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**Newsletter of the
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Rover Owners
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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....

Cold isn't it? (That'll bring the Sun out to prove me wrong.)

Yellow Pages. Just a little reminder that we are now working to the set of Vehicle Regulations on yellow paper in the ARC 2002 Handbook. There has been a collection of late changes to these regulations. These apply NOW and are listed elsewhere in this issue.



Please note:- All TYRO bookings must be confirmed 3 days before the event. The CoC needs to make sure that there are enough entries to make it viable. This requirement has been added to the Competition Event Info inside the back cover.

There are no Committee Meeting Minutes this month as there wasn't a committee meeting in January.

My fax machine has died so until I can get out and shop around for a new one, the facility is temporarily not available.

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's Comment.
- Green Lane / Rights of Way News.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- ARC rule change proposals.
- Hindhead Green lane trip.
- Future Regulations – Fast Track process for urgent changes / clarifications.
- Green Laning in Petersfield area pictures.
- ARC Rally press release.
- Wedge Hill RTV pictures from Barrie Phillips (on the cover and elsewhere this issue)
- Nick Woodage announces a "Navigational Nightmare." event.

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.

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Thanx.

Chairman's Comments

It seems Rickshaw 2002 is going to end up in 2004 if the Army doesn't stop letting themselves be distracted by War and Fireman's strikes!! We almost made it this time - the event got cancelled 3 days before, as a result of the announcement of mobilisation for the Gulf, and the continuation of the Fireman's strike. BAMA (British Army Motoring Association), have apologised for the inconvenience caused, particularly to those members who took the Friday off in anticipation of supporting setting-out. The latest is that BAMA are hoping to re-plan for end Sept/end Oct, in conjunction with HBRO's charity event. The ideal result would be 'Bagshot Heath' for a joint BAMA/HBRO Rickshaw/Driving Weekend. We await the outcome of BAMA's efforts on this one.

A return to Wedgehill for an RTV proved successful on the trials, but disappointing on the camping. Fortunately, only Hugh and Sarah braved the elements, but the farmer had made no preparation for camping, and horses and water occupied the field. Still, not to be beaten, Hugh and the team made the best of the occasion, and kept the HBRO flag flying. Thanks Hugh !

Nelly's is the scene of this weekends action, so will catch up on the details in the next edition of P&B. However, we have had some concern over the continued use of Nelly's, following a report from Miss Crisp over damage to the site. It seems that another Club and unauthorised Motorcycles have caused sufficient damage to cause Miss Crisp to review the continued use of the site by Clubs. HBRO's work on the site, and diligent and careful use have saved us from the chop, but the other club has now been informed that they will no longer be welcome. It is a big reminder that it is essential that we respect the land and the landowners rules for our use of their sites, avoid damage, keep in close contact with the Landowner, and comply with the ARC/MSA regulations.

Upcoming events are the Public Driving day at Broxhead on the 9th March, followed by the RTV and CCV at Hook End on the 23rd March.

The Broxhead Driving day should be a good opportunity to introduce some more novice 4x4 drivers to the experience of mud and jet-washing, and hopefully Hunters Land Rovers will be in attendance, along with a grub wagon and facilities. Anyone who wants to help please contact Nick Woodage.

The Hook End event will feature a CCVT if there is sufficient interest - please let John Jennings or Ed Ellis know if you want to enter the CCVT or there won't be one.

Don't miss the skittles night on the 15th March -

It seems that a new site has been identified near Froxfield, thanks to a certain HBRO member, and plans are in progress to run 1 event at the site this year. It is a large site, but the owners are sensitive about use and care must be taken in how we run events on the site. Watch the calendar for further news.

We like packin' 'em in - just to make sure that you have no time for anything other than HBRO fun and four-wheeling, another activity for March is - "HBRO Green Lane Clearance Day". This will be on Sunday 16th March. The

actual National Green lane Day will be on the following weekend, but with our calendar already committed, it has to be the 16th. See details elsewhere in this copy of P&B.

Don't forget your application for ARC2003 in Yorkshire. If you need an application form, visit the www.arc2003.co.uk website, or email / call any committee member or me. See press release elsewhere in P&B.

