



Pants & Barks



ARC National Rally 2004 Competitive Safari.
Chris Bowler of Hants & Berks driving with JJ Walker shouting instructions from the passenger seat!



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Editor's bit....



From the reports, it seems I missed a good ARC Rally. Unfortunately, it wasn't really practicable to attend, maybe I should have planned it better as there were B&B's not too far away.

Anyway, the first reports and photos have arrived and some are dotted around in this issue. I've nicked a few from the website, so thanks to Ian Parker for his work on the website. If you view the photos there, you'll see them in colour

Ed has taken up his digital "pen" to produce a couple of articles He also

This month...

Regulars:-

- Duffett's Dirty Dottings (Chairman's Comments)
- Competition Secretary's Update with news on forthcoming events
- Social Secretary's news.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes from the secretary.
- Rights of Way news from Derek Powell.
- Spares and Vehicles For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- ARC Rally report from Sam Parker.
- ARC Rally report from Ed Ellis.
- Ed also sends his first "Letter from America"
- AGM date now set.
- Plus the usual assortment...

pops back to Blighty a few times during the year to help with some of the events. I've seen a few gluttons for punishment in my time but this takes the biscuit, or cookie in Ed's case.

There are long faces at the ARC as the Range Rover Register have now left the ARC. Many RRR members were members of other ARC clubs but they can't now compete under the RRR name.

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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Duffett's Dirty Dottings!!!!

Hi All

It's time for me to try and engage brain and write my monthly bit, especially as I am sitting in our caravan on a camp site in Derbyshire three days after the Nationals listening to the rain on the roof. Yes, we are having a few days' holiday in the picturesque Peak District.

The Nationals was a very enjoyable event for us. We arrived on Thursday afternoon and were greeted by the friendly Peak & Dukeries Club who were busy putting the finishing touches to Rally Control (which officially opened Friday afternoon).

Friday teatime the 90 arrived on Mark Ambler's lorry. I offloaded it and went to scrutineering in readiness for Saturday's RTV. No queues, no fuss and passed.

Saturday, it started to rain as we lined up for the first of twelve serious sections – this made for slippery conditions and by section 2 the clouds had enveloped us in thick mist. Thankfully after section 3 the clouds broke and the day got better and better. We finished the day with nothing worse than a smiley front bumper (which I had recently replaced).

Sunday, lay in, after breakfast I prepared my steed for Monday's Comp Safari. Back to scrutineering, still no queues, no fuss. Question – what class was I in? Opinion suggested Class 3 but my Log Book stated Class 9 – off to see Dennis Wright (Log Book Scrutineer) who agreed and amended Log Book to Class 3 – Standard 90. Class 9 is out & out racers, bowlers and the like.

Monday dawned dry and bright and the day just got hotter and hotter. Perfect for racing the five rounds over the roughest course I have driven kitted out in compulsory all covering clothes, neckbrace and crash helmet – definitely one way of losing weight. We completed all five laps without breaking anything although panic did set in half way through the first lap when a loud banging from the rear (ooh) was heard like someone was hitting the chassis with a lump hammer (Don't remember leaving a scrutineer underneath). When we got back to the pits I found the tailgate had come unclipped and trying to escape the torture of four more rounds.

I was overjoyed to see I had come fourth in class (until someone pointed out there was only four in my class anyway) and 67th overall out of 102 entries.

Tuesday – Still raining from 11pm the night before. Said goodbye to the hard worked 90 which went home on the back of Mark's truck (thanks mate). Packed up camp and moved to another camp site for a few days' well earned rest.

Now, on to more important things – it has been suggested by some of our lady members that we award a shield to the highest placed lady driver in RTV trials to encourage them to take part – views and comments please.

That reminds me, the Summer Rally RTV trial at Bowhill will have the Girls' Own Trophy up for grabs – so come on girls, have a go and don't by shy!

This is also a Boys' Own Trophy event.

Just spent the weekend at Nelly's (11-13 June) which was a good event with glorious weather. Jenny and I conned Maximum Bob into entering the gymkhana partnered by Sarah. Their team name was "Dopey & Sneezy" - I leave you to work out which was which! Sunday was a members Pay & Play day which turned out to be busy with twenty odd drivers – no I don't mean Odd Drivers, I mean more than twenty.

I think I had better put the shovel away before I dig a bigger hole for myself.

Cheerio for now

Hugh Duffett

Comp Sec Update

Well its July and things hotting up in HBRO land

So what's been happening??

If you view the web site you will see that HBRO was well supported at the ARC Nationals and we even came back with a trophy in the Winch recovery event. No doubt we will have some write ups about the event

Because of the preparation time required for our members the calendar is always a bit thin just before the nationals but now they are out of the way we are off and running again

I write this article in Mid June so by the time you read it we will have run a couple more events

Last week end we had a non competitive Rally at Nelly's and ran a Gymkhana and a members only play day Both events were a roaring success and my thanks go out to all those who helped set out, marshalled and entered.

What's coming up:-

3rd -4th July

Tyro setting out on Saturday and 15 entry maximum Tyro at Ingram's Green on Sunday (I've already got 8 confirmed drivers So we only have space for 7)

31st July – 1st August

RTV at Nelly's Dell (COC Roy Friend) (HELP IS NEEDED FOR ALL THE OTHER POSITIONS)

14th August

Members only PP and setting out for RTV at Minstead (camping will be available) This is the site where we hold the Mike Wolfe challenge. COC and SOM needed.

15th August

RTV at Minstead (camping will be available) **(No officials in place)**

The Summer Rally

Location Bow Hill Farm (nr Chichester).

Tyro setting out on 28th event on Monday 30th August - COC P.Edwards £15
Per entry

RTV with setting out on 28th, event on Sunday 29th £15 Per entry (BOYS AND
GIRLS OWN SHIELDS EVENT) COC J.Jennings, CM H.Duffet,SOM S.Bridger
We were there in May 1999 Grid Ref SU 820 152 (Chilgrove Hill)
off the B2141 between Chichester and Petersfield

Camping has been organised by Maureen. TOILETS available .

