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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, include the event and the driver (where you know their name) in the filename, such as **Steve-Aston-Nelly's-RTV.JPG**. This way this information will stay with the photo.



Hants & Berks Magazine in email format.

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Steve Kirby.

Nelly's Dell is closed

We have been informed by the owners of Nellys Dell that the site needs to be closed for a year (or so). This, along with the continued closure of Brick Kiln will start to put pressure on our calendar for next year. It is now vital that we locate some new sites. If you have ANY contacts with land that could be used for events or have leads direct to land owners please can you contact either Mark Ambler or Steve Aston

Northern Pub meet venue change

The Lord Derby is currently undergoing renovations so until further notice the new venue for the Northern Pub meet is the Water Witch in Odiham. You will find a map to the pub on the calendar page on the club web site.

Steve's Slippery Slope

~ SUMMER RALLY SPECIAL ~

I knew that I was getting excited as I had not been able to sleep properly either Wednesday or Thursday night however that odd feeling I get in my stomach did not really kick in until I was pulling together my share of the kit for the Chippy Challenge on the morning of Friday the 23rd of August.

As I located axle stands, a trolley jack, various buckets and bowls and a pair of welding goggles (for blindfold driving) the immensity of the weekend dawned on me. Swigging down the last mouth full of the last homemade cup of coffee I was going to have for the next few days I shut the rear door of the Disco and headed to my brothers (Rich) to borrow his trailer to collect a load more kit from the club container at Nelly's Dell.

I made good time to Nelly's and the new radiator (well new to me!) I had fitted into the Disco (thanks Chris) was working well and my engine cooling issue looks to be solved. With

the trailer loaded I hammered back past my place and on towards Hook End.



Pull Together

Mark Ambler had let me know earlier in the week that Matt Hewitt and the Hook End team had already set out the RTV and TYRO so that was a big weight off my mind. However there was still a load of things pull together. The Cake-off, the Chippy itself, the hog roast and the music, oh man please let the weather be good and loads of people turn up.

Just shy of Mark's place I stopped into the local garage as the old Disco was getting thirsty. I also sussed out that the garage was open until 10pm each night, had a cash machine (free withdrawals) and sold booze and fags. I knew that at some point I would be re-visiting this all-encompassing emporium again at some point over the weekend.

On my arrival at the site I was



thrilled to see that there were already a good number of caravans set up and that a number of members were busy putting Mark's white marquee up. As soon as I could stop the car I dived out to help. Once the last rope and stake had been secured we pulled the big white marquee out of my trailer and set about putting that up.



Brain Cell

This beast also went up quickly. Then we came un-stuck as we pulled Niall Banyard's marquee out of its large bag. The problem being all the pieces looked the same and it took us a while to figure out what went where. Fortunately Hillary had 'bagsied' the brain cell that morning and worked out the puzzle. With all three tents up I got busy setting up the rest of my kit before doing the rounds and catching up with the various members that were there when I arrived and who had arrived whilst I had been busy.

The campsite was calm as the evening arrived with groups of members gathered at different

locations. By luck (or design) the noisy members had managed to gather at one end of the line of vans with the central marquee area providing a kind of neutral area before the start of the quieter side of the camp site. I was pleased about this as I knew that some would party hard and some would be looking for a gentler weekend.

Before long I found myself in with a boisterous crowd gathered around Martin Millerin's 110 listening to 'Avicci' on his superb 'ICE' (in car entertainment). Beers were flowing and all I can remember is laughing for the next few hours especially whilst watching Joe trying to seduce his lovely wife Kim by dancing (or should I say staggering) topless around her to his fav artist Lionel Ritchie (well done mate! Top drawer). We had all promised to 'go-easy' that night as it was the RTV next day but that seemed to slip by the wayside with the vodka making an appearance and with Zoe Field popping the tops off a couple of bottles of bubbly. Before I knew it the clock was racing toward 2am and I was very giggly.





