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Action from the Mike Wolfe Challenge 2004.



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Editor's bit....



From the news coming in the Christmas dinner went well but no photographic evidence of the risqué activities have been released yet. Does the 30 year rule apply to club dinners? We do, however, have some shots from the annual awards ceremony, as can be seen in the pictorial report elsewhere in this issue.

I've included some more of the Mike Wolfe Challenge event number 3 pictures, some of the rubber-wear... Oh, that's the Christmas dinner...

This month...

Regulars:-

- Duffett's Dirty Dottings
- Competition Secretary's Report.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes from the secretary.
- Permits Officer's Report.
- Special Events Officers report.
- Spares and Vehicles For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- Annual awards ceremony photos at the Christmas dinner
- More Mike Wolfe Challenge pix.

No, I was right the first time, some of the rubber-wear looks pretty serious, I must get along to one of these events. Perhaps we can get enough of the digital camera owners to select movie-mode and we'll put a compilation on video CD.

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 (unless you talk to me nicely !). 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. My e-mail addresses are:-

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Duffett's Dirty Dottings!!!!

Hello Again

I think this month's dottings are going to be a bit short as I have just realised this has to go to the printers early because of the festive season.

Talking of the festive season our Xmas do at the Grange went off very well although it was poorly attended which means that the Club has had to heavily subsidise the event. Are we doing something wrong? Or don't our members want to socialise? Please give us some feedback so that we can try and organise things that you want!!

The RTV trial at Nellies was well set out with some new twists which caught some drivers out, including the Chairman. It is good to see different people taking on the roles of COC and Chief Marshal – Thanks to Gary White and Mike Fitzgerald. It's a shame we did not have more drivers though – only eight of us in total. Am I getting paranoid about a lack of interest? Perhaps it's just a glitch. Anyway enough of my whinging – let's look forward to an EVENT FULL next year.

Finally, we are having to move the Club's equipment out of storage in the pigsty at Nellies as Mr Crisp needs the buildings for development. The Club has therefore bought a container in which all the equipment can now be housed including that which is in the old trailer. Hopefully, this will keep it safer and more protected from the elements.

Well that's all I have time for – got to meet the deadline.

Cheers for Now

Hugh Duffett

Competition Sec's Report

Thank you to all the members who gave up their time to help with the Roadmaster and Rickshaw Events.

The Rickshaw event took place in early October and was supported by 24 members of the club. Salisbury Plain was the venue for this event and we were accommodated in the camp used for Bad lads Army - both the day and night trails were set out and run by HBRO members with 45 competitors taking part. Sorry about the rather basic food which was due to a change of venue at the last minute. We can recommend the transport cafe on the A36 for breakfast.

Late November saw 12 members of the club travel up to Norfolk to run the trails for the Roadmaster Event. This event was well attended with 78 army crews. We also provided recovery support for this event, dealing with 2 rollovers and 1 head on into the trees.

The quote of the event was " I got my Pinzgauer stuck so the press could take some pictures" pity the young lady from the press was hanging on for dear life in the passenger seat.

Congratulations to JJ for receiving his award for long service to BAFMA.

Bob Birrell has asked me to thank the members who took part in Roadmaster and Rickshaw Events for the professional way we carried our tasks.

On Saturday 11th Nick Woodage run a drive round day at Nellies with the help of Bill Brown. Gary White and Mick Fitzgerald set out a 8 section RTV trial. The RTV was well set out and a very good day was had by all. Thank you to all who helped at the drive round and RTV days with out people volunteering to run these events they could not go ahead.

The next competitive event is at Brick Kiln and C.O.C. will be Chris Homewood but we are still looking for a Chief Marshall and Scrutineer so if any of you could help it would be much appreciated

Neil Tomlinson
Competition Secretary

Permits Officer's Bit

Nellies again, I hear you all saying, but it is still a very good site it has all the type of ground that we all love to drive on, mud, gravel, dirt and even trees to go over and under and sometimes around.

Saturday was a drive round day with Nick Woodage and Bill Brown doing their bit for the club, they had nine drivers going around the site on the Saturday.

The RTV was set out and run by Gary White and Mike Fitzgerald with some help from their sons and a few other club members who gave their time to help.

On the Sunday the weather was kind to us it was just a bit chilly, but dry, the sections set out by Gary and Mike made a few people think, wide gates, which side of the trees do we drive? it had them all thinking, the high scores showed how good the sections had be set out (nice one Gary & Mike).

The winner of the Range Rovers was Chris Homewood with 56 points some score, it's time like that I wish I was a competitor and not a marshal on the day but knowing my luck I would have come third.

I noticed that Chris said he would do the COC at the next event, is this just to get his own back on two other Range Rover drivers for setting out such devilish courses.

