

Pants & Barks



John Beagley is stuck at the Slab Common Driving Day 21st Dec 2003. Is he still there?
Photo by by Nick White



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Editor's bit....



Big news this month is that Ed Ellis has taken a job in New York and will not be able to continue as Chairman. I'm sure I speak for all members in thanking him for his tremendous support and hard work he and Angela have put in to move the club forward. We also wish him well in his new job. I understand he will be returning to the UK regularly so we may see him at the odd event. Nick Woodage is standing in for Ed until a new chairman is elected.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's parting Comments.
- Competition Secretary's Update with news on forthcoming events
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes from the secretary.
- Special General Meeting announcement.
- Rights of Way news from Derek Powell.
- Spares and Vehicles For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- Mike Wolfe Winch Challenge information from Nigel Barker.
- ARC National Rally 2004 details.
- Nelly's Dell Tyro Trial results.
- Photos from the RTV and the Driving Day at Slab Common on December 21 2003 mostly nicked from the web site. Courtesy Ian Parker.
- Charity Driving Challenge at Andover.

Surprise for me at work at Heathrow last week, a Tricia Jacobs look-alike walked past me in my office. She looked at me and said "Don't you recognise me?" It WAS Tricia on a group visit from her company to mine. I was just so surprised to see her there !

Right, back to club business; the events page has been updated so check your diaries.

In his Comp Sec's update, Bob Davis describes some forthcoming events and asks for officials to come forward. Without these officials, the events won't happen. If each of us puts a little bit into the club, then we'll all get a lot out.

Steve Kirby.

In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting 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 or CD (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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Chairman's Comments

(Mr Ed's Parting Swansong)

Hey ho, well that's Christmas over and the New Year as well.

The Christmas party seemed to go well at the Headley Park Hotel, the food was good and they looked after us pretty well. Lots of good raffle prizes and a fair degree of light hearted banter.

Well, for those of you who haven't already heard, I have resigned from my position of Chairman. I have been offered a job in New York and as much as I would like to stay on and help run this great club of ours I feel the travelling will be a little to onerous. I will of course remain a member and hope to be back fairly frequently to partake in as many events as possible.

So I offer my thanks to all members of the committee that have supported me during the last year or so as Social, Competition Secretary and more recently Chairman. I have thoroughly enjoyed all that I have been involved in. I am sure you will all give the new chairman your continued support.

It is quite interesting looking back on the last couple of years. I have had two Rangies, one of which was sold on the other of which is now on blocks pending repair. Yes it's the one that got me the Boobs Bust presentation this year.

I have learnt a lot about Landies from so many people, so much advice, some good and some bad, but all of it volunteered with great gusto.

So what's been happening on the club scene?

Ah the driving day and RTV at Slab. Although I couldn't make it for the whole day, the format seemed to work pretty well and we had a god turn out from those who wanted to pay and play. I think that this format of dual use of the site should continue and also the less formal approach of "pay and play". Well done all those who contributed in some way.

We ran our first all day Tyro event last weekend as well at Nellies. I guess the bad weather put a few people off, but once again the Tyro format has been successful. It is very encouraging to see first time and young drivers taking to the wheel.

Speaking of Nellies, sadly Veronica Crisp is very unwell. The club has sent a card and wishes her all the best.

I had a call from Dave Bennett from one of the London based Rover Clubs on Sunday night. In essence there is a big concern that the government supported by a few campaigners are going to down grade the RUPPs. In this months P&B, there is a sample letter (*Computerised version available from the editor*) which we are all being urged to send to our MP to lobby against these closures. I feel the club should make every effort to help keep our RUPPS open, so please do invest a little time and write to your local MP. There is also talk of a protest drive or march probably in March. We will keep you all posted.

Did you see this months LRE? Yes we got a two page spread on our winch challenge, good press for the club, well done all. Speaking of which we already have 10 teams signed up from the next one at Froxfield. If you are

interested speak to Nigel Barker or Bob Davis

Well that's it from me. I am sure I will continue to write articles from afar for the P&B, a "Letter from America" but I think that's been done before. And I will turn up at as many events as time allows. I have already booked my flights back for the next winch challenge in March. So I hope to see you all there.

Toodle pip for now.

Mr Ed.

Chairman

Special General Meeting

Please be reminded that the Special General Meeting will be held in the Queens Hotel Selboure Hampshire at 6:00pm on the 28th February 2004.

The matters for discussion and acceptance are:-

- The 2002 and 2003 accounts.
- The proposal to accept junior members.
- The election of a new chairman.

Ed Ellis

Chairman

HELP.....We Need a New Chairman!!!

With Mr Ed leaving us, we obviously need to elect a new chairman to join the committee and help run **YOUR** Club.

It has been decided to do this as officially as possible at the forthcoming Special General Meeting. Therefore, I need names of any nominees.

? Do you have an interest in how things are done?

? Can you spare a little time to help others?

Remember...it's only a short term commitment until the AGM in the autumn, so this could be a chance to "have a taster" as they say, to see what its all about.

Please give it some thought, and if you think that you (or anybody else you know) can help us out, then let me have your name before February 28th.