September 18-19th

HBRO Continental assault of Belgium (See Nick Woodage)

September 25th -26th

Abingdon 4x4 festival (see Nick Jennings)

October 2nd -3rd

Rickshaw Ramble (See Neal Tomlinson)

PS

WE NEED THE BOYS AND GIRLS OWN SHIELDS BACK FOR THE SUMMER
RALLY

PPS

The practice of letting Tyres down post scrutineering is not allowed and the
minimum Pressure is 22psi for RTV.

The Maximum tyre diameter is 33 inch for ARC

Bye For Now,

Max Bob

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**



Sunday 24th October 2004,

Minstead Manor farm



MIKE WOLFE CHALLENGE 3

Any make of a Land Rover Off-Road vehicle equipped with
a winch!

**All vehicle occupants must be 'Properly' seated &
wear an approved seat belt at all times.**

**All vehicles must comply with the Road Traffic Act,
have an MOT, be Roadworthy and have a
serviceable towing or recovery point, front and
rear.**

Site opens 8.45 am – 9.30am for signing on and
scrutineering finishes at 9.45am

Event starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.15pm
with a mandatory lunch break - Entry Fee:
£35.00 per vehicle, Membership cards must be
presented at signing on.

Contact N. Barker for details (07909 973763)

Daytime and (01428 653795 up to 8.30pm)

E Mail nigelbarker@btopenworld.com

MARSHALS NEEDED CONTACT MAX

BOB 01243 430070



Hants & Berks Rover Owners presents
Saturday 14th August 2004
Minstead Manor Farm



CLUB ONLY OFF-ROAD DRIVING DAY

Any make of a Land Rover 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 passengers sitting in the front seats must be at least 14 years of age. Passengers who occupy the rear seats of the vehicle must not be less than 2 years of age, any child under 4 years must be seated in a CE approved "child seat".

All vehicles must comply with the Road Traffic Act, have an MOT, be roadworthy and have a serviceable towing or recovery point front and rear.

This event is being run in a Pay and Play format hence Maximum speed on site will be 10 MPH There will be areas that are taped off for safety / other competition use.

Marshals will be roving to assist in recovery as required.

General direction of travel will be advised on the day of the event (Either clockwise or Anti-clockwise)

Note: there are NO toilet facilities on Site

Site open from 10.00 till 15.00 hrs see map elsewhere in magazine
Entry Fee: £15.00 per vehicle. (This event is open only to fully paid up HBRO Club members.) All drivers must sign-in and out.

Membership cards must be presented at signing on.

Please check website www.hbro.co.uk for latest information, or call
01243 430070.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of Hants & Berks Rover Owners will be held on:

Saturday 30th October at 6.30pm
Queens Hotel, Selbourne

This is the chance to have your say, and get involved in how **YOUR** club is managed -

- ? Are you happy with the type/quantity of events being run, or how the club spends its money etc?
- ? Are you happy with the club's Constitution – do you feel it needs to be changed at all?
- ? Do you think you could help with any aspect of running the club

All current committee members have to stand down, so nominations are required for all positions (prior to the meeting). If you want to know more about any position (details inside front cover), please speak to the committee who will be happy to explain what is required.

Please support this important event in the club's calendar. A buffet and quiz will be provided for after the meeting.



ARC National Rally 2004 action. Photo Angela Ellis

Tyro Trial Ingram's Green, Midhurst. 3rd & 4th July.

This event is aimed at novice and inexperienced drivers. You must be a minimum of 13 years old to enter. All drivers without a current driving licence must be accompanied by a competent licence holder.

3rd July Setting out Tyro at Ingram's Green.

4th July Tyro at Ingram's Green. COC---- N.Reid, Chief Marshal---- Mr Ed.Scrutineer E.Jonsson

NO CAMPING , NO TOILETS, £15 Per entry and 15 entries max

Where is it?

Woodlands, Ingram's Green, Midhurst

West Sussex. GU29 0LJ Grid Ref SU 843200

Event Starts at 10:30.

Scrutineering and signing on at 9:30.

Use the map below or the description opposite.

Please read the competition regulations inside the back cover.

Detailed "How to get there" instructions on next page.....



How to get there...

We went to Ingram's Green last year sometime again for a tyro so you should have some directions Map 197 grid ref 842200 or is it 200842

Any way its between Petersfield and Midhurst so if you end up in Yorkshire, then the grid ref is the other way round!

From Petersfield drive through Trotton (over traffic lighted Narrow Bridge) Then 2nd turn on Right towards Lower Elstead. Follow this road for 1/2 mile and Turn Left toward Didling. Over Disused Railway bridge and Site is just past Neil Read's House on Right (The grid Ref is on Neil's House)

Social Side

A skittles evening has been booked for the 3 July 2004 which starts 7p.m. at The Whistle Stop PH at Liss in Hampshire, just a couple of miles to the north of Petersfield.. The Pub is in the middle of the village about 100 metres from the railway station and opposite the One Stop. Teams will consist of four members all depending how many people will turn up. The cost is £7.95p with a

hot buffet. We are catering for 20 people. If you would like to book your place in advance please let me know.

Regards

Maureen Keen

Social Secretary



RTV Trial at Nelly's Dell with camping.

July 31st - 1st Aug 2004

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 come along and help out with the site clearance for the RTV.

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.

CoC - R. Friend, Chief Marshal - Max Bob.

