



Hants & Berks NEWS



More success for Hants & Berks at the Mendips. Alan Braclik 1st in class 4 and Mark Ambler 3rd in class 5 .



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Your new committee for 2012/2013

We are pleased to announce list your new committee and officer posts for the next 12 months.

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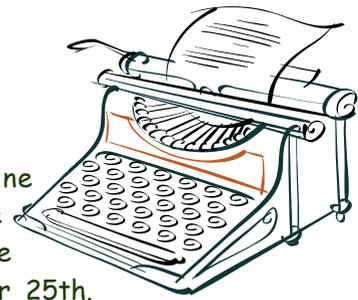
Club Shop: Heather Joyce

Editor's bit....

Steve Aston and I have been burning the midnight oil to produce an archive of all the editions of this newsletter. Just go the HBLRO website and follow the links.

The only edition we can't account for is the May/June 2007 one so if anyone out there has one, please lend to Steve or Steve for scanning. Ta.

This club was formed as HBRO, for Rover owners, that includes cars. It was only recently that we became a limited company and changed name to HBLRO because the interest in Rover cars waned and because there are no new Rover cars being produced.



Deadline for the next issue is October 25th.

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.



Alan Braclik and Chris Wood at Slab Common.

Steve's Slippery Slope

Entering the fourth year !

I write this hot from this years AGM.

The evening passed smoothly which is to be expected with Elton at the helm. Massive thanks to the big man who even though was not particularly well put in a superb effort to come along and run our AGM in the appropriate manor.

A moderate turn out saw a couple of changes this year. I would like to welcome Niall Banyard to the crease. Niall recently made it known that he would like to become involved with the club and fancied the role of the Camping and Social secretary. Knowing how sociable he is and considering that he now also has his own caravan (Cassa Banyard) the role seems perfect form him. As a committee we very much look forward to Niall joining us and to watch as he settles into the role and starts to find his feet.

Another welcome change being Heather Joyce stepping forward and taking on the club shop. Now I say about me (others will disagree) that there are some things that I am pretty good at. And there are some things that I am quite a bit rubbish at. This is case when I think about my performance with the club shop. I would like to take this opportunity to say sorry to you all and that I could have done much better in this role. I

did manage to sell some kit but was not very good at brining the shop to the events. So, I am very pleased that Heather will now handle the shop and will be bringing the clothing and stickers along to our events on a regular basis. Heather has our full backing and I am sure that she will do a much better job of it than the ham-fisted effort I did. Over to you Heather.

As the meeting arrived at the 'any other business' part of the agenda there were a couple of matters raised that I wanted to bring to your attention.

The first being a very exciting matter. With the work that Steve Kirby and I have put into digging out all the club magazines back to the year dot we have been able to establish that this fab club began its life in June 1983. This means that in June 2013 we will be 30 years old.

Now I like a party as you all know, so next year we are going to have a big one to celebrate this future point in our history. I am not sure what we are going to do yet or where we will do it but you can rest assured that we will have a lot of fun and Niall is already on the case and considering our options. So keep your eyes peeled for updates on our plans as they come.

Another matter that I need to bring to your attention is that this time next year there will be some

significant changes to your committee. I/We/you got lucky last night with the majority of the current members agreeing to stay on another year. This will be (for most) our fourth straight year. Whilst I cannot speak for the other committee members I have a feeling that by the time another 12 months has passed they will need a break or a change. Please start to think about this as if we arrive at our AGM next October and the majority of the committee stand down we will need some of you to stand up or its going to be bye-bye Hants & Berks LRO.

I was going to say moving on to a lighter note.. but its not (well not quite yet). You may have noticed that his edition of the mag is a little thinner than previous editions. You will also remember that in the last mag we asked for contributions from you for this edition. Well we have received a bit fat ZERO. If you take the time to go back through all of my slippery slopes you will notice that at no point have I used opportunity for a direct gripe about anything. But I find it hard to believe that since the last edition we have had the Hampshire Horse watch event, four pub meets, the Blue Light event on Salisbury plain, the Mendips, an RTV at Steep Marsh and RTV and drive around day at Slab and no one has been able to send in one line of text!

