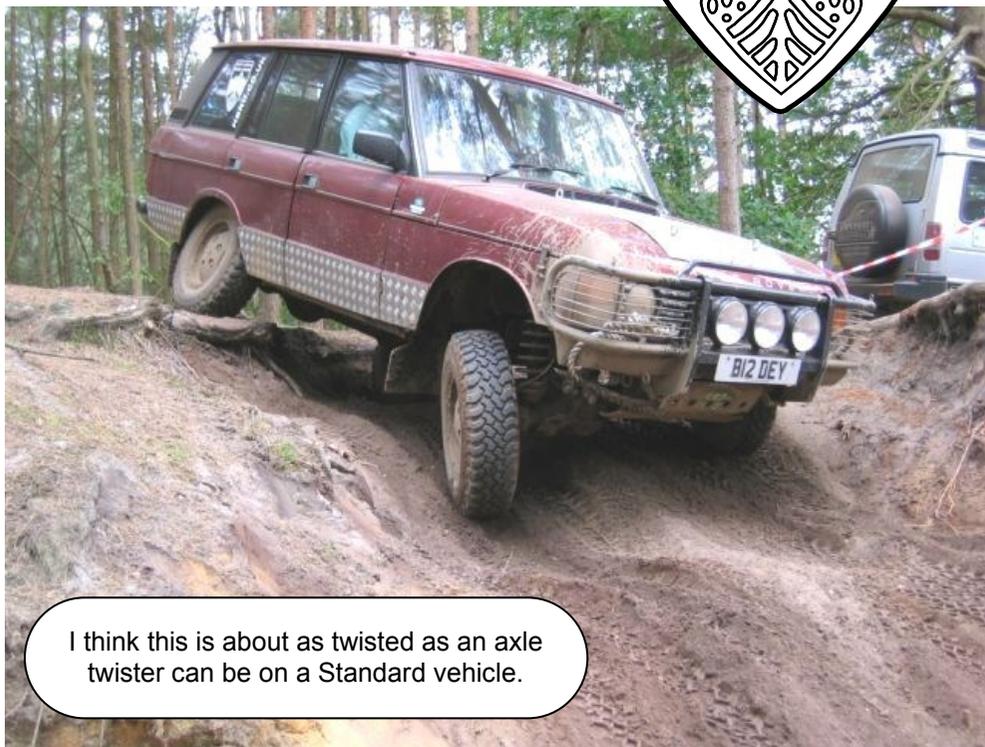
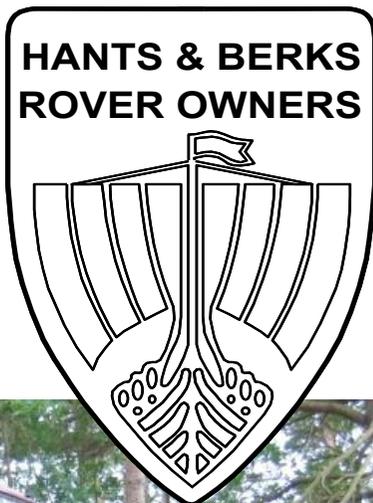


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I think this is about as twisted as an axle twister can be on a Standard vehicle.

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Editor's bit....



So where was everybody for the AGM? A very disappointing turn-out. Anyway, the new committee can be seen opposite. Some existing committee members have taken on

This month...

Regulars:-

- Duffett's Dirty Dottings
- Competition Secretary's Update.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes from the secretary.
- Spares and Vehicles For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- **CHRISTMAS DISCO**
- Belgium Nationals photos from Ben Brown.
- Mendip Challenge report from Sam Parker.
- And a bit more...

new roles and we have several new faces on the committee.

Not shown opposite is the Health & Safety Adviser - Richard Salter, Auditors - Roy & Sarah Friend.

There was an excellent buffet afterwards and Maureen & Dennis Keen ran a quiz which was enjoyed by all.

