



Pants & Barks



Green Lane trip around Petersfield
on New Year's Day

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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....

Many thanks to Angela and Ed Ellis for completing the January 2003 issue of P&B. Angela went from the hospital to my house and copied the half finished P&B onto a CD and took it home and finished it there. Thanks too, to all those who sent messages wishing me a speedy recovery. I'm back at home and functioning well enough to continue doing the newsletter...



I note that Ed described me as the “normal” editor of the newsletter. That's the nicest thing anyone has said about me for ages!

I did turn up at about three p.m. to see the last few sections of the Pingewood trial but you must have seen me coming. All that was there were numerous wet muddy tyre marks heading homewards, so I only just missed you.....

We had a club member enter the trial for the Land Rover G4 Challenge. He wasn't picked but I'm sure we all salute him for trying.

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's Comments.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- ARC News 52 is here.
- More pix from the Xmas Dinner.
- Reports and photos from the green land trips around Salisbury (Ashley Pocock) and Petersfield (Ed Ellis) on New Year's Day.
- Heritage Run reminder.
- Land Rover G4 Challenge News from Stuart Davidson.
- Pingewood RTV action pictures.

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 (I can return the disc afterwards if needed) or by e-mail. If you send an attachment with the e-mail, please use Microsoft Word (up to version 2000), Publisher (up to version 2000), plain Text (*.txt file), or Rich Text Format (*.rtf file) preferably. Please include a brief explanatory message in the e-mail.

Fax facility also available, phone before you send. My e-mail addresses are:-

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Thanx.

Chairman's Comments

Welcome back Steve!! Fortunately, and true to form, Steve Kirby is beavering away editing the P&B once again. We all have our fingers crossed for a full recovery and the presence of the 101 on the competition scene in the near future. Thanks to "Ed and Angela" for producing the January issue of P & B - it was very well done at such short notice.

It was great to see one of our distant members appear back in the UK for a month, and compete in two trials while he was here (thanks to Chris Homewood)!! Alan Tew, emigrated to the Land of Kangaroos and Koalas around 10 years ago, but periodically returns just to get in some Trialling....ok, and maybe to see some family as well. Despite 10 years of Sun, Sand and Barbecues, Alan managed to clinch 2nd in Class 5 at Broxhead, without the need for a full cage (a feature of Alan's old RR) - good on yer mate! Keep in touch Alan, and come back and see us anytime.

There were 3 green lane trips run over the Christmas period, all of which ran smoothly (ok, there were a few bumps, holes, rivers etc....). Thanks, Ed and Nigel. Bacon butties now seem to be the rule !

January saw our return to Pingewood, nr Reading. Boy was it cold that weekend - brass and monkeys come to mind - however the sun did shine, and we had an excellent turnout. The site hasn't changed much since the last time we went there, although the owners are developing the 'Corporate' side and sold hot grub and drinks. They will be increasing parking and improving the 'off-road' course, and are keen to have us back. The trial ran well, although the ice was thick, and the odd bit of damage sustained due to frontal impact - whoops Ed'. Paul Homewood, CoC, ran an excellent trial, particularly as it must be 3/4 years since we last used the venue - thanks Paul !! See pictures at www.hbro.co.uk

Rickshaw, hopefully will have happened by the time you read this, however the developments in the Gulf are impacting availability of entrants, barracks, organisers etc..

Then we are going West for a return visit to Wedgehill on the 9th Feb, for an RTV and camping weekend, followed by the same at Nellies on the 24th Feb. Nothing like packing them in !!

The Recovery training days are continuing, and the second took place on the 19th Jan increasing the list of 'Approved' marshals to 20. Adrian Bourne was omitted from the listing of the first group, so sorry Adrian you do get the 'T shirt', well the badge anyway. Nick has arranged a 3rd session, which I believe is now full, and is working on a list for the 4th.

We have now run 2 very successful Recovery training days, in association with 'Off Road Motivations', and a third is scheduled for Sunday 16th Feb. So, if now's the time to brush up on your skills, learn some new techniques and run through the safety tips please contact Nick Jennings and book your slot. It is HBRO's intention that as a responsible 'Off-Road' club, that to increase safety at events only Marshals who have been through the Recovery training will

be allowed to control recovery at our events. After the 3rd training session we will have 30 members who will be able to provide this role. We will also be seeking to raise awareness of the safety issues amongst members, and Nick is looking into other training to cover general and fire marshalling. HBRO is taking the lead in the ARC on training, and we are hoping that other Clubs follow our example.

I have received one 'team' application for the 'War of the Roses' from Adrian Bolge - are there any others who wish to enter 'team' events on behalf of the Club, this year?

The new 'mini plaques/shields or whatever you want to call them seem to be going down well. We had to re-stock, so the new cast shield seemed like a good idea. They are awarded to 1st and 2nd in Class in RTV, or other competitions.

I am sure there was a few other things I was supposed to say, but life's been a bit hectic recently and they have been lost in the mists of work.

May the mud not stick in places you don't want it to,

Ashley Pocock. Chairman

Rights of Way Newsflash

Inkpen byway 45, Pottery Lane, in West Berkshire has been sporting a substantial steel gate with padlock and chain - grid ref SU 369 641 approx. This doesn't bother bikers or horses as there is a gap at the side.