Thanks

Jenny Davis
Secretary

Competition Secretary's Update

Well Christmas is over and the Chairman's resigned for the sake of a better job, with better prospects and lots more money. Only one downside it's in America!!!! - All the best Ed we'll miss you (My Psychiatrist said that this could be the thing that pushes me over the edge and into complete madness - but then that's a prerequisite for committee work)

Well where do I start this month?----- How about how things went last month

The RTV and Pay and Play at Slab were well supported with the club actually making some money out of competitions. It was particularly nice to see so many turn up to marshal on the Sunday (Thankyou). I must thank all those who turned up in the heavy rain on the Saturday to set out, in that type of weather its very easy to lose track of what needs doing. There was some damage caused to a few vehicles during the RTV but that is unfortunately the risk we all take. Thankfully the PP went off with few problems.

We learnt a few valued lessons in the organising of this type of dual event (Things like, next time we must bunt the trials section off). Both the COC's and Chief Marshals did a great job and this I feel has been rewarded with the feedback we have received from the membership.

The Tyro at Nellies was also well supported with 10 entries and 8 full Sections. Again only John J and myself turned up for setting out, but we got it done and I think that all those who entered enjoyed themselves.

Well done Sarah for winning and Lorraine for pushing her so hard. Class 5 may have seen a new talent in Eric Haar with 7 very well driven sections and tyres being the item that let him down on the 8th. The Jnr class looked like the RTV class 5 battle of Fitzgerald and White (like father like son!) Matt pushed Nick hard all the way with the lead changing several times before Nick finally emerged victorious. Richard Loynes is getting use to his latest purchase which is 20" shorter than his previous steed and did well to win the men's class. Thanks also to those who helped reload the comp trailer after Ashley had returned it.

So What's Next?

Challenge Event, Froxfield 13/14 March

I will need 20+ marshals to assist me in running this event at Froxfield in March so please contact me (01243 430070 or 07769 852938) and volunteer. I will be phoning round and asking if I don't hear in the next week or so.

We have allowed for 15 teams (Singles or doubles) and so far just by word of mouth we have 11 teams already, so my advice is phone Nigel quickly if you want to enter a team (please note that I write this article on the 19th of Jan so by the time you read it we may be full)

The more marshals we get the more teams we can have (For argument sake if we get 30 marshals we can stretch to 20 teams – although 20 is the max)

The event is being run under MSA guidance and as a privilege event with 2 Classes - ARC and Extreme. The ARC class is the one eligible for the Mike Wolfe Trophy, and the Extreme Class is not. (We do have some non-Land Rover

products competing)

RTV at Denmead Mill (7/8 Feb)

A virgin site with a new COC and New Chief Marshall - where's the Valium (or is that Viagra - sorry Neil)

As you know Mr Ed won't be about but Neil's going to jump in and fill the gap. Both Neil and I are going to view the site in the next few weeks and we will need as many bodies as possible to clear a route around the site on the Saturday 7th. So please contact me and volunteer (if we want to keep this land we have to clear the site for the owner)

RTV and CCV at Hook End (21/22 Feb)

No doubt the RTV will get well supported but it would be nice to see at least 2-3 CCV turn up. My trusty assistant John Jennings is going to look after this event as I won't be able to attend (I hope we don't kill anyone)

Easter At Wedgehill

RTV, Tyro and PP. I need officials for the Tyro and PP – as yet, nobody has come forward for any of the positions required to run this event. Camping is being organised by Maureen.

May Bank Holiday at Froxfield

RTV, Tyro and Gymkhana. Once again, Officials are needed for all positions. Please stand up and be counted!

Public Drive Round, Slab 28th March

As you will have seen from the calendar, a provisional booking has been made for a Public Drive Round on 27/28 March. A yet, we have not received a permit for this event, so is at risk of being cancelled. Watch this space.

Competition Trailer

A number of improvements have been made to the trailer. Not least, re-kitting out the inside so that EVERYTHING now has a designated place. Thanks to the skills and handiwork of our friendly Chippy Nick Woodage. Please ensure that if you use the trailer – things are put back properly.

ARC Update

I have just received an update from the ARC Competition and Scrutineering Committee, that they have accepted our proposals re original numbers of silencers. This update means that single silencer boxes will now be allowed at other club's events i.e. ARC nationals etc. (Subject to noise regulations of course!!)

Bye For Now,

Max Bob

Results - Nelly's Dell Tyro Trial 11/01/2004

| | Class | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | Total | Position |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---|----|---|---|---|---|----|---|--|-------|------------|
| S.Bridger | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 5 | 1st Ladies |
| R.Loynes | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 7 | 1st Men's |
| N.White | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | | 8 | 1st Jnr |
| L.Tomlinson | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 9 | 2nd Ladies |
| Matt.Fitzgerald | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 0 | | 14 | 2nd Jnr |
| E.Haar | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | | 15 | 2nd Men's |
| I.Smart | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 21 | |
| S.Haar | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 | | 23 | |
| N.Whishaw | 4 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | | 30 | |
| T.Whishaw | 4 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 2 | | 35 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COC | Bob Davis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOM | S.Bridger | | | | | | | | | | | |
| STEWARD | Bob Davis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCRUTINEER | N.Tomlinson | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHIEF MARSHAL | J.Jennings | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marshals | N.Reid, A.Bridger, R.Vare | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Setting Out | J.Jennings, B.Davis | | | | | | | | | | | |

Green Lane News

Hi Everyone.

First Green Lane Clearance of 2004. Shipton Bellinger February 1st.

Trust you all had a great Christmas and New Year, and are ready for some exercise to work off the excess and help with the New Years resolutions !? The plan is to finish off the Shipton Bellinger UCR, that we started in October. We got about half-way, plus trimmed-back along a further section. The date is Sunday 1st February - sorry for the short-notice, but needed to get ok on date from HBRO committee. If you can let me know if you can participate, then I will send out details next weekend.

