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**Newsletter of the
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"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....

The May 2nd event on page 8 last month was a mistake on my part. The fact that it was a Thursday was a bit of a give away! Sorry about that.



The new ARC Handbook for 2002 has been printed and delivered to all the clubs. Over the years we've had all sorts of problems handing them out to the members we see regularly, and often losing track of just who we have given them to and who we haven't. The committee has made the decision to post one to every member and be done with it. So very soon now you'll all be receiving a copy of the Handbook by post.

I've missed an event recently because both my Landies are away being fixed. The driveway is awfully empty! I'll be back in business soon I hope.

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's Comments.
- Rights of Way News.
- Social Scene.
- Club Shop.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- So what happened at Harroway? Ashley explains.
- Members seem to like events in Belgium, so there's a listing....
- ARC News 47 is here.
- Easter Rally details
- Nerd's Corner. Steve Kirby has a quick look at digital photography.
-and more.

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. P&B is produced on 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

Weather stopped play!! It certainly stopped our fun at Harroway in January - see explanation elsewhere in this issue. But Off-Road must go on, so we did, in March. Surrey SawMills saw an excellent turn-out of 22 RTV triallers, dry weather, and even some sun. This sudden change in climate didn't stop the site from being as sticky as ever, and catching out pretty much everyone (including recovery Marshals - sorry Nigel/Jim), at some point or other.

Our first social only (all our events are social, of course), event of the year has been set up - it's a quiz with a big emphasis on Land Rovers, skittles and food, and we'll be looking forward to more of these occasions throughout the year, courtesy Ed and Angela Ellis, our Social Secretaries.

A sortie to the infamous Brick kiln site is scheduled for the 10th March, so time to give those knobblies a challenge on the side-slopes, bomb holes and mud runs. It's always fun at BK, especially for the spectators.

Then comes our Easter camping rally at Wedgehill, which will feature an RTV on Sunday 31st March, followed by a Scenic drive for Club Members on the Monday. It's a great location for a weekend away in the van or tent, and the site has the hallmarks of becoming a great location for regular events for HBRO.

Don't forget to get your applications in for the Nationals - it's only two months away !!

The weekend after the Nationals, HBRO is intending to participate in the 'Abingdon Festival of Motorsport'. We will run an RTV on Sat/Sun on two different locations on the Abingdon Airfield site. The events will be open to any Club member / ARC member, and should make for an exciting weekend amongst the other Motorsport competition going on at the event. Like to help? - give me a call.

The committee is starting to plan for the **Rickshaw** in September, where HBRO will actually take on the running of the whole event, and not just the 'Off-Road' exercise as in previous years. Any members who would like to help and/or organise the exercises please step forward - or call me (number inside front cover).

Finally, Nick Jennings is trying to organise Recovery marshal training. The plan will be to arrange this through a training company, and will involve a fee for each participant. However, the training will result in an official certificate confirming Recovery competence. The details will be available shortly.

Ashley Pocock. Chairman

Harroway - the story

Horizontal rain, Trevor Jones dressed as tangoman, a very doubtful looking landowner, and a forecast that made you want to emigrate, all contributed to the decision to cancel the Harroway Farm event on the 23 January. It was a reluctant decision because HBRO doesn't give up easily, (ARC2000 the classic example). We had a good turn-out for setting-out, and would have persevered, but for the problems of access. Harroway, as many of you will remember was one of the first sites the Club used. There has been a couple of extended breaks away from the site due to it being used exclusively for Motorcycle events. Recent development of the Barn/Building complex on the Land has resulted in the cessation of the Motorcycle events, but this has also resulted in the loss of the tarmac access to the Dell area we use for trials. The new access route is by driving along the edge of two crop fields and onto the top of the trial area. This was the problem for our event on the 23rd - the fields had been recently ploughed and planted, and the sodden ground conditions, according to the Farmer were difficult for his tractors let alone a Landy. We put tangoman back in his 110 ready for another day, called all the members we knew might be attending on the Sunday (thanx to - Matt Hewitt and John Jennings *et al*), Ian Parker had the cancellation notice on the website by 11.00am, and went home to find a radiator to drape ourselves over.

Thanks all, and sorry to those of you who were desperate to get muddy, but.....hopefully Surrey Saw Mills on the 17th Feb will have a reviving effect.

Ashley Pocock.

Events in Belgium 2002

Raid Nord, 16th and 16th March

Raid Somme, 27th to 28th April.

Belgium National, 21 to 23 September.