I noticed that on the day some of the drivers missed a few of the gates I hear that SPEC SAVERS are doing a good deal Who was that driver who was going forward one second and the next going backwards. He claimed that he did not stop he just change the direction that he was going in, the look on his face was a picture.

Well done to Andy Bridger for coming first in the class 4.(I missed how many points Andy scored) I would like to thank all who helped on the day, Looking forward to seeing lots of members at the next event (RTV event) I forgot that Richard is doing a Green laning day on the 27 Dec 2004. Any way the next event is at Brick Kiln Farm, so if any one would like to come along to help Chris set out on the Saturday 15 Jan 2005 the more the merrier. Otherwise come along on the Sunday and have a go, there is always a good walk in the fresh air around the site and one can even watch the steam trains as well

Happy New Year to all our members

Dennis Keen

RTV Trial

Brick Kiln Farm, Alton,

16th January 2005

RTV Winter Series.

Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	Chris Homewood
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	TBA
Sec of Meeting.	TBA

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

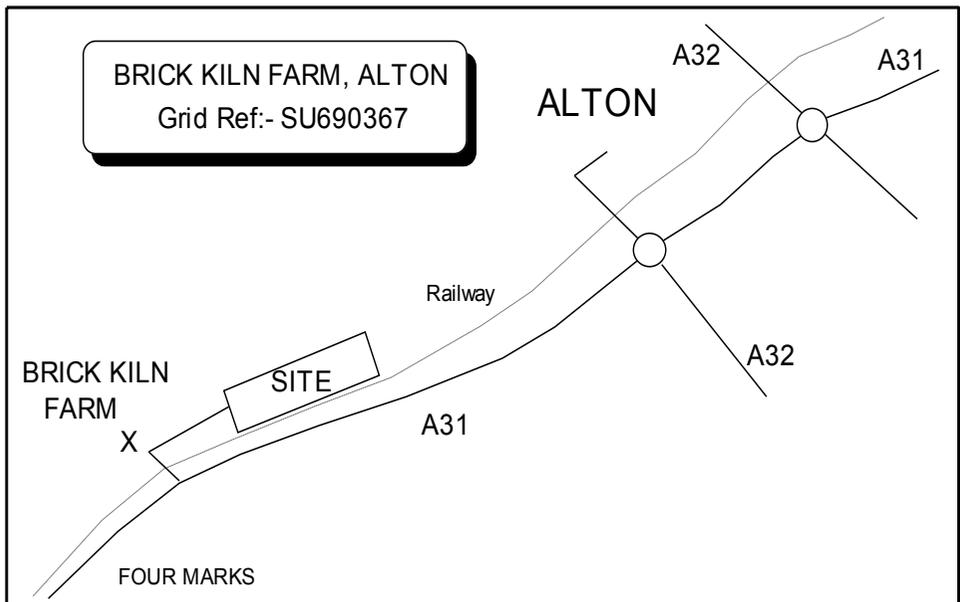
Details later when detail arrangements have been made.

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

Please read the Competition Event Information inside back cover.

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

Facilities:- Toilets.
TBA = To be advised.



RTV Trial at Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon, Pangbourne, Berkshire, 6th February 2005

RTV Winter Series.

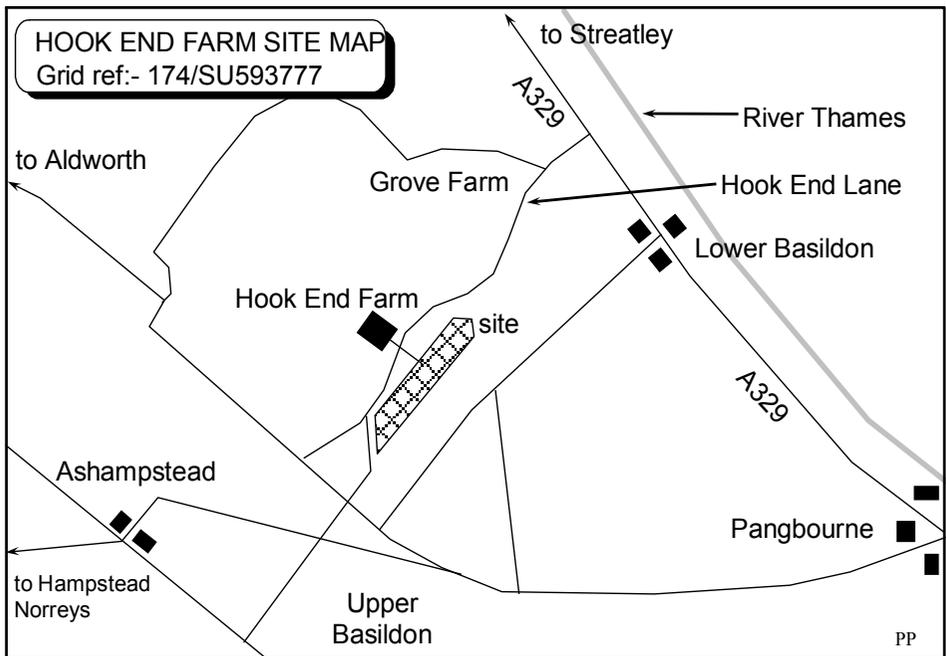
Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	Mark Amblet
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	TBA.
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Camping	TBA.