Scrutineering starts at 08:45

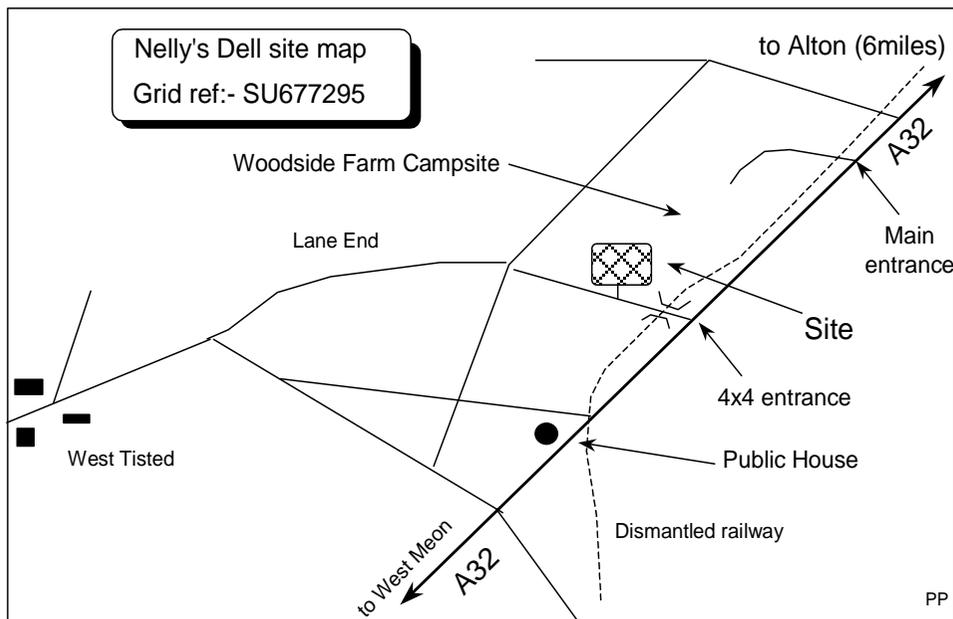
Drivers / nav's briefing 09:45.

Marshals briefing 09:45

Event starts at 10:00.

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

Camping available, NO TOILETS



14th August members Pay+Play. 15th August RTV. Minstead

Trial Site.

The easiest approach to the trial site, for those who are not camping / caravanning is:- Take M27 southbound, continue past the end of the M27, up the hill and past the Minstead turning. After the Southern Electricity Board (SEB) depot, approximately ½ mile there is a Q8 petrol station and Little Chef. Immediately after this turn left to Stoney Cross. Follow this road for approximately 2 miles where you will see the usual HBRO arrows. Grid: SU277095.

Camping.

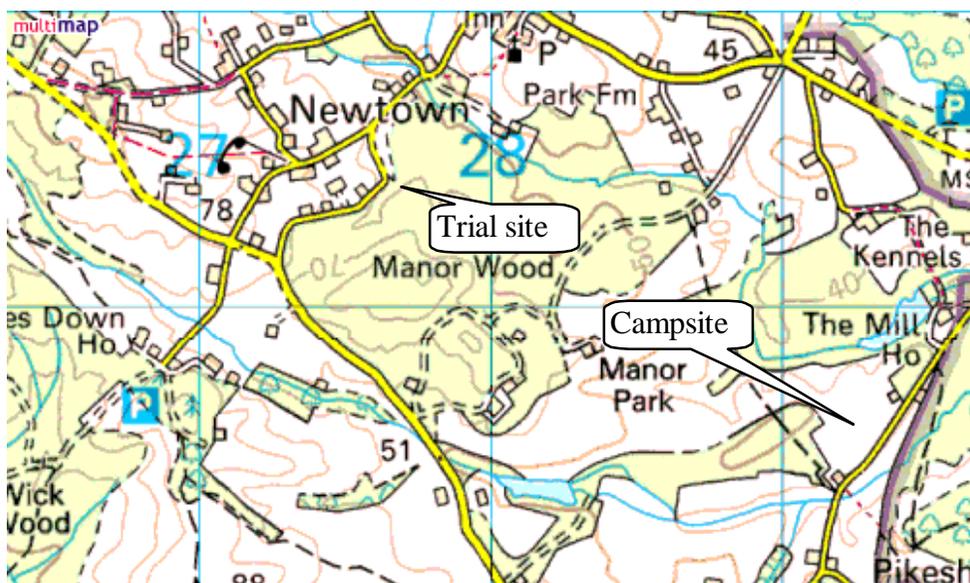
Do not approach the camp site from the same direction as the trial site, particularly if you are towing a caravan. There is some very restrictive traffic calming.

Take the last junction from the M27 south bound and head towards Lindhurst on the A337. After approximately 2 miles fork right to Bunkers Hill and Emery Down, follow this road for a further ½ mile. The camp site is on your right. The site is not sign posted, but there will be the usual HBRO arrows. Grid: SU292094. Approx.

Members drive day - COC - N. Tomlinson, Scrutineer D.Howard

RTV - 15th August.

Camping available, NO TOILETS, £15 Per entry



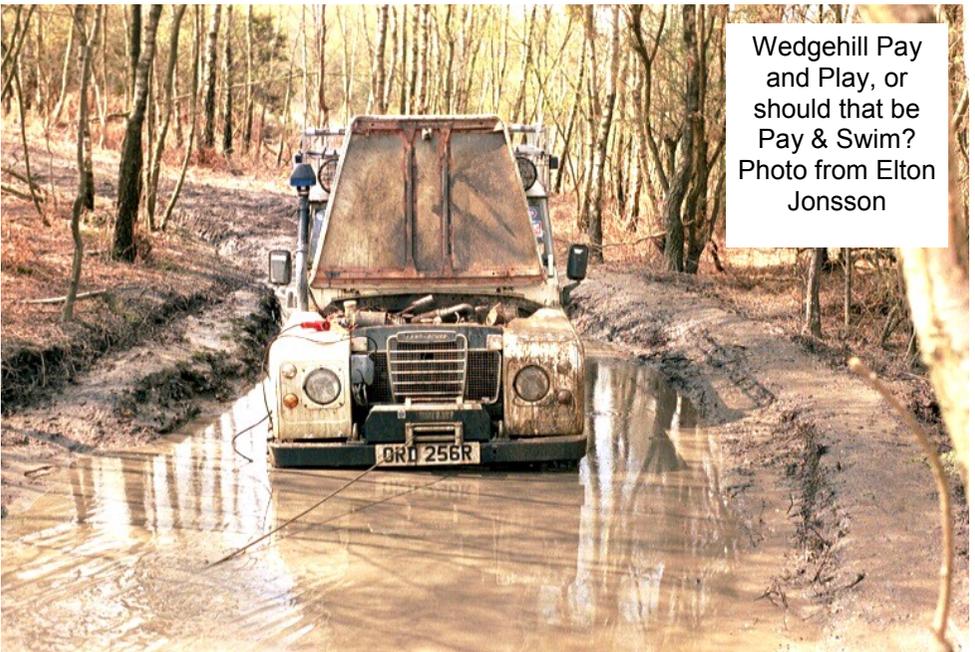


Wedgehill Pay
and Play. Elton
Jonsson's pride
and joy.





