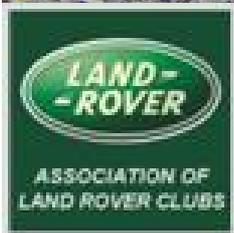
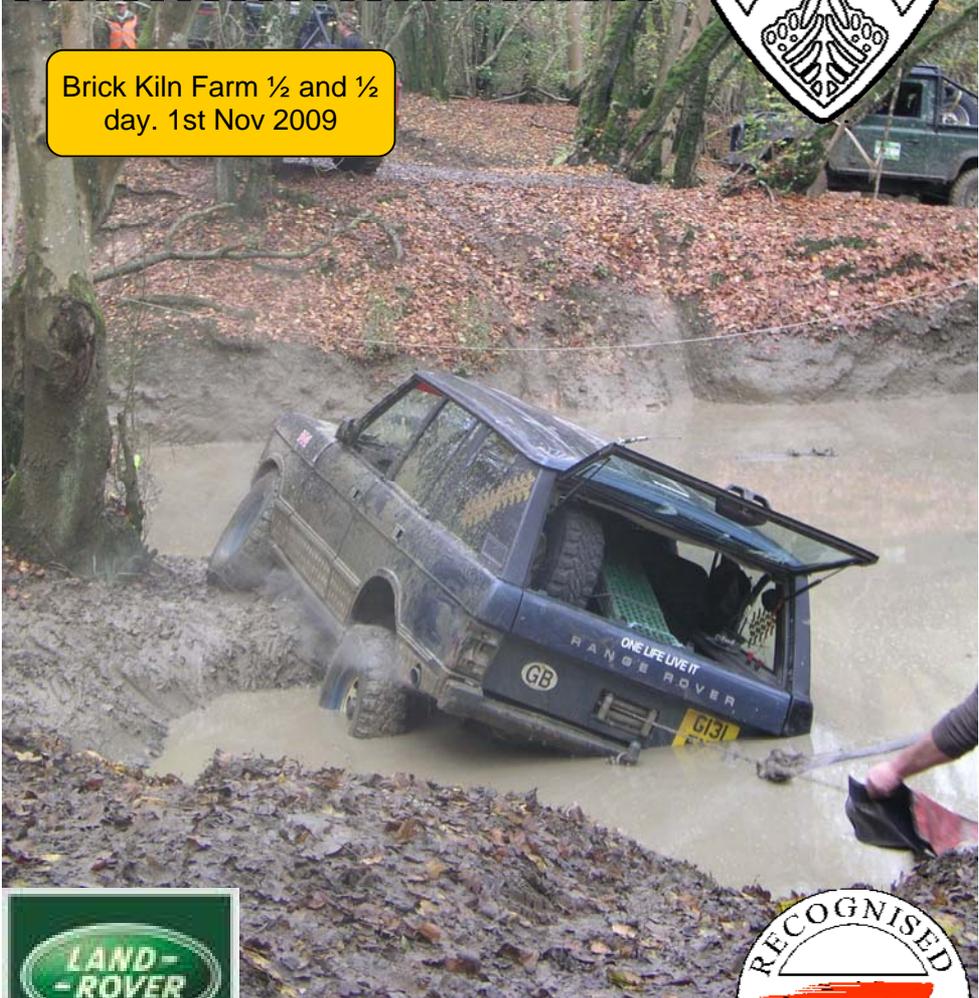


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Editor's bit....

There has been some major changes to the event program. There are some new sites so there are some new maps to look at.



Deadline for the next issue is February 20th. Don't wait until then, start sending in your contributions now. Articles can be in almost any word processor format but if you have taken photos but do not wish to write anything, just e-mail the photos to me. Ideally, identify the driver in each case where you know their name. Technical tip here, add the driver's name to the filename of the photo so they can't be mixed up or separated. My e-mail is Steve.Kirby@hbro.co.uk

Steve Kirby, Editor.



Hugh Duffett looks apprehensive at the 2009 Mike Wolfe Challenge

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Give them all your support; let them know what's done well, what you enjoyed, any new ideas. Write to the Newsletter Editor and get any Land Rover thoughts printed and off your chest. Most importantly, get along to the events, get involved and get more out of HBLRO by putting a little in.



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Steve's Slippery Slope

So it would appear that I wasn't a very good boy in 2009!

I carefully wrote to Santa well before Christmas with a detailed list of all the off road parts, equipment and accessories I wanted. So you can imagine my disappointment when I rose on Christmas morning to find that Santa seemed to think that it would be more fitting for me to receive two jumpers and a packet of undies!

Oh well, I will just have to be 'gooder' during 2010.

So as I sit here finally finishing off the last of the Turkey in one of my very poorly made curries I have a chance to look back over the happenings since my first 'slippery slope' article as the clubs new Chairman.

I have now started to settle into the role and have been very grateful for the support (and positive comments) of many club members and am pleased to be surrounded by our first class committee.

On taking the position my main aim was to find some new venues for our 2010 trials season and to also set up some interclub events with some of the other 4x4 clubs in our vicinity.