West Berks Council has been on the case after complaints/photos etc. and the landowner at the big house around the corner has agreed to leave the gate unlocked. There is apparently some legal/historical indication that the gate itself may not be illegal, so that seems an acceptable solution. Resolving whether the gate should go on the Definitive Map as a limitation isn't a priority when there are much worse things eating the RoW dept. budget.

So, good result, we just need local users to report if the lock re-appears, preferably to Hilary Higgins at WBC.

Regards,

Ross Kennedy
GLASS East Berkshire rep
<http://www.glass-uk.org/pages/areas/berkshire>

RTV Trial

Wedgehill Farm, Woodlands Park, Three Legged Cross, Dorset

9th February 2003.

RTV Winter Series (5)

Status Closed. HBRO only.

CoC

Steward

Chief Marshal

TBA.

Scrutineer

Nigel Thorne.

Sec of Meeting.

Ashley Pocock.

Camping

Brenda Taylor.

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.

£14 on the day.

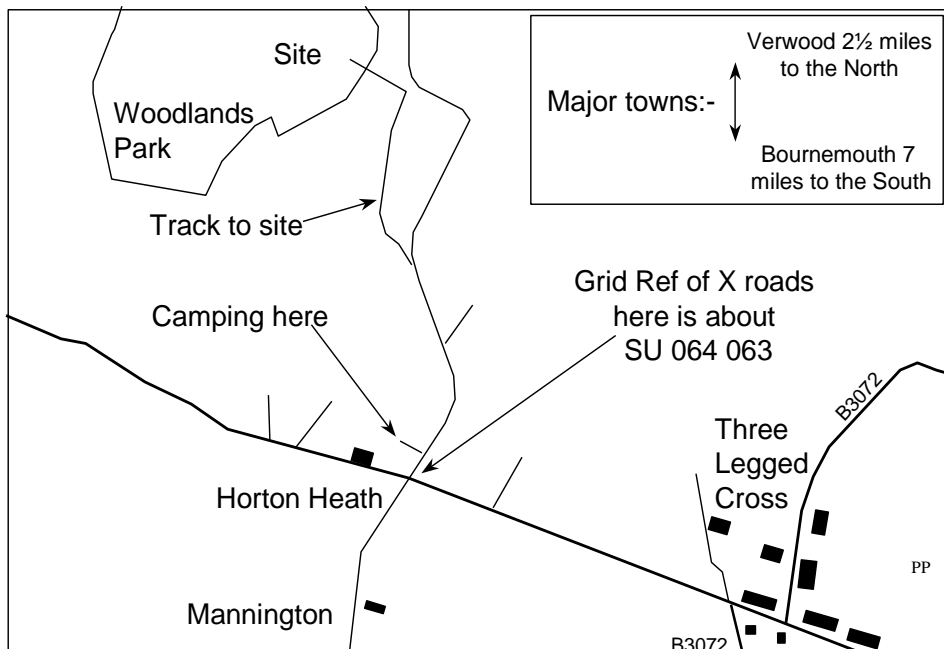
The venue is near Three Legged Cross, just south of Verwood, Dorset. Bournemouth is about 7 miles to the south and Ringwood 4 miles to the east. See map.

The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO.

Camping is £5 for the weekend. Site open from Friday tea-time to Sunday tea-time.

Trial site facilities:- Toilets in the trailer.

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



RTV Trial & Camping at Nelly's Dell

23rd - 24th February 2003

RTV Winter Series (6)

Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	TBA.
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	TBA.
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Camping	TBA.
Scrutineering starts at	08:45.
Drivers / nav's briefing	09:45.
Marshals briefing	09:45.
Event starts at	10:00.

Nelly's Dell is on the A32 Alton to West Meon road. Caravans to enter by the Woodside Farm entrance. Trialers and or trailers can enter the lower field from the side road. See map.

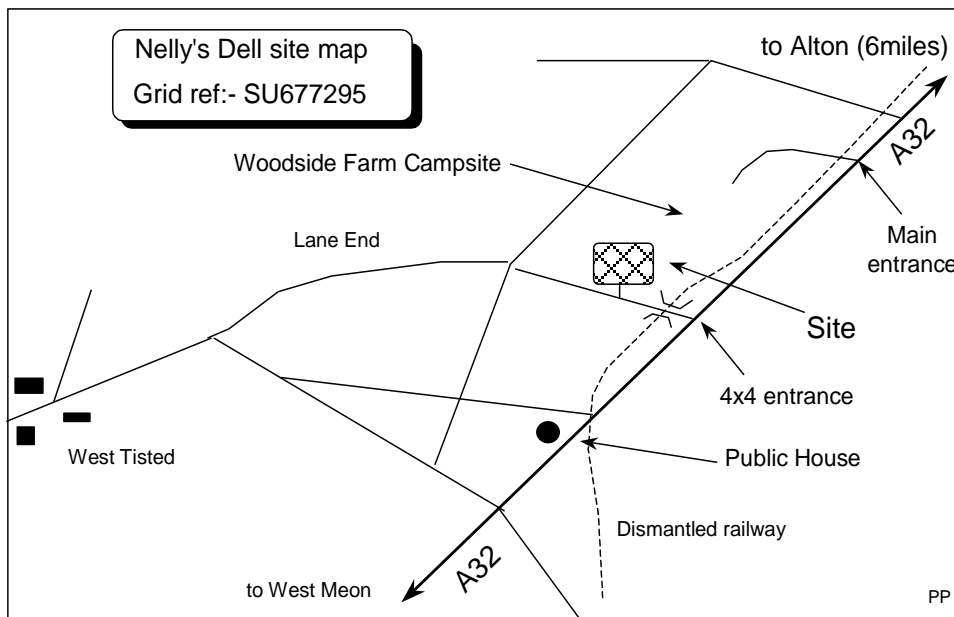
Please read the
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inside back cover.

