friday 31st May will follow in due course.

COPING WITH THE CROW ACT 2000

TO: All recreation groups/clubs/individuals who are 'stakeholders' in the use of the countryside.

The new Countryside Act includes provision for the so-called 'right to roam' for walkers, changes to rights of way legislation and the setting up of local access forums. LARA is currently running a series of Training Workshops across the country to help countryside users and volunteers get to grips with the implications of this new legislation.

Dates and venues of all Workshops are available from LARA HQ. (PO Box 20, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1WR Tel: 01630 657627 - e Mail: timLARA@aol.com).

The Workshop presentations are open to LARA member groups and subscribers, non-motoring countryside users, local authority staff and councillors. If you're interested in finding out how the CROW Act will affect your events in the countryside or your use of rights of way in the future and how you can try to safeguard your interests, you should attend one of these sessions.

You are cordially invited to the LARA Training Workshop on Saturday 10th November 2001 at Uckfield in East Sussex. The Association of Rover Clubs, which is a member of LARA, has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this particular Workshop on behalf of LARA. Venue details will be sent on receipt of your application and payment. The Workshop will start at 10.00am and finish at about 4.30pm.

The modest attendance fee is £20, with a discounted rate of £15 for LARA

members, and this includes Workshop papers, lunch and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you there! Further information is available from Tony Kempster on 01797 252371.

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LARA TRAINING WORKSHOP - COPING WITH THE CROW ACT 2000
SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2001 AT UCKFIELD, EAST SUSSEX

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A.R.C. CALENDAR FOR 2002

No doubt individual clubs will be hoping to finalise club calendars and interclub dates for 2002 Please would all club secretaries e-mail dates for next year so that they can be included in A.R.C. News

Many thanks

Paul Barton Editor A.R.C. News

IMPORTANT

Participation at any competitive event or show is at your own risk or that of the organisers. Although the A.R.C. is happy to publicise such events it does not act as an agent for the organisers. Statements or opinions expressed in A.R.C. News are not necessarily those of the A.R.C. Council. You are advised to obtain independent advice on matters involving safety, finance or legislation.

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Tool Tips

I've just discovered something that I thought was new but I expect many of you will say "That's been available for years"

The item is the emergency / multipurpose hose clip thingy. This is a three metre length of continuous hose clip strip and eight tensioners. They are available in 8mm and 12mm widths. It's not particularly cheap, I paid £3:50 for the 8mm and £4:95 for the 12mm size. The manufacturer is Draper (although I'm sure they must be available from other suppliers) and the stock numbers are 55591 and 55592 respectively.

You can make up a hose clip to practically any size, up to 3 metres circumference! An excellent standby on the competition site where a replacement / additional clip would be useful and saves time in having to stock many sizes. You could even make a big clip to go round a silencer.

Steve Kirby.



Christmas Menu

TRIO OF SALMON, CURED, SMOKED AND SUSHI
with pickled cucumber and Japanese horseradish dressing

ROAST PUMPKIN AND ROSEMARY SOUP

CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT
with sweet shallot Comfit

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY
with chestnut stuffing, chipolatas, cranberry compote and
roasting tin gravy

P ANCHETTA WRAPPED BREAST OF CHICKEN
with roast red onions, olives, dried tomato and oregano oil

CAPONATA OF AUBERGINE
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Xmas Meal at the Grange.

Have a look at the menu opposite and contact Jenny Davis with the details of what you want and send her the money! £28 per person.

A Disco has been arranged.

Rooms are available. The room rates are Double / Twin = £35 per person sharing, Single = £60 per room. Price includes Bed, Breakfast & Vat. HBRO Members should phone 01420 86565 and book, quoting the Land Rover Club Function.

Be there at 7:00 for 7:30.

Thanks,

Ed Ellis
Social & Camping Secretary.