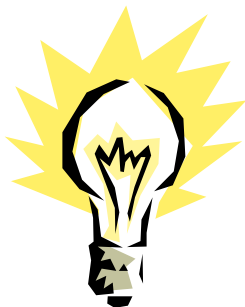
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e-mail - info@belgium-national.com

Tel 0032 (0)69 54 84 80

Fax 0032 (0)69 54 84 74



Land Rover Quiz & Skittles Night

(The Ultimate Trivia Challenge)

2nd March 2002 7pm

Whistle Stop Public House, Liss, Hants

OK folks, a super **Quiz Night and Skittle** competition has been organised for the **2nd March** at the **Whistle Stop Public House**, Liss in Hampshire. The pub is located in the centre of the village and we are in the function room.

Directions: From the A3 take the B3006 into Liss Village centre, the pub is in the middle of the village about 100 metres from the railway station and opposite the One Stop. There is plenty of parking.

This is a quiz night with a difference, there will be a **Fantastic Land Rover Trophy** (donated by HBRO) to be retained by the winning team until the next competition, plus other spot prizes.

There will be at least **four rounds** of questions all about **Land Rovers**, four on general knowledge and a team skittles competition to decide the overall winner.

Teams will consist of four members.

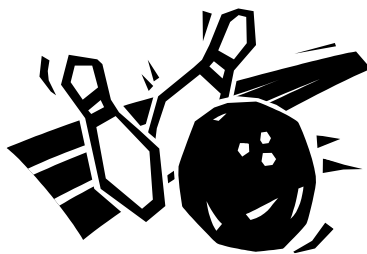
So all you Landy buffs sharpen up your knowledge and turn up and see how clever you really are.

A finger buffet will be provided, drinks are at your own expense.

HBRO are subsidising this Land Rover Quiz Night, but there will be a token levy of £1-per person to enter.

Please do come along and give it your best, you will be surprised how much you do about Landies over the ages.

Ed and Angela Ellis
Social Secretaries



RIGHTS OF WAY NEWS

National Green Lane Clearance Day

This will be on 24th March and Hants & Berks will be taking part in conjunction with Hampshire Paths. Please contact Dave Ridden on 01794 514834 for details. If there is a lane in your area you would like considered for clearance please let us know and we will try to arrange a working party.

Easter Rally

I had hoped to organise a green lane trip locally in the Dorset area for the Saturday of the Easter rally but unfortunately there is a shortage of suitable lanes in the area. If club members present on Saturday wish to go out, I have routes available in the Wiltshire area if you do not mind going further afield. For anyone who wishes to join us on the day please telephone me to arrange a suitable meeting place and time.

GLASS Pub Meet

There is a regular pub meet for those interested in green laning at the Four Horseshoes, Long Sutton, Nr. Odiham Grid Ref 747471 on the last Monday of the month at 8 p.m. Mick Dyer, GLASS Vice Chairman and local rep Simon Thomas are usually in attendance for an informal chat. Anyone interested is very welcome to come along.

Dave Ridden

Green Lane Reps Info

HBRO now has "area reps".

Here is a list so you can contact them to see what's on:-

Green Lane Officer - Dave Ridden. Details inside front cover.

Area Reps:-

Nick van den Braak, South Downs / East Hants.Tel: 023-9259-7266

Nigel Thorne, Hindhead / Haselmere Areas, 01428 714581.

Nik Watts, North Hants Area, 07768 615377.

Jimmy Salmon, Thames Valley / North Berks, 07774 680977.

Ashley Pocock, Andover / Winchester areas. 01264-710546,

Forthcoming laning trips publicised elsewhere this issue.

RTV Trial

Brick Kiln Farm, Alton, March 20

RTV Winter Series.

Status Closed. HBRO only.

CoC TBA..

Steward TBA.

Chief Marshal TBA.

Scrutineer TBA.

Sec of Meeting. TBA.

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).

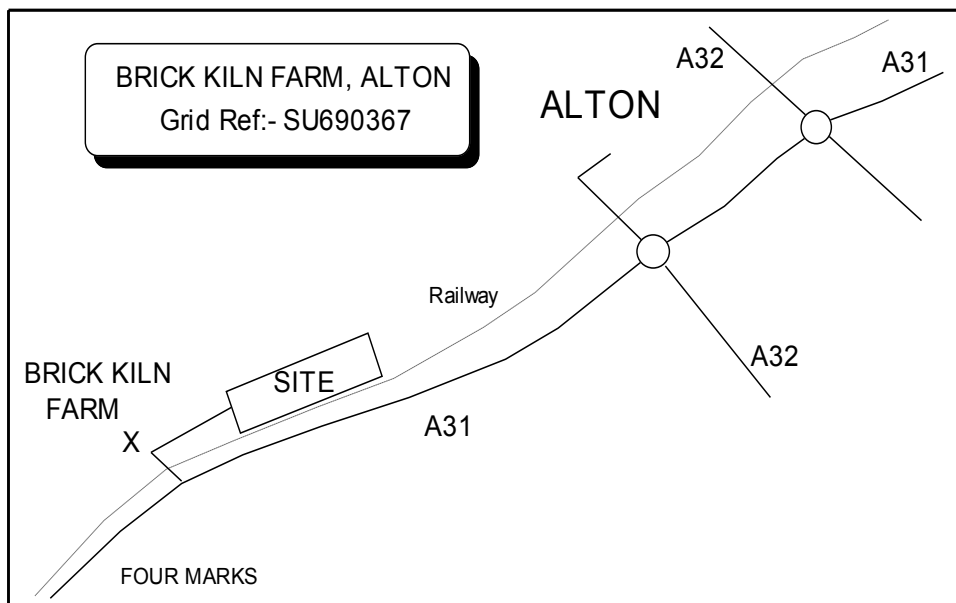
Facilities:- Toilets.