We need content people.

One evening between now and the 10th of December (the close off for the next mag) turn the telly off for an hour and put pen to paper. Tell us about something... help us keep the mag fresh with things that you have either been up to or want to talk about.

Now on to something a little lighter.

I am absolutely thrilled to congratulate Alan Braclik for his first place in class four at the Mendips Challenge recently. Since joining the club it has been clear that Alan has stacks of ability as we have watched his driving go from strength to strength. Whilst he has had a string of successes at club level this is Al's first taste of glory at the next level. I am so proud of him and so pleased at his result its not true. If you are looking for a great ambassador for the club there are not many better. Always around to help out and now turning into one of our elite drivers. Well done mate..

Whilst we think about Alan's result I also have to mention our senior campaigner Mark Ambler. He's been at the top of everything class five for as long as I can remember now. Whilst he was not quite able to repeat his superb Mendips performance of last year (event winner) Mark did manage to stay at the sharp end with a brilliant third place in class five. And me... not the

best drive I have ever had but what made my day was double driving Sally (my old Disco) with RTV newby Hugh Davies and just having about as much fun as two men in a car can have with their clothes on... A great day that I will remember for a long time and oh, yes I will be back there next year.

Just prior to the Mendips we held our Steep Marsh RTV. Now I know that this is not every ones favourite site, but I like it. It's a tough area with lots and lots of trees. Unfortunately this year the rain came in during the morning and eventually came in hard enough for us to cancel the event after section five. We decided that enough was enough after we had to start towing the cars to the start lines. The event saw the return of Alex Lyne in his lightweight. You will recall Alex made his RTV debut earlier in the year at Nellys Dell. Alex put in another fine drive however did scare the be-jesus out of us by narrowly avoiding hitting a tree very hard whilst trying to regain control of his vehicle whilst descending a steep hill after a failed hill climb.

The event also saw a debut drive by Chris Johnson in his fab 90 van. What an event to choose as your first Chris, the toughest one on the calendar. Was a good drive mate but again you did scare us a little nearly hitting the same tree as Alex did just prior to your turn... Also back in the fold after a long absence was Andy Bridger. Andy had recently purchased

Gareth Bells beautiful V8 90 and chose this event to give it its first real shake down. You would have hardly noticed he had been away sticking in a stonking drive to finish third overall.

I do also have to say (forgive me Hugh Davies) that it was at this event where Hugh thought it time to mention that he is colour blind red on green. I must say that there could not really be a worse condition to have if you are trying to drive an RTV section. To Hugh the red cane tops are completely invisible !!! - this is why you may now see black and yellow strips of tape on some of the reds to give Hugh half a chance.

Before I finish on Steep, I want to remind all present of the fun we had climbing out of the site back to the parking area. A third gear flat out 400 meter up hill blast. ABSOLUTELY brilliant, slippy, slidy and very bumpy. And always a pleasure for seeming Martin Millerin take spanner man (again) at the event for taking the most amount of tries to get up the hill and out of the site.. Well done mate!.

The RTV and Drive around day at Slab happened last weekend. A big thanks to all those that turned out on the Saturday to set the event up. Thanks to the RTV setting out team and a big thanks to Dave Scoffield and Simon Newington for sorting the drive around route. Whilst we may not have quite had the turn out for the drive around everyone that attended

seemed to have a good time. Especially the chap that turned up on the Skoda YETI four wheel drive people carrier. Un-believably he claimed not to have been stuck once... (yeah right!)

The RTV event at Slab saw a massive twenty car entry and the very welcome return of Andy Bunyan and his 'Daktari' liveried 90. The battle for the top honours was also very tight With Jack Dewdney finally coming out on top after a very close

battle with Andy and previous RTV Spanner Man winner Martin Millerin.