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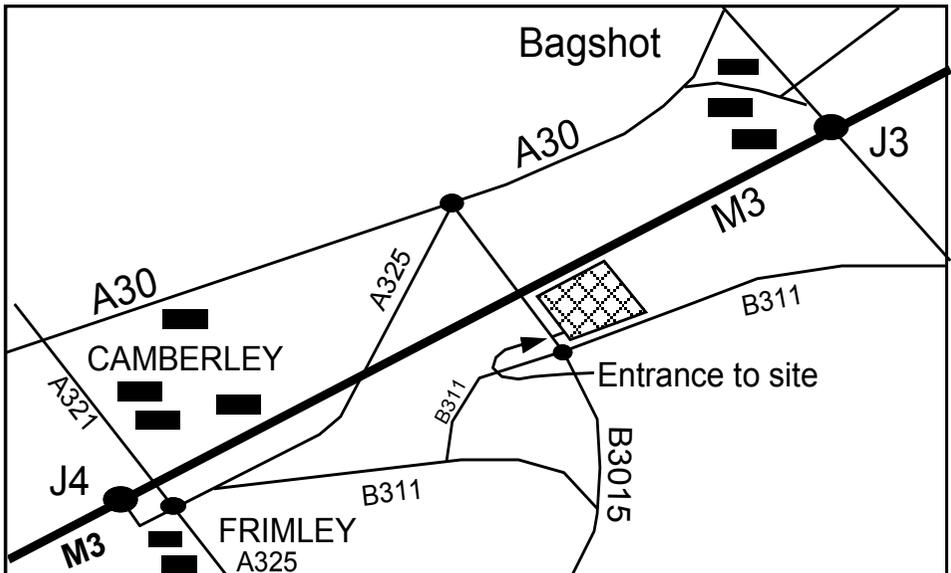
Road Master

A number of you may remember some years ago helping run the Off-Road Trial for the Army as part of the "Road Master" exercise, well it's back in our area once again! BAMA (British Army Motoring Association) have asked for our assistance in running this year's event, which is to be held on familiar territory at Bagshot Heath over the weekend of 1/2 December. The part we are doing is on Saturday 1st with setting out possibly on the Friday. Details are now being finalised, so don't have 'chapter and verse' at the time of writing this, but anyone interested in helping must contact me at ashley.pocock@care4free.net or phone me on 01264 710546.

For those of you who have never participated with HBRO in supporting either Road Master or Rickshaw, it's great fun, and you don't need a degree in bio-mechanics to join-in. It's basically a regular trial set-out to challenge the competitors but without penalising them too much on time, as they have a number of other events to complete in a given time. Join in even if you've never helped set-out a trial before, there is always the experienced members there to guide the novice, and beside it's a good opportunity to get **stuck into** some of the best off-road terrain in our area.

Steve's provided a map below to show you where Bagshot is.

Ashley Pocock.



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Size Guide:	Small – 36in Chest	Medium – 38-40in Chest
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CARAVAN THEFT

Having had the misfortune to have suffered two attempts on my own gin palace (holiday home for two OAP's and three dogs) I felt it would be worth while sharing my own experience coupled with a warning given out by the Kent Police recently.

Both attempts were from my own front drive and about 12 months apart. The first attempt was 3 o'clock on a Friday afternoon, using four vehicles and a rotary petrol driven diamond cutter. They managed to get half way through the front tow hitch lock before the mums and many kids in the cul-de-sac charged and scared the pants of the thieves who picked up their tools and escaped in the fleet of motors. All numbers taken and every one a false number plate. They had not done their sums correctly since they picked the school half term holiday week. We think they had assumed that Hampshire and Surrey would have the same holiday week, how wrong they were.

The next attempt was late at night when they attempted to bite their way through the same rewelded front tow hitch lock and were disturbed again by a neighbour who had been suspicious about a van parked in the cul-de-sac. When challenged they again drove off in the car, again with false number plates.

In both instances we had been approached or were aware of casual interest shown in the gin palace by callers touting for work laying tarmac and cutting trees. This apparently is the approach they take.

The Kent Police report recently printed in caravan magazines reports a number of caravans in the its area had been stolen following unsolicited enquiries as to whether or not the prominently visible caravan standing on private property, such as front garden or drive, might be for sale. Within 24 hours the caravan has been spirited away.

Should anyone taking an interest in your caravan, or a neighbour's, no matter where you live, follow them out if you can and note the number and description of any vehicle they have, as well as noting a description of the person concerned. The more open you are in your actions, the less likely they are to pay you a return visit. Even so the police would still like the information you collect regardless, as it may well tie up with other thefts in your area.

As a follow up to my own experiences I have been given advice on precautions one can take to make further attempts fruitless. For my own protection I wish to keep quiet about these but would be happy to talk to anyone who maybe worried about such thefts. Likewise I would like hearing of any bright ideas you may have to defeat these robbers. This is all the more worrying since we seem to have a constant stream of travellers who simply smash down gates and camp illegally at others expense and leave a trail of rubbish and stolen caravans.

Alan Smith.