I am pleased to say that we have been able to achieve this with two new RTV venues and an interclub RTV all happening in the first half of 2010 (see our online calendar for details of these and our other events). We also have some preliminary dates for the remainder of the year, these will be confirmed soon.

We have also held a number of events since my initial article the first being the half and half RTV/ winch day held at Brick Kiln Farm. The day started in torrential rain with all competitors and marshals getting a right good soaking during the morning's four RTV sections. Although the afternoon saw the rain ease a good number of the winch punches were located in some of Brick Kiln's deeper pools causing many competitors getting another thorough soaking. There were two images from this day that remain fixed in my mind, one being Henry Cox's winch man foregoing for Henry's rear coil spring which had popped out in the middle of one large pool. Then the vision of Garry White's Rangie up to its windows in water. Shots of these and other member's activities can be spotted on the web site.

The next event being the Mike Wolf Challenge. Whilst uptake was initially fairly slow the event kicked off with a full field consisting of ALRC vehicles and a whole bunch of non ALRC 'specials'. I was winch man to Kevin Wood and found that winch days key features are: getting in and out of the vehicle (a lot); winching (a lot); getting soaked whilst recovering your own and other people's vehicles from puddles (a lot); getting knackered (a lot) and not

much time for food drink and the occasional cigarette. Having said that the event ran without a hitch and a big well done to Henry Cox (and his Dad) for his victory and to Richard Salter for putting the whole event together (same again next year please!).

We also ran the first winter series RTV at Aldermaston on the 6th of December and being a member myself of the premier class (Class 5 - long wheel base) I wanted to congratulate Garry White on his stonking drive taking overall victory on the event (especially as on his arrival water was oozing out of his header tank and his usual lovely V8 sounded like a V5!). I can recall one of Garry's comments as I was cleaning up the contacts on the inside of his distributor cap "you can clean it - then I'll beat you"! You can fix your own motor next time Garry!!

I also attended our New Year Green lane event held on Saturday 2nd January. An event very well attended with nine vehicles all meeting at Neil Tomlinson's place in Andover. We spent the day coursing over the Salisbury plane with a call into a local pub for a spot of lunch. One of the highlights being witness to Sarah Duffett getting crossed up in some shallow ruts (at a fairly good speed) flicking Hugh's beloved 90 hard right off the piste and across a field. This occurred on two occasions followed by a fairly prompt driver change! All in all a very enjoyable day.

Whilst it's very easy for us to just turn up and take part in all or our events I really would like you to all think about the huge effort that various members of our club put in to make all of our events happen. We have a dedicated central core of members who organise and officiate along with a regular team who turn up for setting out. You all know who you are and I would like to thank each of you. If you are a member yet to contribute at this level please feel free to join in as helping out does give a large feel good factor.

I can't finish without mentioning our recent snow covering. Whilst this made just getting around so difficult, I do hope that you took the opportunity to get out and play in your buggies. I have really enjoyed getting the Discovery out into the lanes to see just how beautiful our country side looks under 8" of the white stuff. This on top of being able to assist recovering friends and neighbours cars has blown away the usual post Christmas blues giving me a real boost coming into 2010.

So wishing you a belated Happy New Year... see you all in 2010

Steve Aston, Chairman.

Brick Kiln Farm ½ and ½ day. 1st Nov 2009



MIKE WOLFE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE 2009

The day started with a kiss (oooh I feel a song coming on!), or at least a kiss goodbye to my long suffering wife (half asleep) as I left home at 6am, on Saturday 28th November 2009, to meet Elton and Arnie Jonsson from Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners (HBLRO) Club. They kindly agreed to tow the Club trailer so I could take my lorry and trailer, loaded with my Defender 90, accommodation unit and some equipment, and we headed off to Somerley Estate near Ringwood, to set up for this year's Mike Wolfe Memorial Winch Challenge - now in its seventh year.

Upon our arrival, we were met by some other guys from our Club (HBRLO) who had offered their help in setting up and to do some marshalling on the day.

We started unloading the generator, lights and equipment, then engaged ourselves in the task of putting out 102 punches around the allocated site. This site was made up of a mixture of pine trees and wild rhododendrons, growing in peat and gravel, amongst hills and gulleys, with peat bogs in various places, which was a challenge in itself! By 3-4pm we had just about laid out the course as well as setting up scrutineering and competitors parking areas and locating the generator to power the computer/printer and lights. The competitors soon started to arrive to camp overnight. This was also at the same time that the heavens opened and it poured with rain virtually non-stop all night. With the River Avon about 500 yards away and the flood plains already full, this was a 'tad' worrying! I had thoughts that instead of being a 4x4 challenge it might end up being a canoeing challenge!

Fortunately, by the time the morning came the rain had stopped and the camp field started drying out a little, even though it was getting more crowded with competitors arriving by the minute. The marshals and myself got busy signing on 42 teams out of 44 (two didn't turn up), then came the marshals' and drivers' briefings and then the fun began..... at 9.45am the competition started (which wasn't bad as I had aimed for a 9am start) so considering the amount of work we had to get through, I was quite impressed.