Well that's just about rounds off this months slope...

Please think about some of the topics mentioned toward the start of the article and I look forward to seeing you at Aldermaston and then at the Mike Wolfe Challenge at the end of November.

Alan looks concerned as the same tree claims three victims at Slab Common.

Perhaps he'll chop it down and make it into the next magazine issue!



Magazine Archive Update

On the HBLRO website Home page you'll see a button to click to go to the magazine archive. The first empty space is September 84 but it's covered by the Aug/Sept one in the August slot.

The empty space where the May/ June 2007 issue should be can hopefully be filled by one of you anoraks out here who may still have a copy propping up a wobbly table. If you have one and can lend it to Steve Aston or Steve Kirby for scanning, we would be grateful.

The final empty space is the Jan/ Feb 2009 issue, but the reason for that is explained in my Editorial in the March April edition.

Steve Kirby.

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Steve Kirby

As you will know I have recently spent a bit of time creating the magazine archive page for the web site. Its clear that the club magazine has come a long way from the original A4 typed pages in the early 80's through the lavishly coloured editions of the 90's up to the super high gloss editions that we all enjoy now. It would appear that nothing has remained the same. Well this is where you be surprised to

hear that whilst the mag has changed beyond all recognition one thing has in fact remained the same and that's the role of our editor Steve Kirby.

It was way back in March 1988 when Steve stepped forward and agreed to edit the mag.. and apart from a small two year period he has been at the helm of the mag ever since. This is an un-equalled demonstration of commitment and

loyalty. Steve has seen umpteen committees come and go and has seen just about all of the history of the club played out. For this service I hope that you will join me in saying a massive thanks to Steve for his first class work over the years. As I write this it reads very much like something that you would write for someone who is stepping down from a long term position. But its not, its a thanks to a great bloke for a job well done (so far) and from someone who is looking forward to working with him on future issues.

Well done mate,
Steve Aston
Chairman.



Mark finally makes it onto the silver screen.

Back in September the club was contacted by Paul Miley (a local film maker) in desperate need of a green land rover discovery! It transpires that Paul had found himself in a bit of a situation. Whilst planning the last shoot of the movie Paul realised that he was missing a crucial action scene requiring the a fore mentioned vehicle. Paul's call for help was answered by

our very own action man Mark Ambler. At the crack of dawn one Saturday morning Mark dusted off his Disco 3 and raced off to Monxton to meet Paul and the cast. It was not long until Mark and his Disco where in front of the camera's doing the business. Once again Hants & Berks saves the day! Well done Mark...see you at the Oscars



The cast are (left to Right):

Maia Gibbons, Conor Miley, Kester Hodgson, Mark, (of course!), then Amber Coombs, Scott Hinds and Danielle Speight.

The car's the star. Marks Disco 3 on set.



We are pleased to confirm that the magazine archive page on our web site is now available. Access to the page can be made via the tab on the home page. A big thanks to the late Dave Cuthbert and Steve Kirby for digging out their copies of the mag; to Steve Kirby for spending so much time scanning all the issues and to Steve Aston for putting the web page together.

Ashley Bartlett finds himself a nice hole somewhere on Slab Common.



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Slab Common

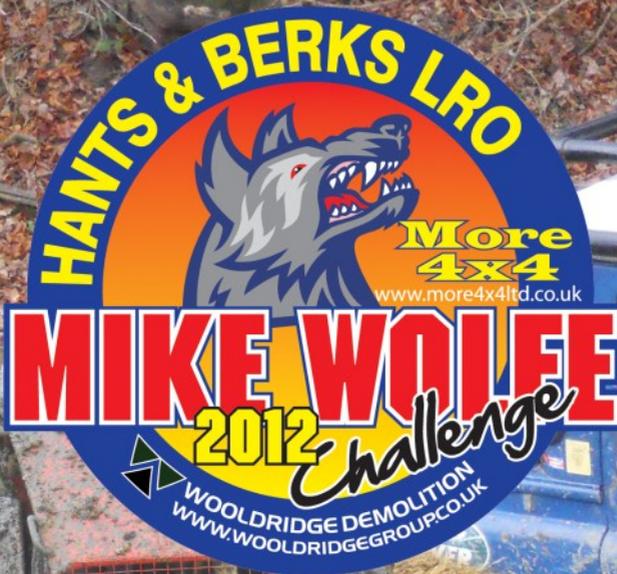


Neville Dewdney at Slab Common.