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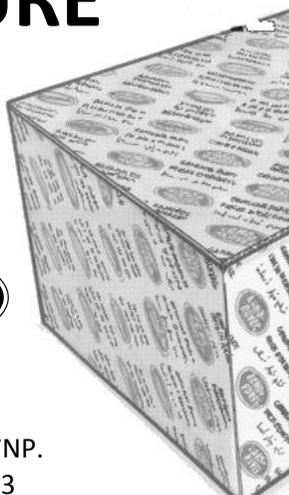
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HBRO accepts no liability for the accuracy of the descriptions or the serviceability / suitability of items sold in this section.

Commercial Adverts:- Contact Kiran Raval, address inside front cover, for advertising rates. Current newsletter circulation is over 300. Adverts are marked with the start date so you know when their time is up!

Bits & pieces

* Four Range Rover Classic Wheels (Silver 3 Spoke) with Pirelli Scorpion ST Tyres. Nearly new - done approx. 850 miles £300.00 ono. Call Andy Bridger on 01329 238674 (evenings) e-mail sarah@bridgers.fsnet.co.uk (OCT01)

* Final clearout. New items for SWB series 2a. Set of 4 Armstrong shock absorbers £15. Set of 4 brake shoes £10. 3 off 2¼ petrol oil filters £3. 2 off padded interior sun visors £12. RH track rod end £2. Used items, 2 off front lamp guards wire mesh type £2. AVM free-wheeling hubs £20. W/wiper motor and track assembly £5. Front axle casing £5. Differential from above £15. For 1983 petrol Rangie, 2 off airfilters £2. Set of 4 brake pads £10. Stromberg carb service kit £3. Used items, front tow hitch £10.

Also 2 off towing mirrors clip onto wing door mirrors new £10. Call Roger Pattie in Pangbourne on 0118-984-2884 and be ready for the answerphone! (OCT01)

* Misc sale items:- Salou porch awning, model type Porch 8. Very little use and in very good condition fitted with aluminium poles and nice curtains. Full instructions also. £105.00 or ono. Mothercare Summit 3 Wheeler bought at the start of this summer and only used 3 Times. Rain cover is still in the bag as is the hood, also comes with a fleecy liner. Proper pneumatic tyres and fixed front wheel. Very good off road. Cost £130.00 sell for £75.00. (taxi would of been cheaper!) 3 x sankey trailer wheels and tyres £20.00. 90 /110 front bumper in Black as new £20.00 ono. Phone Maxine on 01252 659611 before 8:00pm. or e-mail petmax@ntlworld.com(SEP01)

* Defender 90 TD5 items. As a result of modifications to my new Defender 90

TD5 I have the following new, unused bits for sale: Pair of fold down side-steps plus rear fold down step - £40 complete or will split. Complete set of latest pattern rear light lenses and bulb holders (rear/brake, indicator, fog, reverse) - £15 complete or will split. Radio Cassette with dash mount and telescopic ariel - £50. All are latest pattern Defender 90 TD5 items, new and unused.

Contact Julian Harrison. Bagshot, Surrey Tel: 01276 471865 eves & weekends
e-mail: julesharrison@eurobell.co.uk (SEP01)

- * Misc. Land Rover Bits 3x 205R16 Town and County on 90 rims - £5 each. Rear 90 axle complete (no diff) - £40. Full set 90 springs and shocks – Offers. Plain rear window glass - £5. Land Rover wheel cover (fit 205R16) - £10. Ladder roof rack – can be made to fit a Landy but a bit seized - £5. Disco 300tdi Catalytic Converter, damaged braided flexy cover but joint still sound – Offers.

Soon available

V8 90 radiator, very good condition - £50. 2.5 N/A diesel engine, rebuilt inc. recon head + 4x hotspots (£30 each), re-ringed (with all receipts). Excellent runner, may include H/D 90amp alternator + all ancillaries & pipe work. Can be seen running - £450. Complete 90 exhaust system, some new-ish sections (may split)- £45 Call Stuart 01489 786034/07929 310364 (Southampton) or all@davidsonhouse.fsnet.co.uk (AUG01)

- * 2286cc Petrol Engine , partly rebuilt 2 years, approx. 2000 miles ago. New rings, big end and main bearings, all oil seals. New alternator, distributor and carburettor. £200.00. Can be seen running is 109 S111, but not for long, converting to V8 to pull the caravan better. Also, stainless steel exhaust for 109 2286cc diesel, little used £75.00. Phone Roger Hardwick on 01252 335708 days or 01252 376797 evenings or mailto:roger.hardwick@ntlworld.com. (AUG01)