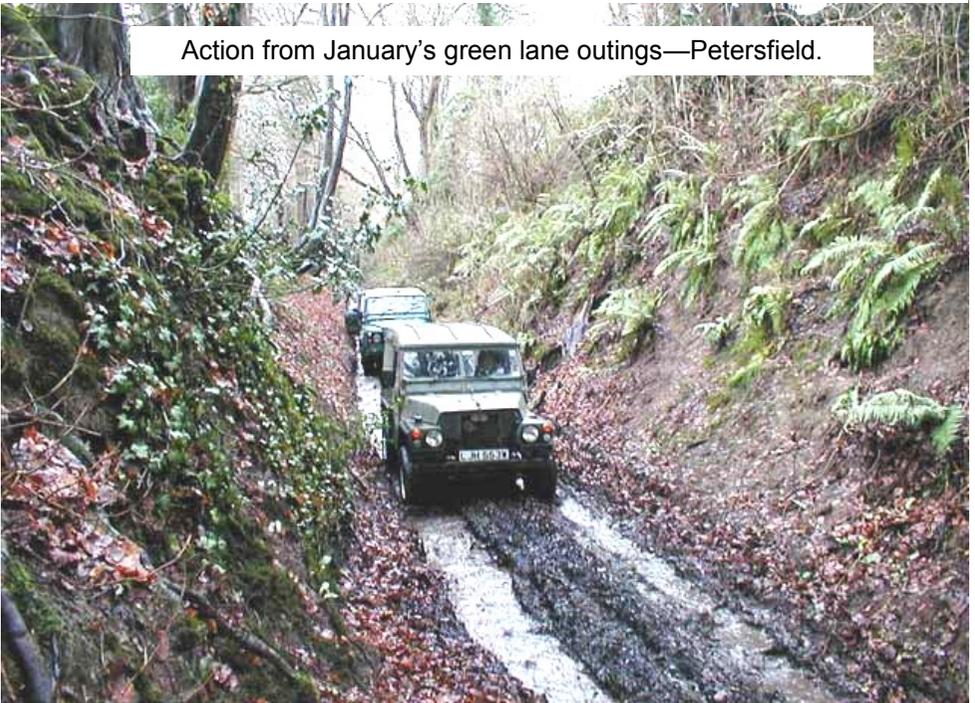
Thanks to 'non-stick' Nick the recovery training dates are all full, and Nick is now considering a 5th day. I attended part of the 3rd training day, and the attendees were very happy with the content and experience the course provided. Minor problem with winch availability so 'Teflon' John stepped in and very graciously loaned his winch, complete with vehicle (fortunately) for the day to ensure a brace was available - thanks John. Nick is looking to run a 'marshalling awareness' session during the Easter Rally weekend, which will provide an opportunity to practice recovery and increase our knowledge of the art of 4 wheel driving.

Finally, the 'new' Club trailer has arrived and is awaiting 'fitting-out'. The trailer will provide a smaller, more manoeuvrable and lighter tender for towing. It is likely that the 'old' club trailer will be de-commissioned and sold.

Tread carefully and don't forget the flask,

Ashley Pocock. Chairman

Action from January's green lane outings—Petersfield.



Rights of Way News

Thanks to Andy Badger the Club did do a run out around the Churt area as a replacement for the Rickshaw Exercise on the 25th January, so thanks Andy.

Andy Burtenshaw from AWDC has been co-ordinating a group of enthusiasts from a mix of clubs to help work on repairing the Ridgeway, South of Swindon. Trouble brewed after Swindon Council imposed a TRO on a section of the Ridgeway, with the implication of longer-term restrictions being applied. Andy, supported by most Clubs who travel the lanes around Swindon, including HBRO, rallied around and by co-operating with Swindon Council appear to have built some goodwill and hopefully averted re-classification.

I (with the help of the family) managed to complete the 3 outstanding surveys for West Berks. CC, that were left over from the HBRO survey day last year. It was interesting to find that two of the lanes both classified as RUPPs (Road Used as Public Paths), traversed the County boundary into Wiltshire and immediately became BOATs (Byways Open to all Traffic). Such is the confusion over how to classify RoWs by adjacent CCs.

It's that time of year - AGAIN. "The National Green lane Clearance Day" is almost upon us - just enough time to find that old pair of pruning shears and bow saw. Unfortunately, because of advance booking for Club events, HBRO will not be out on the 'nominated' green lane day itself, as it clashes with Hook End. However the plan is to make the Sunday 16th March the HBRO day. Arrangements are being made with Hampshire County Council to select a suitable lane(s). The intention is to choose a heavily overgrown RoW and spend the day cutting back overgrowth and removing obstacles. Anyone interested in helping, please contact me by email or phone.

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**

RTV & CCV Trial at Hook End Farm. Pangbourne, March 22, 23.

RTV

Status	Closed.	HBRO only.
CoC		TBA.
Steward		TBA.
Chief Marshal		TBA.
Scrutineer		TBA.
Sec of Meeting.		TBA.
Camping		Ed Ellis.

