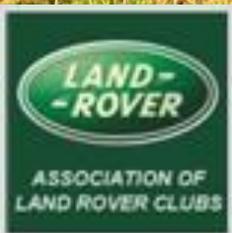




Hants & Berks NEWS

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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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Editor's bit....

"Somewhere over the rainbow...." or in this case, under it. On the cover is Brian McNichol in a puddle on Salisbury Plain, Christmas green lane special.

Southern Pub Meet - Venue change. See page 35.

Deadline for the next issue is April 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 and the event to the filename of the photo so they can't be mixed up or separated.

Steve Kirby.



News Flash - Red Leader Shield.

From this current Winter, the Red Leader Shield status will change. At the moment the Shield is awarded to the driver of a leaf sprung vehicle who scores the lowest number of points over a minimum of 6 events throughout the Winter and Summer RTV series combined. As we have very few leaf sprung vehicles taking part in our RTV's we thought that we would change the status and make this a shield for 'modified' vehicles. So from here on in whilst the rules for winning the trophy will remain unchanged now any vehicle in a modified class (6,7,8,9 or 10) has a chance to win. So get stuck in as I will look forward to presenting the first winner with the shield at our 2013 presentation evening.

Steve's Slippery Slope

So much to say (as usual) and so little time to say it...

Happy 2012 you lucky HBLRO members. I do hope that your Christmas and New Year break was super cool. I myself had a blast, done everything I wanted to and did not skint myself in the process.

Before we go on it may be worth you putting the kettle on, making a brew and settling in as this is going to be a long one!

Two winches on the big red

Firstly a catch up on the Steep Marsh RTV. You will recall in the last mag I was looking forward to and hoping that we would have a good event. Well the site did not disappoint. What a challenging location Steep Marsh is. Setting up was a pig as no one there had really used the site before so it was a blank canvas for us to work with and it took some time to 'dial' into what was available. Mark Ambler certainly got stuck in, needing two winches on the big red to pull him out of a very tricky situation. Thank goodness for Mike Fitzgerald, Hugh Duffett, Richard Salter who set up a cracking set of sections. Come the day we saw a good turn out and the site put on a very good show indeed. One of the most memorable parts being section 4 (created by Mark). Gates eleven through to seven was a long slippery

uphill full throttle blast, this caught just about everyone out as there was a sizeable bump two thirds of the way up which upset the car causing a loss of forward motion. If my memory serves me correctly Hugh and Jack were the only cars to get to the top and on to the final gates. Mike's winch certainly took a hammering at this point as most cars needed winch recovery. Toward the end of the day the second to last section also got a bit hairy as what looked like a simple slightly up hill right turn between twelve and eleven got very greasy catching four members out including the massively talented Jack Dewdney.

Finally after the last section we all scrambled out of the site to the parking area to reminis about the usual this and that's. Hugh Duffett took overall honours (again) some 8 points clear but I think that the real winner was the site proving that it deserves to be on the calendar. We will certainly be back there for round two later in the year (when there is a little more grip!)

Cambelt failure

Just after Christmas we held our special green laning event over Salisbury Plain (taking in Imber). Whilst I was too full of turkey and sherry to take part I have received numerous reports from our members that this turned out to be a super

event. Julian Mallard has penned an article on the run a little later in the mag (along with some brill pics). It is also worth mentioning that it was during this event that Niall Banyard had a massive cambelt failure rendering his car un-drivable. Which when added to his sizeable list of miss-happs and disasters throughout 2011 secured his convincing win of this years Boobs bust and Wally of the year trophies, well done Niall.

So, on to the Aldermaston RTV. This is one of my most favourite sites. Great features and lots to work with when setting up a tough RTV. Again thanks to great setting up team we had managed to find some previously un-used twists blended in with the old favourites. I must mention at this point that it was good to see the return of Martin Millerin back into the fold. The Sunday morning saw a huge turn out with 17 drivers. Nice to see David Lindsey putting in an appearance even though still recovering from a back injury and good to see new member Darren Foley (double driving Martin Millerins cracking blue 90). The day started well but then came section four and the disaster with my brother Rich. After seeing his arm get twisted backward down the side of the car and hearing his vocal tones it was clear all was not well. The emergency services were summoned and we all had a pretty tough twenty minutes trying to keep his mind off the pain

and his spirits up. As we were located at the bottom end of the site the paramedics had to be transported down to the area by a couple of our members. They worked quickly to make Rich as comfortable as possible before a careful ambulance ride to Basingstoke & District Hospital.

Thanks for the door Mark

A couple of hours later he was diagnosed with a nasty break to his upper arm just above the elbow and some damage to the elbow its self. I would like to say a special thanks to the chaps that transported the paramedics to the accident site. To Sarah and Russell for providing excellent assistance at the side of the car, to Kev and Trev for winching the car out of the gully, to Dave Lindsey for transporting Rich up to the ambulance and for Joe Stacey and Andy Bunyan for running my Disco home. I would also like to thank all those members who contacted both Rich and I with messages of support. It's at moments like this that demonstrate that we are a tight knit club that when the chips are down are there to help and support each other.