Tim Wishaw setting out the RTV in his CCV trialler at Slab Common.



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Hants & Berks

North

Mike

Entry fee £55 per vehicle

Camping available

Catering van will be present on the event day

Drivers need to be a member of an MSA affiliated club and hold

Wolfe bites back...

*ALRC spec vehicles will be competing for the
Mike Wolfe Challenge Shield and a £55 cash prize*

*Non ALRC spec vehicles will be competing for the
Mike Wolfe Challenge Cup and a £100 cash prize*

*Cash prize draw for members setting up
and marshalling*

Must hold a MSA Clubmans license

The Mike Wolfe Challenge 25th November 2012
Boxgrove, Chichester www.hbro.co.uk

Joe Stacey at Slab Common.



Andy Bunyan's (Bert) Safari Engineering 'Daktari' look alike 90 at Slab Common.



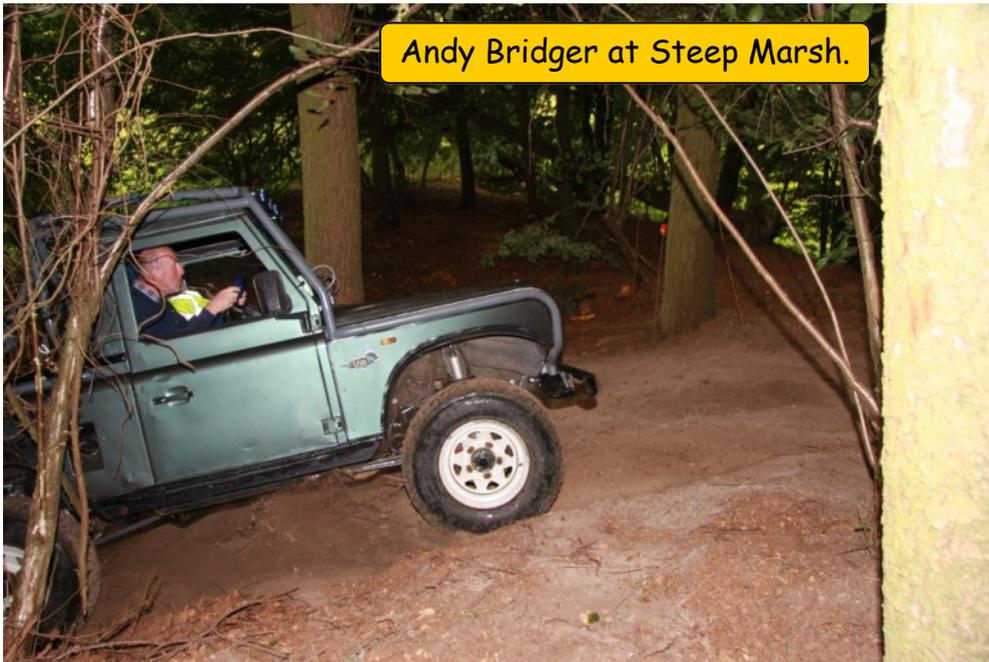


Looks like Steve's Slippery Slope! One of the sections at the Mendips

Hugh Davies driving Steve Aston's Disco at the Mendips.



Andy Bridger at Steep Marsh.



Garry White at the Summer Rally Night trial.



Summer Rally. Mark's Masterclass



Summer Rally. RTV Elton Jonsson.