There were 6 teams in the ALRC Class and 36 teams in Non-ALRC Class, all of whom were competing to get as many punches as they could out of the 102 we set up. One team were obviously in good spirits of it all, Team 18 - Raymond Peckham and George Tolley. George being one of only two women

co-drivers. Now there's nothing odd about that, but what caught my eye was unlike everyone else (who had trousers on of some description), and what she was wearing - well, you couldn't miss her (see photo!). They did quite well in their almost standard Discovery, coming 36 overall and 4th in the ALRC Class, so well done to them!

The teams spent the day battling it out and it was difficult to tell who the potential winners were. It was tough with the weather and ground conditions and many vehicles being stuck in and caught up on punches for long periods of time.

I saw one vehicle turn over on its side with the competitor in it, laughing. It was put back up within minutes with their middle-mounted winch. Another team came backwards down an embankment, putting the vehicle on its back door. Fortunately the paramedics were not needed. There was a mixture of punches from the really extreme to the very easy ones, like driving up to a tree to get a punch.

One of the attractions of the Mike Wolfe Challenge event is that there's something for everyone, even the obligatory water sections.

Although I never met Mike Wolfe, judging by the way his family and friends talked about him, I think that he would have been proud and approved of this event.

Of the feedback I have been getting since the event, it seems the day was enjoyed by folks and I know that from the grins on the faces, I think a lot will be back next year, competing for the prestigious Mike Wolfe trophy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to set up the competition and make the day a success and to all the competitors for entering. I would also like to thank Mike Wolfe's family and Kingsley Cross Country for sponsoring the event.

Congratulations to Henry and Alisdair Cox for coming first place in ALRC Class, and also to Dan Elias and Adrian Turner who came first in Non-ALRC.

ALRC Class:-

1. Henry Cox, Alisdair Cox with 31 punches, 1859 points.
2. Kevin Wood, Steve Aston with 18 punches, 1214 points.
3. Cliff Dollimore, Simon Diver with 18 punches, 961 points.

NON-ALRC Class:-

1. Dan Elias, Adrian Turner with 80 punches, 6409 points
2. Peter Jackson, Richard Norris with 77 punches, 6330 points
3. Paul Whbley, Tony Blunt with 62 punches, 5224 points

Report by Richard Salter, HBLRO



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Also see the Association of Land Rover Clubs Ltd at www.alrc.co.uk

Another use for a Land Rover?

"Hello - I need to be recovered, yes sir, can I take your membership number. We'll have somebody with you inside an hour, thank-you".

Fifty nine minutes later along rolls the flatbed. "Bit of a hole in the radiator then sir, hole?" it's more of a bl**dy chasm actually. Note to myself - it was about this time last year that I had to go home on the flatbed after my clutch had exploded and not very far away from here either, so there must be something about Salisbury Plain that my rover doesn't like.

Hands up - this was my fault, I've found a new use for a land rover - icebreaking. Great fun whilst it lasts but expensive when a huge piece of ice goes through the plastic grill and radiator. Elton, Arne, Kevin, Anne, Neil and myself were out in our three nineties and we'd had a good day out so far, at least it was after a good lunch at the pub in Tilshead that it happened, so it was only the last part of the afternoon that we lost when I broke the rover.

The first sign was the sight of 40mm thick ice coming over the front offside wing, then the orange indicator floated past. OK not too expensive so far. Turn left when you get to the end of this water, said Neil, great idea, but the steering was jammed to ahead and a small amount of right lock. That will be 2 more lumps of ice in the steering then. And why is that puddle getting bigger under the front? Definitely antifreeze said Neil, I'll give you a tow down to the road, said Kevin. Great, but what about that hissing noise and that flat tyre you've got Kevin? Five minutes with the electric pump did the trick and we got going down the track towards the road. Steering still feels funny and brakes - quick chuck out an anchor Anne - unservo'd brakes are no fun and definitely hard work when you are on a 4 metre tow rope.

I've found the reason why the steering was stiff in one direction - a crushed steering damper, I wanted a reason to replace that as I'm sure it was getting stiff in the centre position over the past few months (I'm a tight git so my son informs me!). Now where's that indicator, surely it should still be floating down that lake. Looks like I shall also have to replace the headlights as well as they are also showing signs of cracking !! More expense.

So we'd had a good day out in the 'puddles' over the Plain, but an

expensive ending.

Notes to myself.

Don't forget to pay the renewal for the recovery service when it runs out.

Get somebody else to lead next time.

Buy a metal grill as it could easily be a tree branch instead of ice next time.

Happy Laning, Julian Mallard, RoW

National Green Lane Day Autumn 2009

NGLD was on the Sunday 25th October and the target was a Hampshire Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) called 'Colemore & Priors Dean 19' (SU722299 to SU725292) just North East of Petersfield. The lane had become increasingly overgrown at its north end, although it was still passable.