In terms of the rest of the day, we were very pleased to see that the event continued (as it should as this is motor sport after all). I was delighted to see that Russ had a cracking drive to bring home a great second place in class ten and to see Tim Wishaw back in command with a convincing

overall win.

After a few repairs to my Disco (thanks Mark for the door) it was up to Bramley Camp (just outside Basingstoke) for the BAMA - Rickshaw Ramble. Finally I had succumbed to pressure from various members to take part in my first navigational event. I did however have a secret weapon. I quickly joined my boss (Patrick) up as a club member and seconded his services as my navigator. The reason being that he is red hot at map reading and his sense of direction is second to none. I must admit however that the day did not start that well as we could not find the entrance to the site and had to resort to calling Ashley Bartlett for directions (the irony was not lost).

"Take your time, stay calm"

As usual the BAMA guys had set up the navigational sections with HBLRO members handling the 'gymkhana' sections. The drivers briefing was interesting as a massive amount of information was discharged by Bernie Stevens (clerk of the course) most of which to be honest Pat and I did not really understand as this was a new discipline to us. As Pat and I walked back to the car, we looked at each other and both burst out laughing as we were very much confused as to exactly what to do. Fortunately we bumped into Mark Brasier and his wife who gave us some great advice. "Take your time, stay

calm" and "don't get lost" was what I remember Mark saying most. Whilst at the time I did not realise the importance of his advice as the day progressed it soon became clear that this was the best advice we could have had. The day consisted of a number of timed navigational events. We were to use local maps to navigate the site collecting way point information as we travelled. Some of the sections we had to collect the data in order and some of the events were a free for all with the ability to gain the data in any order. The catch being that you have specific start and finish times, being late to the start gate resulted in penalty points. Finishing too early or too late on each section resulted in penalty points. Missing way point's or collecting data in the wrong order resulted in penalty points. Being caught over the speed limit (20mph) resulted in penalty points. I think that you get the idea. The catch being that each section was just too long to finish within the target time, so choosing when to bail out and get back 'home' became a big decision.

Spread in between the navigational sections were the 'gymkhana' events run by our members. They were very much like simple RTV sections, the idea being to drive a route between sets of cones. However the twist being the need to drive both forward and then in reverse made this look much easier than it actually was.

The very last section of the day

was the best. We were given a number of methods of plotting our route around the site. The first being just grid references, the second being a line drawing that you had to overlay onto a site map, then we had Tulip maps and then finally just a rough line drawing. We were given fifteen minutes to work out our route then we were off. I must say that this was tough as figuring out the right route was not as easy as it sounded and there was some distance between the way points meaning that you were never really sure if you were on the correct track. Oh.. nearly forgot, there were two sections where we were required to drive a set distance at a set speed. 360 meters at 10mph to be precise. The problem here being that my speedo has a bad case of 'needle bounce' making it very difficult to maintain 10mph accurately. So Pat and I did a quick bit of maths and figured that we would do it by the watch. We calculated that we needed to take 1 minute to complete the run. We managed this bang on... but our calculations were a little wrong with the correct driving time being 1 minute and 21 seconds. This cost us dear as we took massive penalties for getting this so wrong.

Finally the day drew to an end. We were almost last of course, however what a fab time we had and both confirmed that we would be back at the next event and put in the practice all the things that we had learnt on

the day. Well done BAMA for putting on a great event and a big well done to Neil Tomlinson and Elton Jonsson and the rest of the HBLRO team helping the whole event run so smoothly.

3 navigational events at Hogmoor

A note here, as we had so much fun we have decided to run 3 navigational events at our April drive around day at the Hogmoor Enclosure, so if you fancy a flavour of the real event get yourselves along and have a go you will not be disappointed.

You will be pleased to know that finally you are getting to the end of this reading marathon.

The presentation evening!!

So I am in my tux, its just after seven o'clock on the evening of the event, my speech (29 pages) is learnt, all the trophies are engraved and ready to be given away, the room is set up and rammed with members. The beer is flowing and the excitement builds. I shuffle my notes, step forward, and look out at around 40 faces. My heart is in my mouth, my throat is dry, my collar feels like its getting tighter and my palms are sticky... this is going to be superb I think to my self.

Best of the best

Over the next fifty minutes we reviewed the 2011 season, said thanks to those that deserved it, had a little fun at some of our members expense

and presented the best of the best with the silverware. We then thought about some of the more bazaar moments of last season and looked forward to the coming year. We followed the presentations with a spot on buffet and were then treated to a great quiz.

A big thanks to Hugh and Sarah for running the quiz. A big thanks to the Crown for providing us with such a great venue for the event, a big thanks to Ian Parker for pulling all the scores together and sorting out the engraving on the trophies and the biggest thanks to all the members that took the time to come along and really get involved. I had a great night and I hope that if you were there you did to.