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 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!!!!

Hello Everyone

Well what's our Club been up to recently?

We were invited to organise an event at the beginning of the month called Rickshaw Ramble. No, it's got nothing to do with little slant-eyed people in coolie hats towing half a tricycle off road with some poor unfortunate passenger being bumped about inside. It is an off-road competition for the Armed Forces and Civil Servants to improve navigation and driving skills with the added stress of a time limit.

We were asked to set out and marshal eight trial sections for daylight and four of these were to be driven at night in the opposite direction. After a briefing from Neil Tomlinson, we were dropped off in groups at certain places in Long Valley, Aldershot to set two sections per group. Neil told our group he had the ideal place for us – nice tour Neil, an area with some good hills, water, mud, sand and trees. (“Yes, there it is over there, nope there it is, I think!”) Sections all nicely set out, tried and tested, the competitors arrived and drove the courses unseen. At night they were only allowed dipped beam to pick their way through the sections guided only by a glowing light stick on the right hand cane of each gate.

The majority coped very well apart from one poor unfortunate who put his Army 90 on its side, but we soon had him upright and on his way to the next section.

The following weekend Maximum Bob and I spent the Saturday setting out eight sections for the Club RTV at Steep Marsh. On the Sunday only two cars arrived to take part. I am embarrassed to say it is the only time I can remember the marshals out numbered the entrants. I am sure this is a “one off” but perhaps we ought to look at inviting other ARC clubs to our events to boost the numbers.

I am writing this piece in the week before the AGM (to meet the magazine deadline) where along with some other members of the committee I will not be standing for re-election so hopefully we will get some new blood in the committee and some fresh and welcoming ideas.

I am also writing my dottings with some sadness as this will be the last time I will be talking to you from these pages as Chairman. I have enjoyed my eighteen months in this position. It is an experience I am glad to have had, made easier by the camaraderie and support from the committee members and officers past and present. My best wishes and support go to the incoming group of volunteers.

I have stepped down from running the Club but I will not stop helping and supporting wherever possible.

I had better go now before I run out of tissues.

Hugh Duffett

Chairman

Competition Sec's October Update

When I attended last year's AGM I had the intention of offering my service to the committee, not to take on the role of Competition Secretary. Having never done this kind of thing before it was a very sharp learning curve. I am the first person to admit that I am not a great lover of paper work. So having to deal with landowners and people like the MOD also the likes of risk assessments for burger vans was some thing new to me. During the year we have had 10 RTVs, 3 Tyros, 2 Club Driving Days, a Public Driving Day and Marshalling for BAFMA. All well attended by old faces and new faces.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped me this year to carry out the job of Comp Sec. I started to right a list of people who had helped this year but it would have been easier to read out the club membership list, but here goes. All those who have been C.O.C., C.M., S.O.M, Secretary of meeting, Marshalled, helped with paperwork, reminded me about jobs, helped set out, marked a route, let us use their land, tow a trailer, scrutineered, towed me out, made me a cup of tea and kept me sane THANK YOU.

Many Times During the year the club and its members have been complimented on the way the members carry out there roles and all their hard work.

I must also thank my fellow committee for all their support to carry out my role without their help and support no events would have taken place. This year has been a very busy year for me with all that has gone on and has had a few lows but lots of highs.

It is with deep regret that I will have to tender my resignation, as Comp Sec. I hope you will support the newly elected Comp Sec with as much support as I have received from you all

THANK YOU

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Tyro, Trotsford Farm, Sleaford. 20th Nov.

VENUE: Trotsford Farm

Pickets Hill

Sleaford

Hants

GU35 8TF

Map Ref: SU 807 385 Sheet No. 186 Landranger

The route to the farm will be marked from the traffic lights of the junction B3004 and A325. The road to the farm is also signposted Headly Park Hotel. This event is taking place with the help of Nick Whisham who is the owner of the land.