The work was undertaken as usual under the Hampshire Paths Partnership (HPP) scheme, unfortunately the HCC insurance did not cover us to use motorised implements so no chain saws could be used, much to the dismay of our new chairman Steve who was really looking forward to hacking (I mean tidying) up the lane.

As you can see from the pictures (next page), Steve enjoyed himself anyway with an axe and a bow saw, that he was wielding. The event was attended by 9 adults and 1 child, representing 4 groups - HBLRO, Discovery Owners Club (DOC), Wessex Hillrunners and the All Wheel Drive Club (AWDC).

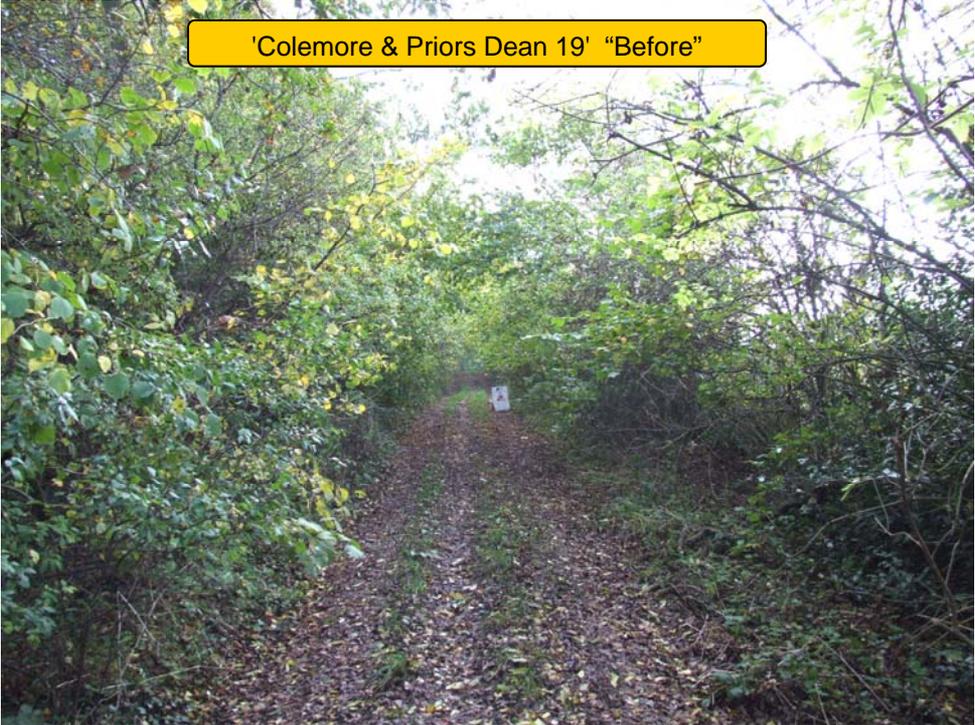
Initially we thought that with so few people we would struggle to complete the lane but with a huge effort from everybody and helpful dogs, we did a good job of creating some huge habitat piles and reclaiming a route through the countryside.

Why not join us on the next clearance day, it doesn't cost anything and you get a great sense of achievement being able to get a lane back from nature and not scratching your paintwork when you drive it.

The next one is on Sunday 28th February 2010, please keep an eye on the website for more details and I hope to see you there.

Julian Mallard RoW

'Colemore & Priors Dean 19' "Before"



'Colemore & Priors Dean 19' "Tree lopping"
(He practised on his trousers.)

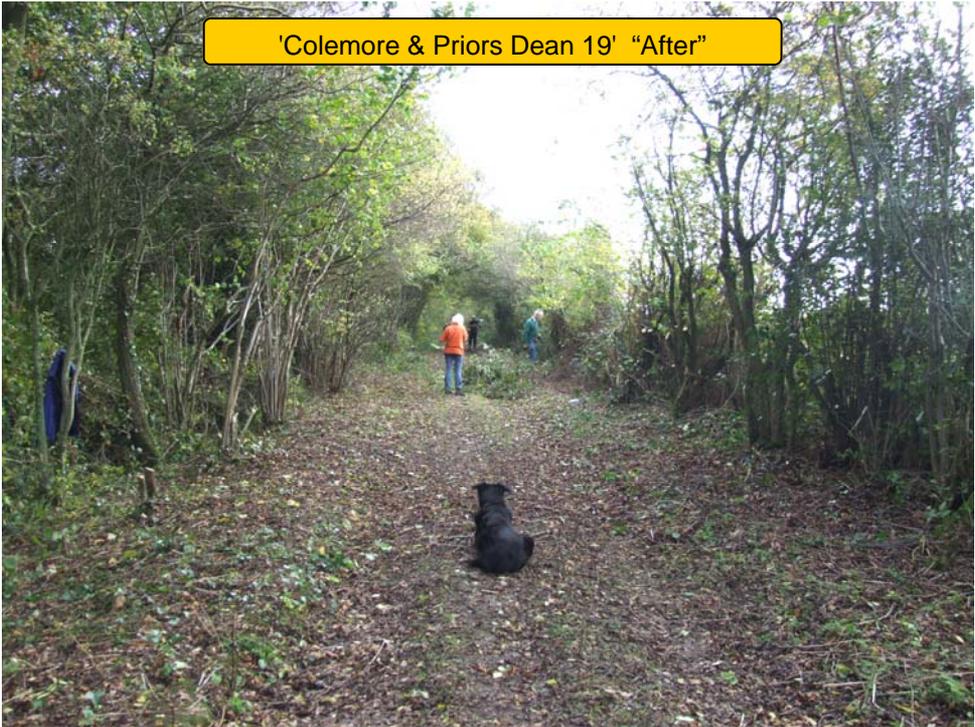


Going, going...