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

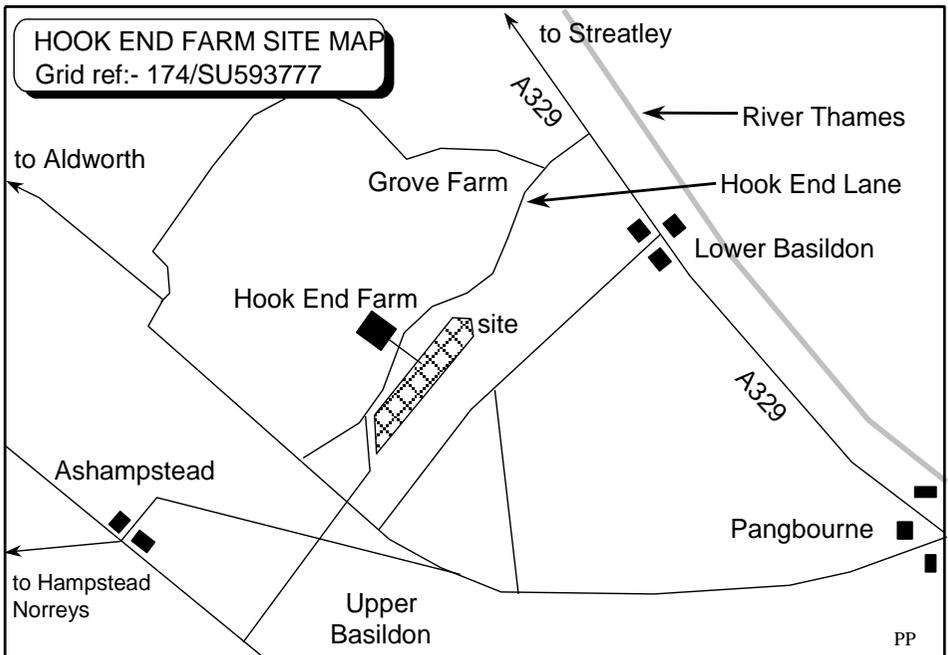
Hook End Farm is on Hook End Lane, a turning off the Pangbourne to Streatley road, the A329 about 9 miles West of Reading. Or, from the Newbury area, take the B4009 to Hampstead Norreys and thence East to Ashampstead, or take the A4 towards Reading and at Theale, take the A340 North to Pangbourne. The site is generously made available by Mark Ambler and his family. The event is open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO.

Payment to Sec of meeting.
£14 on the day.

Facilities:- Toilets.

TBA = To be advised.

Please read the
Competition Event Information
inside back cover.



SUNDAY 9th March 2003,
BROXHEAD COMMON near BORDON, HANTS

OFF-ROAD DRIVING DAY

Any make of a Land Rover or similar TYPE Off-Road vehicle! Not suitable for car/van based 4 wheel drives.

Max g.v.w. 3.5 tonnes Sorry no quads or bikes

All vehicle occupants must be 'Properly' 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.

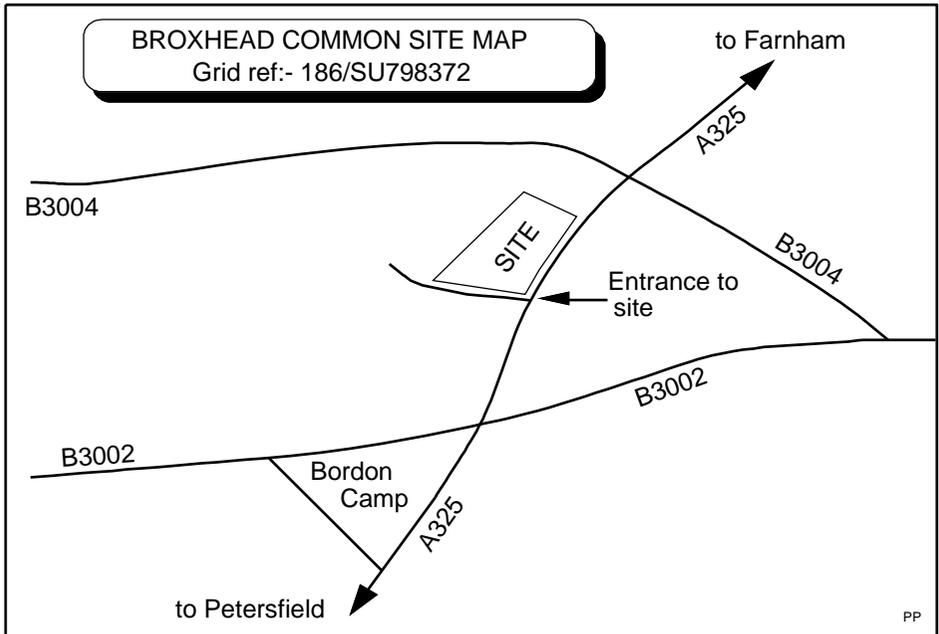


*Scenic Terrain, offering
easy, moderate & challenging routes
to cater for all skills & vehicles*

**Site open from 10.00 till 16.00 hrs – Located off the
A325, North of Bordon, Hampshire.**

Map ref: SU798372 - Landranger Sheet 186.

**Entry Fee: £20.00 per vehicle (HBRO Club members
£14.00). All drivers must sign-in. Pre-booking not
required but please check website www.hbro.co.uk
for latest information, or call 01264 710546.**



Nick's Navigational Nightmare **April 12th 2003 Start 5-00pm**

An evening of fun and navigational skill for groups of 4 adults or family.