Then came the drive home! During the evening the weather took a turn for the worse (or best if you look at it slightly differently). The sky turned grey and dumped a load of snow on most of the South central area. Whist I am not a huge fan of snow there were many members who could not wait to get out amongst the whist stuff. With many members talking of green laning it home we slowly said our good byes and wrapped the evening up. I do hope that you all got home OK. If you did have any adventures please put pen to paper and tell us about them in the next mag.

To round off, I just want to look forward to the coming events. As I

write this we have the interclub RTV at Hook End this Sunday, good luck to all HBLRO drivers and lets smash the Somerset & Wilts guys. Then we are back to Brick Kiln for our March RTV. In April we have our RTV and drive around day (with Nav events) at Hogmoor.

Something that I do want to talk up is our Spring Bank Holiday rally at Nellies in May. We have an 8 section RTV on the Sunday as usual, however are going to run our first TYRO event for some time on the Monday.

As you may know TYRO events are trial events targeted at young drivers (thirteen and over), novice drivers and drivers of newer Land Rovers. The event is designed to be completely non-damaging (reckless driving aside) and are a great introduction to trailing or just a great way to experience a little more of your vehicles off road ability than you may previously have.

So, please show your support, as a good turnout will mean that we will more of these types of event into our calendar.

So that's it from me... have a great 2012 and get stuck into some great Land Rover motor sport.

See you all in 2012!

Steve Aston.



Santas Andy Bunyan & Neville Dewdney.

Guess the Santa competition:
Congratulations to Niall Banyard & Rosealie Shannon for guessing all the Santa's bar one in the last mag. The Santa's are (left to right in the pictures 1) Andy Bunyan & Neville Dewdney. 2) Mark Furnell & Alan Braclik. 3) Niall Banyard & Morgan Banyard. 4) Steve Aston & Kevin Wood.
Also, there were 24 Santa's in the last mag and sorry to say that no one guessed the correct amount.



Santas Mark Furnell & Alan Braclik.



Santas Niall & Morgan Banyard.



Santas Steve Aston Kevin Wood.

Hants & Berks LRO Spring Rally

Sunday - 8 section RTV

Monday - 6 section TYRO event
(11.00am start).

Tyro events are an excellent starting point if you would like to try your Land Rover out off road. Particularly suited to newer vehicles, where gentle sections are taxing enough to get to grips with the car without inflicting damage. (reckless driving aside).

One of the biggest bonuses of this type of event is that junior members can compete from the age of 13. As a junior member of the club and with a fully licensed driver as a

navigator/passenger, they can compete with the adults.

Entrants must be either members of the Hants & Berks LRO or a member of another ALRC affiliated club.

Camping available please contact Hugh Duffett for more details Clerk of the course (RTV): To be confirmed.

Clerk of the course (TYRO):
Kevin Wood

Assistance in setting up the RTV would be appreciated - please arrive at the site at 09:30

Clarification to the ALRC Competition Regulations - Privilege Events

Following the recent discussions at the ALRC EGM's on how its member clubs host Privilege events and the feedback received from the clubs, the ALRC Council at their meeting on the 11th February 2012 agreed the following clarification to the ALRC Supplementary Competition Regulations which takes immediate effect.

SECTION U - PRIVILEGE EVENTS

U.1. ALRC member clubs may invite non-ALRC member, MSA registered clubs to compete in a maximum of five events in any one calendar year.

U.2. Prior written approval of the invitation must be obtained from the ALRC Secretary.

U.3. Events must be held under a MSA event permit applied for by the host club.

U.4. Events must be held under MSA regulations, ALRC regulations and any ASR's as required by the host club.

U.5. ALRC club members entering an event using an ALRC member club membership card must enter using an ALRC compliant vehicle. They may not enter a non-ALRC compliant vehicle unless they enter using a non-ALRC club membership card.

The above wording, of course only applies to events run by ALRC clubs as it appears in the ALRC SR's and would allow our members to enter non-ALRC club run events with non-compliant vehicles.

CONVOY for HEROES

Be part of it!

Convoy for Heroes 2011 raised over £15000 for Help for Heroes and took the Guinness World Record™ when 348 Land Rovers trundled around the JLR track last Easter. Were you part of it?

Convoy for Heroes 2012 is set to raise a great deal more for Help for Heroes when up to 1,000 Land Rovers set off around a track next Easter (April 7th and 8th 2012). We'd like you to be part of it.

Because Convoy is not just something you just take part in, but something you become part of, we don't just want you to be there, we want your input as well. For example, the staging section is sponsored and run by the Loughborough Land Rover Club and the children's area is sponsored and run by The Misfits. There are plenty of other areas where we could use your input, experience and skills.

Is there some area or activity you could sponsor and run? Or how about putting on a display or presentation of some sort? What can your club bring to the party?

You can, of course, come along and simply meet up with the other members of your club and enjoy yourselves. That alone is an enormous help in that it is how we raise money.