Gone !

'Colemore & Priors Dean 19' "After"



Rickshaw 2010 23rd January

The Rickshaw event is the first of the BAFMA Championship season. This year it will be again based out of the Longmoor camp. We have been asked if the club can run the trials sections for this event. Don't worry if you have not helped or even trialled before, as it's a good way of learning a bit about trials.

We will be setting out the trials on the morning of Saturday 23rd January, as the trials will start at 13.00, and it is expected that the event will be completed by 16.00.

The area we will be using is Slab Common. We will meet at SU783360 at 08.30. This is the entrance we normally use.

If you would like to help please get in touch via e-mail neil.tomlinson6@btinternet.com

07771923893 is my mobile number if you have any queries.

Neil Tomlinson



Green Lane trip 21 Dec 2009



Xmas Green Laning trip over Salisbury Plain - January 2010

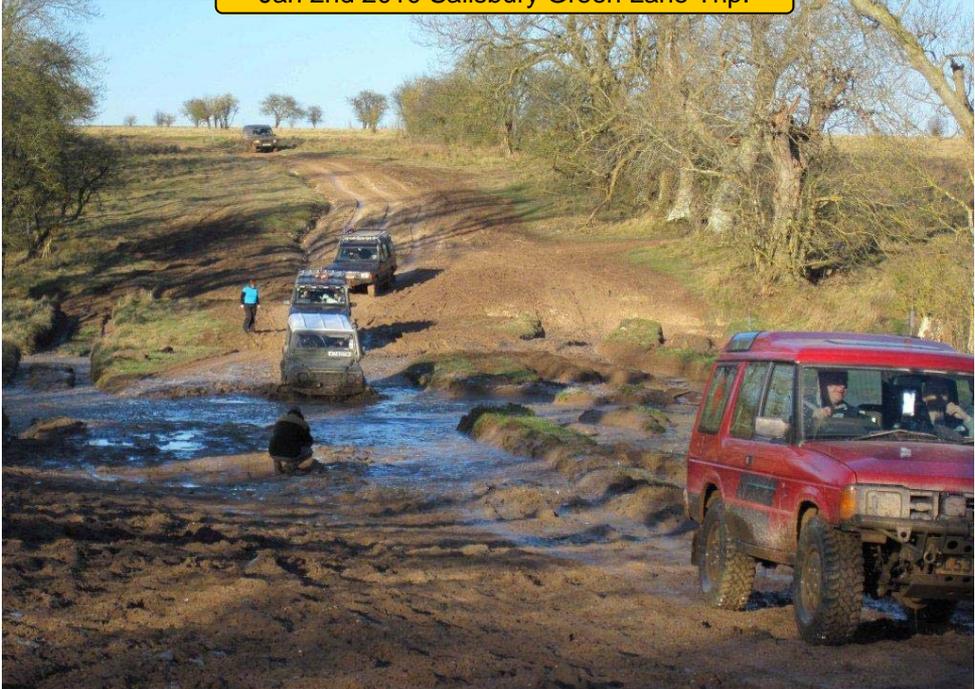
The dawn of a new decade flickered into my consciousness crisp and bright on Saturday, having missed the HBLRO trip out to Salisbury Plain 2 weeks earlier after a mix up on days (entirely my fault) I sprang out of bed, boiled the kettle for a flask of hot sugary tea, scraped the ice off the Disco and was over at Mac's as the sun rose over the horizon. Food and dog packed into the truck and off down the M4 we rumbled. Reading's not much of an exciting place to live, but at least other more interesting places are easily accessible. In less than an hour we were in Andover admiring Steve's (Chairman) roadside front bearing adjustment on his Discovery and munching on bacon sarnies. With Neil's cul de sac full of impressive Solihull hardware a route was agreed and owing to the number of vehicles, Julian and Neil hitched rides to limit the Land Rovers to 8; five Discoveries in varying levels of modification, from ours being fairly basic bar mud tyres and a steering guard through to Joe's being lifted, caged and big tyred; Hugh's modified V8 90 (lovely burble), Pauls shiny 110 TDCi plus Nicks red disco and another two 90's belonging to Rik/Michelle and Roger with his passenger Andy.