To drive a distance of approx 48 miles in the time allowed driving from point to point using grid references. You will need an Ordnance Survey Map Explorer type, Number 133 i.e. Haslemere & Petersfield, torches, pen and possibly GPS if you have one. The fee for this special event will be £10-00 per car and will include light refreshment upon your return.

I need to keep the number of cars to a minimum so please try to have 4 people to a car.

The start and meeting point will be announced next month.

Nick Woodage

Tyro Trial & Scatter event at Slab Common April 6th

Tyro Trial

Facilities:- Toilets.
TBA = To be advised.
(which means I don't know yet.)

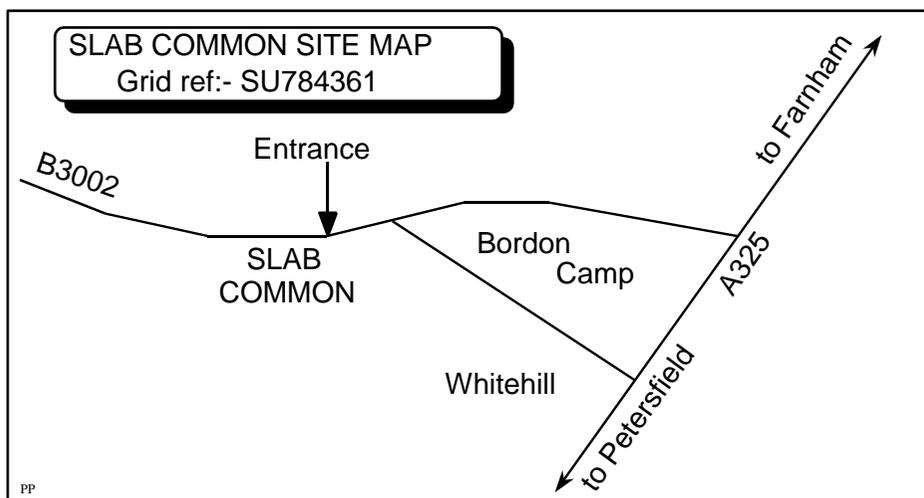
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CoC		TBA
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More details next month



RTV and Tyro Trial and Drive Round. Langrish, May 3rd & 4th

RTV, Tyro and Club only drive round at a brand new venue near Froxfield Green and Langrish.

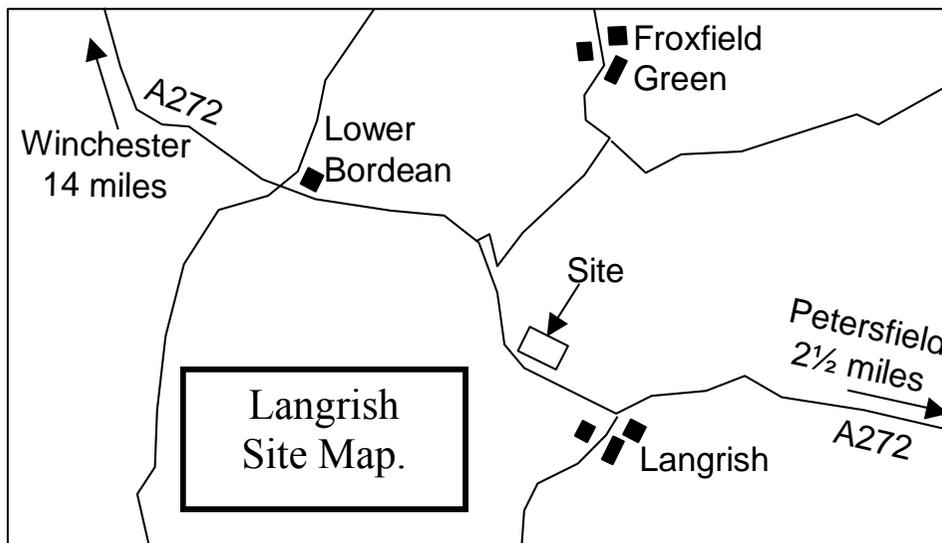
Take the A 272 Petersfield-Winchester road from Petersfield. Just as you leave Langrish and drive up through the wooded hill, 50 yards past the 40 signs on your right is a wood and old quarry. Its here. If you reach the top of the hill and the Froxfield Green turning you have gone too far.

From Winchester along the A272, as you approach Langrish, go past the Froxfield Green turning, head down the hill and through the woods. 50 yards before the 40 signs (Langrish) there is a wooded quarry on the left. Its here.

RTV CoC Ed Ellis. Tyro CoC Denis.
Drive around CoC. Details later.

There is a lot of land to go at and this site has never been trialled before, it's virgin territory.

More details next month





More action from January's green lane outings—Petersfield.

ARC Rule Change Proposals

The following Rule Change Proposals are for discussion by Competitive member Clubs. The results of the votes will be announced at the ARC AGM on 15th March 2003.

Please send in your comments to the HBRO committee straight away as the voting form must be sent in before the AGM on the 15th March.