Payment to Sec of meeting.

£14 on the day.

Facilities:- Toilets in trailer.

TBA = To be advised.



Phil and Shirley Edwards winners of the
'Boobs Bust' at the HBRO Christmas Dinner.



Membership Renewals for February 2003

Bob Barber
Peter Paine
S Borroughs
Tricia Jacobs
Darren Jeffrey
Phillip Gore
George Warne
Bernard C. Byrne
Robert Hearne
Mark Greenwood

Denis Gardner
Ian Woolis
Jason Caroll
John Knight
Terry White
Julie Gray
Brian O'Reilly
Lee Kimber
Christopher Osborn

Mark Brazier
Nick Woodage
Christopher Pilgrim
Mr. Brinkman
Christopher Cox
Adrian Bolge
Graeme Whittaker
Simon Brown
Dr. Graham Brown

We welcome old members back to HBRO.
Allen Tew and Mathew Broadbridge

New Members
Peter Radband and Robert Tilbury

Associate Members
Victoria Ling

Social Members
Neil Read and Stuart Eriksson

**THE
BASINGSTOKE
PRESS**

Salisbury Green Lane Trip

New Year's Day 2003

Hi All,

Hope you enjoyed the little jaunt today. Covered a fair amount of ground, and about 25Km of Byways in both Wiltshire and Hampshire, including the Clarendon Way, the Ox Drove and Compton Down. Sorry about not getting onto the Plain, but there's always a next time - probably an Easter sortie.



Neil Tomlinson, Salisbury Green Lane trip.

Laners were - me & Jackie & kids, Neil Tomlinson (blue 90), Rob Smith & Esther (Mil 90), Barrie Phillips & Kids (new member - blue RR). John J made it to my place to return two wheels to Neil, and drop-off maps, but returned wounded to Reading either to sleep or fix out-of-balance wheel on Disco. No problems on the run, except for me getting x-axled and grounded, but plenty of H₂O everywhere. Met 3 other groups, otherwise all was peaceful, well bumpy in places, on the Western front.

Ashley Pocock



Rob & Esther Smith, Salisbury Green Lane trip.

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**

Hants & Berks Rover Owners

Committee Meeting - 9th December 2002

Present: Ashley Pocock Jenny Davis
 Sarah Bridger Ed Ellis
 Angela Ellis Brenda Taylor

Apologies: Nick Woodage Steve Kirby

Chairman's Report

- Ashley reported that the trial at Brick Kiln had gone well, with 21 competitors.
- Rickshaw Ramble is in its planning stage and we will shortly be appealing for helpers. Ashley to provide Ed with the information for the magazine as soon as possible.

Action AP

- A letter of complaint has been received re membership cards. This was passed to Angela for investigation. Committee discussed changing renewal process to annually. Will discuss next month.
- Recovery Training is ready to go ahead on 19th Jan. Looks like a third day (16th Feb) will also be filled. Nick Jennings is sorting a logo for clothing for those trained.
- A list of recovery marshals is to appear in the mag, and committee agreed that only they should "manage" recovery at all times.
- Ashley reported that we should be providing the Inland Revenue with an annual return. A set of accounts needs to be set up in order for us to do this. Sarah to investigate.

Action SB

- The renewal of the ACSMC membership has been received, but payment is required

Action SB

Secretary's Report

- Some organisations have been notified of new contact details, others to be done as soon as possible

Action JD

- Still haven't received the minutes of the AGM from Kiran. Jenny to chase once again.

Action JD

- The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as suitable for publication in the magazine

Treasurer's Report

- Details needed of income from Christmas party to add to accounts

Action EE

- Camping for Easter'01 at Wedgehill has now been paid.
- Problems encountered during the trial at Brick Kiln - need to have petty cash to provide change for paying trailers. Ed to discuss with John Jennings to have a designated person at each event who is responsible for ensuring a float is available. Ashley to include a comment in his magazine article to ask members to have correct change where possible.

Action EE/AP

Competition Secretary's Report

- A competition meeting was held on 29th November - minutes to be in magazine & on file.
- All permits have been returned from MSA until June'03, but we haven't got the landowners permits yet.
- Ed & Angela are planning to visit some of the sites over the Christmas period and take a token gift from the club - all committee in favour.
- Ed has spoken to Nigel barker re the winch challenge. Committee agreed that the event should be open to club members only. Ed to set up a meeting with Nigel Barker to finalise arrangements

Action EE

- Standard set of Supplementary Regulations (SR) for the forthcoming year to be published in the magazine, and then updated as the need arises for specific events.
- Ashley to provide Ed with military regulations

Membership Secretary's Report

- Angela reported that we now have 307 full members and 5 new since last month
- Angela stressed concerns about the cost of membership, compared to all the related outgoings. Sarah to make some investigations and the matter will be discussed next month.