Many thanks,

Ashley Pocock. Tel 01264-710546

E-mail ashley.pocock@ntlworld.com

Rights of Way News

Green Lane Day Feb 15th 2004. It will be a 9:30 meet for a 10.00 start at the Watercress Line car park in Alresford, Hants and we will cover the Candover Valley with a Pub stop for lunch. I will lead the run myself, and can you please bring your own maps.

Please phone if you wish to attend, as it will e helpful to me to know the numbers.

When you good folks are out Green Laning and should happen upon an obstruction (Tree trunks, farm implements, locked gates, and misleading signs) could you please let me know.

Can you put the map ref number, nature of the obstruction and a picture would be nice. I can then inform the authority for that area, maps are available at the monthly pub meet to copy to your own maps.

I am at the moment starting the process of bringing the maps up to date, listed are the most recent TRO's I have at the moment.

Derek Powell, Tel: 07717 592197 e-mail cheryl.powell55@ntlworld.com

| Path | TRO came into force | Restriction |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Binstead 60 | 16/11/00 | Motorised 4 or more |
| Wheatham Hill | | All motorised |
| Hawkley 46 | 16/11/00 | (All traffic alongside quarry) |
| Steep 34 | | |
| Colemore & Priors Dean 23 (Greenways) | 1/2/01 | All vehicles except bikes. |

RTV Trial at Denmead Mill. Lovedean 8th Feb. (Setting out & clearance on the 7th)

RTV Trial

Payment to Sec of meeting.
£15 on the day.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Status | Closed. HBRO only. |
| CoC | Ed Ellis. |
| Steward | TBA. |
| Chief Marshal | TBA. |
| Scrutineer | TBA. |
| Sec of Meeting. | TBA. |
| Camping | NO CAMPING |
| Scrutineering starts at | 08:45. |
| Drivers / nav's briefing | 09:45. |
| Marshals briefing | 09:45. |
| Event starts at | 10:00. |
| TBA = To be advised. | |

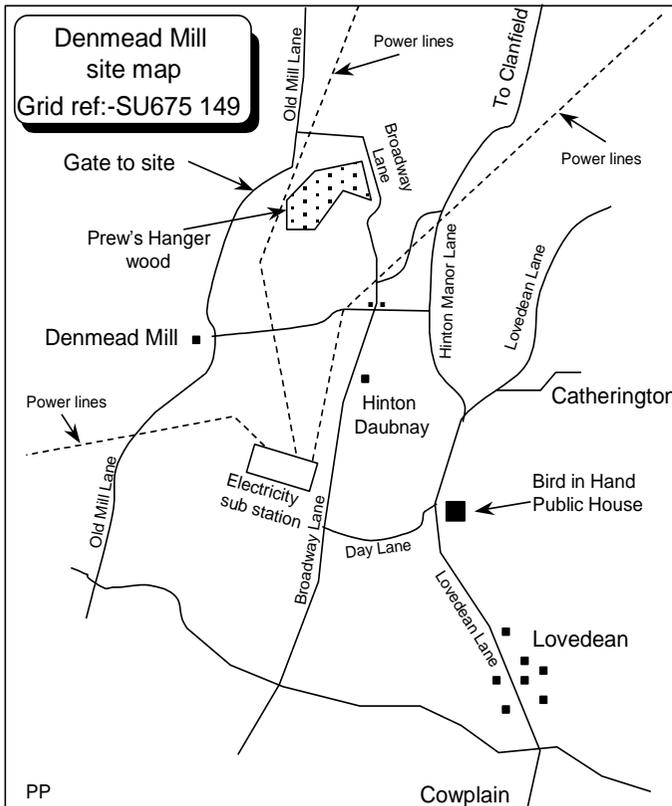
Directions to Site

Take the Lovedean to Clanfield Road, Heading towards Catherington. As you leave Lovedean you will see the Bird in Hand Pub. At the side of the pub is Day Lane that runs up a hill. Take this lane. After about ½ a mile you come to a left hand bend. On the back of the bend is a right turn. (It actually looks like a "T" junction). Take this turn into Broadway Lane heading past Hinton

Daubnay . After about ¾ mile you will come to a cross roads with some farm buildings and a barn in front of you. Turn left at these cross roads. Follow this road for about ½ a mile. You will come to a "T" junction at Denmead Mill. Turn right and head down the hill. After about 100 yards there is a gate into a field (at grid ref SU675 149). Follow across this field for approximately 400 yards. You will go under some high tension electricity cables (look out for the big pylons) The woods is here.

No toilets and no camping at this event.

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.



RTV and CCV Trial at Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne, 22nd Feb 2004