Scrutineering/Signing On 9.00am

Marshals Briefing/Drivers Briefing from 10.00am Start - 10.15am Setting out will take place from 10.00am on Saturday 19th and help would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

This year the Christmas event is being held at The Queens in Selborne Hants on the 10 December 2005 arriving 7 for 7.30pm.

The buffet will include 3 hot dishes Beef Bourguignon, Chicken Fricassee, and Mushroom Stroganoff served with rice and other cold cuts, salad roll and butter plus a selection of sweets and tea and coffee.

The buffet will be followed by the presentation and then into action for the disco.

We have booked the hall that holds fifty people, cheques to be payable to HBRO and please sent to Maureen Keen so I know how many people are coming. Please do not leave to the last minute to book.

Cost £15 per person.

If accommodation is required please make your own arrangements with The Queens Telephone No 01420 511454 Fax No 01420 511272.

I hope we have a good turn out with all our new and old members for this social event.

Regards
Maureen Keen
Social Secretary

RTV Night Trial and Bonfire at Nelly's Dell 5th and 6th November

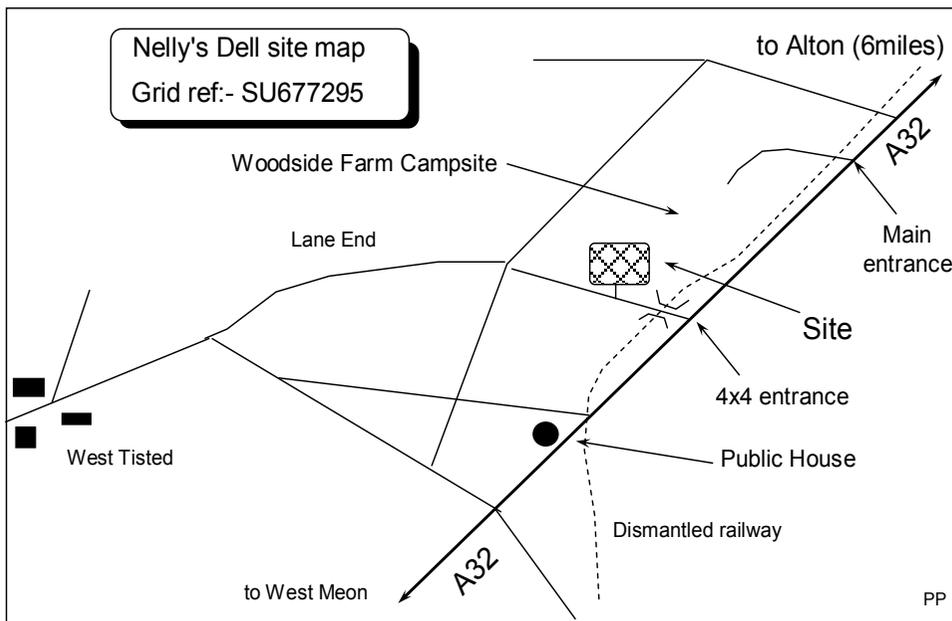
RTV

Status	Closed. HBRO only.
CoC	TBA.
Steward	TBA.
Chief Marshal	TBA.
Scrutineer	TBA.
Sec of Meeting.	TBA.
Camping	TBA.
Scrutineering starts at	call.
Drivers / nav's briefing	call.
Marshals briefing	call.
Event starts at	call.

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 read the
Competition Event Information
inside back cover.

Payment to Sec of meeting.
£15 on the day.
Facilities:- Toilets in trailer.
TBA = To be advised.





Nelly's Dell RTV, 5th October



HBRO team at the Major's Trial.
Mark Ambler and Sam Parker lift a wheel.



HBRO team at the Major's Trial.
Sam Parker, Mark Ambler, Matt Hewitt, Ian Parker, Matthew Brooker, Gary Friend.



Are Matt Hewitt and Matthew Brooker going over?

Here's the answer.