Action SB

Rights of Way Officer's Report

- Ashley & Ed to run two separate laning trips for New Years Day. Information to be publicised on the web site.
- Hampshire County Council have contacted Ashley re a lane for clearance. Ashley to include in the above.
- Still not received the club maps from Maureen Ridden - Ashley to chase

Action AP

- Lots of work days planned for the Ridgeway, but they are in Wiltshire and the committee is reluctant to ask members to travel that far.

Social Secretary's Report

- Raffle prizes have been bought for the Christmas party. 50 attending and 7 caravans booked.
- Date to be confirmed for next year's Roundhills rally

Action BT

- Quiz night booked for 15th February - details to be arranged
- Awards for Christmas party discussed and finalised

Magazine Report

- Ed Ellis to investigate costs and quality of colour printing - findings to be discussed at next meeting

Action EE

ARC Report

- No attendance at meeting due to illness, Ashley to discuss any issues arising with Dennis Bourne

Action AP

Special Events Report

- Charity event still proposed for 12th October'03 - no feedback as yet from military sites

Any Other Business

- Trailer - Ashley has drawn up a specification and sent to Belgium for full quote. Nick Jennings has requested he has the small wooden trailer back, once we get the new one in place. Also Neil Tomlinson has asked to buy the old trailer - committee all agree once new one is up and running.
- Toilets - need to provide for each event. Ashley to order for Broxhead. Ed to check availability at Pingewood.

Action EE/AP

- Shackles/ropes - club equipment needs to be suitable for recovery, i.e. stamped/certified. Sarah to ensure future purchases meet requirements

Action SB

- External Events - committee to discuss future plans for such events i.e. sponsorship etc
- Northern Pub Meet - committee discussed the situation. Ashley to review possible locations

Action AP

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 7th January '03 - Crown Hotel, Alton



A.R.C. NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

As we draw towards the end of the year, I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and New Year. In 2003 we have A.R.C. 2003 to look forward to and planning is advancing well. Please pass on the entry form to all your club members.

Just a reminder to all competitors that the COMPETITION REGULATIONS that appear in the 2002 Handbook printed on yellow pages come into effect on January 1st 2003. Please acquaint yourself with this new set of regs and make yourself aware as to the CLASS that your vehicle will comply with.

Although all may not agree with these new regulations they still present a level playing field. We are aware that these rules will need fine-tuning, ambiguities will need to be identified and loopholes will need to be closed. We will need time to perfect these rules it will not be an instant fix but with the input of the devoted it will be achieved.

At the last E.G.M. a question was raised by the representative of Peak & Dukeries Land Rover Club as to the future status of any member Club that held a competitive event for **Junior Trials Vehicles** in accordance with the new JTV initiative currently being promoted by the MSA. It was agreed that this matter will be placed on the Agenda of the December EGM for discussion, please be there if you wish to have input to this item. This will take place on Saturday 7th December 2002, in the Presentation Suite at Land Rover, Lode Lane, Solihull commencing at 10.00 hrs.

One of the original Engineers who worked on the design and development of the Land Rover marque from the start was Tom Barton. Unfortunately we have heard of Tom's recent death. I must personally offer my thanks to Tom for being a Patron to the Association of Rover Clubs during the past years and also for providing the vehicle that has given us all such lasting enjoyment and around which our Association is based. He will be sadly missed but his achievements will be admired for many years to come.

Denis Bourne
A.R.C. Chairman

TOM BARTON O.B.E.

Tom Barton OBE, known around the world as "Mr. Land Rover", died at home in the early hours of Saturday 26th October.

As Land Rover enthusiasts, you will know of the conception and birth of Land Rover in 1947/48. Tom and Gordon Bashford started the project, but then Gordon was recalled to his car design duties, and Tom was left holding the new baby. He loved it, and immediately developed an infectious single-minded enthusiasm for "his baby" that lasted for 55 years.

He very soon became Chief Engineer running the LR Design Office and LR Development, which department I joined in 1956. In the early days, Management tended to leave Tom to his own devices, and if they were not quite sure about a proposal, he would build a prototype to prove his point. To his staff he became a "father figure", oozing enthusiasm and encouragement.

When the Company supported the forming of a Land Rover Owners Club in the early fifties, Tom took an interest, and when LR Trials events came onto the leisure scene, he arranged that his Development staff, and Ken Twist's workshop staff, should be allowed to borrow Engineering Dept. vehicles to enter trials organised by the Midland Area of the Land Rover Owners Club.

In later years, he could be seen regularly enjoying himself at Eastnor, in between various trips abroad "selling" the best 4x4 by far. His wife Millie used to say that she didn't worry while he was away, adding - "he'll be home when he needs some clean shirts"!

Tom was known and respected around the world, in off-roading club circles, in government ministry offices, and in Military establishments. In later life he was honoured with an OBE, of which he was very proud.

In recent years, he enthusiastically supported the Heritage Motor Centre Marque Days at Gaydon, just to be among his vehicles and his friends again.

We shall miss him - a legend in his own lifetime - a wonderful man.

To his wife Millie, and to his family, we offer our sincere condolences at this sad time.

Geof Miller

LAND ROVER MOTORSPORT

At this year's British Motor Show, Land Rover announced its support of the Defender-based Bowler Wildcat in this year's season of FIA organised cross-country rallies.