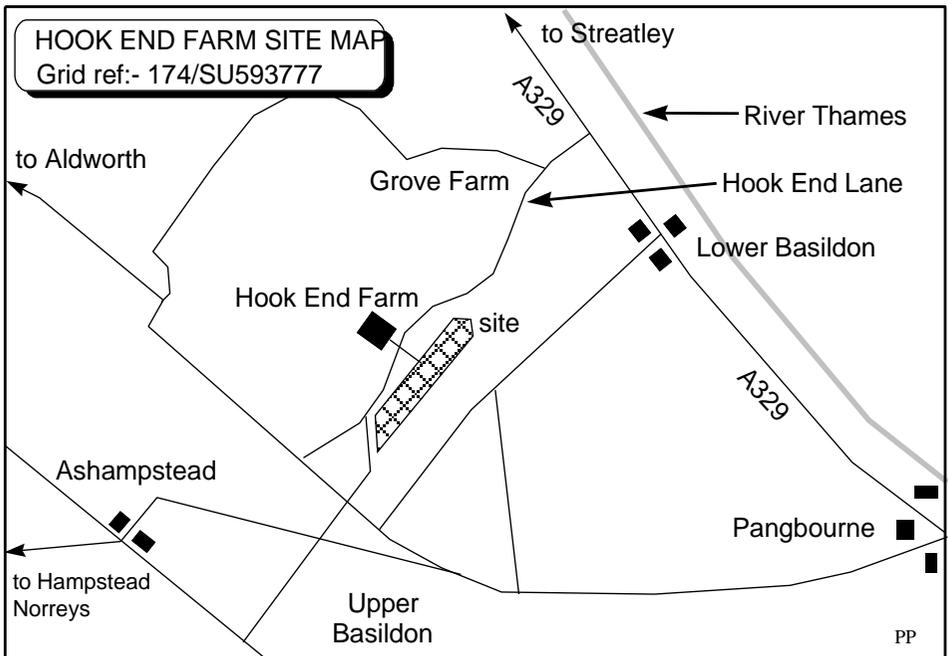
RTV & CCV

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Status | Closed. HBRO only. |
| CoC | Mark Ambler. |
| Steward | TBA. |
| Chief Marshal | TBA. |
| Scrutineer | TBA. |
| Sec of Meeting. | TBA. |
| Camping | Maureen Keen. |
| 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.
 £15 on the day.
 Facilities:- Toilets.
 TBA = To be advised.

Please read the
 Competition Event Information
 inside back cover.



Hants and Berks Club Shop

T Shirts – Adults

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|
| LR Display | Navy | £ 8.00 |
| Embroidered Shield | All Colours | £10.00 |

T Shirts – Children's

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|--------------------|-------------|--------|
| LR Display | Navy | £ 6.00 |
| Embroidered Shield | All Colours | £ 8.00 |

Sweatshirts – Adults

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| LR Display | Navy | £20.00 |
| Embroidered Shield | All Colours | £23.00 |

Sweatshirts with Collar

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

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

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|--------------------|-------------|--------|
| Embroidered Shield | All Colours | £12.00 |
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Rugby Shirts – Long Sleeve

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

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Embroidered Shield | Black, Navy, Burgundy | £25.00 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|

Fleeces

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| Adults Half Zip | Black, Navy, Green | £28.00 |
| Adults Full Zip | Black, Navy, Green | £31.00 |

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|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Size Guide: | Small – 36in Chest | Medium – 38-40in Chest |
| | Large – 42-44in Chest | X Large – 46in Chest |

PLEASE NOTE: All clothing is order only and must be accompanied by full payment. Order may take up to two weeks.

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The 'Mike Wolfe HBRO Challenge' Event

Date 14th March 2004

Venue : Near Petersfield, Hampshire

Well, the 1st event at Minstead was (other than a 'ickle bit wet), a great success, covered by David Barker (no relation honest) in the February edition of 'Land Rover Enthusiast', and at the end of that day I promised a 2nd event,early in 2004.

Well, as you can see from the above, the date and venue is set.

We have enlarged the maximum number of teams who can enter, and also we have a 'Non ARC' class for this event, but teams will be limited in number, and it is a **PRE ENTRY ONLY EVENT!**

Many people who came to watch thought they should have entered,..... well now is your chance to show them (and yourselves) what you can do !

Teams can be of either ONE Sole 4x4 - (the last event winner was - Gavin House), or a Team can comprise of TWO 4x4s,and if your vehicle doesn't quite meet ARC rules then read on !.....we have a NON ARC Class !

Even if your 4x4 does meet ARC but you want to use non ARC allowed items (ARBs / 35 inch Simex etc), then you can chose your class, as we have 2 classes 'ARC' and 'Non ARC' !

Rather than to expand here in detail, if you have a NON ARC 4x4 and would like to enter then phone me for a chat on 07909 973163, or e-mail me on nigelbarker@btopenworld.com for details, but DO NOT TAKE TO LONG !,

The popularity of the last event, and the interest in this one is so high, that at the time of typing this I have 8 teams entered already, so act now !...you have time - and there is spaceat the moment !

As per last time we will need marshals, many of you who helped before have already offered your services again, thankyou, we do need you to make these events run, **but** if you want to help out as a marshal then please let me know in advance I need to know NOW !!!!

Costs ?....

For Fully paid up members of HBRO : £30 for Driver and your Passenger,
(either class your choice)

NON HBRO Members : £30 Entry plus HBRO club membership at £25 and
Passenger will need Social membership at £3 - this is to cover our insurance
rules.

So, there you go, the gauntlet is down, oh and Kingsley Cross Country are
possibly entering a team too !

