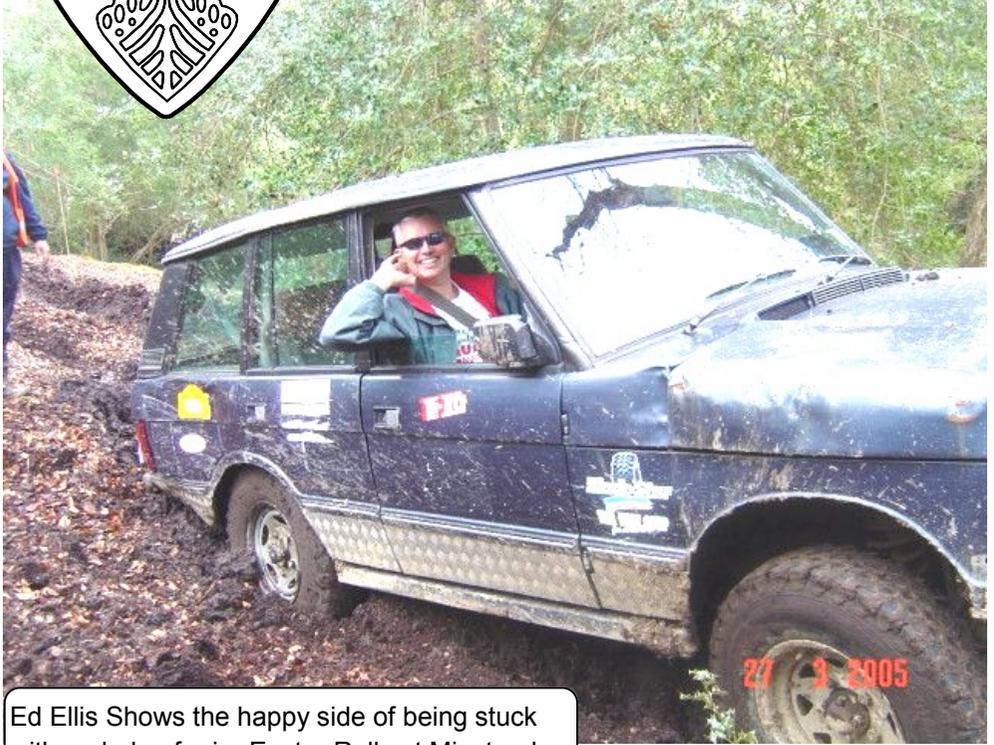




# Pants & Barks



Ed Ellis Shows the happy side of being stuck with no help of rain. Easter Rally at Minstead.



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## Editor's bit....



By the time you read this the ARC National Rally will have come and gone. Did you go? Did you compete? Do send me a report and some photos for newsletter.

The threat from the "Single Payment Scheme" (SPS) has temporarily abated. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter (pages 11 & 12) but in a news release from DEFRA, Lord Bach, Minister for Sustainable Farming and Food, says:-

**"Defra received a number of representations from motor sport interests following the issue of new guidance on 29 March. Having considered these, I am happy to announce the publication of updated guidance which now provides for motor sports to take place on up to 28 days during farmers' 10-month eligibility period on land used in support of 2005 Single Payment claims. Guidance for 2006 and beyond will be reviewed in the light of experience of this first year of the Single Payment Scheme."**

The threat is still there and, if eventually implemented, could still have serious repercussions on our sport.

Steve Kirby.

### This month...

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- Competition Secretary's Update.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes from the secretary.
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#### Articles:-

- Single Payment Scheme information.
- "Rainge" Rover Rebuild by Ed (ex NY) Ellis.

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 2003), Publisher (up to version 2003), 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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Thanks.

# Duffett's Dirty Dottings!!!!

Hi All

It's Friday evening, just had a meal and a glass or two of wine and beginning to wind down after a mother of a day at work – blast, today is the 20<sup>th</sup>, I have to do my dottings now or miss the deadline.

Where do I start? This month has had its ups and downs. I know – I will start with an up, Nellies Bank Holiday weekend, on the other hand it started with a down. We planned to take the caravan on Friday night after work. Started the 90 to collect the caravan, what's that smell of petrol? Two hours later after fixing a leak that should have taken five minutes we abandoned the idea and went on Saturday morning. On arriving we met Ian Parker (the younger) taking his complete caravan hitch home to repair because it would not release itself from the ball. Ok, so I am not the only one to have downs!

Saturday afternoon Sarah and I and helpers, oh and Russell, thanks for your input, set out the RTV for Sunday whilst dodging the Members Drive round. Sunday, first thing saw me driving the sections in Chris Homewood's automatic Range Rover, piece of cake, all you do is point and squirt like driving an oversized dodgem and with a shunt if you get into trouble. The trial was very well supported and went well thanks to both the marshals and competitors I felt we had a good day.

Now for a down which I can see being with us for some time while the faceless ones in suits from DEFRA sort out the cock up. The long and the short of it as far as I know is they have hit on the idea of not paying subsidies to farmers who allow people to use/cross their land. There are exceptions and one of them was supposed to be motorsport. However, this has been "overlooked" and the outcome of this error has forced some land owners to cancel off road events such as War of the Roses and at least one of own events so far. Will the Government ever leave the motorist alone? Perhaps we should invent rambling trials – anybody any thoughts?