As well as a new venue - Convoy for Heroes 2012 will be held at Prestwold Hall Leicestershire, where the camping is a little less snug - it also has a new price structure, which we hope is both simpler to understand and a bit more financially attractive. We have scrapped the per-person entry charges and now charge £10 per vehicle to get in. Camping is £30 for an 8m x 8m pitch for the weekend (Friday to Sunday nights inclusive). Entry to the Convoy itself is £30, which includes a sticker, rally plaque and a T shirt in the 2012 colours. And, as a special offer to Land Rover clubs, we are offering a additional free display pitch for every five camping pitches booked.

Whatever you prefer, have a quick look at our website or e-mail me back and we'll work on something suitable for you.

Patrick Stoner

Organiser, Convoy for Heroes.
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Land Rovers at play on Salisbury Plain.



No matter what you drive, as long
as it's a 4x4 you are welcome to come
and join the

Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners Club

**At their April drive around day (and
Navigation Exercise) at the
Hogmoor enclosure, Near Bordon, Hampshire
On Sunday 8th April 2012
10am to 3pm**

Hogmoor offers a wide variety of terrain to suit all levels of off road
ability.

A perfect introduction to off roading for novice drivers through to
some more tricky bits for the more experienced driver.

£25 gets you entry to the venue and all the off roading you can
handle!

We will also be offering all drive around entrants (at no extra charge)
the opportunity to take part in 3 navigational exercises (so bring a
pen and a highlighter!):

- 1) A navigational exercise to collect way point information (in
sequence)
- 2) A 'scatter' event collecting as much way point information as
possible (in any order)
- 3) An orienteering event using various route instructions to collect
way point information (in sequence)

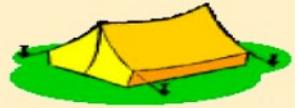
If you are not a member of an MSA affiliated 4x4 club you will need to join ours this can be done
on the day for an additional fee of £5

The event is open to all types/makes of road legal 4x4 vehicles up to a max gross weight of 3.5
tonnes (sorry no quads). A recovery point on the rear of your vehicle is a must (a tow bar is
sufficient) and a front recovery point is helpful but not a requirement.

Directions to the venue can be found at: <http://www.hbro.co.uk/calender.htm>



Spring Rally



Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners Club Spring Rally

Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May 2012

Camping, Trials and Social Weekend
at Woodside Farm (Nellies Dell) Nr Alton GU34 3NJ
(Grid ref: SU677295)

Saturday: Setting out for RTV Trial
Sunday: RTV Trial & Setting out for Tyro
Monday: Tyro (*for novice and age 13+*)

Quiz Night



A fantastic social weekend so come and join us

Camping available from Friday 12 noon

Contact Hugh Duffett
Hugh.Duffett@hbros.co.uk

Cornwall & Devon Charity Event 2012

Newnham Park, Plymouth, Devon, 23 & 24 June 2012

After last year's success in the LWB class and a very close second for Hugh, Alan and Jack, Team Hants & Berks just have to rise to the challenge once again.

We are putting together teams of three to take on C & D's Charity Event 2012. If you are interested in taking part in this two day RTV competition please contact Kevin Wood. Further details about this event can be found on Cornwall & Devon Land Rover Club's website or ask a Committee member.

Presentation Evening

Saturday the 4th of February saw the 29th Hants & Berks annual presentation evening. Whilst the weather looked to be a little grim the atmosphere in the packed Crown Hotel in Alton was quite the opposite.

Well done to our host Steve Aston for keeping the audience entertained during the presentations and special thanks to Hugh and Sarah Duffett for putting on what turned out to be a brill quizz.

A special well done to all of this years winners:-

Winter Series: 1st: Joe Stacey: 2nd: Steve Aston

Summer Series: 1st: Hugh Duffett: 2nd: Steve Aston

Red Leader: Neville Dewdney

Pilot Trophy: Joe Stacey

Performance Trophy: Hugh Duffett

Girls Own: (best lady driver at the Summer Rally RTV): Sarah Duffett

Boys Own: (best bloke driver at the Summer Rally RTV): Neville Dewdney

Member of the Year: Steve Aston

Wally of the Year: Niall Banyard

Boobs Bust: Niall Banyard

Diff Busters: (CCV at Majors Memorial Trial): Tim Whishaw

Officials Awards: 1st Steve Aston 2nd: Matt Hewitt 3rd: Ian Parker

If you fancy a crack at bagging one (or more) of these glitzy prizes please check out the 'Annual awards' page on our web site for details of what you have to do. Good luck as you will be up against the best of the best...

Please also note that the status of the Red Leader will be changing this year and will now be a trophy for vehicles in the 'modified' classes (6,7,8,9 and 10) - See 'News Flash' in this mag for more details



An assortment of drivers
RTV finding out what





ers at the Steep Marsh
the "Steep" bit means!





Boy's Own Trophy -
Neville Dewdney.



Marshal's
Trophy - 1st
Steve
Aston.



Girl's Own
Trophy - Sarah
Duffett



Performance Trophy
- Hugh Duffett

Awards for 2011



Marshal's Trophy - 3rd
Ian Parker.