TBA = To be advised.

Brick Kiln Farm is on the A31 about halfway between Alton and Petersfield, Hampshire.

Please come along on the Saturday to help set out the sections. If you've not done this before, we'll show you!

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



Green Lane Events

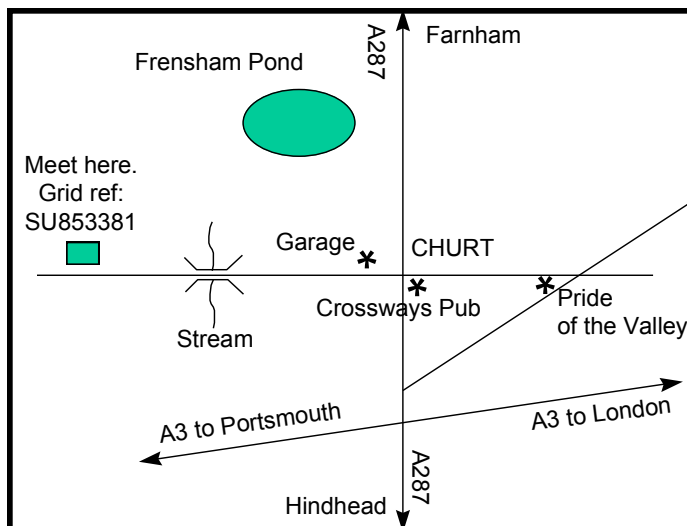
3rd March 2001 Frensham and Hindhead

I have arranged to run a trip locally to home on the 3rd March 2002 to start around 10 a.m. I have arranged a route for "shiny" vehicles, newcomers and novices, but three lanes can be bypassed by these vehicles and fall into the "harder" green lane status. I would expect regular laners to run these in both directions.

Time overall should be about four hours running with a stop for lunch if needed. Please let me know if you are interested and if any other details are required.

Meet at my house from 9.30am, probably coffee or tea on the brew. (Address and tel inside front cover) Grid Ref SU853381

From Hindhead take A287 towards Farnham, at Crossways pub in Churt turn left, 300 yards on right is black and white cottage. From Farnham take A287 towards Hindhead and Frensham, past Frensham Pond to



Churt Village turn right at Crossways pub and 300 yards on the right.

The route should give some great scenery as well as good laning.

Nigel Thorne.

Old Sodbury Sortouts 2002

6th April

20th October

Newbury Showground

Entry is from 11am for buyers with a £4 entry fee.

Sellers pitches need to be booked via 01454 323109.

No other details at the moment.



A.R.C. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Association of Rover Clubs

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I am pleased to say that the 2002/03 ARC Handbook has now been printed and distributed to all Club Secretaries. Competitive Clubs will have been supplied with sufficient copies for all full members, I suggest that you contact your Club Secretary to obtain your copy.

NATIONAL RALLY UPDATE

Cornwall & Devon Land Rover Club apologise to those of you who feel that they have been inconvenienced by the request to complete a further application form for this year's event. This has proved to be a necessity for the organising Club to establish a reliable audit trail and to ensure the continuity and trace ability of all entries for the 2002 event. Just a reminder to all of those members who are competing at this year's National Rally please ensure when completing your event entry form that the correct ARC vehicle Class is inserted – if in doubt contact your Club Scrutineer who will be able to assist you.

The time and date for the Concours Event has been finalised as Sunday 2nd June 2002. This event is being co-ordinated by the Land Rover Series One Club and entries must be made prior to 11.00.a.m. on the day to the Series One Club Stand. Details of the Bike Trial have not been finalised yet – watch this space!

FOOT & MOUTH UPDATE

Having received confirmation from the Motor Sports Association, the ARC Council are pleased to announce that with immediate effect Foot and Mouth Disease no longer affects UK Motorsport and that every form of motorsport may now be permitted without restrictions. Once again I congratulate you all on the voluntary restraint shown by yourselves that has helped to overcome the battle against this dreadful disease.