Bowler Off Road Ltd built their first vehicle, based on an 88-inch Land Rover chassis, in 1984 and the latest Bowler Wildcat dates from 2000. The 106-inch wheelbase Wildcat features a space frame chassis/roll cage fabricated from T45 tubing clad in stylish aluminium and composite panels designed to give easy access to the power train and equipment. The Bowler Wildcat uses Discovery front and rear axles, a custom suspension system following Land Rover design philosophy and is powered by a variety of Land Rover petrol and diesel engines. The vehicle being supported by Land Rover will carry full Land Rover livery and

be powered by a modified 2.5 litre, 5-cylinder Td5 engine developing 160 kW (215 bhp).

The Land Rover supported vehicle will compete in a series of FIA organised cross-country rallies around the world. Featuring both amateur and works teams and with between 70 and 120 competitors the events take place in such diverse locations as France, Italy, Russia, United Arab Emirates and Australia. Commenting on the partnership, Matthew Taylor, Land Rover marketing director said: 'While Defender is the iconic 4x4 utility vehicle, it also has a fun side. Our support of the Bowler team recognises the popularity of off-road sport and enables competitors to enjoy the more extreme end of the Land Rover experience in a managed and responsible manner.'

Drew Bowler, managing director of Bowler Off Road Ltd added: 'With the Bowler Wildcat being based on the Land Rover Defender we are very pleased to have official support from the company. Our vehicles are designed to compete in the toughest conditions and we use the best components available including the Land Rover V8 and Td5 engines. With Land Rover's help we are aiming to make our presence felt in this season's events and give competitors and spectators a thrill or two on the way.'

A.R.C. MEMBER CLUB NEWS

- The website of North Wales Land Rover Club can be found at **www.nwlrc.co.uk**
- The Somerset and Wilts Rover Owners Club web site can be found at **www.swroc.co.uk**
- Yorkshire ROC is no more having been replaced by Yorkshire Land Rover Owners and Rover Owners Club
- Newcastle and Nantwich ROC have a new secretary who is Bernard Hand. Contact via 01782 504028 or e-mail at **georgie.hand@btinternet.com**

SOUTHERN ROVER OWNERS CLUB CHARITY COMPETITIVE SAFARI,
MEREWORTH WOODS, SEVEN MILE LANE, WROTHAM, NR. MAIDSTONE.
KENT – Sunday 23rd February 2001

Booking forms for this event are now available from Debby Darby 01227 771236. Event open to all A.R.C. Clubs. Entry limited to 50 pre-booked entrants only @£40/entry. No entries on the day. Clerk of the Course is Tony Howland and the grid reference is 188 643 554. Local Travel Lodge is available for accommodation as no camping on site due to being military land.

OTHER NON-A.R.C. EVENTS OF INTEREST

BRITISH INDOOR 4X4 SHOW AT DONNINGTON RACE TRACK FEBRUARY
16th 2003

Venue is the Exhibition Centre at Donnington Park Race Track (near Derby).
Doors open 9.30am and entry £8 per person with under 14s free. Free parking.
Some 70 4x4 related stands promised. Event closes at 5pm Tel 01938 850382.

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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Skittles (and Beer and Food night)

15th March 2003

Roll up! Roll up! For the event of the spring! Get out those bowling arms and come along for some fun and frolics at the HBRO Skittles tournament.

Date: Saturday 15th March 2003
Place: The Whistle Stop Inn at Liss Hants.
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start bowling.
Price £7.95 per head including chilli buffet.
Food served at 8.30pm.

If time permits there will be 2 tournaments, one a team event with a prize for the highest scoring team, followed by a killer tournament. Teams will be 4-6 members depending on numbers that take part.

Food is a chilli buffet with rice and jacket potatoes and salad. If any one wishes to take part but cannot eat this e.g. vegetarians or special dietary needs, please let me know as they can be catered for.

Please send your deposits of £5.00 per person by 25th February to Brenda Taylor at 25 Eden Way, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berks. RG41 5PQ. Cheques made out to HBRO.

THE LAND ROVER MARQUE DAY and HERITAGE RUN

4th MAY 2003

On Sunday 4th May 2003 we shall celebrate Land Rover's 55th birthday in our now well-established way, at the Land Rover Marque Day and Heritage Motor Centre Run. The usual format will apply:

- A full day of Land Rover nostalgia and Marque Day activities at HMC.
- The Heritage Motor Centre Run will assemble at Lode Lane by 09.30 am, with the Series 1 vehicles leading off at 10.00 am, and arriving at HMC at approx. 11.00 am.
- Camping will be available on the HMC campsite on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Entry fee for the HMC Run will be £12 per vehicle, which will include entry to both the event and the Museum, for the **driver and one passenger**, plus a rally plate for the vehicle, a limited edition rally plaque, and "fast track" entry into the Centre on the Sunday. **Additional passengers** in Run vehicles will need to pre-book their entry tickets at £7.00 per adult, (children 16 years and under FOC) with their Run entry.

In 2002 the Run was fully booked well before the closing date, early booking is therefore advised, as applications are accepted on a "first come first served" basis. Please also note that each vehicle class (Series I, Series II etc) is limited to a maximum of 30.