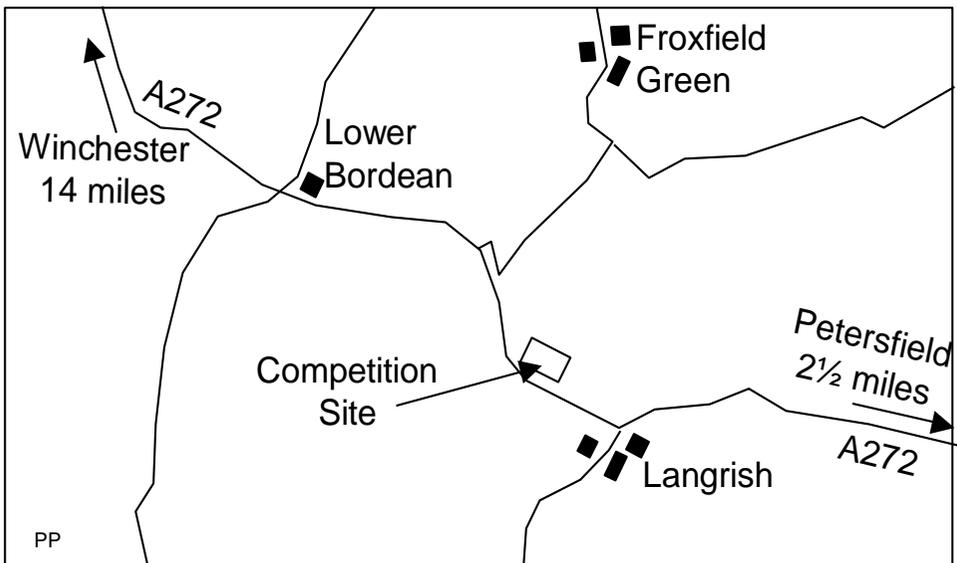
E-Mail me on nigelbarker@btopenworld.com

Phone me on 07909 973163 anytime

Or 01428 653795 ONLY BEFORE 8.00p.m.

Oh Yes lastly - Myself, Ed and Bob have been to the site to identify the
sections, and, more importantly we can advise all Entrants and Marshals
that there is a McDonalds 4 miles from the site, Ahem, Perfect for
Breakfast ?.....

Nigel Barker



The rain soon turned the sand into a mire at the Slab Common Driving Day, Dec 21 2003



A small crowd looks on as Neil Read comes a cropper on the last section of the day at the Slab Common RTV 21 Dec 2003.

Re: motion by MPs Alun Michael and John Mann to downgrade RUPPs (roads used as public paths) to restricted byways.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with regard to the above motion. At present Britain's network of RUPPs is under review and where it can be proved that vehicles have used them in past they are being upgraded to BOAT (byway open to all traffic) status. These ancient tracks are often referred to as greenlanes. However the above motion seeks to ban four wheel drive vehicles (4x4s) and motorcycles from all RUPPs in future, when they become restricted byways.

I am writing to ask you not to support this motion for a number of reasons.

There have recently been reports in the papers of damage to these ancient routes by drivers of 4x4s and this is causing alarm amongst interested parties. The Ramblers Association is one of the groups calling for a ban on the vehicular use of greenlanes.

There are 82,000 miles for footpaths, 18,000 miles of bridleways, 2,000 miles of byways and 3,000 miles of RUPP's. If the above motion should become law 4x4 drivers will lose over half of the tracks open for their use. This will effectively ban a large section of the community from areas of the countryside. There is a civil liberty issue here. One of the many effects would be that only the able bodied would have access to these lanes.

A number of MPs have been shown reports and photos that imply that Byways of the Yorkshire Dales and parts of the Ridgeway are being turned into a 'battlefield' by recreational 4x4 vehicles. Most of this damage appears to be ruts and potholes on the tracks. Ruts and potholes have been a normal feature of the countryside since the invention of the wheel and their appearance comes about through lack of maintenance. These tracks have been maintained throughout their history and many were faced with rough or crushed stone to preserve the surface. It is actually the responsibility of the local authority to maintain these highways, but they often are unable or unwilling for reasons of economy, for example. Maintenance needs to be done by someone and in fact groups like the Ancient Roads Conservation Volunteers and 4 wheel-drive club members actually give up their weekends to maintain greenlanes and there have been instances where road repair waste has been used for resurfacing.

In fact The British Ecological Society recently reported that a well-maintained greenlane is a good ecological feature.

Footpaths need to be maintained too, and there are many areas where walkers have caused damage, for instance on Snowdonia and the Pennine Way. The damaged areas sometimes have to be fenced off completely and interested parties have to get organised to repair the damage.

There are many thousands of miles of footpath open to walkers and I would ask you not to vote to reduce the numbers of tracks that remain open to people like me. The Ramblers Assoc. seems to want to claim all these tracks only for themselves.

However I cannot deny that damage is done to open land, banks and hedges, by 4 wheel drivers and even, in some cases to ancient monuments and this angers me greatly. There is a definite hooligan element that is responsible for most of the damage and ill- feeling on the greenlanes. Mostly this is in ignorance of the damage caused and I feel this, in some cases, is

encouraged by irresponsible advertising that shows 4x4s driving anywhere at will.

With regard to advertising of off-road vehicles, I feel this encourages people to use their vehicles in ways that cause damage to the countryside. I've seen adverts on TV for the new Volkswagen 'Taureg' and other 4x4s driving at will over the countryside. They are shown driving over open country, for instance, and the law forbids this. They are shown driving through mud and water, woodland and wilderness, the implication being that this is all okay and if they want to have fun this is what they should be doing.

So a new owner sets off in their 4x4 and drives off-road anywhere he chooses, haring down the greenlanes in search of mud and fun. In some cases they then drive off over open country and along footpaths and bridleways. I've spoken to many ordinary people about off-roading and this seems to be the general belief.

This damage to the countryside causes immense ill feeling and is very wrong but the drivers of these vehicles are only doing what they do out of ignorance.

I feel it is unfair to ban the majority of considerate, responsible drivers because of the actions of the few. I would not, for instance, advocate banning football because of hooliganism or rugby because people sometimes get injured.

The freedom to use a track comes with the responsibility to use it wisely and many clubs and greenlane associations try to educate people or, in the worst cases report persistent offenders to the proper authorities for prosecution.