Our next General Meeting will be the A.G.M. at Land Rover, Lode Lane on Saturday 16th March 2002 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Nominations are invited to fill the following positions within the ARC Council:

- Non Competitive Clubs Co-ordinator
- Car Clubs Liaison Officer
- Minutes Secretary

If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact our Secretary Caroline Flanders at the Registered Office for a nomination form as soon as possible.

Denis Bourne A.R.C. Chairman

LAND ROVER ANNOUNCES NEW RANGE ROVER LINE UP AND PRICES - 15 January 2002
In the UK both petrol and diesel versions of the new Range Rover will be sold in three models – the SE, HSE and Vogue, all available with either the Td6 six-cylinder diesel or V8 petrol engine. Prices start at £42,995 for the Range Rover Td6 SE – the same price as for the outgoing entry-level model – rising to £59,995 for the flagship Range Rover V8 Vogue. The new Range Rover will be available through the Land Rover UK dealer network from 15 March 2002.

Priced at £42,995 for the Td6 diesel and £49,995 for the V8 petrol, the SE model features leather seats with electric adjustment, leather covered steering wheel, automatic air conditioning, cruise control and a six-speaker in-car entertainment system with single CD facility. Safety features include eight airbags including head airbags for the rear seat passengers and a tyre pressure monitoring system.

HSE models are priced at £45,995 for the Td6 and £52,995 for the V8 and feature heated leather seats with adjustment memory that also automatically adjusts the steering column and electrochromatic exterior mirrors. Fascia wood trim in either cherry or walnut is offered in addition to the standard 'Foundry' finish. An upgraded in-car entertainment system with 11 speakers and a glovebox-mounted CD autochanger is fitted. Convenience features include rain sensing windscreen wipers, park distance control and Bi Xenon headlamps.

The top-of-the-range Vogue models are priced at £51,995 for the Td6 and £59,995 for the V8. The Vogue specification features Oxford leather 'Comfort' front seats, heated rear seats and a heated steering wheel. At the heart of the 12-speaker in-car entertainment system with Digital Sound Processing (DSP) is a widescreen monitor with TV and satellite navigation system. The monitor also controls the functions of the in-car entertainment system and provides driver information including fuel consumption and range. Convenience and comfort features include an electric sun roof, ski bag fitted to the centre rear seat and dual blade sun visors.

Commenting on the announcement, Mike Wright, managing director of Land Rover UK, said: 'We are very pleased to be announcing that prices for the new Range Rover, an all-new vehicle, will be at the same starting price as the model it replaces. The Range Rover has always been a very successful vehicle in the luxury car sector and with the new model Land Rover is offering an unmatched breadth of capability at a very competitive price. The model range is designed to offer customers a wide variety of choice, equipment and colours enabling new Range Rover owners to specify a vehicle precisely tailored to their own requirements and tastes.'

The new Range Rover is the most advanced 4x4 vehicle in the world. Designed to provide an unrivalled level of on-road performance and off-road ability, the new Range Rover has an all-new monocoque body, independent front and rear suspension with interconnected air springs and a variety of electronic control systems – including the award-winning Hill Descent Control (HDC) to enhance safety off-road. Power units are the 210 kW (282 bhp) 4.4-litre V8 petrol engine and the 130 kW (174 bhp) 3.0-litre Td6 diesel. The transmission system comprises a five-speed automatic gearbox with Steptronic gearshift operating in both high and low range and a two-speed transfer box with Torsen centre differential.

New Range Rover will be available in a choice of 12 exterior colours and seven interior colourways.

FROM CHRIS SAVIDGE –
YOUR NON-COMPETITIVE CLUBS' CO-ORDINATOR

Once again, I have to “scale down” the amount of work I do for A.R.C., and - inevitably - my involvement in the running of events such as the HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE RUN/LAND ROVER MARQUE DAY, THE A.R.C. INTERNATIONAL RALLY, and THE ALL ROVER WEEKEND. The reason for this is my increasing health problems – as I write this, (early February), I am awaiting the call to go into hospital yet again for more surgery.

There is, therefore, now an urgent need to find someone to take-over the role that I have undertaken for the last 5 years within A.R.C. Whilst Heritage Motor Centre Run and the International Rally are “covered” for this year, a new non-competitive clubs' co-ordinator needs to be “in post” by this summer if the A.R.C.'s ALL_ROVER WEEKEND (August Bank Holiday Weekend, at the Town and Country Festival, Stoneleigh near Coventry is to go ahead this year!

Such a person can only come from within the Clubs that are the A.R.C., so it is now, with renewed urgency that I ask all A.R.C. members to spread the word and to try to find a willing volunteer to take over my position within A.R.C. It would be a great shame to lose the momentum that we have gained, albeit slowly, over the last 5 years!