We all made our way through Ludgershall and onto a track off the A3026, having finally mated my old TomTom GPS with my Bluetooth PC Notebook containing my Anquet maps I could track our position, which is dead cool watching our progress plotted across the OS 1:50,000 map. Crossing the A338 we skirted Sidbury Hill, an iron age hill fort dating back 2,500 years BC and located on the old Bristol to London road, myth says it was dropped there by the devil on his way to London, Westminster, I presume. Driving was relaxed, cruising in 2nd gear high range dodging potholes in the surface and crunching through broken ice around an inch thick in the puddles.

Views were spectacular across the barren Plain under the cold clear January sun. We crossed the Old Marlborough Road and turned north up Bourne Bottom. Turning south again we stopped for a cup of tea/coffee overlooking Netheravon airfield where Mac was stationed many years ago when he was in the 'forces'. Dropping down across the river Avon we skirted Larkhill and turned north east at Robin Hood's Ball, another Neolithic site of interest, only a few miles from Stonehenge; but predating it, having been constructed around 4,000 years BC. We looped across Larkhill artillery range and down past Westdown Camp before stopping for lunch at the Rose and Crown in Tilshead. After sampling the excellent local brew and a variety of their pub lunches we trekked south west and across Chitterne Down. On this part of the Plain the depressions in the chalk is where the mud is and it was a case of picking the right line to



Jan 2nd 2010 Salisbury Green Lane Trip.



avoid trashing the ecology, whilst avoiding the bottomless gloom which Neil got stuck in last year..... Thankfully the muddy area where we met a moron in a monster truck trashing the environment last year was nice and quiet and offered the right balance between mud plugging fun and non-damaging driving.

Next we tracked north, just short of Tilshead then across Westdown Artillery Range. Half way across we stopped for a group photo and just managed to cram in all the Land Rovers on wide angle. Heading north to the edge of the Vale of Pewsey we were provided with an excellent view of one of the many white horses in the area on the far hillside. On the northern edge of the Plain we cruised east with a gorgeous view looking north before we dropped off the Plain via Wilsford Hill via an initially innocuous looking byway which rapidly turned quite rutted and our Discovery bellied out on our diffs (for a change....), we'd been scraping the diffs across the frozen ground for a number of times during the day but had not become hung up, this time on undulating hillocks we became unstuck. As always it was me, not Mac driving and so I got the blame but my theory was correct, low range 3rd gear a decent pace, but gradually we lost momentum until we became stuck. More right boot may have helped but you can't compensate for lack of inches as they say. Hugh dragged me backwards a couple of times and Mac took the tops off with the spade and we squirmed our way through before bumping down over the steep and stepped last 100 metres or so, which was technical but do'able, not as stepped as the adjacent lane running parallel but still plenty of fun.

Upon exiting the lane we paused in the pub car park to clean lights and feed Hugh's greedy V8 a gallon of petrol before turning for home through Upavon and Everleigh Down, over Weather Hill and back round Sidbury Hill. As the sun set in our door mirrors we lost Rik's Land Rovers due to light failure, running for home before sundown and Joe who needed to get home early. At approximately 4.30pm we arrived back at the tank crossing where we started.

A fantastic day, many thanks to Julian for organising and Neil/Ali for the bacon sarnies and navigation skills. What a great day out, weather perfect, super company, a great lunch and a magical place. Just spent Sunday washing Wiltshire from under the chassis.....

Happy laning, Sean Comber



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War of the Roses July 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2010



WEEKEND PROGRAMME
1/7 - 9AM CAMPSITE OPENS
2/7 - 2PM TYRO TRIAL
2/7 - 7PM BIKE TRIAL (ALL AGES)
3/7 - 10AM RTV TRIAL
3/7 - 10AM CCV TRIAL
3/7 - 7PM WELLY THROWING (ALL AGES)
4/7 - 9AM WAR OF THE ROSES
PLUS - SCENIC LAKE DISTRICT DRIVES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

Red Rose Land Rover Club invite you to join us for all or any of the events we are planning over this special weekend in early July 2010. The events of the War of the Roses weekend have all been planned to provide maximum enjoyment and flexibility for competitors and spectators alike. From a TYRO on Friday, through RTV & CCV Trials and Wellywanging on Saturday to the main event of the War itself on Sunday, you will be ensured a packed weekend of competitive and fun events. Any ALRC club members and vehicles are welcome to join in the trial events, whilst a team of 3 vehicles and 6 competitors will be needed to enter as a team, representing your club, in the War of the Roses 2010. You can book now using the forms below to reserve your place. Visit www.redroselrc.co.uk for more information

What is the **War of the Roses**? A full day spent tackling 9 separate challenging tasks by your team of 6 people and 3 Land Rovers. The challenges could be physical, skilful, cerebral or a mixture of all 3, but will involve you knowing exactly what you can do with a Land Rover in challenging situations. In any event it's all against the clock, so the pressure is always on to be consistently the best throughout the day, and then the points will be totalled to reveal who has won the **WAR OF THE ROSES 2010**. Could it be your team?



Competition Entry Form - War of the Roses 2010 - Please return by 8th June 2010 latest COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Name:..... ALRC Club:..... Membership No:.....

Address: Tel.