...and back upright again.

Belgium Nationals. Source of inspiration perhaps ?



Belgium Nationals. One of the HBRO entries.



Mendip Challenge 7th - 9th October 2005

Friday lunchtime and I collected Daniel from school so that we could head off for the Mendips before the mad rush. Lewis was staying at a friends for the weekend, so the 3 of us headed off for Somerset complete with van in tow (due to being sooooo cold at the Majors). The journey took about 2 ½ hours, but it felt like it was a bit of a back road route. We arrived early afternoon, and as at Eastnor, you camp where you like. We chose to camp at the top of the field, right in the corner (good run out for Roy and Sally's motor home!) I took the motor for scrutineering early so we could rectify any problems, but there was no need to worry. I was gone long enough to worry Ian though, as I got chatting to Melvyn Rose about all things winching and a possible Mick Wolfe Challenge event. We set up just before it started to get dark and pretty chilly. However, there did not seem too many others there, despite the list showing nearly 100 RTV entries for the next day. Roy and Sally arrived late after having a bit of a nightmare journey. We had tea and were all ready to head off to bed by 9pm but were still awaiting the arrival of John Jennings. We did have visions of him arriving in Maureen's mini, but sense prevailed and he turned up in the disco.

Saturday morning arrived, and with the event not starting until 10am, the boys had plenty of time for cooked breakfast and for John to get signed on. While in the signing on tent, John also harassed the raffle ticket lady and attempted to get the top off the club shop lady (he reckoned he would prefer a pre-warmed top.....yeah right). Kick off time soon arrived, and we were taken by our lead marshal Eric (of C&D fame) to the first section. The sections started off fairly well, with reasonably low scores, but things started to go a bit pear shaped after that. I was soon well past being able to keep level pegging with Roy. The rain began around the time we started our fourth section and continued on more than off until the second to last section. It made the mud covered rock site like driving an ice rink! On every section the scores would be all over the place, with some being caught out and others making it look easy, but then that would all change for the next section. It certainly kept things interesting! By the end of the day, we were all caked in mud, very wet, but I was very pleased to drive the last section and finish with a 2 when nearly everyone else got 7 or 8. Only 2 or 3 others in our group made it to the 3 gate. It helps to end the day on a high note! (even though I did get a nasty bang to my elbow as John shouted boot it!) Roy finished the day on a very impressive 36, which placed him 31st overall (out of 91 drivers). I finished on a not so good 53, placing me 68th overall. However, compared to the other ladies scores it was not too bad (the winner was on 43, two others on 48 and the last two on 60 and 75). The RTV had been set out well with wide gates and good use of the terrain to test the skills of the drivers. Roy and I both agreed that it was an excellent days trialling.

It was time to get out of the wet clothes (although John was not too

impressed at having to drop his strides in the awning!) and have tea, then figure out what to do the next day. We had not heard from Mark, Mark or Matt or we were thinking about watching some of the action then heading home. In the dark we listened to the revving of engines, some of which did not sound much like Land Rovers. Ian gave Matt a ring, who was a tad busy trying to get into a rather muddy field, so the boys went out to investigate. The three of them soon returned to collect keys for their vehicles, as the noise was coming from Mark Amblers lorry which was well and truly stuck having made it about 100 yards onto the site. In the dark, the three trials motors were unloaded, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to position the lorry better. So there it stayed! A few beers and most of Sally's cake later (I lost count of how many cakes Sally produced from her motor home! I wonder how Roy manages to stay so slim with so much cake in him!), we retired for the night ready for the next days action.