For non-Run participants attending the Land Rover Marque Day in a Land Rover product, the driver will get free entry, but all passengers must pay the Club Discount admission rate of £7.00 (children 5 yrs to 16 yrs incl. £5.00) at the pay-booths. It is best to arrive before 11.00 am, in order to witness the arrival of the 150-vehicle cavalcade from Solihull - one of the highlights of the day.

This is an ideal opportunity for Clubs to promote themselves, we are therefore looking forward to many Club Stands, as well as Trade and Autojumble stands, and possible Land Rover Dealer support. Land Rover 'Gear' will be on sale in the HMC shop together with their normal comprehensive range of models, books, and memorabilia. The usual family and children's entertainments will also be there, together with the excellent on-site café.

Basic camping and caravanning will be available for Saturday and Sunday nights (3rd and 4th), on the meadow within the HMC grounds. The site will open at 10.00 am on Saturday and will close at 4.00 pm on Monday. Camping fees will be £10 per unit per night, **including driver***. **All passengers** must pay an additional entry fee of £7.00, (children 5 yrs to 16 yrs incl. £5.00).

*Anyone camping with a non Land Rover vehicle will also incur a driver entry fee of £8.00.

Booking forms for the Run and/or camping will need to be returned to **Geof Miller** by **20th April**, and we expect to send out passes etc. during April.

If you are taking part in the Heritage Run and would be willing to help marshal the vehicles as they arrive at Lode Lane for the cavalcade, could you please tick the box on your booking form.

For enquiries regarding bookings, or further booking forms, contact
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New Year's Day Laning around Petersfield

Here's a happy 2003 to you all.

Well I thought the second flood had arrived on New Years day morning, Noah was about to recommence with plans for a new improved ark, the ducks were having a great time and the Rangie was raring to go.

So of we went, 4 of us met just outside Buriton near Petersfield. Kiran Zoë and family, Ian and Sam and the boys, Nigel Thorne and himself, Angela, George and I. Mike Fitzgerald and son Mat were late.... presumed missing in action from the New years celebrations.



Nigel Thorn watches for safety as Green Laners make a slow progress down Harroway Lane.

The first lane was out of the back of Buriton. Never mind the lane, the roads were interesting enough, we had barely gone a mile when we were still deep in water. Into the first lane and a steep chalky climb up to the back of Queen Elizabeth country park. Then a short step to a well made track (south downs way) heading towards little green. Ah! here is where met the ailing Fitzgerald Rangie. Apparently a misfire had



Ian Parker risks all to take an action photograph.

delayed progress down the A3. But with the aid of modern technology and aging OS maps we were able to meet up. (it was still raining).

Out of the back of Littlegreen heading towards Chalton is a long, soft road, but now quite heavily overgrown. I last did this one about 3 years ago and it was nice and clear, now it will give your paintwork that used look. Definitely worth a HBRO clearance day.

Out of Chalton and on towards Clanfield taking in one or two more short lanes on the way, and it was still raining. Quite interestingly all the lanes were nice and firm, presumably the surface mud had been washed away.

Now there is a really nice old lane that leaves Clanfield heading Northish towards the Meon Valley. The approach was wet and firm. About 100m in Angela and I spotted a grey haired couple in red and grey waterproofs, with their two dogs. We slowed down to a snails pace, even slower than time itself. The couple moved aside as we approached. I would the window down and was subjected to a most unpleasant and discourteous outburst from the woman. "You f.....g townies" she screamed at me, and more besides. All five of us suffered a similar tirade.

It is such a shame that we cannot all share the countryside, we 4X4 drivers have access to very few of the byways etc, I believe something like 5%. Maybe this uncharitable lady and her husband should take a little more time to look at life with reason and compassion for others. I often wonder if it is really us

that is responsible for our perceived bad name or misinformed foul mouthed malcontents such as this couple. Enough said.

Not to be put off, we found the next lane up towards HMS Mercury and then down into East Meon for a well deserved plate of chips and glass of the lemonade. Ah it stopped raining, but only while we were in the pub. Many of the roads around Meon were heavily flooded. After lunch we headed towards Harroway farm. One very tight lane here. OK so I can replace the rear light, and Kiran did get a tow out from Mike. Four of us made it through this lane, Kiran took the easy route to save his bodywork. The river halfway down this lane was in full flood, bonnet deep. Mike and mat had to do it twice for effect.

From Harroway off towards Stroud and up past Lithe Farm onto the Hanger Way. Surprisingly enough, it was still raining. A few more lanes around the back of Steep and Little Switzerland (no Alpine snow, just rain). Nigel had to bale out, the brakes on his lightweight were beginning to fade and he was overheating.

As we headed towards Hawkley Nigel and Mike called it a day. We found another four more lanes before calling it a day as the light faded.

So ended a great day's laning

And it was still raining

Noah completed his Ark, and the Land Rovers went in 4X4.

Mr Ed.