Most 4x4 drivers regard greenlaning solely as a gentle drive through the countryside and restrict their serious 'mud plugging' to dedicated sites and will organise visits to old quarries etc. for this purpose. Some try to keep off the greenlanes after heavy rain and avoid times when perhaps walkers or riders might want to use these tracks as well. Responsible off road drivers keep only to permitted tracks and will only drive them when weather conditions allow.

The law seems to be changing to deal with the hooligan minority..

At present only the irresponsible 4x4 drivers are being portrayed and not the vast majority who care for the countryside and are also decent and law-abiding.

We live on a small island where we all need to share the resources available and not restrict access to only a few groups. The use of the countryside has changed and the law should certainly reflect this, but 4x4 drivers should be allowed reasonable access to the land, tourism and leisure use being vital to the modern rural economy, Groups of 4x4 drivers often spend considerable amounts of money on fuel, food and accommodation when they visit an area, and this of course helps the local economy.

It also shouldn't be overlooked that modern farming machinery, for instance huge 4 wheel drive tractors, can cause great damage to these tracks and maintenance is what's actually required.

I feel that we need to educate the ignorant drivers, much like the Countryside Code that was introduced to educate walkers in the countryside.

I feel that advertisers need to be more responsible and not encourage irresponsible use of the countryside.

I feel a blanket ban on 4x4 off-road use need not be the only way forward.

Please contact me if you need any further information

Yours Faithfully.....

ARC Nationals 2004

I have received an invite from Peak and Dukeries Land Rover Club to the ARC International Rally to be held 28-31 May 2004. It is at Meadow Farm near Wirksworth in the Derbyshire Peak District.

They say they have excellent, gently sloping and well drained caravanning/ camping fields, an arena for concourse and display vehicles, an entertainment area including marquee with live entertainment and may trade stands already booked.

The competition site covers one square mile and offers challenging driving with no trees!

I have a couple of entry forms, but more information can be found at www.arc2004rally.co.uk

See You There!!

Jenny D (Secretary)



Kiwi Wayne at the wheel. Slab Common RTV 21 Dec 2003.

GIRLS & BOYS BIG TOYS CHARITY DRIVING CHALLENGE 8TH AND 9TH MAY 2004

The event is being run in aid of The Wessex Cancer Trust with participants raising sponsorship money to drive a variety of unusual vehicles ranging from diggers, hovercrafts, army vehicles and buses etc. Participants will visit all 8 sections driving a minimum of 10 vehicles over the day.

We have been approached by the organisers of the Big Toys Driving Day and asked to support this event. They are in need of people to help marshal the 8 sections, one of which will be a 4 x 4 section run by ourselves.

We would like to offer as much support as possible, so if you are able to help please contact Neil or Lorraine on the numbers below. There will be camping on the site
Refreshments will be provided during the day

The challenge will be taking place at Barton Stacey M.O.D., Training Group, Nr Andover on the A303.

If you wish to view the website for this event please visit
www.bigtoys.org.uk

You could always have a go yourself or put in a team – have the drive of your life!

Neil or Lorraine Tomlinson
01264 357513
n.tomlinson@hovercraft.org.uk

ROADMASTER 2003

Bob Birrell was singing our praises at the presentation on the Sunday Morning and thanks everyone for all the time and effort given up to help run the 2003 Roadmaster event.

Once again this was a great success and was well entered by the military teams. As usual the members of the Hants and Berks Rover Owners Club supported this event with the usual enthusiasm, even to the stage of hijacking a vehicle to keep the New Zealand team in the running (Wayne).

The recovery on the Saturday night was dealt with in a very professional way, as it could have been embarrassing if it had rolled over, this saved a lot of unnecessary paperwork.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those that helped over the weekend, especially those that stood out in the rain on Saturday. Typical roadmaster weather as soon as we finish the rain stops.

Next years Roadmaster Event will be on the weekend of 19 – 21st November with the venue to be advised at a later date. (Yes John we will see if we can get you some custard again)

Neil Tomlinson



The quicksands grab another driver at the Slab Common Driving Day, Dec 21 2003



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Clear on this section and the 2nd lowest overall score of the day for Gary White in class 5. Slab Common RTV 21 Dec 2003.



Good to see Russel and Janet Vare back on the trialling circuit.
Slab Common RTV 21 Dec 2003.

Hants & Berks Rover Owners

Committee Meeting - 8th December '03

Present: Ed Ellis John Jennings Nick Jennings Jenny Davis
Sarah Bridger Bob Davis

Apologies: Steve Kirby Angela Ellis Tricia Jacobs Derek Powell
Nick Woodage

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were accepted by all. Jenny to forward to Steve for publication

Action JD

Outstanding Previous Actions

Investigations from Corporation tax still ongoing

Action SB

Bob & Ed to try and renew relationship with Bow Hill

Action BD/EE

Derek to arrange briefing for pub meet

Action DP

Paintball date to be confirmed

Action MK/AE

Suggestions for Summer Social to be compiled

Action MK/AE

Makro Cards - Sarah to visit to establish account details and cardholders

Action SB

Asset Register - Sarah has had no response as yet from members with club equipment.

Action SB

Portman Account - Sarah is now the signatory - account now to be closed

Action SB

Maureen to find out if Roundhills weekend is the same as the Beaulieu 4x4 Show

Action MK

Maureen suggested a skittle evening and/or ten-pin bowling for the New Year. All agreed

Action MK

Chippy Challenge Trophy being engraved to be re-presented at the Christmas Party

Action NW

Chairman's Report

Trailer - Ed has spoken to Ashley, who has offered to repair/correct the trailer over the Christmas period. Bob to liaise with Ashley to arrange collection.