Winter Series
Winner - Joe
Stacey.



Summer Series
Winner - Hugh
Duffett.



Wally of The Year & Boobs Bust - Niall Banyard.



Pilot Trophy - Joe Stacey.



Diff-Buster's Trophy - Tim Wishaw



Member of the year - Steve Aston.



Red Leader Shield - Neville Dewdney.

BAMA Event 18 Dec 2011

What a great fun day out and something different that test the driver and Navigator. I thought I could read a Map how wrong I was sorry Elton. It was a good turn out from the club with 5 competitors plus the hardy guys setting out the trial section on a cold day. The day started at a time that I though did not exist on Sunday morning 5:30 at Neil house for a fun trip in the back of his 110 to Long moor camp (should not complain it was a free lift but very cold). I had volunteered to navigate for Elton so we meet up at 7:15 ish for scrutineering and sign on. We were then given an info pack about

the day with a map of the sight with the start of the sections marked on it. The none competitive routes between sections were marked on a separate page so I had to transfer them to the map. It was all well organised with your start time for each section marked on the individual score sheets. So after briefing a few cups of tea to warm myself up we were off to the first section.

Section one Day Navigation

At your allotted time we went to the start point and was given an aerial phone with a route marked on it; we



had 30 min to complete. Along the route there are marker points this letters on that you have to record on the score sheet for that section. The terrain varied from hard track to quiet challenging rutted tracks but nothing for Elton. We only went wrong once and finished well with in the time..

Section two Scatter

We were given an aerial photo of the sand pit with 31 points on it and we had to find the marker boards and write the letter on the marker against the corresponding number on the score sheet in 45 min. This went well and we manage to find them all in time mind you a few were well hidden.

Section three orienteering

This is where it all went wrong for us; the map had 15 points on it that you had to visit in sequence all in one large area. At one point I looked up and there were vehicle going in all directions. We found the first two then we got the scale all wrong and it took us 15 min to find point 3. We managed to find up to seven and were running out of time so we cut and run as you get penalty for ever minute you are late to the check point.

Section four Sequential

The map had 18 point marked on it that you had to visit in order by any route to get you to the next check point. This was on a mixture of tracks again my map reading let us down and

we could not find point 4 so we managed up to 7 again before we had to cut and run. It was then back to the start for an hour lunch and a catch up with every one and it sound like all were have in fun..

Section five trial.

The guys had set this up just about right with a mixture of steep climbs and tight turns and even a reversing testing in 4 sections. We thought we would do ok here, but I tempted fait; y mentioning to Elton about how I forgot to engage difflock at the last trial I went too and guess what we did "bugger". Then on the next section we did not notice the tree stump at the bottom of a small climb ending up with Elton having a bent bumper and a damaged wheel rim.

Section six Medley

This was a mixture of everything; we had a verbal instruction for the first part, then we had a point to point on aerial photo, then a sketch map, followed by a route marked on a map, with speed trap for good measure. We only missed on point mind you Neil managed to get stuck between to trees trying to get to the point we missed.

So to sum up I think I speak for all the club members that went, when I say what a great day out and you all should give it a go on the 29th Jan.

Pete Brayford

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You lucky lucky people... Along with the stock size shield stickers available from the club shop, we are now also able to offer our Hants & Berks shield stickers at ANY size and ANY colour.

Working with a local company (iSigns) owned by new HBLRO member Nick Cowdry, we are able to obtain our infamous Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners 'shield' sticker at ANY size and ANY colour.

All you need to do to get yours is email Steve Aston with the size and colour of the sticker you desire. Remember that the height of the shield is around 1.3 times the width.

As a price guide a shield 77cm high and 59 cm wide (like the one on Steve Aston's bonnet, see picture)

comes in at just £12.50.

iSigns offers limitless options for vinyl stickers and vehicle wraps, if you require something a little more adventurous or need a vinyl solution for almost any application check out their web sites at: www.isignsgraphics.co.uk and www.motovinyl.co.uk.



ALRC Rule Changes:

Its almost that time of year again when ALRC affiliated clubs are able to propose changes to the rules governing our sport. So if you have (sensible) suggestions please make them known to any committee member.

Xmas Laning 2012 over Salisbury Plain

On a bright sunny morning seventeen members of HBLRO met at North Tidworth for a day's green laning on and around Salisbury plain. After the statutory group photo, we broke into three groups lead by Julian

who came in just as the first group where leaving. Early afternoon saw a short heavy downpour, before the sun re-appeared. Onto the plain in the afternoon for a visit to Imber village by Julian's group and a walk up to the



Mallard, Neil Tomlinson and Elton Jonsson. Neil and Elton went straight out on the plain, whilst Julian's group headed in the opposite direction! Julian's group took in a number of lanes ranging from well maintained lanes covered with scalplings to very wet, deep rutted ones.