- A) Roll cage tube specifications. Proposed by Steve Wells, seconded by Paul Williams, LLRC.
ARC Roll Cage Regulations: To read: 3.1. The minimum material specification for all tubing will be nominal 38mm 1½” bore steel “blue band” tubing to BS 1387.
Tubing which exceeds this specification is recommended where the outside diameter at least matches the above type and a minimum nominal wall thickness of 2.5mm where the quality and origin can be traced.
- B) Roll bar mounts spreader plates. Proposed by Harold Carman, seconded by Steve Wells, ARC.
“We propose that the Scrutineering Committee should re-look at the thickness of the Roll Bar spreader Plate with a view to reducing the thickness in line with the Blue Book to 1/8” or 3.2mm.”
- C) Scrutineering and Off Road Committee to suspend process for rule changes for 3 years. Proposed by Harold Carman, seconded by Steve Kirby, ARC.
“We propose that the Scrutineering and Off Road Committee should ask the ARC Council to suspend the process for vehicle regulation changes for a period of 3 years with 3 exceptions:-
MSA regs, Safety matters, ARC Council and Scrutineering panel relating to the Future ARC Competition Regulations.”
- D) RTV rules. Proposed by Ken Seal, seconded by Paul Davies, YROC.
The Yorkshire ROC wishes to propose the following rules for setting out a RTV:
- i) The terrain chosen should be such that vehicles should not catch the bodywork on approach, ramp breakover or departure angles. Care should be taken that should a vehicle fail a gradient, the vehicle should not catch its bodywork when reversing.
 - ii) Vehicles must be capable of traversing sections without contacting any trees, bushes or other natural features.
 - iii) No features may be included within sections which are likely to cause damage to the underside of competing vehicles.
 - iv) Transverse gradients should be such, that no vehicle shall tilt more than 25 degrees from the vertical.

v) The maximum depth of any water shall be 0.5 metre.

The administration of the above rules is simplified by requiring that vehicles should not catch bodywork, rather than quote all the approach and departure angles for each vehicle.

The only stated angle is for transverse gradients, which can be measured easily using an inclinometer. Thus measuring the angle of the vehicle, which is crucial, rather than the angle of the ground or the axle.

E) Change to rules on tyres. Proposed by Murray Wiltshire, W&W ROC, seconded Andrew Neaves, MROC.

We propose the following:-

B.7.2 be amended as follows:- insert after "maxicross":- "Diamond Pattern".

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.

In Liss village opposite the OneStop shop. Map Ref 777276

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.

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Don't forget to take your membership card with you!

If anyone can add to this list, please contact Steve Kirby with the details.

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Embroidered Shield	All Colours	£10.00

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LR Display	Navy	£ 6.00
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Sweatshirts – Adults

LR Display	Navy	£20.00
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Sweatshirts with Collar

Embroidered Shield	Grey, Navy, Green	£26.00
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Polo Shirts – Adults Short Sleeve

Embroidered Shield	All Colours	£16.00
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Polo Shirts – Children's Short Sleeve

Embroidered Shield	All Colours	£12.00
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Rugby Shirts – Long Sleeve

Embroidered Shield	Black, Navy, Burgundy	£30.00
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Rugby Shirts – Short Sleeve

Embroidered Shield	Black, Navy, Burgundy	£25.00
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Adults Half Zip	Black, Navy, Green	£28.00
Adults Full Zip	Black, Navy, Green	£31.00

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	Large – 42-44in Chest	X Large – 46in Chest

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The entries are now rolling in and we are all set for a good ARC national Rally. We go back to the format of RTV and Team Recovery on the Saturday. The CCVT & winch recovery on the Sunday and the comp safari on the Monday.

The non-competitive clubs have been allocated a good area for their club stands, where all the judging will take place for the concours.

The trade stands are also filling up and have the same area as they did in 1999 when the rally was held at Loversall.

Good news for the quick trips for fuel and shopping, Tesco's have just opened a new superstore less than 1 mile away and even have 1 hour photo developing in their store. We also have new ground for the RTV and CCVT sections as well as a brand new comp safari course away from trees!!

Access could not be easier with the site being so close to the M1, M18 and A1 just head for the A60 from any of these roads around Doncaster and you are there. It's near enough for the Scottish club to come down, entries already in, so no excuses for the rest of you!

Please steer all enquiries to the contact on the web site (www.arc2003.co.uk) and they will be answered quickly.

So spread the word and get the booking form in as there is a limit on all competitions and camping numbers.

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Most of the equipment we supply is on a mail order basis and we have a web site as our customer interface www.firstfouroffroad.co.uk . We don't advertise widely in the magazines but we do like to support the grass roots Club activities as far as we can.

Peter Lamb.



More action from January's green lane outings—Petersfield.