Action BD

Ed wrote to the members who complained about the Chippy Challenge. A response has been received and the committee has agreed that no further

action will be taken.

Closed Events - Nick J asked if we wanted to invite specific clubs to club closed events rather than making them open to all Arc members - general opinion was no, we would stick to closed events, HBRO members only
There has been some discussion recently on the eligibility of our members to check MOT Certificates. Legally we are not qualified to do so. It was agreed that a declaration be clearly added to the Event Entry Form that drivers must sign so say they have a valid MOT, Driving Licence and Road Fund Licence for their vehicle. Jenny to redraw Entry Form onto A4, making it clearer. To be in place early 2004. **Action JD**

Secretary's Report

Jenny to put publicity received in magazine. **Action JD**

Information on website is still not up-to-date – Jenny to contact Ian again.

Action JD

Jenny to send membership numbers to ARC as requested. **Action JD**

Treasurer's Report

▪ Accounts have been audited by Tina Corke and Lee Claydon. Several suggestions made:

Membership fees should be brought into line with financial year in order to show apportionment. Several suggestions made, Tricia to look at options and report back next month. **Action TJ**

It is not advisable for Sarah to be standing as Treasurer as well as running the club shop. Sarah is happy to hand over the shop someone else, if they can be found! **Action SB**

- The Asset Register should be completed as soon as possible
- More receipts should be retained for purchases. A discussion was held about having these policies documented - all agreed in principle. Jenny to draft out some ideas. **Action JD**

- Winch challenge lost £210 and Brick Kiln trial lost £20 for club.
- Special General Meeting needs to be booked. Suggested 28th Feb'04 at Queen's Hotel, Selbourne, 6.00pm start. Jenny to confirm with hotel, and inform Ed for magazine write up. **Action JD**

- Maureen to organise a quiz. **Action MK**

Competition Secretary's Report

Bob to write article for magazine stressing importance of marshal's

briefings at events

Action BD

Bob raised concerns about lack of members volunteering to act as officials and set out at events. The matter was discussed with the warning of events being cancelled or run with only a few sections if more volunteers were not found. Bob & Ed to include in mag articles

Action BD/EE

Comp Safari - JJ has not come forward with land for this event, and no other preparation has been done as yet. Bob proposed to cancel this event - all agreed

New Land - Bob and Ed have reviewed some new land at Lovedean, Hants. Suitable for RTV but needs some clearance. Looking to use it in March, Bob to sort calendar

Action BD

Bob has asked Ed to sort the permits for the military sites - Ed still chasing.

Action EE

Bob reported that 16 permits have been applied for from the MSA - as yet they are not issuing 2004 permits - Bob still chasing.

Action BD

Nick J offered to collect new ARC handbooks and deliver to Tricia **Action NJ**

TYRO in January, full 8 sections, Bob CoC, John J Chief Marshall. Marshall. Prebooking statement to be removed from back of magazine - Ed to sort

Action EE

Next trial at Brick Kiln - Hugh Duffett Coc and Sarah Bridger SoM

Ed reported that the feedback from the MSA regarding our challenge event was very good - they are now looking to create a "Challenge Permit"

Membership Secretary's / Magazine Report

272 ordinary members of which 22 are out of date.

One new application reviewed by committee and accepted

Renewal reminder letters have now been reinstated

Tricia reported of a complaint from Mark Jeffery regarding his membership money. Ed suggested offering to carry over his money for next year's membership (at last year's rate) as it was our mistake. Tricia to talk to Mark.

Action TJ

Tricia reported that the new printer seems to be working well.

Tricia asked if anyone has the camping regulations for her to copy - all to check

Action ALL

Rights of Way Officer's Report

Laning for 27th Dec - Nigel Thorne running Hindhead trip, Ed to find out who

is running Reading trip and get Derek to put the information put on the website **Action EE/DP**

Social Secretary's Report

Camping for next year - confirmed that first event will be Hook End 21/22 Feb. Bob to sort permits and pass to Maureen **Action BD**
Xmas meal - 49 booked, plus 11 rooms and 3 caravans. Table prize sorted of £20 club voucher. Tickets to be given out on the night. Seating plan was discussed and confirmed

Special Events Report

Neil Tomlinson has offered to run a night time scatter type event at Minstead - to be considered for the future calendar **Action BD**

Training Officer's Report

Nick has spoken to Mike Chambers who provided the winch recovery. He is going to give us some dates for a general recovery course for the same site/cost. No further progress on the advanced course

Any Other Business

- Trophies - the annual trophies were discussed and confirmed as follows:
 - Pilot Trophy - Gary White
 - Red Leader - no contenders
 - Winter Series - Hugh Duffet
 - Summer Series - Neil Read
 - Girls Own - Sam Parker
 - Boys Own - Neil Read
 - Performance Trophy - Hugh Duffet
 - Officials - 1st - Nick Jennings, 2nd John Jennings, 3rd Sarah Bridger
 - Member of the year - Nick Woodage
 - Boobs Bust - Ed Ellis
 - Wally of the Year - Nick Jennings
 - Chippy Challenge - "Diff Busters"
 - Mike Wolfe Challenge Trophy - Gavin House
- Bob to ensure trophies are engraved and available for presenting on the night **Action BD**
Jenny to create Trophy Register for future use **Action JD**
Nick J raised concerns about Generator Safety and Food Hygiene