Green Lining, Pepperbox Hill, Salisbury - Start of the day Highly motivated crowd look on as Derek Powell executes rain dance. Photo from Elton Jonsson



Wedgehill Pay and Play, or should that be Pay & Swim? Photo from Elton Jonsson

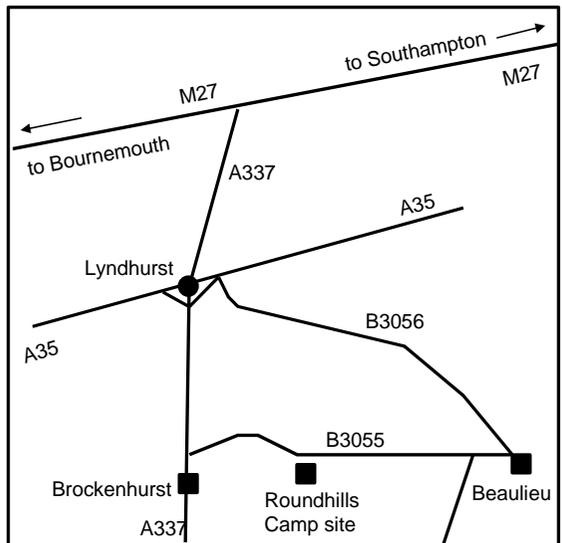


Green laning, Apr 4th. Arne Jonsson goes for it. Picture from Elton Jonsson

Social Side

Roundhills has been booked for the 9/10 July 2004 (15 pitches are provisionally booked) this is the same weekend as the Beaulieu 4X4. We would welcome more than 15 (this just a starting number). Please do not leave to the last minute to reserve a pitch. The cost is £10 a night. Please e-mail me if you want to book in advance. Hope to see you there.

Regards
 Maureen Keen
 Social Secretary



Nelly's Dell Gymkhana 12.6.04

	Team Name	1	2	3	4	5		Total	Position
Kiran + Rav Raval	Raval	0.34	54	1.06	1.46	1900		70	1st Overall
Zoe Raval + Sam Parker	Grillies	0.48	62	1.11	1.27	1500		118	2nd Overall
N.Read+ M.Jeffery	Uper Inch	0.31	13	1.05	1.5	1500		179	
Nial + Tracey Banyard	Morgan	0.42	90	0.54	3.06	1000		292	
Elton Jonsson + Roy Friend	Last Hurrah	0.44	73	2.01	2.32	2000		382	
Max Bob + Sarah Bridger	Sneezy + Dopey	0.33	141	1.09	2.37	0		400	
COC									
	Jenny Davis								
SOM									
	Jenny Davis								
SCRUTINEER									
	R.Davis + A.Jonsson								
CHIEF MARSHAL									
	H.Duffet								
Setting Out									
	Jenny + Hugh								
Event 1									
	Spanner off the ground								
Event 2									
	Parking on the peg								
Event 3									
	Judge the Gate								
Event 4									
	Golf								
Event 5									
	Wet Wet Wet								
Driving Day 13.6.04									
COC									
	M.Jeffery								
SOM									
	Bob Davis								
SCRUTINEER									
	D.Howard								
CHIEF MARSHAL									
	B.Brown								
Marshals									
	E.Jonsson,A.Jonsson,Bill Brown,Ben Brown, N.Jennings								
Setting Out									
	M.Jeffrey.Max Bob,E.Jonsson,A.Jonsson								
Thankyou to all those who helped set out and competed (An excellent and most enjoyable weekend)									

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DISCO 4th December 2004

DINNER AT 7 P.M. AT THE ALTON GRANGE HOTEL, LONDON ROAD,
ALTON HAMPSHIRE
TEL NO. 01420 86565 FAX NO 01420 541246
E'MAIL INFOR@ALTONGRANGE.CO.UK
WEBSITE WWW.ALTONGRANGE/CO.UK

Dear Members

The Christmas Dinner & Disco has been booked for the above venue. We are limited to 120 people. Please let me know ASAP to reserve your place/s so numbers can be counted. If you require accommodation would you please book direct on the above numbers etc.

The Committee have decided to go for menu 2 at £24.50 per person. See menu below.

I know this is a bit early to think about; we have to book now, as these places are quickly taken. See menu on next page.

Regards
Maureen Keen

NELLY'S DELL 12/13 JUNE GYMKHANA, MEMBERS ONLY DRIVE ROUND & CAMPING WEEKEND

Nelly's always holds special memories for Dennis and myself as this was one of our first camping events as new members.

Angela & Ed introduced us to Hants & Barks and we are very pleased they did.

We had a good week-end at Nelly's last weekend with a Gymkhana on the Saturday & a communal BBQ in the evening. Zoe came up with a good idea, may be we should have a Quiz? as there was not one prepared for this event. As wiz people, a suggestion was made, each person would put a question in a hat with Dennis calling out the questions. I can not remember who won, as there was no prizes to be won as we did not have anything. The weather was good which is a bonus for camping. The Drive around day on the Sunday was very successful for the club with 25 turning up. I hope to see you at the Skittle's evening on the 4 July.

Regards

Maureen Keen
Social Secretary



CHRISTMAS DINNER & DISCO

£24:50 per person menu.