The groups all met up again for a pub lunch in Tilshead. Thankfully the first two groups to arrive there had left enough food for Julian's group,

800 year old church of St. Giles to sign the visitors book and the chance to read about the history of Imber village and its association with the MOD. The Friends of Imber Church are hoping to raise enough funds to allow it to open for up to 54 times a year and to increase the number of services from the current one per year!

Casualties on the day where Niall Banyard who's landy was foiled by

camshaft failure and after being towed out by Martin, returned home courtesy of a breakdown truck. Hope you are back on the road soon Niall. It was a great day out away from the turkey and other festivities which came to an end just as dusk was falling. After a quick wash of lights, windows and number plates it was time all too quickly for a starburst of landy's and disco's heading off to their respective homes. Be sure to keep any eye on the events calendar, on the club web site for the next green laning outing.

Cary Osborn

We had the biggest laning group outing that I can remember on the 2nd January for the annual winter drive over the Plain. In total 18 members' vehicles started but unfortunately only 16 survived. Niall unfortunately broke a camshaft (bad

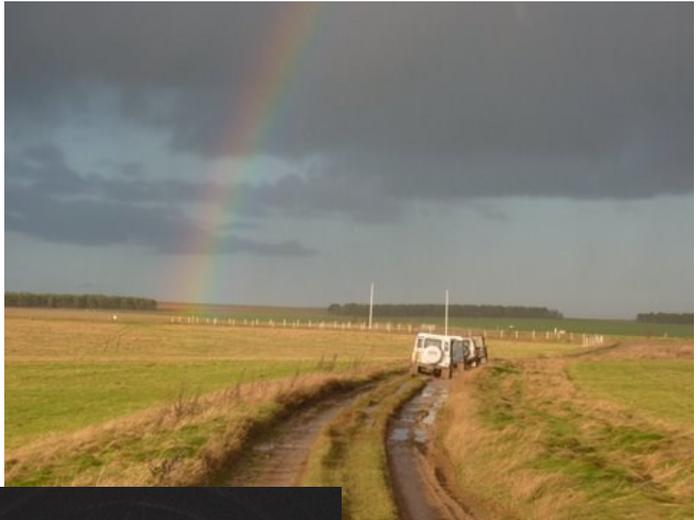
maintenance I'm told and not the drivers fault - his good lady) and had to be towed to the road by Martin for recovery to his house. A 'new' engine had to be installed I believe.

The groups went in 3 different directions, I know the Plain is a large place but it would be sods law for us to meet, especially going opposite ways down the same lane plus there were many other groups out on the Plain - we came across a large group of leafers just before lunch, mainly Series II and III's. As Cary said we had a late lunch so that we did not all get to the pub at the same time and overload the kitchen staff.

We took in the sites of Rag Copse on our way to East Grafton where we lost Niall and Martin. As they did not know at that time what was wrong, we parted with the suggestion that we could meet up



for lunch a little later. We then struck north via Wootton Rivers up to East Kennett - our most northerly point, before heading south again. This took us through Alton Barnes and Marden until we dropped back down onto the north edge of the Plain. We then headed south and west



across the Plain for some dinner at Tilshead. With some good beer and a nice chunk of Gammon consumed we headed off to visit Imber church.

Later we did some new lanes near Codford St Peter and Steeple Langford before calling it a day at Berwick St James as it was getting quite dusky.

We had a great day out with good company and good weather most of the time. Look out for the next visit over the Plain or even a Treasure Hunt in the first half of 2012.

Julian Mallard. RoW



A BRAND NEW VENUE
SET IN SPECTACULAR SCENERY
THE ALRC NATIONAL RALLY 2012



Peak and Dukeries Land Rover Club and Lincolnshire Land Rover Club are jointly holding the 2012 ALRC National Rally in the renowned Belvoir Castle grounds near to Grantham.

The National Rally will be held on the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend 1st to 4th June 2012. You can find out more information by going to our website: www.alrc2012.co.uk The website will be regularly updated with new information including an on line booking form. If you haven't got the internet and friends and family are unable to access this web site for you, the local library or internet cafes can assist you to find out more.

We look forward to hosting you in 2012!
Paul Smith. Press and Publicity Officer
ALRC National Rally 2012

Winner of the blast from the past is Dave Scofield who correctly identified the driver as Dave Scofield at the Trottsford Farm RTV on 27th March 2008



“Blast from the past” We are looking for the name of the driver and for bonus points the date and the location.
It is not usual to let the winner be the person in the pic as he/she was the only entry so they take the glory!



March / April Caption Competition.

What is being said by whom and about whom? Send in your suggestions.



"Hey lads, are my eyes deceiving me or can I see a huge consignment of cash making its way through the woods towards the Cayman Islands?"



Jan / Feb Caption Competition Winner

This month's caption competition winner is a member who has spent the last few years working in Japan. Michael (Woodford) emailed in with the following caption: Alan Braclik (the chap in the combats) is the speaker. Nice caption Mike... you are this month's winner.