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- * Range Rover Vogue SE. E-reg. V8 EFi. Auto. Caspian Blue. Leather seats. Air conditioning. Sunroof. CD hi-fi. 100K miles. Some history. 2 months tax. 10 months MOT. New tyres and ignition. Alarm. £1600. Contact Simon Tuckwell. Home 02392-361316, mobile 07775-616106 (OCT01)
- * Range Rover, 1973. 2-door. 5/1/1973. Tax free? Sahara Dust. No Tax. No MOT. Not used for several years. Offers to Mike Tolputt on 020-8428-5930 or 07941378868 (OCT01)
- * Land Rover Series 1. Recently restored. I had most of it done by Frog Island 4x4 near Abingdon. However I have to sell it now, so if you know anyone who

wants to buy a rust free Series 1 (1951) could you put them in touch with me. Thanks I have spent close to £5000 on it in the past 5 months, all history and receipts available. Its got a hardtop, new rear seats and a new canvas hood. It just needs a paint job. I think virtually everything else has been replaced, rewired etc. Interested? Talk to Tom Paes on 01252 683895 or e-mail to tom.paes@ntlworld.com (AUG01)

Wanted:

- * 90 bits. Rear load space mat, swing away spare wheel carrier and Hella Rallye 2000/3000 driving spots with covers. Also required – Defender 200tdi engine. Cash waiting. Call Stuart 01489 786034/07929 310364 (Southampton) or all@davidsonhouse.fsnet.co.uk (AUG01)
- * Range Rover Grab handle. The sort that screws to the roof above the doors. I need just the one. Steve Kirby in Twickenham on 020-8287-0377 or e-mail to SteveKirby@waitrose.com or Steve.J.Kirby@BritishAirways.com. (SEP01)

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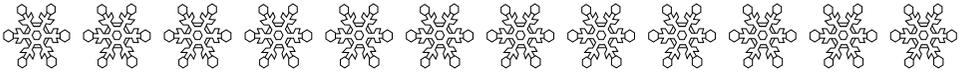
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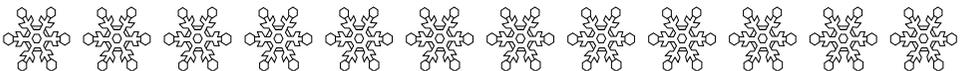
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- Events are open to all paid-up HBRO members. Bring your membership card.
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- Entries to be on an official HBRO Entry Form.
- 2000 ARC Handbooks are now available. Contact the Secretary or the Competition Secretary if you haven't got one yet.
- All HBRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LRs), the "Pilot Trophy" (Standard Range Rover) and the "Performance Trophy" (for 90s)
- 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. A Marshalling Guide booklet is available on request.
- 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. A Scrutineering Guide booklet is available on request.

Events - Forward Planner

DATE	EVENT
<i>June</i>	<i>RTV, Scenic Drive. Slab Common.</i>
June 15	ARC meeting, Solihull.
June 22&23	Land Rover World Show at Eastnor Castle, Ledbury.
<i>July</i>	<i>RTV. Surrey Saw Mills.</i>
July 20 - 21	Land Rover Enthusiast magazine Show.
<i>Aug 4</i>	<i>RTV. Gymkhana. Camping(?). Battlehurst Farm.</i>
<i>Aug. 24 - 26</i>	<i>RTV. Gymkhana. Camping(?). Nelly's Dell.</i>
Sept 14	ARC meeting, Solihull.
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>RTV. Camping(?). Minstead.</i>
<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Misc. Charity Day. Broxhead / Martinique.</i>
<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>RTV. Brick Kiln Farm.</i>
Dec 7	ARC meeting, Solihull.

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 Cob & Pen, Wallington, near Fareham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). Grid ref SU583 068 approx.
- * Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. Please bring your own maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, in case you get lost. 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; longer term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

Green laners:-See article elsewhere for details of the next trip(s).

DATE	EVENT
Nov 25	Members only driving day. Slab Common. Details elsewhere.
Dec 1	Operation Roadmaster. Details elsewhere.
Dec. 8	Xmas Dinner at The Grange, Alton. Booked. Map, Menu and other details elsewhere this issue.
Dec. 8	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Dec 30	Fun Trial. Nelly's Dell. Details later.
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<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>RTV. Harroway</i>
<i>Feb 17</i>	<i>RTV / Scenic Drive. Broxhead</i>
March 16	ARC meeting, Solihull.
<i>Mar 31 / Apr 1</i>	<i>RTV, Gymkhana, Scenic Drive. Camping. Wedgehill.</i>
<i>Apr 21</i>	<i>RTV. Nelly's Dell.</i>
<i>May 6</i>	<i>RTV. Camping(?). Hook End Farm.</i>
June 1 - 3	ARC International Rally. Cornwall.