There is also a vacancy, (of some long-standing) on the A.R.C. Council for a Car Club's Liaison Officer. Would all relevant clubs please come up with a volunteer for the post, There has been a suggestion for a “run” similar to the Heritage Motor Centre Run but for ROVER cars, and indeed MG-ROVER would be happy for such a “Run” to begin from Longbridge. However a Car Clubs' Liaison Officer is essential before such an event can even be contemplated.

Chris Savidge (Snr)

GREEN LANE DAYS 2002

The dates for LARA green lane days in 2002 are the weekends of 23rd /24th March and 26th/27th October. Participation in clearance and maintenance projects on any of these days by club volunteers is encouraged as it can benefit all users and is good for public relations.

It is of course essential to obtain the agreement of the local Highway Authority before starting any work – contact details in your local telephone directory. LARA would appreciate receiving brief reports of all voluntary work carried out so as to gauge the extent of involvement across the UK. Snail mail to PO BOX20, Market Drayton, TF20 1WR or e-mail **LARAHQ@Aol.com**

Tony Kempster A.R.C. Countryside Access Officer

UPDATE ON A.R.C. NATIONAL RALLY 2002

Entry forms are now with Club Secretaries or via Web site: **www.arc2002rally.co.uk** which is now

fully functional. REMEMBER there are over 1000 A.R.C. log booked vehicles and with the CCV Trial at 240 entries and the Comp Safari limited to 120 entries you'd better be quick if you don't want to miss out!!!

ALL ENTRANTS will need to book using an A.R.C. Rally 2002 entry form. Even if you booked for 2001 and didn't get a refund you will still need to re-book.

Entries for concours D'Elegance, trailer reversing, gymkhana and scenic drives can all be booked on arrival at the event. Completed entry forms need to be sent to Jo Arthur, Entries Secretary, Torridge Firs, 21 Parkstone Lane, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon, and PL7 2DF

STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE LAND ROVER CLUB LTD.

Following their AGM there has been a Committee "reshuffle" and all clubs are asked to amend their records

Chairman	Mr Adrian Longstaff
Vice Chair	Mr Zam Alexander
Secretary	Mr Allan Dawson allandawson@compuserve.com 01538 387384
Treasurer	Mr Leigh Drake-Chapman
Competition Secretary	Mr Stephen Bayliss (01782 627101)

FORTHCOMING A.R.C. CLUB EVENTS

SOUTHERN ROVER OWNERS CLUB CHARITY COMPETITIVE SAFARI, MEREWORTH WOODS, SEVEN MILE LANE, WROTHAM, NR. MAIDSTONE. KENT – Sunday 24th February 2001

Booking forms for this event are now available from Tony Howland 01622 745461. Event opens to all A.R.C. Clubs, Entry fee is £30.00 Clerk of the Course is Tony Howland and the grid reference is 188 643 554.

EASTER MINI NATIONALS ESSEX LRC, EAST NORTHANTS LROC & SUFFOLK LROC 29th March – 1st APRIL 2002

Essex Land Rover Club, East Northants Land Rover Owners Club and Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club are co-promoting a mini nationals type event this Easter. This is the 1st Anglia Interclub weekend. Features a TYRO trial, RTV trial, CCV trial. Mini Comp, Safari, Winch Challenge and Team Recovery events. Event is located at Wild Tracks Off-road Centre at Chippenham, Newmarket, Cambridgeshire, (grid REF 154/ 686686). On site catering plus pressure washers at small cost. Supplementary Regs and Entry forms can be downloaded from ESSEX LAND ROVER CLUB website <http://www.EssexLandRoverClub.co.uk/easter2002> or contact Karl Reilly at 9 Goose Cottages Chelmsford Road, Essex SS11 8TB tel 01268 762684 for more information.

EASTER LANCS AND CHESHIRE ROC TRENTAM GARDENS STAFFORDSHIRE
29th March to 1st APRIL 2002

This famous Easter interclub offers a TYRO Friday afternoon, RTV and Team Recovery on Saturday, CCV Trial on Sunday with a night Comp followed by Day Comp and prize-giving on Easter Monday. Forms have been sent to club secretaries or contact the bookings sec who is Colin Barrance on 01257 792802

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST TO A.R.C. MEMBERS

APRIL 6th OLD SODBURY

Newbury Showground. Entry is from 11am for buyers with a £4 entry fee. Sellers pitches need to be booked via 01454 323109.

APRIL 6th/7th DUNSFOLD SPARES WEEKEND (PARTICULARLY SERIES 1 & SERIES VEHICLES!)