The three CCV entries for HBRO were up and about to get their vehicles scrutineered due to the late arrival the night before. Mark A and Matt also had to get signed up as they were not pre-entered for this event. A late start again at 10am with about 50 competitors lined up for the start of the CCV. Having caught sight of some of the sections on the previous day, we were sure that the CCV would be a good days trialling. Mark Furnell had Roy as his passenger, Matt had Ian and John sharing the hot seat and I sat with Mark Ambler. Mark F was still sporting the remnants of his fight with the grinder and had to spend the day trialling complete with splint pointing at everyone. Mind you, it didn't seem to cramp his driving too much, judging by the score he ended up on! The day was certainly a lot drier than the Saturday, but the mark of the RTV had been left, with some really cut up areas and still plenty of water. There was a mix of some tighter gates, but again good use of the terrain which created a real mix of scores across our group. The three drivers managed to get away with minimal damage, and there was only one tip over in our group, when Martin Skidmore hit an early gate and when over exiting the section. Unfortunately, he was on a bit of a slope, so he took a while to be recovered. At the end of the day, Matt ended up on 84, Mark A on 79 and Mark F on 56. All that was left to do was have a cuppa with everyone (and more cake eh Mark?!), pack up the van, and watch Mark have his lorry towed off the site by the tractor.

In all it was a great weekend. Very good site and well thought out sections, with plenty of marshals to help it all run smoothly. It is a bit of a naff journey, about 2 ½ hours along windy roads from our direction, but well worth it. I will definitely be entering again next year, just to see if I can better my score! Thanks to John for putting up with me (I was a tad nervous!), and keeping me focused on the job in hand, to Sally for providing endless cakes and looking after Daniel on Sunday, and to Matt, Mark and Mark for giving four folks seats for the CCV. Hopefully we will all be back again next year, but next time Mark might make it into the field!.

Sam Parker



Belgium Nationals miscellany.



HANTS & BERKS ROVER OWNERS CLUB



Club MEMBERS Only DRIVING DAY Sunday 4th December

Located: Slab Common, West of Borden, Hampshire

Map Reference: SU 782.361 - Landranger Sheet 186

Site open from: 10.00 till 15.00 hrs

Site Fee: £25.00 per vehicle

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

A marshal will escort groups

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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 for latest details and location map
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Mr Neil Tomlinson on (01264) 357513 or E-mail:
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Memberships can be renewed on the day



Belgium Nationals miscellany.



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COST : Adults - Thirty Six pounds per person for B&B+D per night, under 15's 50% off adult price & under 5's free.

Twenty pounds non-refundable deposit to be payable to H.B.R.O

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HBRO Committee Minutes,

Committee Meeting - 05.09.05

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

Apologies: Tricia Jacobs, Steve Kirby

Review of previous minutes

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

Chairman's report

To be discussed at the next meeting the AGM and the years awards

Secretary's report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's report

The balance was stated

Competition secretary

Nothing to report

Permits secretary

Permits all up to date

Special Events Officer

- Chippy Challenge not taking place at this time postponed until further notice
- Annual trip to Belgium all arranged

Membership secretary

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Not present

Social secretary's report

Christmas do arrangements going ahead all agreed the cost for the evening will be £15.00 per head bookings to be taken

ARC magazine report

Not present

Rights of way report

Bookings being taken for the trip to Wales next year

Any other business

Children's seating must comply with the current road traffic act at club drive round days

Next meeting Monday 10th Oct at the Crown Hotel Alton



Nelly's Dell RTV, 5th October

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.

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* 5 New Michelin 4x4 Tyres on steel rims 205/80R16 plus new nuts and spare wheel cover (unused) £500.00 ovno. Please contact Barrie on 023 9261 9349 (there is an ansaphone) (AUG05)

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Belgium Nationals. One of the HBRO entries.



Events for Your Diary

- * 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	CAMP	MSA
29-30	Oct	Roadmaster BAFMA Event	Thetford	?	?	?
5 - 6	Nov	RTV and Bonfire with a Night Trial	Nelly's	677 295	Y	Y
19 - 20	Nov	Tyro	Trotsford Farm near Bordon			
4	Dec	RTV and club-only Driving day	Slab Common	782 360	N	Y
2	April	Public driving day	Details later			