Reminder about Bumpers

Its important that we continue to observe the ALRC rulings regarding vehicle bumpers, so please check that your vehicle is compliant. The current rules are:-

Standard Class rule:-

B.13.2. On Land Rovers, bumpers, mounting and rear cross-members must be straight, have at least equal strength to the original fitment and shall be mounted in the original position with the front and rear faces presenting flat vertical faces.

Modified Class rule:-

C.11.1. Must comply with the requirements of regulation B.13 as set in B.13.1, B.13.2 and B.13.3 as appropriate for the vehicle / bumper type. (Amended March 2010.) (Implemented 1st January 2011)

(See pages 65 and 68 of the ALRC 2011 Handbook.)



Nick Anderson spotted shaking down his challenge vehicle at the Rickshaw Ramble. Nick's company Wooldridge Demolition (www.wooldridgegroup.co.uk) is one of this year's Mike Wolfe Sponsors.
Don't worry Hugh, Nick is in the non-ALRC class!

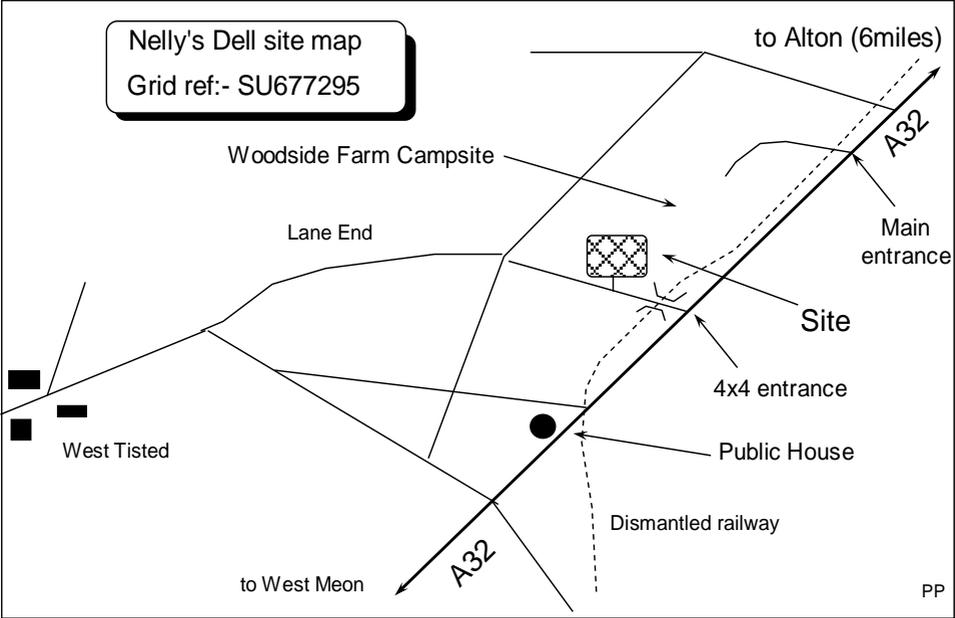
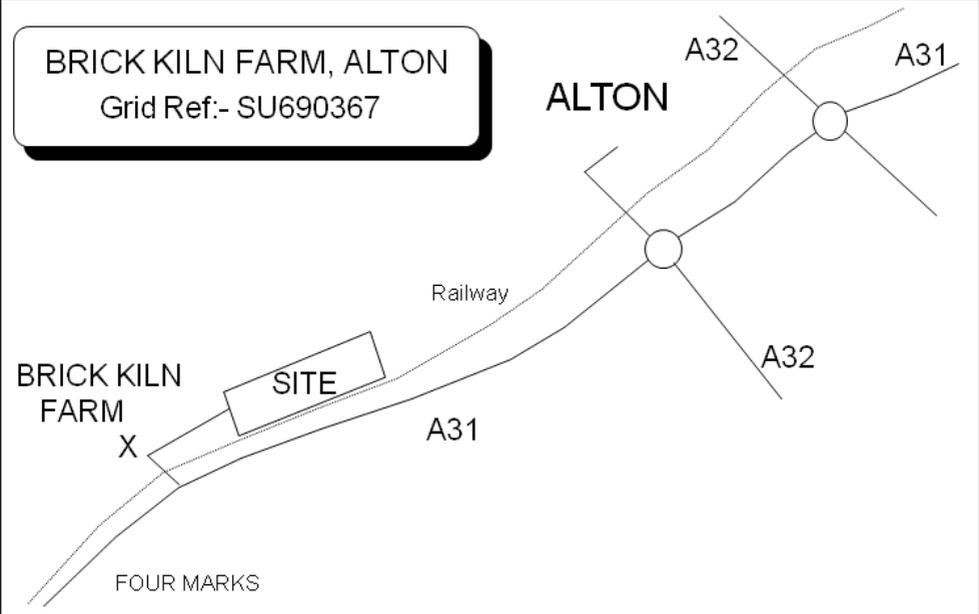
Results from both our own RTV's and our members other activities.