Philip and crew at Dunsfold Land Rover have declared war on mounting stocks of series and military parts, with some real bargains on used spares. For Series 1 and Series vehicle enthusiasts this sale is not to be missed! There will also be significant stocks of spares on sale for 90/110 and Defenders plus Range Rover and Discovery body parts. Minimum of 10% discount on all stock. Sale starts Saturday 9am to 4pm and 9am to 3.30pm Sunday. DLR is at Alfold Road in Dunsfold Surrey. Call 01483 200567 for further details.

THE LAND ROVER MARQUE DAY incorporating THE HERITAGE RUN, SUNDAY 5th MAY 2002 at the HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE, GAYDON, WARWICKSHIRE

Booking forms now available either via the ARC web site at www.the-arc.co.uk or from Chris Savidge (Snr.) on 0115 926 7716, or Geoff Miller on 01789 731669 (e-mail png.miller@virgin.net) all telephone calls before 9pm please.

VALANCE BY-WAYS SUMMER SHOW, CHARLWOOD, NR GATWICK 22/23rd JUNE 2002

Southern Counties Historic Vehicle Preservation Trust is once again hosting this event, which attracted over 120 Land Rovers last year. Static Vintage and Classic Aircraft, Cars, Commercials and Buses, Tractors, Motor cycles, Stationary Engines. Models, Organs, Military, Custom Vehicles, Steam and Model steam, Land Rovers, Autojumble, Trade, Crafts and Motor Clubs. Booking forms form Stephen Eastman at 16 Monarch Close, Bewbush, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8JH

WELLINGTON TO LAND ROVER DAY HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE GAYDON 30th JUNE 2002

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Gaydon's aviation and automotive history a new event is planned and the assistance of the automotive preservation movement is sought. During 1942, the land adjoining the Heritage Motor Centre and now known as the proving ground was used by the Royal Air Force. Opened initially as a Satellite for No.12 Operational Training Unit, Gaydon became a night bomber-training unit in 92 Group flying Vickers Wellingtons. De-commissioned in 1975 RAF Gaydon was acquired by the Leyland Group and is now wholly owned by Land Rover. Hence the title of the event - "Wellington to Land Rover Day". The assistance of Land Rover clubs in mounting a stand on the day is sought.

HMC is trying to:

- Identify people who served at RAF Gaydon
- Attract owners of “period” vehicles to the event
- Trawl for artefacts, vehicles, people, memorabilia
- Pre-war cars and vehicles of all types will be of interest especially if in RAF livery. All vehicles, which can display a wartime appearance with headlamp shrouds and white lining around the wings and running boards enthusiastically, received.
- Post war cars up to 1978 are equally important, as either Service vehicles of “personal transport”
- Military Model Aircraft enthusiasts, Military (aviation) Art Collectors and General War Time ephemera collectors are also asked to contact Gaydon to display collections.

Forms available to book from HMC telephone 01926 641188 John McCartney – Car Clubs Co-ordinator.

LRW SHOW – EASTNOR CASTLE 22/23rd JUNE 2002 – see LRW Magazine for details - remember LRW supports A.R.C. events

LR ENTHUSIAST SHOW JULY 20th- 22nd BILLING AQUADROME NORTHANTS
See LRE Magazine for details.

SCRUTINEERING AND OFF ROAD COMMITTEE NEWS UPDATE

(a) A plastic bag over the battery will catch any leaks should be vehicle become inverted. Most plastic bags are acid resistant and this method really does work. In fact, the MSA have advised on the suitability of this cheap and adaptable method. “Sealed-for-life” batteries should still be covered in case they split. Any cover on a battery should not be sealed, but open at the bottom in the same manner as a fuel tank cover to prevent build-up of gases. Batteries under large covers or under seats still need to be looked at to check for security.

Fluid reservoirs (brake / clutch) that are inside the cab with the occupants must either have a “proper” cover or use a similar protection method. This is also to apply to any vehicles that are manufactured this way. Supermarket bags are fine for this but do check that they do not have safety perforations.

(b) Log Book Scrutineers who leave the ARC may not continue with their duties and must return all tags, documents, folders etc to Dennis Wright.

(c) Drivers abandoning an event without announcing the fact.

Premature departure from an event must be reported to the CoC by the competitor or someone delegated by him/her. Unannounced departure is a serious etiquette contravention and shows lack of consideration for the organisers and fellow competitors. Disqualification would be in order on these occasions. If a score needs to be recorded for a championship or similar, then 10 penalty points per section in a trial, or maximums for a comp safari should apply. There is provision for a fine in these circumstances and competitors may need to be reminded of this.

(d) Drilled radius arms

This matter was discussed at length in 1996 / 7 and “**The outcome was a decision that any**

radius arms that have been welded to, drilled or cut into, deliberately notched or bent up / down / sideways will not be allowed in ARC events.” This was not publicised further at the time but we are publicising it now as the decision is still sound.