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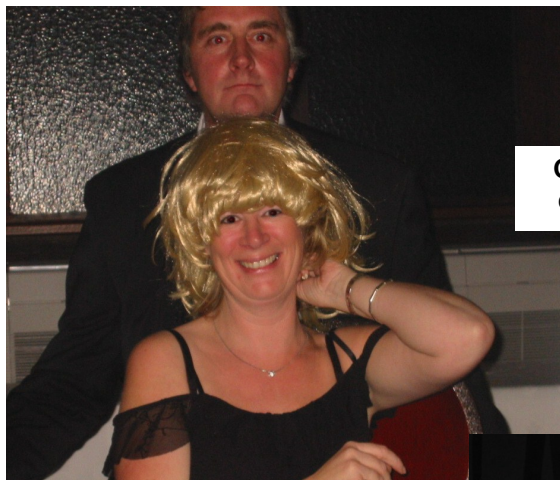
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HBRO Online



**Gary and Anne White
exchange Headgear.**

More from the Christmas Party 2002



**John Jennings shows 'Blonds'
do really have more fun.**



**Zoë Raval receives 'Marshal' of
the Year 2002.**

2003 LAND ROVER G4 CHALLENGE

UK SELECTIONS

About 2 months ago, I was passed a cutting from a local newspaper from a friend. It was an advert for the new Land Rover G4 Challenge. As with



most things, the idea of entering seemed appealing, but it got brushed aside and forgotten about. About 2 weeks before the closing date, I decided to go for it, and applied. A while later the application form arrived - all 10 or so pages, crammed full of questions, mostly about describing yourself and asking things like 'What is the most adventurous thing you have ever done?' Well, I filled this all in, boasting a bit for some (as you do), and posted it off.

A while later I received more forms to fill in. This involved sending 5 questionnaires to your friends to basically find out about what other people thought of you (oh no!). This was also duly carried out.

The following day, I received a phone call for Land Rover. They congratulated me on getting as far as I had with the challenge and told me that I was invited to attend the National Selections in 6 days time at Eastnor Castle. Strange I thought, since I

had not sorted the other forms yet. Even so, they had deemed myself worthy for one of the 50 places available out of hundreds of people from the UK that had applied. I would travel up to Herefordshire on the Friday morning for an 11.30am start. The challenge had begun!

I already knew a rough idea of what lay ahead, as the directions arrived and this included a kit list of things to take. I was told I should be prepared for the following activities - Off road driving (obviously!), climbing, kayaking, trail running and mountain biking. God - the amount of kit I packed looked like I was going for a fortnight!

Day 1 - After a good trip up, I arrived at Eastnor and was confronted by the very nice orange G4 challenge vehicles. There was a line up of the vehicles to be used - Defender 110, Discovery, Range Rover and Freelander. Unfortunately we were not to use any of these, but got to play with a fleet of 15 or so G4 110's in the same spec as the one in the line up. From the start you could see what sort of off-roading you were going to be faced with. They were all fitted with underbody guards, snorkels (except the Range Rover) and roof racks. The Freelander and Defender were treated with winches. No roll cages, sill guards, sand ladders etc - the type of kit missing that was present on the Camel

Trophy vehicles.

After signing in and being issued with competitor vests (I was number 46) and a wristband containing a computer chip for timing purposes, we were off for a briefing of what lay ahead. Out of the 50 people there (including 2 female) - 30 people would be asked to leave after lunch on Saturday. Sunday morning would see another 10 leave, the final 10 reduced to 2 on Sunday evening. Only one person per country would compete, one as standby, the idea being that your teammate would be a different person from another country, which would change on each stage of the event.

Anyway, back to the selections. Friday afternoon had the following in store; First would be a general drive round in the 110's, four people in each vehicle, taking it in turns to show that you had a basic knowledge of driving a Land Rover. This was not a problem for me, but some people had never driven one before! This shows they were not looking for much driving experience in the applications. This lasted for about two and a half hours, then it was back to the meeting marquee for another briefing. We then had 5 tasks to carry out - mainly involving filling in multiple choice questions on a number of subjects including First Aid, Navigation, general knowledge etc.

After that (it was about 7pm by now), we had a brief few moments to gather our thoughts, then it was back to base for another briefing.



We were split into 10 teams of 5, and lead out into a wet, muddy field in the dark, with a line up of 10 110's. There was some floodlighting but not a lot. We were faced with the 110's sat on a log, with the O/S/F wheel missing, no jack, no ignition keys, no wheel (or nuts), a large barrel of water and at the end of the course, a tube with a ball at the bottom (supposedly containing the keys). Our task was to drive the 110 down the field, over the finishing line. We were given a clue sheet with some riddles on to help locate the necessary bits to drive the 110. The keys were obtained by filling the tube with water and floating the keys up (not forgetting to plug the many holes drilled in the tube to stop loss of water with fingers, noses, tongues and whatever else was handy!) To get the jack we had to run into the darkness and obtain it from a wooden hut and the spare wheel was then fitted from the back door (notice the one tied on the roof rack had been removed!) The jack was the standard Land Rover equipment (not a hi-lift), so it took ages to jack up and down. We all tried lifting the 110 by hand to help let it down, but found the nice chequer plate sills almost coming off



in our hands (eg - no H/D sidebars!) All that was left was to jump in and welly it down the field to the finish line. We finished 3rd. I assure you, it was a lot more difficult than it sounds!

We were now off for dinner and a large drinking session.

Unfortunately, I didn't think the judges would be impressed (if they

were still watching) with our contribution to the G4 - the table with the most empty beer/wine bottles on it! Retired to bed about 11pm but kept awake by a snoring teammate all night! (Not me!)