December 18th – Steep Marsh RTV				
Overall event winner	Hugh Duffett			
Class 4	1 st	Hugh Duffett	2 nd	Kevin Wood
Class 5	1 st	Joe Stacey	2 nd	Steve Aston
Class 10	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	
Spanner man: Simon Brown - say goodbye to both headlights				
Setting Out - Hugh Duffett, Steve Aston, Richard Salter, Mike Fitzgerald				
Officials - Richard Salter, SOM - Ian Parker, SCRUTINEER - , CM - Sarah Duffett, MARSHALS - Trevor Alexander, Mark Ambler, Alan Braclik, Cary Osbourne				

December 27th – Somerset & Wilts time trial at Sahara Sands				
Mark Ambler – finishing in 8 th position				
January 18th – Aldermaston RTV				
Overall event winner	Tim Wishaw			
Class 4	1 st	Tim Wishaw	2 nd	Hugh Duffett
Class 5	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	Simon Brown
Class 10	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	Russell Vare
Spanner man: Richard Aston - for the only breakage of the day				
Setting Out - Niall Banyard, Steve Aston, Martin Millerin, Matt Hewitt				
Officials - CoC - Niall Banyard, SoM - Ian Parker, CM - Matt Hewiitt, Steward - Sarah Duffett, Scrutineer - Matt Hewitt, Marshals - Ian Parker, Matt Hewitt, Trevor Alexander.				

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

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
11th March	Brick Kiln Farm.	RTV (Winter series 6)
31st March		Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
8th April	Hogmore Enclosure.	RTV & Drive around day. Details elsewhere in this issue.
5th to 7th May	Nellys Dell	Hants & Berks LRO Spring Rally, RTV and Green Laning. Details elsewhere in this issue.
6th May	Area around Alton. Meeting at Nellies	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
4th Jun		Bank Holiday Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
28th June - 2nd July	Lancashire	War of the Roses 25th Anniversary Interclub event
7th July		Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
22nd July	Winchester	RTV
4th Aug		Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
24-27 Aug	Hook End Farm	HBLRO SUMMER RALLY & RTV
Sun 26th Aug		Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
29th Sept		Sun 11th Nov Xmas laning over Plain
28th Oct	National Green Lane Day	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
11th Nov	Xmas laning over Salisbury Plain	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.

Event Timings

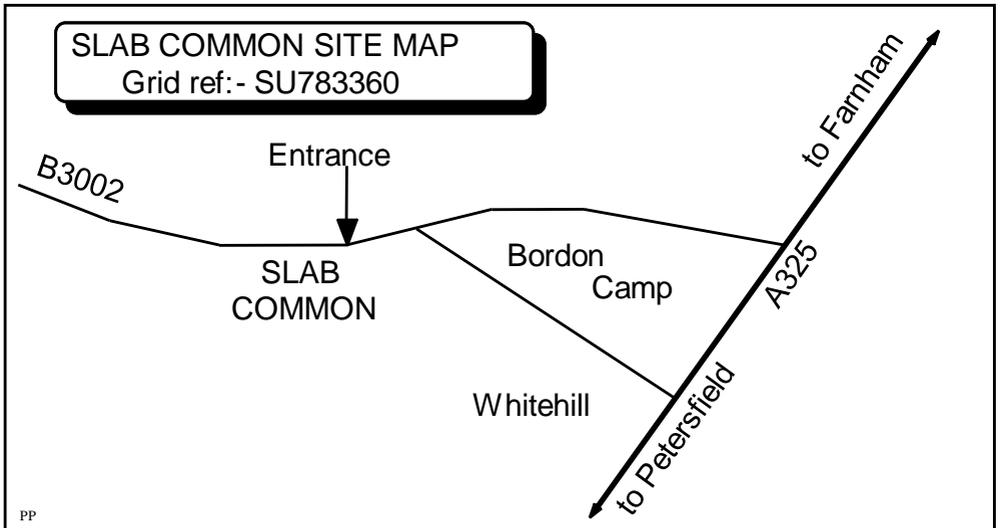
Competitor Sign-on - 08:30am - 09:30 am Scrutineering - 08:30 - 09:30 am

Driver & Marshals briefing - 09:45 am Event start - 10:00 am

Entry fee: £17.00 per driver

Driving Days Site opens to public - 10:00 am Site closes - 15:00 pm

Some more-conventional vehicles at the Jan 2012 Rickshaw Ramble.



Regular Events

- * Southern Pub Meet - **Venue change**. From March 28th Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the Cormorant, 181 Castle Street, Porchester, Nr Fareham, PO16 9QX Tel: 02392 379374 (www.thecormorant.co.uk)
- * Northern Pub meet - First Wednesday of each month. The venue will be the Lord Derby Pub located between Hook and Odiham, just of Junction 5 of the M3, from 7.30 onwards . Full address is The Lord Derby Inn & Stocks Restaurant, Bartley Heath, North Warnborough, Hook, Hampshire. RG29 1HD Tel 01256 702283
- * 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



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Jan 2012 Christmas Green Laning.
Panorama is by Gavin Barnes.
Below is a rear-view of Arne Jonsson
Don't get a stiff neck looking at them!