Now this one could be an up or a down – At Ingrams Green Tyro, I was made redundant as navigator. I was told by Sarah my services were no longer required as it was time to have a go at driving solo so I could help marshal! I inwardly worried whether she would manage on her own but was ashamed of my thoughts when she finished the day beating the rest of the field. Again a good day was had by all and thanks to Neil Read for once again letting us use his (back yard) land.

Now I'm going to finish with an up and what an up! On Wednesday at work I was sat flying my desk when my Manager handed me a key and said would I like to try the new Range Rover Sport tonight? Does a duck with one leg swim in a circle? I replied. The model I was trying was the petrol V8 HSE in metallic red with cream leather. After tea we set off for a ride west along the M27. A few minutes into the trip you felt you had been driving it for months, it was so user friendly. It is very quick – so as not to lose my licence I set the interactive cruise control at not far over the limit. This control is clever, if you

come up behind a slower car it automatically slows until the vehicle moves out of the way and then it speeds up again. We left the motorway to try some ordinary roads on the way home. We found some open country roads to try out its performance and road handling. I am still grinning now, thinking of the ride, like on rails and the growl of the V8 on slingshot acceleration. Can't wait to try the supercharged version.

When I win the lottery I will have one. Well we can all dream!

Cheers for now

Hugh Duffett Chairman

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## Competition Sec's Update

As I write this, it looks as though the problems that DEFRA were going to cause Motor Sport have been put aside for a while. DEFRA have clarified what they have said about alternative use for farmland and have given the go ahead for mother sport again.

The May Bank holiday event was a great success with Bill Brown running a conducted drive round and when finding some good spots for people to try there driving skills he stopped for a while, many thanks for all your hard work.

On Sunday an RTV and Trial was run which saw Hugh Duffett as Clerk of the Course and Sam Parker as Chief Marshall. This was a well-attended event with a few new faces amongst the prizes. The Gymkhana was held on the Monday and was entered by five teams who tried their hands at a few different challenges.

May 15<sup>th</sup> found us travelling to Midhurst for a Tyro trial hosted by Neil Read who also was Clerk of the Course. It was good to see some new faces at this event. One thing that does surprise me is the very high standard of driving from the younger drivers at these events.

Once again I thank all those people who give up their time to Marshall, Set Out and Clear Up at these events without your help we could not hold these events.

The big event this year will be the drive around so please see the flyer or website for information, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

The next competitive event will be Nick's Navigational Nightmare, which will be a very good challenging event so get in contact with Nick and let him know you will be attending.

An RTV will be held at Brick Kiln on 3<sup>rd</sup> July with the usual setting out starting at 9.30am on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scrutineering and Signing On will be at 8.30am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tyro and Camping at Midhurst.

We will be having a Tyro at Midhurst with Camping and a Barbecue on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, more information will follow in the July magazine.

Coming Events:-

### **11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June - PUBLIC DRIVING DAY – Slab Common**

The Slab Common Driving Day is well underway, but now we need members help.

We need people to set out on the Saturday and marshal the route on the Sunday. I will be Clerk of the Course and Neil Read will be Chief Marshall. The programme of the weekend will be.

#### **SATURDAY**

9.15am start setting out the course.

#### **SUNDAY**

8.30am Signing on for Marshals and Scrutineering of vehicles

9.00am Marshals Briefing

10.00am Site opens to the Public

15.30pm Site closes to the Public

15.30pm Clear Site

We will be marking out a set route, which will be easy, and non-damaging with hard sections of it, which will require a lot of work.

So if you can spare one or both days it would be a great help. If you have not helped out on one of these days before, please come along and help. We can team you up with another more experienced member.

Flyer advertising the event is down loadable.

If you could let me know if you can help it would be a great help.

### **MICK WOLFE CHALLENGE 2005**

This years Mick Wolfe Challenge will be taking place in October. Nigel Barker will again be the main in charge for this event but he cannot start to get the event planning started without people volunteering to HELP.

Nigel has a site in mind for this event, but it anyone knows of a suitable piece of land he would welcome any suggestions.

### **Summer rally 29-31 Aug**

This year's summer rally has been booked at Bow hill site north of Chichester we have managed to book the top camping area. We are looking to have RTV and a Tyro if any one would like to volunteer to be CoC or Chief marshal let me know. If any body would like to run a green lane trip we can put that on the list.

Neil Tomlinson – Comp Sec

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# HANTS & BERKS ROVER OWNERS



## PUBLIC OFF-ROAD DRIVING DAY JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>

Located: Slab Common, West of Bordon, Hampshire  
Map Reference: SU 782.361 - Landranger Sheet 186  
Site open from: 10.00 till 16.00 hrs  
*Site Fee: £25.00 per vehicle*

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

Any make of Landover or similar type of vehicle less than 3.5 tons. **Not** suitable for car/van based four wheel drives. Sorry no quads or motorbikes

All vehicle occupants must be 'properly' seated & wearing 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 an approved British Standards Approved Child Car Seat.