.....Postcode..... e-mail

I wish to enter the following events - mark with an x in the brackets:

a)Tyro () £10)

b)RTV () £15) Please make cheques to Red Rose Land Rover Club Ltd

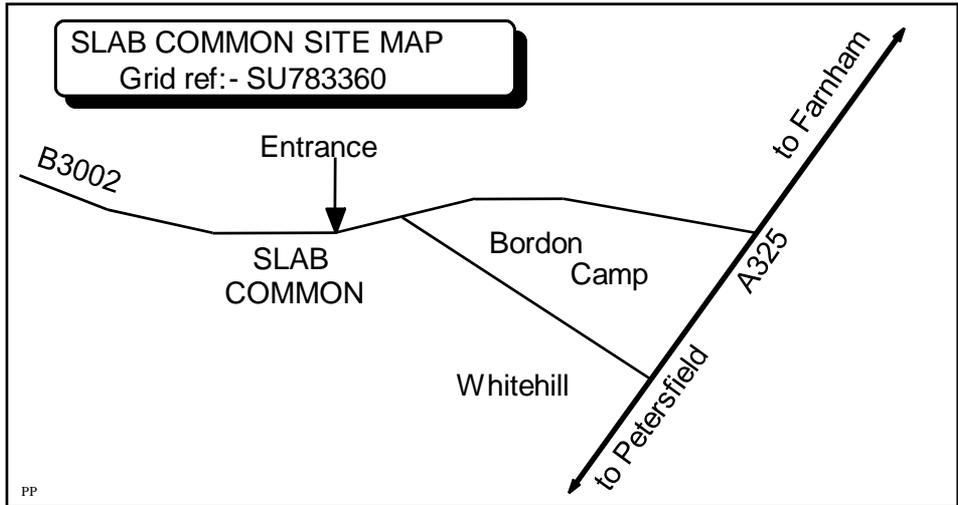
c)CCT () £15)

d)War of the Roses () NB. You will need 3 Land Rovers & 6 Club Members to make up a team - Our Clerk of Course, Andy Taylor, will contact you for further details.

Camping/Caravan pitches, as per the green book, are available on Cartmel Racecourse over the War weekend - just book in and pay when you arrive on site at Rally Control

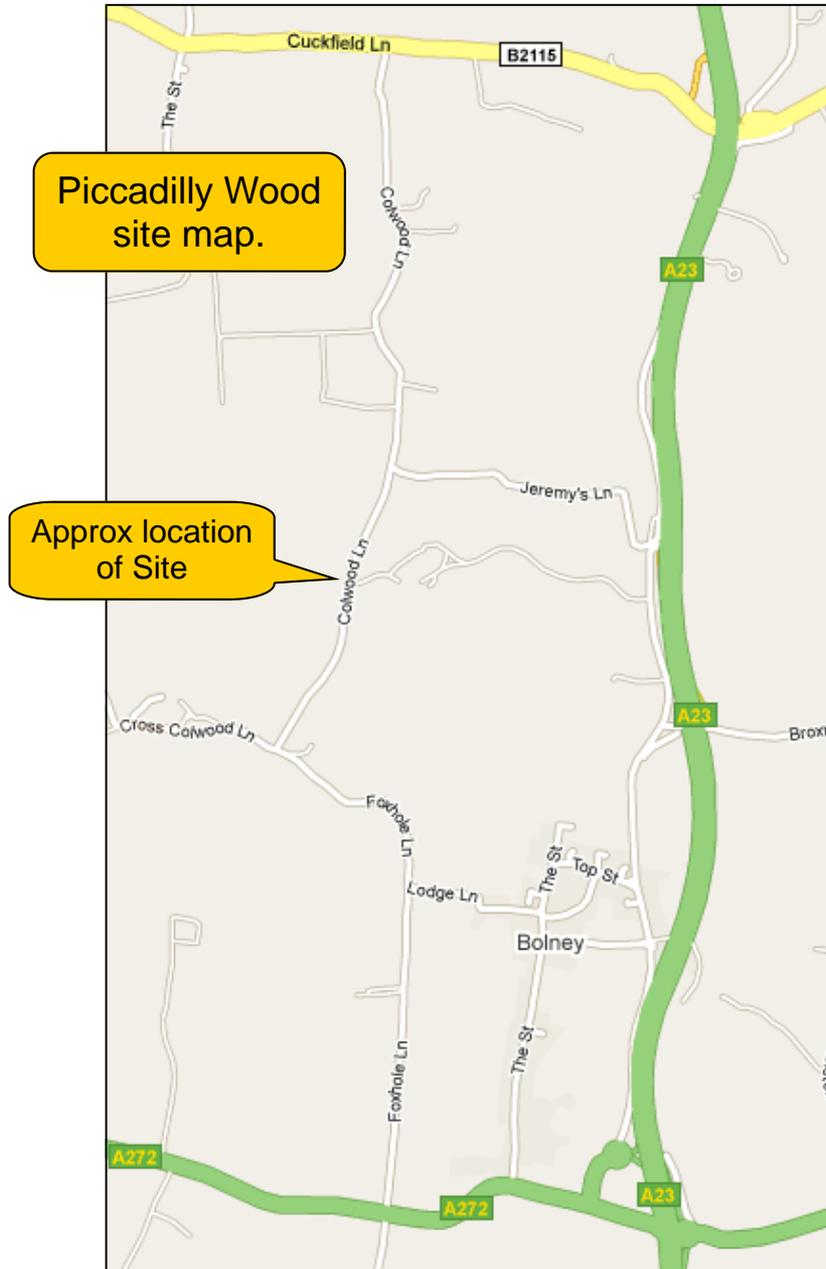
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Piccadilly Wood