Spot the ball - at the World Grass Volley Ball final, Hook End farm, August 2012. A Chairman's special prize - 1 Bombay Bad Boy Pot Noodle for the first person to put an 'X' at the ball's correct position and email the picture in.



Can you spot the Land Rover - it's in there somewhere!

September / October Caption Competition.

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



Enjoying playing your pocket billiards there Hugh?

About as much as you are enjoying wearing your mum's pants Steve, I told you they would be to tight!

Men!

This months caption competition winner is new Hants & Berks member (and film maker) Mr Seymore Butts ".

Results

Saturday 25th Aug 2012 – Hook End Night Trial				
Overall event winner	Garry White			
Class: Long Wheel Base	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	Steve Aston
Class: Short Wheel Base	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	Hugh Duffett
Class: Leaf Sprung	1 st	Neville Dewdney	2 nd	Ashley Bartlett
Class 9	1 st			
Class 10	1 st			
Setting out: Matt Hewitt, Mark Ambler				
Officials: Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Matt Hewitt, Scrutineer - Mark Ambler, Marshals - Mark Furnell, Claire Furnell, Ian Parker, Roger Hardwick, Claire Smith, Paul Thomas, Ian Joyce, David Scoffield, Andy Bunyan				

Sunday 26th August 2012 – Hook End Summery Rally RTV				
Overall event winner	Jack Dewdney			
Class 2:	1 st	Alastair Cox		
Class 4:	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	Hugh Duffett
Class 5:	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	Steve Aston
Class 7:	1 st	Neville Dewdney	2 nd	Ashley Bartlett
Niall's charitable spanner man: Andy Butcher - Unplanned wing and light bar re-arrangement				
Setting Out: Matt Hewitt, Mark Ambler				
Officials: Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Matt Hewitt, Scrutineer - Mark Ambler, Marshals - Mark Furnell, Sarah Duffett, Ian Parker, Mark Furnell, Paul Thomas, Claire Smith, Roger Hardwick, Ian Joyce.				

Sunday 26th August 2012 – Hook End Summery Rally TYRO				
Overall event winner:	Naill Banyard			
Class: Licenced	1 st	Naill Banyard	2 nd	Roger hardwick
Class: Un-licenced	1 st	Julian Cheesman	2 nd	Chris Davies
Class 5:	1 st		2 nd	
Class 7:	1 st		2 nd	
Setting Out: Kevin Wood, Steve Aston, Roger Hardwick				
Officials: Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Kevin Wood, Scrutineer - Mark Ambler, Marshals - Anne Wood Matt Hewitt, Paul Thomas, Claire Smith				

Results

Sunday 23rd September 2012 – Steep Marsh

Overall event winner	Garry White			
Class 4:	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	Chris Johnson
Class 5:	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	Steve Aston
Class 7:	1 st	Ashley Bartlett	2 nd	Alex Lyne
Class 10:	1 st	Russell Vare		
Niall's charitable spanner man: Martin Millerin - for taking 4 goes to drive out of the site				
Setting Out: Hugh Duffett, Steve Aston, Richard Salter, Mike Fitzgerald, Barrie Webb, Ian Joyce, Ashley Bartlett				
Officials: CoC - Neville Dewdney, SOM - Sarah Duffett, Scrutineer - Richard Slater, CM - ,Marshals - Sarah Duffett, Richard Salter, Martin Millerin, Joe Stacey, Allan Strachan, Alan Braclik				