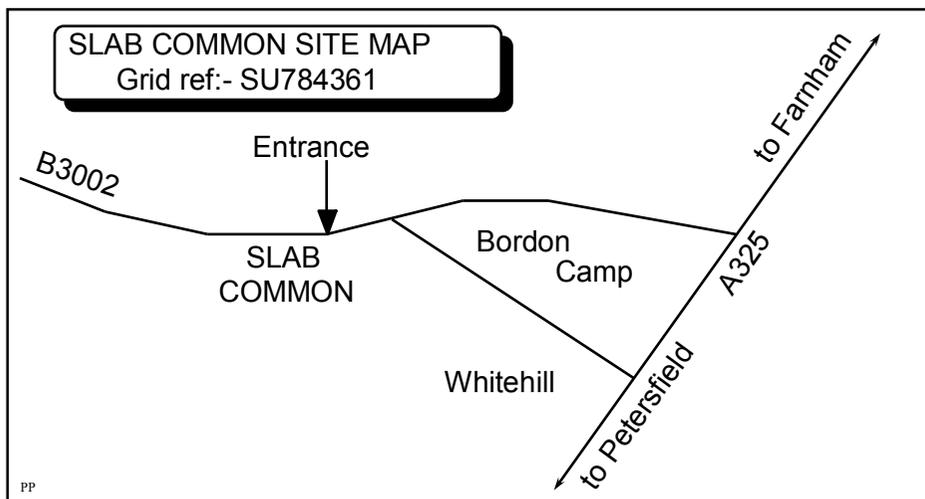
All vehicles must comply with the Road Traffic Act, Taxed and MOT, be roadworthy and have a serviceable towing or recovery point, front and rear.

Check website [www.hbro.co.uk](http://www.hbro.co.uk) for latest details and location map  
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# Slab Common location map for Driving Day 11th - 12th June.



## Secretary's Bit

I have had notification from Land Rover of visit's to the Solihull factory site, anyone who would like to visit Solihull either as an individual or as a group could they please contact me and I will forward the details to you.

Anyone who is interested in going to Billing but does not have a booking may be interested in camping in the overspill site near the offroad course, showers and toilets are available on this site, the cost per night is £17.00 but this does include entry to Billing show, We can book this and camp as a group if you are interested contact Richard Arrowsmith direct on 01604 890271.

And finally Midland Rover Owners Club have sent an invite to any teams who would like to take part in The 7th Majors Memorial Trial on the 16th-18th September 2005

This CCVT team event is held at Eastnor Deer Park nr Ledbury the trail is run over 2 days with up to 20 sections, teams of three drivers with a maximum of five teams from any club.

The entry fee is £130.00 per team and must be pre booked by the 15th June I have an entry form if any teams are interested.

Wendy Woodage Secretary

# SUMMER SOCIAL WEEKEND 9/10 JULY 2005

Roundhills rally site (see map below) has been booked from midday Friday 8 July until Sunday 10 July. The cost per pitch for Friday / Saturday nights is £19.60. we have 20 sites pre-booked.

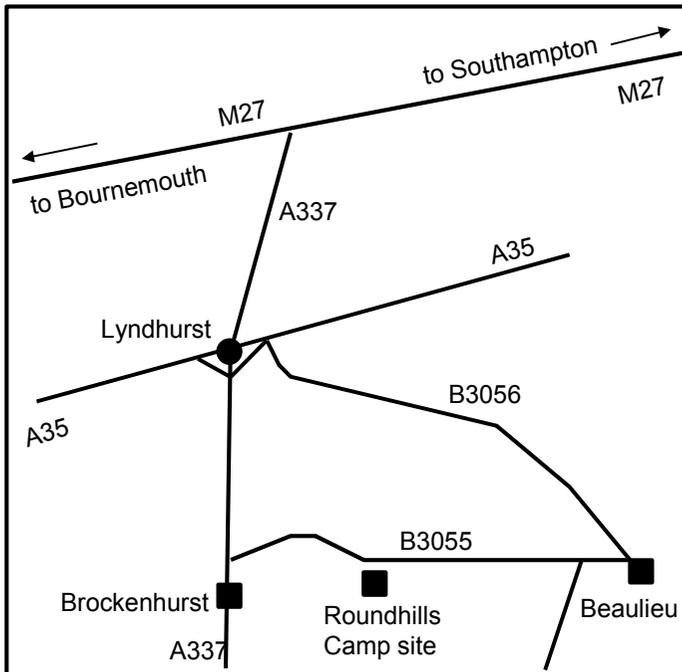
Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to reserve a pitch, a £10 deposit will be required. On the Saturday evening we hope to have a get together and have a social evening with a quiz.

## Christmas Event

I thought that this year we may want to do something different.

The Queens at Selborne has been provisionally booked for Saturday 0 December for a buffet & Disco. Accommodation is available at The Queens there are 16 rooms at various prices. Details of prices to follow in next months magazine. Please let me know your thoughts on this event as soon as possible.