Trial Scores

Here are the edited scores for the Pingewood and Wedgehill Trials. Firstly a big thanks to all the marshals and scrutineers: Nial, Jamie Bartholemew, Graham Brown, Sarah Bridger, Jim Burgess, Chris Currell, Bob Davis, Hugh Duffett, Phil Edwards, Roger Hardwick, Paul Homewood, Nick Jennins, John Jennings, Dave Partridge, Martin Pike, Ashley Pocock, Hester Wain, S Garratt, I Averill and Mike Wood.

Name	Pingewood Score	Position	Wedge Hill Score	Position
John Beagley	0	1st in Class 10		
Adrian Bourne	28			
Sarah Bridger			50	
Klim Corke	19		44	
Bob Davis			44	
Hugh Duffet	2	1st in Class 4		
Ed Ellis	21			
Will Fellows	32			
Mike Fitzgld	16		40	2nd in Class 5
Mike Furnell	4	2nd in Class 10		
Dave Greasley	38		46	
Chris Hmwood	13	1st in Class 5		
Denis Keen	23			
Steve Kendall	28			
James McGnty	47		62	
Andy Mullins	41			
Tony Parker	67			
Clive Pipe	31			
Bob Seaman	20		34	1st in Class 4
Steve Skinner	13	2nd in Class 5		
Rob Smith	19	2nd in Class 4		
Lee Snellings	31			
Alan Tew	23			
N. Tomlinson	20		45	
Steve White	47		41	2nd in Class 4
Gary White	19		34	1st in Class 5
S Newington			53	
Andy Bridger			56	
Lee Kimber			52	

Hindhead Green Lanes 25/01/2003

Being deflated that the Rickshaw was cancelled, and needing an alternative because my sons were coming up from South Wales, I rang around for somewhere to go. The consensus was to go green laning. It was suggested that we do the same route that some club members did over last November around Hindhead. With club approval Nigel Thorne dropped off the suitably marked up maps & route at my house the very next day, what service. A copy or two later and the invitation emails were sent out.

Five members Roger, Adrian, Colin & son, Niall & son and myself & two sons, met up at the Devils Punch Bowl Café Car Park at 10 o'clock, in light rain. After a brief explanation, sorting out the map reading, and photo shoot, we were off to our first lane. A descent in the Golden Valley, a slippery washout with the earlier rain and onto the next up through the woods and along to Waggoner's Wells. This was a good cross axle where preservation of the only Series 3 meant we needed a tow for a few yards.



On to Greensand Way, due to mechanical problems Niall & son left us at this point, and onto the back of The Devils Punch Bowl. A stop for a bite to eat with the sun out now and the beautiful scenery of the Surrey hills all around. From here all the coils went to have a look at Gibbet Hill, but it was too washed out to complete down to Creedhole Farm. We eventually all crossed the A3 and drove all the lanes around the Punch Bowl, which was very pretty in the different shades of winter. Then off to Elstead, past The Donkey Inn and on to more of the Greensand Way albeit more overgrown on this section with our first stop to clear the lane of fallen timber. Up to The Sands and a

descent through Crooksbury Common. On past Tilford Green to the brow of the hill, taking a left down to Stockbridge pond with a quick turnaround back to the car park at the top for a cuppa and a change of drivers. Now some of us might remember seeing Bill here in his 110!!

The lane across Tilford Common provided our second stop to clear another fallen tree and following this lane took us through to Frensham, through the car park and past the Little Pond. This lane was all sand from one end to the



other, and we followed in each other's tracks, so neat! At the end we said goodbye to Colin & son.

The best was still yet to come. We drove through Rushmoor and Churt in a search to find the lane with the river crossing. On reaching the river we stopped to have a look. Nigel had advised to check the depth first. It was only a small river but it was quite fast flowing and the flooding had left a mound of silt on the exit point. Using a fallen branch of suitable length, we checked the depth of the water from the centre of the wooden footbridge; which meant Roger did not need to don his new waders, yet to be seen. The water under the bridge was about 20 inches deep. Adrian had been first down the lane and was therefore first in line to go through the river, he attached a rope to his rear (the 90 not himself) and off through the river he went.. but stopped at the aforementioned

mound of silt!! Well with cameras ready - but no photos taken, Adrian set about mound demolition, back and forth he went in the river using his 90 as a dozer. Viewed from above on the bridge this was quite spectacular, like a toy in a kitchen sink of water. After a few 'hits' the mound was ground away sufficiently and out went his 90 in a cloud of steam. Roger followed in his amphibious 90 with no problems. Both the 90s were diesel but the with the Series 3 being petrol and a couple of inches lower I was a bit apprehensive of the crossing. Gingerly I edged into the water then



accelerated to create a bow wave; but half way across it seem to die and my heart sank. Then it picked up again and I was up the bank, back onto the track. My sons particularly enjoyed this lane and if I'd let them have the keys would still be there today washing my Series 3!! We all congratulated the achievement and went off to check out the last lane of the day. This turned out to be well overgrown at both ends, and at the lower end a stream had made its home within the hedges of the lane.