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

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.

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Xmas Dinner
2004

Sam Parker
receives the
Girls Own
Trophy for the
2nd year
running



Mike Fitzgerald receiving the Boys Own Trophy. Mike also collected the Chippy Challenge Shield on behalf of the Diff Busters team.
(But whose head is that balanced on the trophy?)

Xmas Dinner 2004

Maureen puckers up to receive the Wally of the year award. Maureen used her caravan toilet, but unfortunately the cassette was not fitted at the time.



Bob Davis receiving the Member of the year award for his sterling efforts as Competition Secretary. Bob was also named official of the year.



Xmas Dinner
2004



Ian Parker, that's me, the web editor far left, taking the much coveted Boobs Bust award for managing to reverse into a telegraph pole at Hook End totalling the 90's ladder and pushing in the roof.



Due to the stampede to the bar, Mike and Gary miss the photo call. Never mind, the fairer halves of the Fitzgerald and White households take the honours. Thanks to Denise and Ann for stepping in.

SCORE SHEET for Mike Wolfe Challenge 3

Team Number	Driver & passenger (1)		SCORE	Driver & passenger (2)		SCORE	ARC or NON ARC ?	TOTAL SCORE	POSITION
5	P.Whiteman	S.Pearson	8225	A.Read	M McFarlane	9145	Non ARC	17370	1st in Class
9	D.Antill	D.Angus	5920	G.Antill	M.Antill	5530	Non ARC	11450	2nd in Class
11	N.Bicknell	B.Mew	5310	G.Adams	J.Richards	5645	Non ARC	10955	
12	B.Seaman	J.Jennings	5555	S.Cureton	K.Raval	3840	Non ARC	9395	
8	T.Cooper Chadwick	M.Stringer	4770	A.Marshall s y	A.Brown	3565	Non ARC	8335	
14	G.House		6720				ARC	6720	1st in Class
10	J.Beagley	A.Robson	2980	H.Duffet	S.Bridger	3150	ARC	6130	2nd in Class
13	N.Read	E.Ellis	2500	D.Howard	R.Friend	2450	ARC	4950	
2	N.Tomlinson	J.Jackson	2110	S.Williams	D.Poole	2370	Non ARC	4480	
1	A.Bourne	G.Baron	3450	M.Fitzgerald		900	ARC	4350	
6	S.Francis	P.Maynard	2135	C.Moor	N.Smith	1255	Non ARC	3390	Retired
3	A.Burbridge	J.Johnson	1015	B.Lea	M.Legg	1180	ARC	2195	
7	T.Cordell	J.Clatworthy	220	N.Walker	R.Watson	1140	Non ARC	1360	
15	Lyndon Camidge		1200				Non ARC	1200	Retired

Mike Wolfe Challenge ARC trophy

			MWC 2	MWC3	TOTAL				
N.READ and D HOWARD			9320	4950	14270				
G.HOUSE			8960	6720	15680	Winner of Mike Wolfe Trophy			
A.BOURNE and M.FITZGERALD			6680	4350	11030				
J.BEAGLEY and H.DUFFET			2360	6130	8490				



Mike Wolfe Challenge.
Impressive rubber-wear!



Action (or inaction in this case) from the Mike Wolfe Challenge.
Don't lean on it any more or it will sink deeper!

Special Events

Hi all, I thought it about time that I put fingers to keys and bring you up to date with the special events officers work.

As you all now know I have also taken on the club shop and I have a fair quantity of ready produced clothing bearing the club logo. These garments can now be passed on to you the members at a considerable discount to make way for a new range soon to be available. If you would like to come down to the Hampshire pub meet at the Hoggs Lodge on the last Wednesday of each month about 7-30pm then a bargain can be had. I also have numerous labels and stickers to adhere to our pride and joy to show who we are but you can also use them as scratch covers if you have the misfortune with a tree. I also have a few recovery ropes, straps and shackles and light lenses {also to do with trees}.

The new range of clothing will be coming from my own supplier who has produced a lot of club associated clothing for us in the past and is of a very high quality. I have chosen a new range of garments to suit every day living not just club days and events. So come and place an order with me soon ready for the coming year.