Steve Kirby. Chairman, Scrutineering & Off Road Committee.

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EASTER Rally & RTV Trial & Scenic Drive

Wedgehill Farm, Woodlands Park, Three Legged Cross, Dorset

March 28th - April 2nd.

RTV Winter Series.

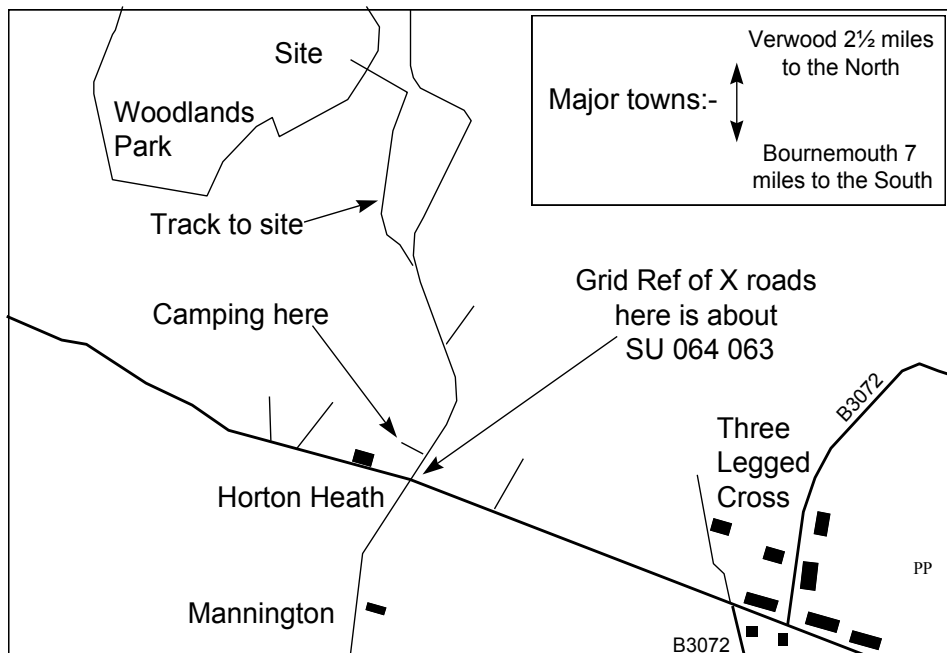
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CoC		Ashley Pocock.
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Chief Marshal		TBA.
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Sec of Meeting.		Ashley Pocock.
Camping		Ed Ellis
Scrutineering starts at		08:45.
Drivers / NAV'S briefing		09:45.
Marshals briefing		09:45.
Event starts at		10:00.
Payment to Sec of meeting.		
Trial £12 on the day. £10 advance (>7 days).		

The venue is near Three Legged Cross, just south of Verwood, Dorset. Bournemouth is about 7 miles to the south and Ringwood 4 miles to the east. See map.

Camping is £4 per unit per night. Site open from Thursday midday to Tuesday midday.

Trial site facilities:- Toilets in the trailer.

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



Easter Rally

Social gathering with a RTV Trial, Barbecue, and Scenic Drive.

Schedule:-

Thursday and Friday - Arrive and pitch.

Saturday - Barbecue in the evening.

Sunday - RTV.

Monday - Scenic Drive. See details below. Fee £10.

Let's Off-Road!



**1st April 2002
Wedgehill site.**

See map opposite

HBRO Members & invited guests only

Easter Rally Off-Road Driving



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 seated in a CE approved "child seat".

Nerd's Corner

Digital Photography.

Following on from last month's article about selecting and using a digital camera, what do you do after you've taken the pictures.....

Storage.

When you transfer the pictures from the camera to your computer, park the files somewhere safe and write-protect them. If you need to carry out some changes such as image editing, cropping, brightness or contrast changes, etc. copy the file somewhere else and work only with that copy. So if you subsequently change the picture and save over your original file, you can't get back to the original. If you crop the picture, you can't get the cropped bits back! Similarly, if you convert to monochrome, reduce the pixel count, (Pixel is a "convenient" abbreviation of **picture element** which is a tiny part of the picture, like a mosaic tile.) or save them with very high compression over your original file, you can't go back.

It would take a long article to describe the effects of reducing the pixel count, reducing the number of colours, changing the dpi/ppi (Dots / Pixels Per Inch), file types, file compression, etc. but here's a brief run-down....

Image Compression.

Don't use image compression while you are making any changes in an image editing application. Save as a TIF or Bitmap or a format that is proprietary to the application you are using. Only when you are happy with the result, then you can use a compression method such as JPG (pronounced "jpeg"). Note that the JPG format is 'lossy'; that is, some information is thrown away when you save it. Be aware that applications can often have a pre-set compression ratio, and each time you save, the picture will be compressed more and more, and the quality will gradually diminish. Every time you save to JPG you're throwing away more information.