Regards Maureen Keen.  
Social Secretary



# RTV Trial

## Brick Kiln Farm, Alton,

### 3rd July

### RTV Winter Series.

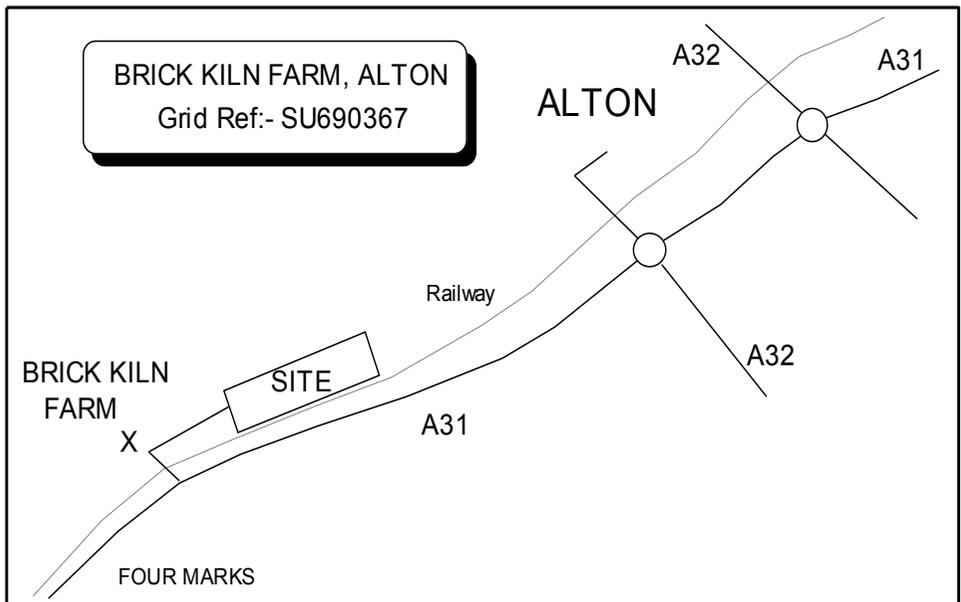
Payment to Sec of meeting.  
£15 on the day.

Status Closed. HBRO only.  
CoC TBA  
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.

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.



# The Single Payment Scheme.

You may have heard about this and although it has been postponed, I have a couple of contributions here explaining what it's all about.

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## Comment on the effects of the Single Payment Scheme from the ARC

The landowners who allow us to use their land do not do it for the money that they receive from the clubs. They do it because club members are well behaved and cause no mess and no more damage than a herd of cattle. It is because our club members are considered to be of good repute that these landowners allow them to return year after year.

All of the clubs within the association are non-profit making organisations. They cannot afford to pay large sums of money to hire land and certainly could not afford to compensate landowners for the loss of payment with respect to non-eligible hectares.

If the guidance from DEFRA that our form of motor sport is inconsistent with the land remaining in agricultural use is upheld, ARC competitive clubs would cease to exist as the majority of their events take place on farmland. Club members would be prevented from continuing with their chosen form of recreation as ARC clubs will not act outside the law.

I trust that the detail that I have provided of the Association of Rover Clubs and the activities of its members has given some insight into our sport and the lawful manner in which the clubs conduct themselves. It would be a travesty of justice to destroy this form of grass roots motor sport in one fell swoop by a guidance note based on insufficient and incorrect information.

I believe that the information given in this statement to be true.

Denis Bourne  
Chairman, Association of Rover Clubs Limited.

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### HBRO On-Line

Don't forget to visit our Web site at:-

[www.hbro.co.uk](http://www.hbro.co.uk)

Also see the ARC web site at [www.the-arc.co.uk](http://www.the-arc.co.uk)

# **Is this the writing on the wall for the future of off-road motor sport?**

At the end of March 2005 Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [DEFRA] issued the following guidance to farmers which amounts to the greatest challenge that off-road motor sport has had to face.

"Single Payment Scheme and non-agricultural use."

EU Council Regulation 1782/03 which introduces the new Single Payment Scheme [SPS] specifies that land eligible for the scheme must be an 'eligible hectare' which excludes land that is used for non-agricultural purposes".

The guidance list 'Activities that are inconsistent with the land being considered as remaining in agricultural use'. One of the few activities listed is 'All motor sports'.

This is obviously extremely bad news for competitive club events that are held under the so-called 14/28 day rule contained in the General Permitted Development Order 1995. Many 4x4 clubs and off-road motorcycle clubs are already having to cancel events due to the loss of land due to land owners fears of losing their payments under the SPS.

The Land Access and Recreation Association [LARA] has sought counsel's legal opinion regarding this guidance. Counsel's view is that the government is wrong in making the statement that motor sport is inconsistent with land remaining in agricultural use. Counsel's opinion is being sent to DEFRA and to the Treasurer Solicitor. This may possibly be sufficient for DEFRA to reconsider its guidance. If not, the next step would be for LARA to request counsel to draft a pre-action protocol letter and outline grounds for a judicial review in the high court. A pre-action protocol letter precedes the commencement of court action by seven days.

Because of its devastating effect on our chosen recreation every participant must be prepared to contribute towards the cost of legal action in the interest of safeguarding our sport. Donations should be sent to:-

LARA SPS Fighting Fund  
LARA,  
PO Box 142,  
Newcastle upon Tyne,  
NE3 5YP

For more details please see the following links  
<http://www.msauk.org/admin/news/ViewNews.asp?NewsId=3776>

<http://www.laragb.org/sps-ff.html>

Mike Fitzgerald

# Nicks Navigational Nightmare and Green Lane Road Book 17-19<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Come and join in the fun at this year's Nightmare/Camping weekend including a green lane road book.