Bigger Prize

Saturday morning was grey and damp but at least it was not raining. As the RTV start time approached more members arrived and the entry grew to a massive nineteen vehicles. Fantastic I thought a really good turnout. On the negative however there were loads of class fives (including Garry White and Joe Stacey) and if I wanted a class win today I was going to have to drive out of my skin. Truth is, however I had my eyes on a bigger prize.

Young Alex Butcher had been looking for a ride on the day so I had offered my passenger seat to him. I think that he was pretty excited as he had not passengered in a vehicle from the premier class before! I was also very pleased to see that Phil Norman had finally got his Disco sorted and had entered his very first RTV (a very straight 300TDI). After the drivers briefing we headed out to section one in a huge convoy.

The first section was right over the far end of the site. Matt had laid out a difficult section with a run from

gate eight to gate five that was as tight as a tight thing with a good reason to be tight. After watching a few vehicles go through the white six cane was the one that was catching drivers out. The line was down to millimetre perfect if we were going to make the clear. With a deep breath and instructions to Alex to just say what he sees and to keep an eye on the reds we were off. With a dry mouth and sweaty hands I turned the car this way and that. For some reason during the section I recalled a moment from episode four (A New Hope) of the star wars trilogy. Where (in order to destroy the death star) Luke Skywalker had to get the plasma bomb down the small cooling hole in the central gully of the craft whilst being chased by Tie fighters. To achieve his target he folded back his computer assisted aiming device and used the 'force' to make the shot. Somehow my clear on this first section felt similar (!?)

Safe Hands

What I have forgotten to tell you is that the during the previous evening



Naill Banyard had waited until I had had a few beers before asking me if he could double drive my Disco. Whilst with a little (lot) of alcohol in me it had seemed like a good idea, in the cold light of day I started to have reservations, however remembering how well he drove Mark Amblers Rangie at Nelly's and watching him not put foot wrong on the second section I knew that my old girl was in safe hands.

Section three took us to some really big drop-offs and climbs. This is where my only really big mistake of the day occurred. I selected first gear at gate six to retain control whilst dropping down a huge slope. At the bottom of the slope the plan was to snatch second for a power climb up



to gate five, by mistake I snatched fourth. The gear was far too large, bogging the car down to a stall just shy of the gate - bugger - five points given away with a school boy error.

Section four came and went quickly followed by section five and in no time we were back at the campsite

taking a well-deserved lunch break. I had a mental tot up of who I thought was going well. Paul Homewood had started the day well but a family



emergency had meant that he and Chris had to retire from the event. As always Alan Braclik was going well and whilst Joe's day was not proving to be his best the silver fox Garry was well on form. With a pretty low score myself I considered either Alan, Garry or Mark Furnell in his fab 80 inch to me the men to beat (with a careful eye on the returning Russell Vare also).

The first section after lunch brought us to a part of the site we had not used before. The section included the need to run the left wheels of the car down the trunk of a tree that whilst still very much alive had the lower part of its trunk lying flat on the ground, gently curving upward after around twelve feet. By this time my start position was well down the field and I was able to watch a number of vehicles attempt and fail at this point. As we started the section I looked at Alex and he looked

at me.. we were going to need a bit of luck and some kind 'bounces' if we were going to make it through this one. I seem to remember that after lining the car up as I approached the 'live-log' it was a case of close your eyes and hope for the best. On not hearing any score being called as we dropped back off the log onto the ground we managed to scabble the car around to the one gate. As we pulled off the section Alex and I looked at each other and just burst out laughing as there was just no other way to release the tension and pressure the section had put on us..



Grind to a Halt

As we approached section seven memories of my last two events (Slab and Nellys) started to haunt me. At both these events I had been at the sharp end of the score board and blown it by hitting big scoring canes on section seven. Today was going to be different I said to myself. Then the most amazing thing happened. As I watched Garry make what looked to

be a simple climb up to the eleven gate for some strange reason he ran a little wide and just seemed to completely lose traction and grind to a halt. I have never seen Garry drop eleven points and I must say that he took it really well. Me, I probably would have cried. So in my reckoning, now it was down to a straight shootout between me and Mark Furnell

After witnessing Elton Jonsson biff the front on-side wing of this beautiful TD5 into a tree between gate eleven and gate ten and then have the biggest moment I have ever seen on a sharp decent I managed to get the Disco to the one gate and then go on to luckily clear the last two sections of the day. Whilst I was not 100% sure I felt like I may have pulled off the most important win of my RTV career to date.