Pressed Terrine of Chicken, Shallots & Herbs, Tomato
Chutney

Celeriac & Apple Soup Laced with Truffle Oil

Salad of Marinated Artichokes, Prawn, Sweet Peppers
& Mixed Leaves

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Roast Stuffed Breast of Turkey with Festive
Accompaniments

Baked Fillet of Cod, Casserole of White Beans &
Vegetables

Braised Onion Filled with Mediterranean Cous Cous,
Sweet Pepper & Herb Dressing

~ ~ ~

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Grand Marnier Parfait, Chocolate Sorbet

Cheddar & Stilton with Grapes & Biscuits

~ ~ ~

Coffee

TYRO HELP NEEDED

We have just booked for a Tyro Trial at Ingram's Green (Between Petersfield & Midhurst), (Map 197 Grid Refs 842-200)

The event will be open to a maximum of 15 competitors on Sunday 4th of July We need help to clear the site for the sections on Saturday 3rd July and dependant on how many areas we clear will give us our Full 8 section trial

I need some helpers on the 26th of June to remove Stumps and downed trees (so saws and winches can be put to good test) see you there at 10,00am

Please contact me on 01243 430070 to volunteer to help and to compete (Please note it's a first come (PRE BOOKED) first served basis on the competition side)

MAX BOB

CALLING for a New COMPETITION Sec

Your Club needs a new Comp sec as I am about to resign.

Oh No I hear you all say what shall we do all is lost. (Or is that a loud cheer I hear)

The dreaded work commitment has caught me up and from the end of July the committee will need extra help in running the events. I have enjoyed the role of comp sec and I feel that we have run more events in the last 12 months than ever before. (Hopefully we have run the types of event the membership wants)

All bar 1 of the events up to End of December are fully documented so its just the organising of people and equipment that's required.

I still have a month left and would like to hand over the mantel to a willing volunteer who would stand up for the post in the October AGM.

Please stand up and be counted and if you are interested contact me.

Maximum Bob
Comp sec

Winch Bitch and all that ..(Team 1 C RED)

What a great Nationals in Derbyshire, overlooking Carsington Reservoir. Well OK I did bring the rain, but only for an hour or two on the Saturday morning for the RTV, then it cleared up and contributed to a memorable weekend. But less of that and more of the winching.

Neil (Read) Mr Viagra to his mates, convinced Kiwi Wayne (K1W1) and yours truly (Mr Ed) to enter the winch challenge at the Nationals. After all there was a Superwinch to win. Now some of you may recall last year's Nationals, the winch challenge was a little tame. This year we hoped for more of the same, should be a doodle, a winch in the park. WRONG. Not your HBRO Challenge type event, but none the less, thought provoking, physically taxing and damned hard work.



Format, well teams of two vehicles, one winch, three players. (a winch operator, enter Mr Viagra, and two winch bitches stage left and right K1W1 and Mr Ed.)

The competition: well 5 sections in all, one hour allocated for each section including travelling time between sections. Here's the catch each section had to be undertaken twice. Twenty minutes allocated for each attempt, with a 5-minute break between each attempt, 15 minutes to travel to the next section and prepare oneself.

A maximum of 500 points for each section, time penalties for finishing late and other misdemeanours. Oh and you could rent equipment from the marshals at a points penalty.

Pre-event scrutineering was thorough, vehicles and kit, as was the pre-

start briefing. A map and instructions was handed out and off we trundled. Mr V in his 90 with the all new more powerful Mile Marker PTO pump driven winch, Mr Ed in his beautiful blue, showroom condition Range Rover sporting an elegant flag of St George; and K1W1 in bringing along the supporters in his Rangie bearing a black and white flag of dubious origin (ok New Zealand). (Much bigger than the flag of St George, but of course in no way matching the quality.)

With 5 sections to complete, that meant we would be on the go for 5 hours, big dehydration problem, so an additional tanker of water was ordered, (thanks Angela and George.)

The first section was not good for us; team I C RED. (Well at least that was the mist that descended over my eyes as I puffed and panted in and out of the mud with the winch rope and tyres and kit. We had to construct an Arial runway across a stinking muddy pond between the vehicles, and then transport two 750s and two large plastic pipes across the water without getting them wet. First attempt, 20 minutes seemed like 5, felt like an eternity. We scored 145 points; second attempt slightly better, 385 points, we finished in time but we got the goods wet and lost points because of that. Already tired, legs and lungs aching.

At least the next section would be easier. Pull the non-winch vehicle through and RTV type section. Anchor points, we had to make do with a few rocky outcrops, (dolomitic limestone for the geologists amongst us) or we could rent a ground anchor. We made do with the rocks, but were out of time the first attempt, and managed to struggle a maximum 500 on the second run. Oh and it was all up hill, so lots of running up and down to re-align the strops and kit.

Section three, was to manoeuvre a telegraph pole into a position and raise it to the vertical using winch and vehicles, then lower between two gates, finally returning it into its starting position. Once again we blobbed, by a short hair on the first attempt and scored another maximum the second time around. The solution was to tie three ropes to the top of the pole plus the winch wire. Fix the bottom of the pole against a rock. Winch in and up the pole rises, use two ropes and two winch bitches to steady the pole. When vertical, lower away with the three ropes, letting the winch wire fall loose. Brilliant and so easy. But against the clock.....well not so easy.

Section 4 was quite simple; pull a railway sleeper through a series of gates, down and up hill. Easy as pie.....ah no talking. Ho hummmmm. Its amazing how easy things are when you can talk, not so good when it's all in grunts and hand signals. K1W1 got cross with Mr Ed, but of course he didn't hear anything said. Mr Ed got wound up with Mr V, but he heard none of it and K1W1 got cramp in both hands.....no not that sort of cramp. Although that's what we called him, but he didn't hear it either.....nor did the marshals. We scored 480 the first time, and 480 the second time. Incredibly frustrating, but we learnt a lot.

Last section of the day, haul a Fiat Panda, or whatever it was across a log bridge, back down a couple of planks and back to its' starting point. No walking on the bridge, or down the planks. Hey brilliant, we scored maximum



points both times.

Finished at last after 5 hours, no walk in the park, but good fun none the less and we learnt a lot about team work.

The evening presentations, well they were in the beer tent, what else can I say, except to say that team I C RED came third over all. Thanks to Neil and Wayne and thanks to P&D LRC for a well thought out event.

Mr Ed

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**

Not quite Alistair Cook (A letter from America)

Well goodness me its been 6 months since I departed Blighty and headed to New York, courtesy of United Airways best 767. The trip was short enough not to serve lime so thankfully scurvy has been avoided.

So here I am, although having said that I think I have crossed the "pond" as are septic cousins refers to it several times now, oddly enough mostly to get a Land Rover fix. And of course to bring rain and pestilence (lest I not be reminded by Max Bob and Nige again).