I have found a superb place to camp and start at near Bentley just south west of Farnham at Grid Ref 785467 . Swanthorpe House.

You may camp from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for the usual charge of £5-00 per night.

Entry for the nightmare will be £10-00 per Vehicle including 2 persons and will include some food upon your return, [ that's if you do ].

The road Book will be similar to that used at the Belgium National, and is not compulsory.

You will need an OS Map Explorer 144 Basingstoke or similar to complete this event.

If you can let me know if you intend to come so I know numbers etc. You can just come for the camping if you want.

The Road book will be non damaging but it may be advisable to use your off-roader to be on the safe side.

You can park at the end of a lane and walk down to find the clue if you prefer.

You will have plenty of time this year as the event will start at 2-00pm until early evening finish. Hot food and drink will be served upon your return and prize giving will be on Sunday morning.

Let's have a really good turn out this year for a big fun event.

Nick Woodage Special Events.

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## Holiday Adventure in the Pyrenees

This year's club holiday adventure is planned for this coming summer. The trip is to the Pyrenees on the French - Spanish border and is scheduled for the first two weeks in August 2005. Approx cost is £400-00 per vehicle + four persons.

Other costs include fuel, food and on route camp sites. Tents only as access to the base camp site is tight.

Please call Nick Woodage ASAP:-

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Mike Fitzgerald scores a clear watched by Hugh.  
Easter Rally at Minstead.



# Range Rover Rebuild (or if you like Mr. Ed regenerated)

I will preface this sad tale of strife and despair with a quote.

**'Experience is the worst teacher; it gives the test before presenting the lesson.'** -- Vernon Law

He was he was so right.

Ok so it's not a full rebuild, but for those of you that have seen my ultra pristine Range Rover on the trialing circuit will know that its time for a bit of a, how can I put it, regeneration.

You see the old girl has had several hard years of trails, laning and general, 'committed' driving in my hands. There was not a straight scratch free panel on her. Oh and some of the steering bushes were worn, and and and.....the list is endless. But the bodywork and bushes are the main issues that needed attention for the MOT. And did I forget to add that the Memsab is going to compete in the Nationals at the end of May....Hmm three weekends for a make over, sounds like reality TV to me.

The First Weekend, I stripped her down, all the wings off, bonnet and scuttle, two rear doors, roof. But not the front doors, those tricky buggers are retained by a couple of pins in the door slide. Not readily removable in a hail storm on a Sunday afternoon in May. Now isn't it great that Landrover kindly made all the panels bolt on and offable, and all the fixings accessible. Well not quite all the fixings and especially those open to the elements, such as hmmmmm, mud. Yes those are the ones that are a) hard to find, b) hard to access with anything but a special spanner not yet invented and c) rusted solid so that they shear when some pressure is eventually applied. Net result, a handful of sheared nuts and a load of new learner badges across the knuckles.

The roof was an interesting little test, all nicely fixed with self tapping screws. All of which are dead easy to find, except those across the rear roof member. Oh and the sealant used to stop the leaks around the roof. Good strong stuff that. Well I did want a new roof so bending the old one with a stout crow bar was not really such an issue.

Now do any of you remember 'Black Bostic. This was really great stuff for sealing joints. My first job many years ago was working for a sheet metal company. We had this guy who worked for us, an old hand, who could make a Bostic sealed joint look like a weld once it had all been painted. His name was 'Bostic Burman'. Brilliant! Remembering some of the skills he taught me I thought I would re-seal the roof with today's equivalent of Bostic, black all purpose roofing mastic. This Bostic look alike is no longer applied from a tooth paste style tube but, with the wizardry of a hand operated mastic gun. Brilliant, goes on like a dream. Then it came to lifting in and placing of the new roof with

Ed & Son strategically placed either side of the car, panel balanced carefully between them. I would think you all can imagine what it's like when you are stretching just that bit too far because the chap on the other side has taken up a little too much slack. Ahhhrrggg, I still have evidence of the black sticky stuff spread all over my forearms, the outside of the roof, my clothes, car seat and most anywhere else you care to name. But at least I am now impenetrable to water, and with a little galvafruid paint I can show off a really authentic looking weld on the back of my hand.

A little household tip here, Fairy washing up liquid mixed with clothes washing soap powder makes a really good agent for removing the black sticky stuff. It's not quite as abrasive as wet and dry and is readily available in most homes.

Now back to those front doors. You know what it's like when you're loosing a tooth and it's hanging on by that last bit of skin. You want to give it a damn good yank, but are just too scared to just in case you rip half you gum out with it. Well my front doors were a bit like that. Hanging on by two pins, one each side. What's needed is a long punch of the correct diameter. ( Hmmm, just to think a Phillips headed screw driver hit with a 2lb ball peen hammer doesn't do the job.) Whoever would have imagined that. So after procuring two punches, I then brought another two, just to make sure I got the right size the second time around.