Next, special events. Well we will have the usual events again this year, i.e. the Navigational Nightmare and Chippy Challenge, but I also hope to put on a treasure hunt and maybe a show and shine, yes you may have to scrape some of the mud off your land rover if your thinking of entering. The main event this year will be another holiday adventure into the hills of France and Spain. This will be a camping expedition with tents only I'm afraid but there is a possibility of some bedrooms as well. We hope to set up a base camp at a property belonging to a friend of mine with good facilities including a swimming pool to cool you down just under construction now. We are aiming for the normal holiday period.

Let me know if you would be interested in this trip so we can get an idea on numbers, we had about 14 vehicles in 2002 but this was a little to many to keep in a convoy. We will go alone this year that is without a guide so apart from the journey down and back there will be no fixed schedule for what you want to do. There is a beach in the surrounding area and mountains and hills of the Pyrenees. The nearest main city would be Perpignan on the east coast bordering with Spain. The best route will be from Portsmouth to St-marlo on Brittany ferries then drive south for approx two days with a campsite midway. Richard Salter and myself will be joint organizers and will take care of the ferries and route. You will be responsible for your camping arrangements and vehicle reliability.

If you the members have any sensible ideas and special events this coming year then please let me know and I will see what I can do.

Special Events Officer
Nick Woodage.

Hants & Berks Rover Owners

Committee Meeting – 10th November 2004

Present: Hugh Duffett, Sarah Bridger, Wendy Woodage, Nick Woodage, Dennis Keen, Maureen Keen, Tricia Jacobs, Neil Tomlinson, Richard Salter

Apologies: Steve Kirby

Review of previous minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Wendy to forward to Steve for publication

Outstanding previous actions

- Tricia to get prices of new flags
 - Sarah to look at current insurance policy
 - Still some trailer keys to be cut
- Hugh to inform the member with 100” hybrid vehicle of decision regarding eligibility to enter a trial

Chairman’s report

Chairman felt that there was a lack of discussion at the AGM

Secretary’s report

Contact Paul Barton to arrange pick-up of marquee on the 11-12 Dec

Treasurer’s report

Stated current bank balance.

Competition secretary

- Neil reported that the wiring on the club trailer needs attention
- The need to get more marshals , helpers, etc at events
- Coc to be arranged well before events are to take place
- Neil to look at new sites

A charity event was proposed by Neil

Permits secretary

Nothing to report but the possibility of Easter rally at the New Forest

Special events

No special events planned at present

Membership secretary

The membership currently stands at 276 of which 18 not paid – 6 from sept and 12 from oct

- Tricia reported that membership cards were not being checked at events, it was suggested that the secretary of the meeting check cards
Tricia to e-mail members expiry dates of membership

Social secretary's report

Look at what to do for social events 2005

ARC magazine report

No report

Rights of way report

- Richard has booked a meeting with Hampshire county council for 22nd Nov
- Looking at organizing events abroad 2005
- No green lane events organized yet, look at calendar to arrange dates
Put article in magazine for possible event Dec 28th

Any other business

- Nick and Richard to look at the possibility of organizing a 2005 holiday abroad
- Trophies form to be updated by Wendy
- Wendy to arrange with Steve to put ARC 2005 entry form in magazine
- A quote of £2000 was put forward by Nick for a container for storage
- Richard to get another quote
- Hugh to look at using the farm for storage
- A request was made to donate disco equipment not currently used to the beavers it was suggested that we donate speakers, lights, unit & amp
Nick to arrange an end of line sale for the club shop and to bring out a new range in 2005

Next meeting Thursday 9th December at the Crown Hotel Alton

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**

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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Vehicles for Sale

* 1985 V8 Range Rover. Venetian Red. Carb - not EFI - model 181,000 miles. Serviced regularly for the last 160000 by Rovertune. Taxed until June 2005 and MOT until September 2005. Offers around £1650. For more information contact Roger Pattie on 0118 984 2884 (Pangbourne) be ready for the answerphone. (OCT04)

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.

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

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* VIDEOS Professionally made videos produced and distributed. Contact Dave Jeffery of "4-WHEEL FILMS" on 020-8715-4861 or e-mail

* 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.

Future events calendar

28-30	May	National Rally		
1-2	Oct	Rickshaw event.		
26-27	Nov	Roadmaster Event		

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 Hogs 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 (when there is one) 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
16th	January	RTV	Brick Kiln Farm	
22	Jan	Green Lane trip. Contact Rights of Way officer Richard Salter.	Probably Salisbury area.	
5 & 6	Feb	RTV	Hook End Farm	Yes
25-29	March	Easter Rally RTV, P&P, Tyro.		
	May	Nick's Navigational nightmare.		