JPG compression is a sliding scale from 1, virtually no compression and imperceptible loss of quality, to 99, very very highly compressed but with very poor quality. At high compression ratios, you will see halos around objects and unsightly blocks of colour (called "artefacts") that can ruin a picture. In a JPG, the compression is achieved by throwing away colour and intensity detail and grouping areas of very similar colour / intensity into one common colour. The human eye is easily fooled in this way but the more you compress, the more the pixels are grouped into common colours until those groups become visible as blocks or artefacts.

Dots per Inch (dpi) and pixel-count.

The dpi figure is only relevant when you know how big the picture will be when printed. A normal 15" computer monitor runs at an equivalent of about 100 dpi, but if you printed such a picture at 6" x 4½" size (similar to the size you get from a commercial print house such as your local chemist or camera shop) it would not be very good. A typical 1.2 megapixel camera will take pictures at 1280x960 pixels, 1228800 in total. So your 6"x4½" photo would be at 213 dpi. If you printed it at half that linear size, (3"x1¼") it would be at twice the dpi, 426 dpi, the same number of pixels, but would look very much better quality but would be a quarter the area. Try moving very

close to your TV screen and see how much worse it looks when it's effectively bigger and how good it looks when you move away again! The number of pixels hasn't changed, (this figure is fixed by the shadow-mask or aperture-grille) but the effective size has. So beware of saving a picture at 300 dpi, as it might be only an inch square!

After having taken the picture, you can reduce the file size considerably by reducing the number of pixels but the human eye is extremely good at pattern-recognition, and the steps (or "jaggies" as computer folk call them) that result from pixel-count reduction become obvious and very distracting. This is achieved by "re-sampling" or "re-sizing". Overdo it and you'll end up with a picture that looks like the blanked faces of criminals on the television.

Hants and Berks Rover Owners Newsfeed. Web Site Update www.hbro.co.uk

New Feature....

HBRO are pleased to announce the addition of an online forum to www.hbro.co.uk

Thanks to our friends at Darksiderz you now have the facility to chat online and post queries on all things Land Rover and Club related.

The Forum can be accessed from the main index page.

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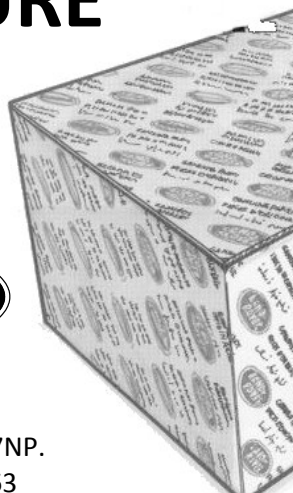


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Alan Houston's 110



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Competition Event Information

- Events are open to all paid-up HBRO members. Bring your membership card.
- ARC rules apply. Don't forget your MOT certificate where applicable.
- 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
July 14	4x4 Show Beaulieu. HBRO club stand. Details later.
July 20 - 21	Land Rover Enthusiast magazine Show. Billing. See LRE mag.
Aug 4	<i>RTV. Gymkhana. Camping. Battlehurst Farm.</i>
Aug. 23 - 26	RTV. Gymkhana. Camping. Nelly's Dell. Summer Rally.
Sept 14	<i>Rickshaw Ramble. One-day event this year.</i>
Sept 14	ARC meeting, Solihull.
Sept 29	<i>RTV. Camping(?). Minstead.</i>
Oct	<i>HBRO AGM.</i>
Oct 27	<i>Possibly work with BAMA on their "Tempest" event at Bordon.</i>
Nov 2 - 3	<i>Bonfire do at Nelly's Dell.</i>
Dec 1	<i>RTV. Brick Kiln Farm.</i>
Dec 7	ARC meeting, Solihull.

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at Four Horseshoes, Long Sutton, Nr. Odiham Grid Ref 747471. From 7:30 p.m.
- * 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
March 2	Quiz night. Details elsewhere this issue.
March 3	Green lane. Article elsewhere this issue.
March 10	RTV Brick Kiln Farm. Details elsewhere.
March 16	ARC meeting, Solihull.
March 24	National Green Lane Day. Contact Dave Ridden.
Mar 28 - Apr 2	Easter Rally. RTV, Club-only Scenic Drive. Camping. Wedgehill. Details. map, etc. elsewhere.
Apr 27 - 28	RTV. Camping. Hook End Farm.
May 5th	Heritage Run. See article this mag.
June 1 - 3	ARC International Rally. Cornwall.
June 8 - 9	Festival of Motorsport. Abingdon, Oxon. Details later.
<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.
July 6 - 7	RTV. Surrey Saw Mills.