Back at the camp Matt called the drivers to the results table and I felt a rush of emotion when he called me forward to take first place in class five and first place overall, winning the Boys Own trophy, me - finally.

Other notable drives on the day



were Alan Braclik, strong as always coming in two points behind me. Mark Furnell's solid drive, Andy Butcher probably putting in the drive of his life with fifth overall. Phil Norman who apart from a small mistake costing him a headlight really enjoyed himself and finally Elton Jonsson who (apart from needing to change his underwear after section seven) drove the best I have seen him drive at an RTV.

Un-lucky

Some of the more un-lucky drivers were Hugh Duffett for a really horrible seven just before lunch and poor Garry for his very un-timely eleven as mentioned. Another man worth a mention was Hugh Davies who has put in an amazing amount of work to get his 300tdi Disco finally sorted and is now back in the fold.

Still buzzing from the RTV the time to judge the home made cake competition. The idea for a 'cake-off' emerged from the Spring Rally and I was delighted to see that four members had taken the trouble to get themselves into the kitchen and have a go. I did feel a little for Joe however as the night before we could not resist the look of his cake and had scoffed half of it before it had even seen Saturday. However it was flipping lush. Other entries came from Paul Thomas and Claire Smith who had created a brilliant remote control car based cake in the form of a Land Rover, with Heather & Ian Joyce and

Kiwi Dave & his new wife Amanda (congratulations) entering with cake diorama's of Land Rovers traversing through part of an RTV section.

After sampling each cake the three judges (Niall, Steve White and myself) considered the task of finding a winner just too difficult so asked the members present to show their appreciation for each cake with a round of applause. The most applause taking the win. And I must say that the crowd chose well with Dave and Amanda Lindsey coming out on top and taking home the HBLRO 'Cake-off' trophy home, well done both.

Boffin

As the evening approached a number of the members gathered at the tents to relax, chat and then take part in the quiz that Niall had prepared. The questions were well balanced (if you were a boffin) and Niall ran the event with a large dollop of his humour thrown in. To be honest I cannot recall with team won the quiz but I do remember that Matt Hewitt was on my team and we should have listened to him a little more than we did as he does seem to have a large amount of random knowledge rammed into his swede.

Again for the second night in a row I later found myself at the noisy end of the campsite as we bopped around to more sounds from Martin's 110. Whilst the previous night Joe had given us a good show, tonight was all

about Martin. He treated us to a demonstration of a number of his dance moves including his own favourite the 'chicken', his very own version of break dancing and the now famous 'basketball' dance. I would like to say that Martin has natural rhythm, blending his body and the music into one effortless movement, but he hasn't sorry mate! Later (after spilling my beer, losing my lighter, falling over and banging my head) I realised that it was time for bed.

Sunday morning was grey with light to medium rain. This was not good as today was Chippy Challenge day and we needed a good attendance to make the event work. Nick Woodage and his team had worked hard all day on the Saturday to set up the event and deserved good weather and a healthy turnout. So far we had neither.

I made coffee and started to round up the members that would be competing. Nick was already out in the field putting the finishing touches to the twelve sections he had designed. We only had three teams that had pre-entered the event, however as sign-on time arrived more and more members appeared and we were finally able to put six teams together. The rain then stopped and the excitement grew as all the teams were crammed in to the larger marquee and were in the process of trying to guess what the day ahead had in store.

Giant of a Man

At around ten fifteen everyone was signed on and Nick started the briefing. He is a giant of a man and those of you who know him (which are many more now) will know that he is very direct and has his own way of conducting things. Nick had laid out twelve sections where the teams would have to complete a task at each section. Each section had a marshal who would ensure that the teams understood what they had to do and would also award points. The team finishing with the lowest total number of points would win the day. If there was a section that a team considered difficult and felt that they may score a large number of points they would be able to play a 'joker' which would halve the number of points scored on that particular section.