Isn't it just amazing how wonderful people can be. I was going to fabricate two rear light clusters from 90 units. Why? Well at £65 a side for proper RR ones it was all a bit too expensive for a trailer. Anyway Mrs. E tracked two down, care of Chris H, she drove all the way to Devizes, and all they way back again, just in time to present them to me as a birthday gift. How did she know that's what I really wanted? There is a limerick about a young man from Devizes who's .....were of different sizes, but not for these pages.

The Second Weekend. Have you ever woken up and wondered in abject bemusement at your own inability to do even the simplest of tasks? Go on tell a little truth for a change. I did this past weekend, both days actually. Saturday was kind of productive; I say that because I managed to re-instate a new near side front wing. And it seemed to go pretty well. I had managed to scrounge some 30x30mm sheet metal angle from a local duct fabricator. This formed the inner to outer wing bracket. A bit of judicious trimming with a hack saw and a few new holes and it's all in place. Then its trim the arches on both wings to allow for clearance of the 750s and slip the wing into position. Amazingly enough it all seemed to line up, for now that is.

Do you know what is really very frustrating these days? I do! It is not being able to buy nuts and bolts and decent self tapping screws (PKs I used to call them) at anywhere other than at ' Do & Q or B it All'. And then every thing is in 10s and on the small side. I did go to 'Back and Hickman@ but even they don't keep anything in stock. M10s no chance got to order them in, they don't keep stock any more. Some of you may wonder why this is. I did, purely out of idle curiosity while then assistant picked me up off the floor after my apoplectic

fit. It is because they like to keep their stock in one place, it saves them money. This says naf all about customer service mind you. Yes I was angry and I did loose it somewhere between the B&H sales lady with the dark glasses complaining she had a head ache and the assistant at 'B it All' who said you could try aisle 10.

So Saturday was productive in its own way, well I did buy a green house for the Mrs E. Oh and we went to see a new production at Kings Theatre in Southsea, The Motown Story. That's a musical about Tamala Motown for those of us who were there in the 60's Great show go and see it when it gets to the West End. It reminded me of simpler times when my mates all had Lambrettas and we wore Harrington jackets, Ben Sherman's and two tone tonic strides.

Sunday was another one of those 'why am I doing this' days. Nige, me old mucker had phoned up to ask if I wanted to be his winch bitch at some event. So I took the opportunity to pick his brains about that stubborn set bolt on my driver's door. Taking his sound advice I hammered in a half inch drive socket thingy with an Allen key end into the offending screw. It worked. Time taken 3 minutes. Cost in total 8 hours, 4 scrapped knuckles, and £7.75 in the swear box.

Then I moved swiftly onto the offside front wing followed by the scuttle. Now at the rear of each front wing is a kept bolt that protrudes upwards, a bit like a tall sticky up bolty thing. During removal of the wings these were so corroded that they sheared off. Well it didn't appear to be a problem at the time. So the new scuttle is slipped into place carefully feeding in over the bonnet hinges and under the windscreen seal. The difficulty is that with the wing in place you cannot reasonable get at the rear bolt that connects the scuttle to the wing. Actually I tell a lie, when its sheared off and lying on the ground you can. Actually I assure you it can be done by using pliers, sticky tape and two people on opposing sides of the door with their eyes closed and their index fingers stuck in the hole. Oh and you need to add a liberal dose of patience.

Hey it's beginning to look like a car again. Now for the bonnet. Ahah, the new bonnet is an old style one with external hinges, the one that came off is a new style with internal hinges. (It has only taken me a year to notice this.) At 4pm on a Sunday afternoon this is not what I need. I actually have two old style and one new style, concealed hinge bonnets. So now the Rainge Rover has the old bonnet fitted again, complete with bruises. Well fitted with three bolts, one had been crossed at some stage. So it's at a nice jaunty angle right now.

In an early attempt to increase the clearance of the 750s in the rear arches I had cut away some of the offending inner arch. In so doing I removed the forward wing fixing bolts. Well there was not much left to fix them to. This problem was solved with two 10mm bolts through the panel. Not something I really wanted to do, but was driven to by Sunday Evening Frustration Syndrome and a complete lack of beer.

So where am I after two weekends? About £50 lighter in the pocket, for disposables such as drill bits, even the HSS ones from Do & Q are so soft, bolts and screws of not quite the right size, bits of cable I never really new I wanted, a new number plate and some jig saw blades. I had intended to get the car to the

MOT station this coming Thursday. A snowballs chance in hell me thinks. I need another weekend for the lights, washer motor and odds and sods, oh and a coat of paint. It's all leaving it a bit short of time for the Nationals, just two weekends away.

Tuesday Evening. It's now Tuesday evening and I have reaffixed the bonnet, a few minor adjustments and the last bolt was wound into place, just a few more alignments to make to clear the scuttle. All the light clusters are back in there holes now. I have decided to send the old girl for her MOT on Thursday, albeit in an unpainted multi coloured form. But looks aren't everything. But I have to say the RR sat on my drive is beginning to take on her original shape again.

Thursday Morning. It's time, the big MOT day, ok it's a little premature, but time is running out. I decided that the Raingie should go in for the MOT before this weekend, the one immediately preceding the Nationals.

Good job I did. I knew she would fail on the wiper-washers and some front bushes. Well on the way to the testing station the rear lights failed completely.