Thank you Nigel for a great route around, from all of us, especially my two sons who had so much fun they now want to come again.

Andy Badger

Important Green Lane News

GLASS are currently fighting the stopping up of the U1400 at Llowes in Powys, and need your help. I am sure you and your members enjoy laning in Wales, well if Powys get away with this one then it will be a thing of the past.

Chris Marsden, our Powys area rep says:

This Llowes closure has taken a more sinister turn. I thought this was a one off, deceitful stopping up, reneging on a promise to us. It is not. I now have information this is part of a plan to remove the rights on most of the 235Km of Tippexed and abandoned roads they have neglected.

When these are removed by s116 or reclassified as RUPPs (even though they are not) this will leave mainly the 1/2 dozen major BOATs in Radnorshire, which will soon become overloaded and therefore TRO'd.

IT IS THEREFORE ABSOLUTELY VITAL WE DEFEAT THIS S116 STOPPING UP. If it succeeds it WILL be done on others, and I now have documentary proof this is intended by John Owen, Powys RoW officer.

It is the biggest threat to laning in Wales, and will be watched by other counties in England. It eclipses the ETROs in N Yorks, the RW TRO and almost every other TRO or s116 to date. You can help by writing to object to the Stopping Up. It doesn't need a long letter a short 2 or 3 line objection is all that is needed.

Objections should be made to:- Justices Clerks Office, Captains Walk, Brecon, Powys. LD3 7HS
Fax 01874 622 441. Tel. 01874 622 993

PLEASE COPY OBJECTIONS TO ME or advise that they have been made, so the Magistrates are aware of objections in case Powys (who are the applicants applying for the Order!) do not forward them.

Notice from The London Gazette, 14 January 2003

Highways, Powys County Council.

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 116

STOPPING-UP OF PART OF THE U1400 UNCLASSIFIED ROAD BETWEEN LLOWES VILLAGE AND PEN-Y-LAN FARM, LLOWES, POWYS

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Justices of the Peace sitting at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court, at High Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, on 25 February 2003, at 10.00 am, for an Order, under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, authorising the stopping-up of an unmetalled section of the U1400 unclassified road between Llowes Village and Pen-y-lan Farm, Llowes, a distance of approximately 560 metres, subject to the reservation of a bridleway 3 metres in width, on the grounds that it is unnecessary.

A plan showing the area of highway to be stopped up, cross hatched black, has been deposited at The Public Library, Cefnillys Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys and may be inspected there, free of charge, during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to object to the proposal or make representations about it may appear at the Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court on the date above. Any person intending to appear before the Court at the hearing of the application is asked to notify the Legal Services Section, Powys County Council, Neuadd Maldwyn, Severn Road, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7AS, quoting Ref DF/TNM/MG906.

J R Patterson, Head of Legal Services, Neuadd Maldwyn, Severn Road, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7AS. 7 January 2003.

Future Regulations Fast Track process for urgent changes / clarifications.

When the Future Competition Regulations were submitted for consideration, a process was described and accepted at the time for the Fast Tracking of changes in order to close significant loopholes or to correct errors.

Several items have been identified by various members of the ARC and submitted to the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee. These were collated and submitted to the ARC Council at the Council Meeting on 16th November 2002 for ratification under this process.

The following changes to the Future Competition Regulations were ratified, and come into effect on Jan 1st 2003.

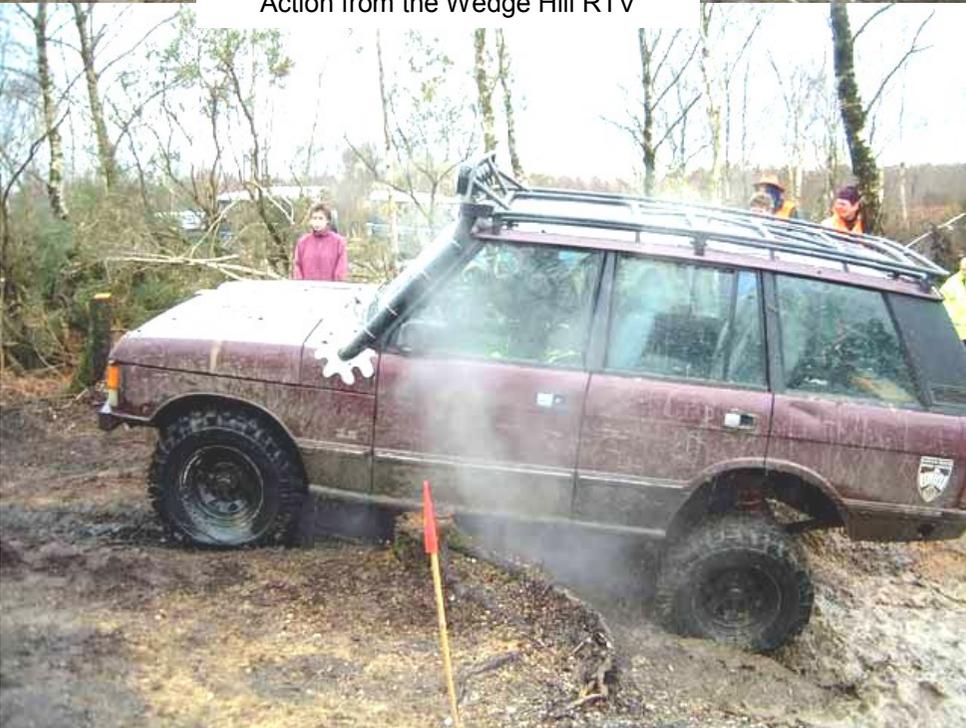
These amend or correct the rules printed on yellow paper in the 2002 ARC Handbook.