So how about Land Rovers here, well I have emailed several clubs and been onto various web sites, but unfortunately no response as yet.

There are quite a few of the best 4x4 around, mostly Disco's and Rangies, of course all V8s, none of your diesel for the good 'ole boys. Not while gas is about GNP1.10 a gallon I suspect.

As one would expect Jeeps, and pick-up trucks and Hummers are the thing. In Down Town NY, they are stretched. Now a Hummie is ugly, as we all know, but a stretched one the length of a double decker bus is.....Well it certainly isn't a work of art.

Oh and speaking of Hummers, there is a crisis in America, so I would like you all to support the American economy. Apparently the Americans are worried about the increasing cost of gas. Now link that with the fuel consumption of the Hummie, about 11 to the gallon. Yes you have worked it out, a 25% slump in sales. So that makes them a bargain at the moment. To increase their revenue the manufactures have now started a new advertising campaign. All Hummer garages now displays a very large, like 60ft giant "H" outside the dealership.

Come on Land Rover keep up a big yellow LR on the forecourt would be just great.....

And now for something completely different. On my last trip home, and yes this is a moan, I did a little bit of laning down some of my old favourites in the Petersfield area. I was greatly saddened to see that a few more lanes had been closed and some are becoming increasingly overgrown or in need of some TLC. Maybe there is something we can or should do about this if we want to keep a hold on our limited access to the countryside.

Ah well better get my head down, order another bagel and salute the flag.

Toodle pip y'all
An Englishman in New York.

Capture your best off-roading moment on canvas.



Commission me to paint your landrover from a photo.

A superb gift for the enthusiast who has everything.

An original signed painting, acrylic on canvas created by a local artist.

Jasen Barker (club member and enthusiast)

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ARC National Rally 2004 action. Photo Angela Ellis



ARC National Rally 2004

It has been quite sometime since I have written anything for the mag, but having just come back from the Nationals, I felt compelled to put pen to paper (or rather fingers to keys!). This year, the event was hosted by Peak and Dukeries Land Rover Club at Meadow Farm, Carsington in Derbyshire. And what a weekend we had!

Ian and I travelled up on Friday morning (minus the children..... yeah!!!) and arrived just after lunch to the first few spits of rain. Unfortunately, we had not repacked the tent parts correctly after returning from the HBRO Alpine Tour in 2002 (yes, it has been that long since we last camped under canvas) and I had to use my newly acquired Scouting skills to make some modifications to be able to put the tent up. Tricia ably assisted us but Phil was otherwise engaged with more important activities!

Some HBRO members were already there, including, Neil (it's not cold really, especially in my dark maroon 'feely' fleecel!) Read, Roy and Sally, who had towed up Sam and Gary's comp motor (they had married just the week before), Jean and Paul (although I believe they have now defected to the "Hants and Berks ROC"!), Hugh and Sarah and Janet and Russell. The rest of the menagerie joined us later. Nick and Wendy, after their very long journey. Kiwi Wayne with all three children in tow (how did you manage that Jeannie?! Hope you had a good holiday!). Ed (who we heard had eventually been released by customs and it is not surprising after the wears he produced from his luggage! I must say that Wayne's was bigger than yours though!), Angela, George, Rachael and one of her friends, Emily. Matt in his (not for much longer) trusty "MOG". JJ (help me put up my small tent lads) Barney and Sophie. Their friends Chris and his wife (sorry I don't know your name even though we chatted quite a lot on Sunday!). Mark Furnell and Family. And not forgetting Mark Ambler and crew, who had somehow managed to convince the folks on the gate that they were going to drop off the motors they had in tow and park up the lorry in the trailer area. But in true Ambler style he left the lorry in the camping area and had the biggest set of caravan steps I have ever seen!

Tricia, Phil, Ian and me got a bit fed up with the rain by the evening and headed off for the beer tent. There we had a few drinks, like you do, a bit of a boogie, although Phil was more than a little resistant, Tricia forced a pen out of the DJ under false pretences, then we all staggered back to the tent with Nick and Wendy. It was that night we found out that they turned the lights off at the most inconvenient moments.

Saturday saw a very early start for the RTVers, with the briefing (supposedly) starting at 8.15am..... or thereabouts! HBRO had quite a number entered for this event; Angela and Roy, Wayne and George, Neil and Ed, Hugh and Sarah, Matt, Paul and Nick, James Mann and Co and I am sure a few others that I have not listed here. Hopefully by the time you read this, there will be photos of most of you on the website. Ian certainly got a soaking in his effort to ensure he had a photo of all HBRO RTV entries to put onto the website. The

Team Recovery event was also held on the Saturday, with one team from HBRO entered. That comprised of JJ Walker and Chris Bowler but they had to retire when Chris lost reverse gear. With the mist rolling in, the spectacular views over the countryside were rapidly disappearing, but the competitors were undeterred, and carried on despite getting very wet during the morning. However, the afternoon saw a different story, and it came out glorious. And that is basically how the weather stayed for the rest of the weekend.

Saturday was retro night in the beer tent, which was not such a hit with us all (or was it lack of beer!), but was a good chance to catch up with Dave and Maureen Ridgen who we had not seen for some time. Knowing we had an early start, Ian and I lay off the beer and headed for bed at a reasonable (ish) hour.

Sunday, and Ian and me were raring to go for the CCV. Ian was passengering Matt, and I was in with Mark Ambler. This was the first time I had had the opportunity to take part in a CCV Trial, and was certainly put through my paces. My nerves had already started the day before when Mark and Mark had 'fitted' me into the seat belt (having wedged myself into the racing seat), but now on the day I was wondering what I had let myself in for. There were some fairly hefty side slopes (not my favourite thing) and big holes with stingers in! But I needn't have worried and felt very confident with Marks driving skills as the day went on. I was a little concerned by his memory loss on the start gate of some sections, though, and began to realise why he needed his passenger (or should I use the correct term of navigator!) Ian also had great fun with Matt, although where I have sore shoulders, Ian has a sore backside from being in a leafer all day! What also made the day so good were the marshals we had (Eric from C&D who had his badge on!), who were great fun, and the rest of our group who really got into the spirit of the event. When the 90 rolled on the first section, it was the competitors and supporters who pulled together to get them sorted as quickly as possible, including Chris' wife, who checked out the passenger's nose and had to fish out all the oil covered tapes from the grass! (Moral of the story – don't have anything loose in your vehicle, especially tow ropes and shackles!)