The inspection revealed about 5 spots of rust around the body mounts requiring attention, the failed lights and screen wash, headlights out of alignment and brakes not functioning efficiently, largely due to a year spent driving in MUD. SO the decision was made to part with a couple of hundred folding green ones and let the garage get on with it. Oh and the good news is the bushes are alright, they had just slipped out of place a bit.

Now then, did you know that a garage can refuse to test your car, and charge you for the pleasure, if it is caked in mud, that is to say they cannot clearly identify the all the different parts. And if they cannot get access into the boot or inside of the car if it looks like the council tip on a Friday afternoon. Mine was suffering only from the mud, I found just enough time to empty the years garbage from the cab.

Hopefully I will get her back this weekend and then be able to get on and splash the paint on like Rolf Harris and his didgeridoo. Well I didn't. I mean the car was still on blocks all weekend, anyway the weather was pretty poor. So Mr. Ed was on gardening duties.

So here I am Wednesday evening, the one before the Thursday when we go to the Nationals, OH that Wednesday. Boy has time flown by. Well SHE is back, resplendent with a brand spanking (I do like that word) SPANKING new MOT certificate. All the welding has been done; the lights work as do the washer jets. Amazingly I got out of town an hour early, so the plan was to get out the wobble board and paint.

Another rub down with wet and dry was in order and then on with the undercoat.

I should tell you that the paint was purchased about 18 months ago and sat in the garage pending my return from the US of A. In the intervening period, my BEST boy.....bless his cotton socks, decided that he would have a go at painting the new roof before I affixed it to the car. This result my dear friends was a partially painted, but not primed roof; quarter of a tin of paint less than

intended; and the paint, thinners and undercoat and mixing instructions scattered far and wide. I never found the mixing instructions.

OK so out with the roller (I remember watching Rolf on BBC doing this painting of an aboriginal with a roller) and on with the undercoat. Woowww stop there. Half a door panel in and this stuff is really sticky. My wrist is aching, it's like glue. Now Mrs. E, my Memsab, used to work in a body shop. No, not the 'Body Shop'. Sound advice was garnered. OK now I understand, undercoat should be thinned as well. I had wondered how they would ever get it out of a spray gun nozzle like that. An hour and a half later, thanks to the willing help of my offspring, the car is covered in a grey primer. It's now 8:30pm.

Well for me that would have been a good place to stop. It matters not the colour for a trial. Wrong decision mate!!! OK so we'll put a coat of Cobalt Blue on as well. By this time I had learnt that thinners are a good idea. So there we are putting the last of the first coat of paint on in the twilight, actually read DARK instead. Now even I can tell, even in the dark, that it is not exactly perfect, but there again I am sure a blind man would love to see it. I ran my hand over the paintwork; it has a nice, textured effect. If you close your eyes and throw an overripe orange at a concrete wall it goes splat, RIGHT. Let it dry, now keep your eyes closed and run your hand over the messy bit, ignoring the fact that it may still be a little slimy; just focus on the orange peel and dripping runs. YES you have got it in one.....

Well it will look better in the morning.

6am Thursday!!!!

AARGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

OK so I'll rub her down and apply another coat or two.....a little more slowly next time.

Mr. Ed



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# Southwest Off Road Show 2005

Trickey Warren Lane,  
Churchstanton, Taunton Somerset

100 acre off road adventure playground with mud-run. £20 for the weekend. Open Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4 May 2005. Individual off road tuition by appointment. The Winchman Challenge International off-road competition. Beer tent, Live music.

Camping £20 per pitch all weekend. Day visitor parking £5.

All applications to Allan Satchell, Lifting & Crane Services Ltd, Abbey Road, Hempstead Lane, Gloucester. GL2 0RF. Tel 01452 504266.

Winchman Challenge is a 2 day event consisting of demanding winching, navigation and driving. Entry £150 per vehicle includes camping Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Contact:-

Chris Danniell at [ccdaneill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccdaneill@yahoo.co.uk), 07940-559592, 01793-850844

Phil Barton at [pcjbarton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pcjbarton@yahoo.co.uk), 07793-221930, 01793-435007



Sam Parker takes the high road with some super driving.  
Easter Rally at Minstead.

2005

David Blackmore and Tracy get a lift from the HBRO Rescue Team.  
Easter Rally at Minstead.



Neil Read scores a Clear.  
Easter Rally at Minstead.



# **HBRO Committee Minutes, April.**

*PRESENT:-* HUGH DUFFETT, SARAH BRIDGER, TRICIA JACOBS, RICHARD SALTER, NEIL TOMLINSON, NICK WOODAGE, WENDY WOODAGE, MAUREEN KEEN, DENNIS KEEN

*APOLOGIES:-* STEVE KIRBY

## **ONGOING**

Get prices of flags

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Balance £6,859.85
- Outstanding invoices – printer
- Loss made at Minstead event £58.00

Trailer has been sold

## **COMP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Arrangements made for events already booked
- Drive round day to be advertised in glossy magazines etc, toilets booked
- Navigational nightmare ongoing
- Trailer brakes is ongoing
- Juniors driving MSA reply not allowed