- 1.) Rule B.5.2. Delete the sentence "**(This was recorded in the minutes of the AGM of 16th March 1991.)**"
- 2.) Rule B.10.3. Delete the words "**(as per normal commercial practice)**"
- 3.) Rule B.11.4. Delete the sentence "**A butt-strap / strengthening plate must be welded over the join on all four faces of each chassis rail**"
- 4.) Rule C.7.1. Delete the sentence "**Where a chassis is cut and joined, a butt-strap / strengthening plate must be welded over the join(s) on all four faces of each chassis rail.**"
- 5.) Add new rule "**C.2.4. Forced induction petrol engines are not permitted.**"
- 6.) E.1.2. Amend rule E.1.2. to read "**Door tops must be in place complete with windows of original design.**"
- 7.) I.5.1. to be re-numbered I.6.1.
- 8.) J.2.3. to be re-numbered J.2.1.
- 9.) Q.2.1. Amend rule Q.2.1. to read "**Vehicles must not be connected at the start or finish, and all equipment used must be completely contained within the vehicles.**"

Details for the reasoning behind these changes are available from the ARC Council. This list is not definitive. Please address any queries to the ARC General Secretary.



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Vehicles for Sale

* 1996 "N" Reg Discovery ES TDI. Rioja Red. All leather interior. Auto changer CD player. 2 Electric Sunroofs. Electric Windows. Electric Seats. Air Conditioning. Roof Bracket. 77,000 Miles. VGC. £10,500. Contact Steve 07764 229476 (FEB03)

* Land Rover 90 Station Wagon, 200Tdi, D reg, full external roll cage, side bars, WH wheel carrier, Steering guard, quick release tow hitch. £4250 o.n.o. Tel Pam on 01237 425402 (Devon, but will deliver!) (DEC02)

* V8 90 hard top with side windows, MOT, good chassis, stainless steel exhaust E Reg, white. £2,800 Telephone - Mark Ambler - 07831 345485 (DEC00)

* 110 County 12 seat Station Wagon 1986. 2.5 litre. Blue. 59000 miles. MOT to Aug. 2003. Taxed to Jan 2003. VG original condition. Some spares. £3250 ono. Call Adrian Conway in Sandhurst on 01276-600234. (NOV02)

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Competition Event Information

- Events are open to all paid-up HBRO members. Bring your membership card.
- Entries to be on an official HBRO entry form whenever possible.
- ARC rules apply. 2002 ARC Handbooks are 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)
- All TYRO bookings must be confirmed 3 days before the event. The CoC needs to make sure that there are enough entries to make it viable.
- 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
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.
<i>July 27</i>	<i>RTV Harroway Farm. Camping</i>
Aug 10.	RTV with Southern at Battlehurst Farm..
<i>Aug 24</i>	<i>RTV / Tyro/ Driving Day. Nelly's Dell. Camping.</i>
<i>Sept 7</i>	<i>Major's Trial. Eastnor. Teams wanted.....</i>
<i>Sept 13</i>	<i>ARC meeting. Solihull.</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>Driving Day and Comp Safari at Broxhead Common.</i>
<i>Sept 21</i>	<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(s) elsewhere for details of the next trip(s).

DATE	EVENT
Mar 9	Drive round day. Broxhead Common. Details elsewhere.
Mar 15	Skittles at the Whistle Stop in Liss. Price is £7.95 per head for the skittles and hot buffet. More info elsewhere this issue.
Mar 15	ARC AGM. Solihull.
Mar 16	Green Lane clearance.
Mar 22 / 23	RTV and CCV Hook End Farm. Camping. Details elsewhere.
April 6	Tyro trial and Scatter event. Slab Common. No camping.
April 20	RTV / Tyro / HBRO drive round & camping. Easter Rally at Nelly's Dell.
May 3 & 4	RTV / Tyro / HBRO drive round and camping. Froxfield. New venue. See map.
May 23 - 27	ARC National Rally. Yorkshire. Doncaster.
June 8	RTV / Tyro / camping. Pingewood. No camping.
June 15	ARC Meeting. Solihull.
June 22	Land Rover World Show. See LRW magazine for details.