We celebrated in style over dinner and then headed for the beer tent with the 'Winch Boys' (Ed, Neil and Wayne), Angela, Tricia and Phil. After the 'Boys' collected their trophies (3rd in the event – well done!) we headed back to the Ellis abode, deciding that Ed's duty free was more preferable to Karaoke (can't really work out why Hugh didn't want to do 'Delilah' with Tricia!) We slept well that night!

Monday morning, another fantastic sunny day, and I was greeted by Hugh who asked if I wanted to do a couple of the comp laps with him. Roy mentioned something to do with Popes and Catholics (but failed to mention it was his birthday that day), and off I went to sign on! Sporting some bruises from the previous day, I knew the comp would be even bumpier. Sarah did the first two laps, having walked the course the night before, so that Hugh didn't get lost with me in tow! I then sat in for the next two laps. Having never worn a helmet with intercom before, it was a bit of a novelty to listen to Hugh's heavy breathing (and other noises!) as clear as day while racing around the course (although he

had to listen to me going on too!). And boy was it bumpy! They had used a lot of the trials sections in between the straights and we were thrown around for most of the drive. It also gave me a bird's eye view of a spectacular roll as someone tried to overtake us and race away. Sarah then sat in again for the last lap. By the next day (and the day after, and the day after that!!), I was pretty glad I had only done the two laps.

In all, it was a fantastic weekend. Good weather, excellent site with good facilities (the beer tent and DJ are worth a mention here!) and above all, brilliant company. P&D laid on a great rally. Sure, there were the usual gripes about waiting around and so on, but overall they were well sorted. So big thanks must go out to them for organising the event and the marshals and so on that made the event possible. Me and Ian also have several personal thanks to others for such a great weekend; our parents mainly (so we didn't have to take the boys!), Tricia and Phil for the use of their facilities and particularly Tricia for providing a lunch delivery service to the CCV (Mark did enjoy the sandwiches!), Nick, Wendy, Jean and (especially) Paul for the entertainment on Saturday night (I never knew you could have so much fun with a Coleman lamp!), Mark and Matt for letting us passenger them in the CCV (had to be my highlight of the weekend), Hugh and Sarah for letting me have a couple of rounds with Mike Tyson and all the rest of the die hard HBRO' ers who made this an unforgettable weekend.

Sam Parker

ARC National Rally 2004.

An RTV entry waves a back wheel in a hole that was deeper than it looked.



Hants & Berks Rover Owners

Committee Meeting - 10th May '04

Present: Hugh Duffett Jenny Davis Sarah Bridger
 Bob Davis Maureen Keen

Apologies:
 Nick Woodage Nick Jennings
 Steve Kirby Tricia Jacobs

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of last meeting were accepted. Jenny to forward to Steve for publication **Action JD**

Outstanding Previous Actions

Investigations from Corporation tax still ongoing **Action SB**
Derek to arrange briefing for pub meet **Action DP**
Documentation of committee policies **Action JD**
Tyro Entry Form to be designed **Action BD/JD**
Derek to speak to John J ref pay & play site in Wales **Action DP**
Bob has details of a member offering to arrange a social - details to be passed to Maureen **Action BD**

Chairman's Report

Hugh congratulated all involved for the last minute change of venue for the May day w/e

Wessex LR have enquired about advertising rates for the magazine. The current rates were agreed several years ago, so after discussion, all agreed new rates of £75/half page and £125/full page. Sarah commented that no renewal for Greaves 4x4 has been received. Jenny to contact. **Action JD**

Secretary's Report

An acknowledgement has been received from Basingstoke Hospice re monies donated for Veronica Crisp.

Entry forms and details received of Major's Memorial Trial. Jenny to scan details and send to Steve for mag. **Action JD**

Treasurer's Report

Lloyds bank forms returned to be sent off for new signatories

Competition Secretary's Report

Bob requested to place an order for some new shields at a cost of £400. All agreed **Action BD**

Calendar - it has been confirmed that no future events can be held at Froxfield, so alternative sites/dates were discussed. Bob to update revised calendar **Action BD**

Bob suggested that Nigel Barker be invited to next committee meeting to discuss the Challenge Event as it will be in Alton and gives us plenty of time to prepare. All agreed. **Action BD**

PDR- due to the recent loss of land, Bob proposed to change the PDR planned for Minstead to a RTV & PP. All agreed. Bob to get permits

Action BD

Trailer - there has been some damage (approx £12) Bob to purchase spares and repair. Bob suggested having a large "ammo box" fitted to the front of the trailer for the smaller items & general extra storage. All agreed - Bob to obtain **Action BD**

Challenge Event - the classes and scoring system were discussed. KCC to be asked to make a contribution to the Land Cost as sponsorship.

Membership Secretary's Report

Currently have 289 Ordinary members, of which 24 are unpaid. These are all from March & April, so should be picked up with reminder letters.

Rights of Way Officer's Report

Nothing to Report

Social Secretary's Report

Xmas Party - Maureen has heard nothing from the suggested Alton site. Suggested she contact Grange Hotel, Alton as possibility. **Action MK**
12/13 June Summer Social at Nelly's - club to supply quiz, BBQ and charcoal.

Special Events Report

Nothing to report

Any Other Business

Hugh raised the question as to whether or not we should have a shield for the best "lady driver" at every RTV, to encourage more ladies to compete in these events? After much discussion, it was agreed to promote the Summer Series trophy better, and review the situation after that. Hugh to include in his magazine article and ask for comments. **Action HD**

KERR ropes - the committee have decided to remain with the current position of "all recoveries should be managed by approved people", and take no further action at this time, until more guidance is issued from the MSA.