Regulations - to be discussed at next meeting. Jenny to put on agenda

Action JD

First Aid Kit - Sam Parker to purchase a suitable Kit for the Club's Use

Action SP

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th January, (Churchillian Pub,
Portsmouth Hill)**



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- * Quantity of Dexion type shelving. Ideal for garage/workshop etc for storing all those valuable spares and tools. £1.00 per shelf/upright etc including fixings. Possible to construct workbench as well as shelving. Tel Jeff on 01483 414820 or 07768 773274. Jeff.Jann@surrey-ambulance.nhs.uk (NOV03)

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- * Range Rover Vogue V8 Auto, 1988 "E" 10 months MOT, General SAG tyres, +1 munroe suspension lift, Momo competition steering wheel, good mechanically, body work good but used, good trialler, £1095, 01243 828072 or 07884 447745 (FEB04)
- * Land Rover Discovery. TDI Manual 1998 July. Black with beige cloth trim. 63,000 miles. Full Service History, Air Con, Twin sunroofs, Alloy Wheels, Immaculate condition. One Owner. £10,500. Contact David Knight, Tel 01730 892667 or email david_knight2001@hotmail.com or George Brown 01428 607958. (DEC04)
- * Hybrid/Trialer class 10. Series III/Range Rover 3500cc 4-speed manual gearbox. Well put together and solid no rust chassis Taxed , MOT ,1974. £1950-00 or Px 90" Phone Nick Woodage 01730 894418, 07850408161 or e-mail nicholas.woodage@ntlworld.com (DEC03)
- * Series 11A. 1970 (tax exempt) SWB petrol with a hard top and side windows,

which had a complete chassis up rebuild about six years ago. This was prior to me buying the vehicle, but there is a series of photographs showing the work in progress. A new MOT (14th August) has just been issued with the minimum of work required. This time around, an oil seal on the back axle, one replacement wheel cylinder, and a set of rear shoes, gave it a clean bill of health. It would be an ideal first Land Rover for the price of £1850.00. Rob Moody, 023-8055 0498, 07734 252922 (mobile) E-mail rob_moody@btopenworld.com (OCT03)

- * Discovery 1991H, V8i, Gold. Fitted: Scorpion uprated suspension, polybushed, front Marshland H/D bumper & F/R recovery /de-mountable winch assemblies (excludes winch), Southdown tank/steering/sill guards/de-mountable tow hitch. Runs well, just serviced/MOT'd. £2995 ono. Ashley Pocock - 01264 710546/07867 554724. (DEC03)

For Hire

- * Hannibal Roof Rack for Hire. Fits Defender 90 and 110 and is the best that you can buy. Very reasonable rates. Contact Andrew Mull at andrewmull@aol.com or phone 01329 517613.

WARNING

Any adverts dated up to and including October will disappear next month unless you renew them!

Services

- * VIDEOS Professionally made videos produced and distributed. Contact Dave Jeffery of "4-WHEEL FILMS" on 020-8715-4861 or e-mail David@fwfilms.freemove.co.uk.
- * Welding and Fabrication Rollover protection, fuel tanks, & any other metal fabrication. BS4872 certificated. Welds all steels and aluminium alloy. Examples:- LR full external cage £280. Steel fuel tanks from £65. Dave Middleton. Frimley Green. Mobile 07773770448.

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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 and HBRO Supplementary Regulations 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 LR's), 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... | |
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| <i>DATE</i> | <i>EVENT</i> |
| <i>June 19 – 20</i> | <i>LRW Show . See LRW magazine for details.</i> |
| <i>JUNE</i> | <i>Green Laning.</i> |
| <i>JULY</i> | <i>Public Drive Round</i> |
| <i>JULY</i> | <i>Roundhills</i> |
| <i>JULY</i> | <i>LRE Show (16th-18th)</i> |
| <i>AUG</i> | <i>RTV</i> |
| <i>AUG</i> | <i>Challenge event</i> |
| <i>AUG</i> | <i>Green Laning</i> |
| <i>AUG</i> | <i>TYRO, RTV, P-P</i> |

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at The Fox and Hounds, Sunny Side, near Theale, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4AA Grid Ref: SU 649699. From 7:30 p.m.
- * Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at The Hoggs Lodge, Gravel Hill, Clanfield, Petersfield, Hants. PO8 0QD just off the A3, grid ref. SU714174 approx (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). Tel 02392-591083.
- * 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 |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Feb 8th | RTV at Denmead Mill, Lovedean. No camping. Details inside. |
| Feb 15th | Green Laning. Details inside. |
| Feb 22nd | RTV / CCV at Hook End Farm. Camping. Details inside. |
| Mar 14th | Mike Wolfe Winch Challenge at Froxfield / Langrish. Details inside. |
| March 28 th | Public Drive Round, Slab Common. |
| <i>April 4th</i> | <i>Green Laning. Location to be advised.</i> |
| April 9 - 12 | RTV, TYRO, Pay & Play. Easter Rally at Wedgehill. |
| May 1 - 3 | RTV, Gymkhana, Tyro. May Day Rally at Froxfield. |
| May 8 th & 9 th | Girls & Boys Big Toys, Charity Driving Challenge. Details elsewhere. |
| <i>May 16th</i> | <i>Green Laning & Camping Weekend Six Penny Handley.</i> |
| May 28-31 | ARC National Rally.. Details this issue. |
| <i>June 13th</i> | <i>RTV, Pay & Play at Froxfield.</i> |