Day 2 - Up not bright but far too early at 6.30am for breakfast and briefing. Today was going to be the day of the most physical activity. We had 8am till lunchtime to fit in 5 tasks of about 30mins each. This included off road driving/manoeuvres in the 110's, at a rough guess a 2m trail run, kayaking exercise, mountain biking and climbing. Even though we were in teams - we were being marked on our own individual performance. We started with the driving, which involved driving the 110 forwards round a coned out course in a field and then reversing back to the start (extreme stuff - not!), also including a number of mechanical questions, 'What is a differential?' and all that.

We were then off for the trail run - a nasty, mostly uphill trail in the thick mud, swamp and to make things more interesting - an assault course half way round. My legs weren't talking to me by the time I got to the course, they definitely objected to the obstacles! Did this (never again!) - now off for the kayaking. This was on the Eastnor estate lake, approx. 250m in length, which involved us collecting points with our computer wristband from 10 hidden markers around the lake.

Then straight off to the climbing wall - a revolving metal belt that changes the angles from climbing up a slope to the most extreme overhang. The points were awarded for the longest time you stayed on the wall without falling off within 5 minutes. Being a climber, I excelled at this and stayed on the overhang for 4.35 minutes. This was the best until someone from the last group got 4.41 minutes.

It was now time for the mountain biking. We had a 30-minute course to

complete, with extra points given on some extreme uphill sections. The further you got without putting your feet down, the more points you obtained. The mud was so slippery, most resulted into running up these hills pushing the bikes. Once the course was completed, you had to simulate a puncture repair by taking the front wheel off, remove tube and replace and re-assemble in the quickest time.

It was now time for a well earned shower and with it being now about 1pm, it was time for the results. They kept us 50 waiting round for much longer and really, most of us were dreading being picked to stay - we had seen the orienteering course set out and we were too knackered for that!

In turn, 10 people were asked to stand at a time, and they were then told if they were to stay or leave. Left until the second to last group, I was elected to leave (along with most our group - again we reckon it was down to our bottle collection the night before!) We collected our consolation packs (t-shirts, hat, badges etc) plus a certificate. As we had a leisurely lunch, within 20 minutes of the final 20 being announced - they were already re-clothed in their wet muddy gear for a biking/kayaking/running task. I was pleased I was going home. It was a goodbye to all the newly found friends, and I was off.

I may be prepared to enter again, maybe if I started training now! Really I was hoping for a more 'Camel' style event, and even though I am into all the extra outdoor sports that we had to do - I would have preferred a more off-road biased event. They have had to move away from the Camel Trophy of old due to green issues, it is no longer looked at as right to hack your way through virgin rainforest. I can still see some good points in the Camel - such as re-opening old and lost trails but these are all forgotten with the G4. Land Rovers are simply the vehicles to ferry personnel and equipment from A to B (still though with a slight off-road challenge).

Well, that's my experience - only just stopped aching 4 days after the event. Back next year? We'll see.

Stuart Davidson



PS - Check out LRO and LRM for coverage, no fancy pictures of me but I'm in some of them if you look closely! Also look at. www.landroverg4challenge.com

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- Events are open to all paid-up HBRO members. Bring your membership card.
 - Entries to be on an official HBRO Entry Form.
 - ARC rules apply. 2002 ARC Handbooks are now available to all HBRO members. (There isn't a 2003 ARC Handbook. Use the Vehicle Regulations on the yellow pages; page 65 onwards.)
 - 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.
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Events - Forward Planner

DATE	EVENT
June 15	ARC Meeting. Solihull.
June 28 / 29	RTV / CCV / camping. Hook End farm.
July 18 / 20	Land Rover Enthusiast Show See LRE magazine for
July 11 - 13	Roundhills social camping do. Near Beaulieu.
July 27	<i>RTV Harroway Farm. Camping</i>
Aug 10.	RTV with Southern at Battlehurst Farm..
Aug 24	<i>RTV / Tyro/ Driving Day. Nelly's Dell. Camping.</i>
Sept 7	<i>Major's Trial. Eastnor. Teams wanted.....</i>
Sept 13	<i>ARC meeting. Solihull.</i>
Sept 14	<i>Driving Day and Comp Safari at Broxhead Common.</i>
Sept 21	<i>BAMA Rickshaw Ramble 2003. Camping / barracks.</i>

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at Four Horseshoes, Long Sutton, Nr. Odiham Grid Ref SU747470. 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
Feb. 9	RTV Wedghill. (WS5) Details elsewhere this issue.
Feb. 23 / 24	RTV Nelly's Dell. (WS6) Camping.
<i>Mar 9</i>	<i>Drive round day. Broxhead Common.</i>
Mar 15	Skittles at the Whistle Stop in Liss. Price is £7.95 per head for the skittles and hot buffet (Chilli).
Mar 22 / 23	RTV and CCV Hook End Farm. Camping. Pangbourne.
Mar 15	ARC AGM. Solihull.
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Tyro trial and Winch Challenge Slab Common. No camping.</i>
April 20	RTV / Tyro / HBRO drive round & camping. Easter Rally at Nelly's Dell.
<i>May 4</i>	<i>RTV / Tyro / HBRO drive round and camping. Pucknall..</i>
May 23 - 27	ARC National Rally. Yorkshire. Doncaster.
June 8	RTV / Tyro / camping. Pingewood. No camping.
June 22	Land Rover World Show. See LRW magazine for details.