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MIDLAND ROVER OWNER'S CLUB

Invites you to

THE 6th MAJOR'S MEMORIAL TRIAL



10th – 12th September 2004

This national inter club event is a **team event** which is to be held at **Eastnor Deer Park, Nr Ledbury** on the weekend of the 11th & 12th September 2004. The trial will be run over both days with up to 20 sections.

There are no classes for the **Major's Trial**. Teams of three drivers representing their club will compete over the weekend for the Major's Trophy, the "**ROSE BOWL**" and a shield is presented for the highest placed team driving **standard vehicles**. There will be a maximum of five (5) teams from any one club.

Also the now well-established Ladies Trophy awarded to the best all female team.

Please note that this trial is a competition to test the driving skills of the best **CCVT drivers in the country** and is not recommended for the inexperienced.

THE ENTRY FEE FOR EACH TEAM WILL BE £130.00

This event must be PRE-BOOKED
THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS THE 15th of JULY 2004
Please reply ASAP

Please send entries to:

David Gregory, Eversleigh, Langley Road, Lower Penn, South Staffordshire, WV4 4XX
Tel: 01902 763209 or 07740 543708

Please do not phone after 10pm

Camping is available in the Deer Park, fees as follows:
£10.00 per unit per night Payable on arrival.

Sunday night is available by arrangement with the Deer Park.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FROM THE ROAD INTO THE DEER PARK.

Events Timetable:

Friday 10 th	The campsite in the Deer Park will open at 12 noon. Scrutineering and signing-on will be held from 4.00 pm – 8.30 pm.
Saturday 11 th	Scrutineering and signing-on 7.15 am – 8.15 am. Trial starts 8.30 am
Sunday 12 th	Trial restarts 8.00 am.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

You will be requested to sign-on at rally control when you arrive, where you will be issued with competition numbers. Score cards will be issued when the vehicle has passed Scrutineering.

For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let the editor know when a sale is complete so we don't keep printing an out of date ad each month. I know I forget sometimes so you may need to remind me more than once! Please help potential customers by quoting location (nearest large well-known town), phone number with full national dialling code, fax, e-mail, etc in your adverts. All the following adverts are dated with their first month of publication. When they become 3 months old, they will be deleted unless the "owners" renew them! Please don't just leave an old advert to "time-out", Thanx.

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

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

Bits & pieces

- * Front and rear bumpers for discovery (about 1990), corner pieces nearly new. £10 each bumper. Also side-steps for discovery £10 pair. Roof rack bars with locking mechanism, were £120 new last year now £60. Tel eves Jim or Brenda Taylor 0118 9775748 mob 07710 596582. Email TAYLORMBREN@aol.com (MAY04)
- * Second hand parts, mechanical and body panels for two-door Range Rover, Series 2 and Series 3 Land Rover. Too many items to list. Please phone Nigel Warne on 01489-860122 for details. (Darley, near Bishop's Waltham.) (MAY04).
- * SUPERWINCH H14W PTO driven winch and bumper to fit Defender. This is one MEGA powerful winch. Includes complete PTO mechanism, roller fairlead, driveline with good condition U/Js, bearings and mounting brackets. Note: NO cable included due to old cable becoming unserviceable, but details of an excellent supplier are available on request. Currently configured for an LT77/ LT230 on a 1986 90 but could easily be modified for other gear/transfer box combinations. Includes a bound copy of Superwinch fitting instructions and torque wrench adaptor for setting up the safety clutch mechanism. £800. Contact Adrian Bourne on 01252 663540 e-mail a.bourne@connectfree.co.uk (Fleet). (MAY04)
- * Roof rack and bike carrier. Brownchurch full length galvanised roof rack for Disco. Very solid and adaptable. vgc. £200 or reasonable offer. Simbars 4 bike rack for Disco. vgc. Easily removable when not required. £50 ono. Bug Wrightson. (07778) 935010 or (023) 9246 9857 (weekends). Hayling Island

bug@sidz.fsnet.co.uk . (APR04)

- * Wheels and tyres. I have two sets of 5 for sale. One set of General Grabber SAG on 7x16 white spokes and one set of Firestone SAT on 6x16 Rostyle. Both sets complete with tubes and lots of tread . £200 per set. I also have a rear parcel shelf with lift up lid in beige to fit 200-300 disco. Also 2 sets of carburettors for Rover V8, i.e. 1 pair of SU's and 1 twin choke Weber and air filter [metal] both sets including inlet manifold. Also electronic dizzy for V8 including brand new never used carbon leads. Also Jackall highlift jack 4'. Range rover halfshafts a pair of rears. I'm open to offers on the unpriced items above. Nick Woodage 01730 894418 / 07850408161. nicholas.woodage@ntlworld.com (APR04)

Vehicles for Sale

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 March 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.

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 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.

25th-26th	SEPT	ABINGDON 4x4 Festival	Abingdon	Yes
2nd-3rd	OCT	Rickshaw Ramble		
9th-10th	OCT	<i>Old Sodbury</i>		
17th	OCT	Chippy Challenge	Nelly's	Yes
24th	OCT	Challenge event	Minstead	
30th-31st	OCT	Green laning		Yes
30th		HBRO AGM	Queens at SELBOURNE	
6th 7th	NOV	RTV	Hook End	
20th-21st	NOV	Roadmaster		
4th-5th	DEC	Xmas meal /Green laning	GRANGE ALTON	No
11th	DEC	PP	Nelly's	
11th-12th	DEC	RTV	Nelly's	No

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).

CALENDAR				
DATE		EVENT	LOCATION	CAMPING
3rd-4th	JULY	TYRO and Skittles Evening	Midhurst	NO
10th-11th	JULY	Roundhills Camping (Beauliea Show)	New Forest	Yes
17th - 18th	JULY	<i>LRE Show (16th-18th)</i>		Yes
1st	AUG	RTV	Nelly's	Yes
14th	AUG	Member PP	Minstead	Yes
15th	AUG	RTV	Minstead	Yes
21st-22nd	AUG	Green Laning		
30th	AUG	TYRO	Bow Hill	Yes
29th		RTV	Bow Hill	Yes
4th-5th	SEPT	<i>LRO Show (4th-5th)</i>		Yes
18th-19th	SEPT	BELGIUM NATIONAL		Yes