Sunday 21st October 2012 – Slab Common RTV

Overall event winner	Jack Dewdney			
Class 2:	1 st			
Class 4:	1 st	Jack Dewdney	2 nd	David Lindsey
Class 5:	1 st	Joe Stacey	2 nd	Garry White
Class 7:	1 st	Neville Dewdney	2 nd	
Class 10:	1 st	Martin Millerin	2 nd	Andy Bunyan
Niall's charitable spanner man: Andy Butcher (again) for smacking up the same wing and light bar as he did at Hook end				
Setting Out: Hugh Duffett, Arne Jonsson, Simon Newington, Ian Joyce, Claire Smith, Paul Thomas, Allan Strachan, Simon Brown, Bernie Stevens, Ashley Bartlett, Joe Stacey, Garry White, Danni White, David Scoffield, Chris Homewood, Alan Braclik, Mark Ambler				
Officials: SoM - Ian Parker, CoC -Mark Ambler, Chief Marshal - Alan Braclik, Scrutineers - Andy Bunyan, Mark Ambler, Marshals - Ian Parker, Ian Joyce, Danni White, Allan Strachan				



Steep Marsh - one side is Saturday and one side is Sunday - can you guess which is which?



Regular Events

- * Southern Pub Meet - **Venue change**. First Thursday 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 off 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 etc. Will be highlighted in **bold text**.

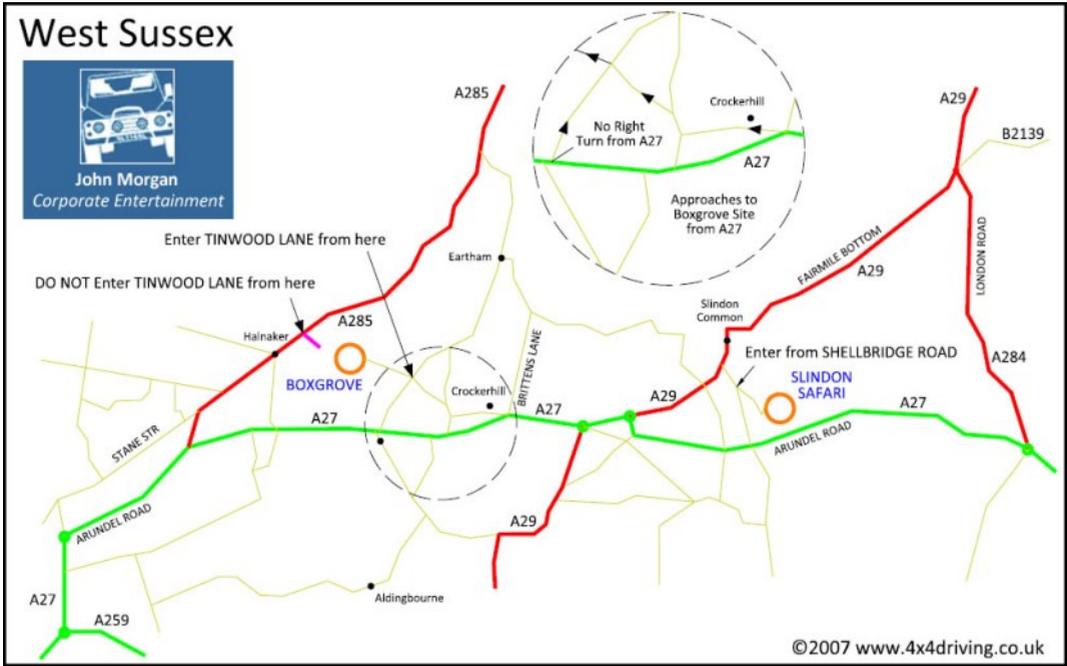


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

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 Nov	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
18th Nov	Aldermaston	RTV
25th Nov	Boxgrove site (near Chichester, Hampshire) Map opposite.  More 4x4 Ltd 01420 475303 www.More4x4ltd.co.uk	"Mike Wolfe Challenge" 
16th Dec	Longmoor	RTV & Tyro & BAMA Roadmaster Navigational Exercise (Longmoor Camp)
30th Dec	Salisbury Plain.	Christmas Green Laning Special 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 for RTV: £17.00 per driver. Entry fee for Tyro: £12.50 per driver

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



Slab Common. Super hero Tim Wishaw in Mark Ambler's Range saving the lives of stranded love birds Alan Braclik and Chris Wood.