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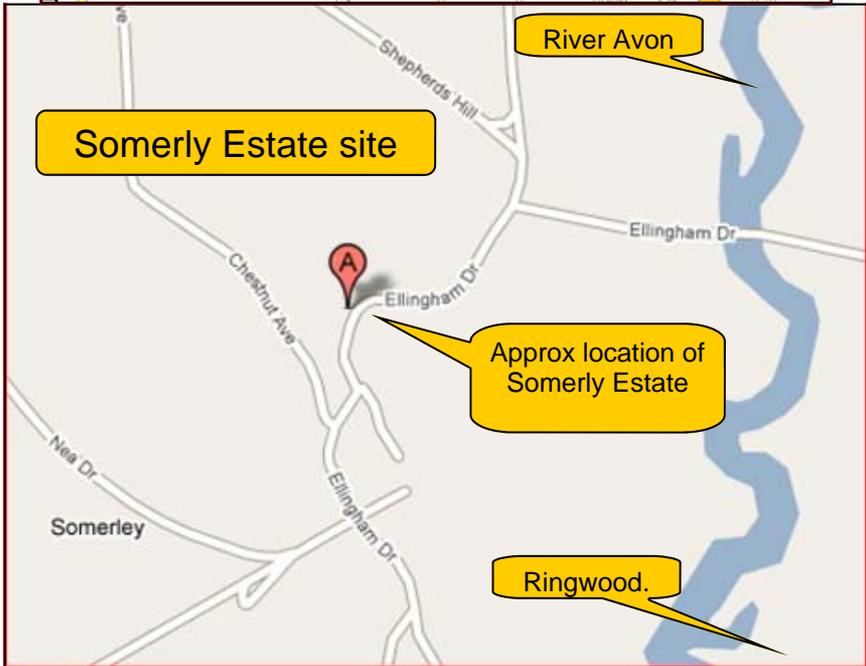


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Directions:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

Events in *italics* are provisional so please check for updates
and maps on our website:-

<http://www.hbro.co.uk/calender.htm>

Date	Site	Event
January		
Saturday 2nd	Green laning, Salisbury area.	Contact RoW officer for details.
Sunday 31st	Chichester Quarry. (See map)	RTV (Winter Series 2)
Weekend of 24th	Contact Neil Tomlinson	BAFMA Rickshaw event
February		
<i>Sunday 14th</i>	<i>Slab Common (See map)</i>	<i>Drive around and RTV (Winter Series 3)</i>
<i>Sunday 28th</i>	<i>Watch the website.</i>	<i>National Green Lane Day</i>
March		
<i>Sunday 14th</i>	<i>Piccadilly Wood, Haywards Heath (See map)</i>	<i>RTV (Winter Series 4)</i>
<i>Sunday 28th</i>	<i>Aldershot area. Site details later.</i>	<i>Interclub RTV run by Anglian LRC. (Winter Series 5) If you would like to take part please register your interest by mailing hbro.online@googlemail.com</i>
April		
<i>Sunday 18th</i>	<i>Hook End Farm.</i>	<i>RTV (Summer Series 1)</i>
May		
<i>Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd</i>	<i>Coombe Bissett. Site details later.</i>	<i>Green lane / camping event.</i>
June		
<i>Sunday 13th</i>	<i>Wantage Quarry. Site details later.</i>	<i>RTV (Summer Series 2.)</i>
July		
2nd - 4th	Lake District	War of the Roses (See advert in this issue.
<i>Sunday 11th -</i>	<i>Site to be advised.</i>	<i>RTV (Summer Series 3)</i>
August		
<i>28th to 30th</i>	<i>Hook End Farm</i>	<i>RTV Details later.(Summer Series 4)</i>
September		
<i>12th</i>	<i>Broxhead Common Bordon</i>	<i>RTV & Drive round. Details later. (Summer Series 4)</i>

Regular Events

- * 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 on the previous page, 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. Will be highlighted in **bold text**.

Green laners:-See article(s) elsewhere for details of the next trip(s).



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Hugh & Sarah Duffett, Mike Wolfe Challenge 2009



Kevin Wood and Steve Aston sink in the Mike Wolfe Challenge 2009



Going up? Mike Wolfe Challenge 2009
Challenge 2009
(That's why you need a bit of a rear overhang just to stop you doing a back-flip.)



In the pits at the 2009 Mike Wolfe Challenge