Mike Wolfe challenge organizer still required

## **PERMITS OFFICER**

All permits up to date

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

- Total membership stands at 239
- Members not paid up 38 Feb – 17 Mar – 21
- 2 members who had to leave to live elsewhere sent e-mails of thanks
- 3 off new members elected
- ARC handbook distribution books to be handed out where possible or otherwise posted

Complimentary membership for land find

**RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER**

- Non members welcome to green lane  
Possibility of a week in Wales next June

**MAGAZINE / ARC**

Not present

**SOCIAL SECRETARY**

- Roundhills booked, pre-booking required Maureen to put in magazine,  
possible invite to Phoenix club  
Enquire at Queens Hotel for buffet instead of sit down meal at Christmas  
possible date 10<sup>th</sup> of December

**SPECIAL EVENTS OFFICER**

Chippy challenge at Nellies Dell to be arranged

**CLUB SHOP**

Needs advertising Nick to action

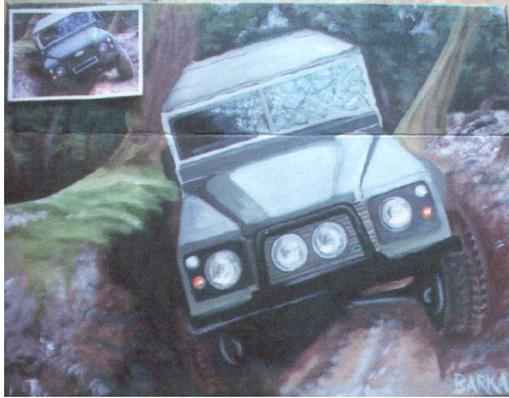
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

War of the Roses 26<sup>th</sup> of June written applications to the committee for  
sponsorship

NEXT MEETING THE CROWN HOTEL MONDAY 09<sup>TH</sup> MAY

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Commercial Adverts:- Contact Sarah Bridger, 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

- \* Defender 90 side panels with windows in green £50-00. New front middle seat £40-00. Wheel and Tyre, Firestone 750x16 £15-00. Phone Caroline on 07787596737. (APR05)
- \* Split charge kits suitable for all Land/Range Rovers / Freelanders / Disco etc, £15. Intermittent rear wiper kits for all 90/110, please state if vehicle is TD5, £12.50. LED instrument light upgrade kits for all 90/110 so you can see the dials in the dark! Non TD5 in blue or green, TD5, blue only. Please state which is required. £20. Portsmouth area. sidef@aol.com or 023 92420643, can post anywhere in UK. Simon Brown, 55 Mayles Road Southsea Hants PO4 8NP e-mail Sidef@aol.com (FEB05)

## Vehicles for Sale

- \* D Reg Range Rover 3.5 V8 - MOT failure Spares or repairs. Good bodywork, engine and running gear including alloy wheels. Would consider selling parts. Open to offers. Contact Gavin Duffett (Fareham) 07977 299280 for more information. (MAY05)
- \* 1985 Range Rover still for sale and must go! Venetian Red, carbs—not EFI—model. 181,000 miles, serviced regularly for the last 160,000 miles by R overtune. Taxed until June 2005 and MOT until September 2005. Offers and for more information contact Rog Pattie on 0118 984 2884 (Pangbourne) be ready for the answerphone. (MAR05)

## 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](mailto:andrewmull@aol.com) or phone 01329 517613.

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## WARNING

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

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## 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](mailto: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.

Note new style of events listing opposite and back page.  
This is through the efforts of Dennis Keen and I hope the additional information will be of help.

? = no information available.  
(Please can the relevant people keep an eye on this and supply the missing data when available, thanks.)

N/A = Not Applicable.

# 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. 2005 ARC Handbooks are now available to all HBRO members.
- All HBRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LR), 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

DATE		EVENT	LOCATION	Grid Ref	CAMP	MSA
7	Aug	Green Lane trip	?	?	N	N
26 - 30	Aug	Summer Rally. RTV & Tyro	Bow Hill Farm	819 146	Y	Y
3 - 4	Sept	Club Drive Round, RTV	Nellies	677 295	Y	Y
25	Sept	Green Lane trip	?	?	N	N
1	Oct	Green Lane trip	?	?	N	N
1-2	Oct	Rickshaw event.	?	?	?	?
29	Oct	RTV	Broxhead Common	798 372	N	Y
30	Oct	Driving day	Broxhead Common	798 372	N	?
5 - 6	Nov	RTV and Bonfire with a Night Trial	Nellies	677 295	Y	Y
26-27	Nov	Roadmaster Event	?	?	?	?
4	Dec	Driving day	Slab Common	782 360	N	Y

## 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	Grid Ref	P	CAM	MSA
12	June	Public Driving Day	Slab Common	782 360	N		Y
18 -19	June	"Nicks Navigation Nightmare". Roadbook type event.	Swanthorpe House. Bentley.	785 467	Y		N
2 - 3	July	RTV	Brick Kiln	690 367	N		Y
8 - 10	July	Camping Weekend	Round Hills	See map	Y		N
16	July	Green Lane trip	?	?	N		N
27 - 31	July	Tyro and barbecue	Ingram's Green	842 201	Y		Y
First two weeks	Aug	Pyrenean Adventure. Contact Nick Woodage	Pyrenees	N/A	Y (tent s only)		N