At around 11am all six teams headed off in different directions to start the day. I formed part of a team strangely called 'Bob Marley! The team consisted of Julian Cheesman, Martin and James Millerin and me (of course). The first section we arrived at was called 'All zipped up' Nick and his team had set up a twenty meter zip wire with a hanging chair. Our task was to load one member at a time into the chair and to then pull that member (via a long rope shackled to a tree) from one end of the wire to the other whilst the member in the chair carried various objects such as buckets and bottles of water (with

holes in!). It was brilliant.

All was going well with our run until it was Martin's turn to sit in the chair. It quickly became clear that perhaps Nick had not had access to a member equal to Martin's build whilst setting the height of the zip wire. As once Martin was loaded into the seat there was a loss of separation between the underside of the seat and the ground. The result being pulling poor old Martin along with his



usual driver to navigate and shout the instructions. So Julian drove my car and I gave instructions and James drove Martin's car etc, both drivers were brilliant with James 'clearing' the section. Upon observing team 'Non-Shunters' (consisting of Alan Braclik, Tim Wishaw, Chris Wood and Kiwi Dave) attempt the section after we had finished, it was clear that both drivers and navigators in both vehicles were un-sure of which direction was left and which was right. As I understand from Nick a sizeable score was achieved by this team on this section.



arse dragging on the ground proved to be a little harder than Nick may have planned.

Non Shunters

Section two saw us have to roll a land rover wheel round a mini RTV section with canes only just wide enough to get the wheel through. Of course I scored (as usual). Section three saw us blind fold driving between eight pairs of gates with the finish being a reversing manoeuvre. We considered it better for the non-driver of the car to drive and for the

Section four took us to an area where we had to winch a car by hand by copying a snatch block/knot set up as detailed in a diagram. Easy, once you know how!

We then went on to other sections which included tasks such as changing the front near-side wheel for the spare, moving forward and then changing them back, moving forward then changing the front off-side for the spare, moving forward then

changing them back again. Another section required us to winch a tyre up into the air then park our cars bonnet to bonnet under the tyre. Each team member in turn had to then move from the bonnet of one vehicle to the bonnet of the other 'through' the hole in the tyre. This proved to be much more difficult than it sounds.

After lunch we had another six sections to complete. The afternoon sections were my favourite. We played a game called 'Plumb bob'. Using sucker pads (usually used for carrying large sheets of glass) we had to string a long bungee between our two vehicles, this then had a weight applied to the middle of the bungee. The object of the game was to then drive between a number of gates without letting the weight touch the ground or breaking the bungee. We were good at this section collecting zero points.

The magic roundabout also proved to be a very popular section. A series of garages (made from canes and barrier tape) were placed around in a large circle. In the centre of the circle was a central cane. The aim being to reverse your vehicle from a start point round the central cane and then into each garage in turn (returning to the start point between each parking manoeuvre). The game was simple but brilliant. As the afternoon passed we towed tyres attached to our cars by rope between gates, used four scaffold boards to make a 'road' for the car to travel on

(without the tyres touching the ground) between one point and another (having to move the boards forward as the car passed).

Bowl of Water

Finally as the event drew to a close all the teams gathered at the last section where one team member was required to sit on the bonnet of the car holding a bowl of water as the other member drove around a simple section of cane gates.

As I was going to be seated on the bonnet and my team mate Julian was going to be driving the car I had a sneaking feeling that I was about to take a drenching. As I mounted the bonnet I gave Julian my final instructions. "Take it easy, and don't get me wet". The section started well with Julian smoothly weaving between the canes. As we approached the six gate I think that Julian's view may have been compromised by my muscular physique (!) and we ran wide taking a score. "Not to worry" I shouted. As we came toward the end of the section it was looking like I was going to stay nice and dry. Little did I know that Julian's mischievous side had got the better of him and with a short but firm squirt on the throttle as we approached the final finishing line all the water in the bowl slopped over me soaking through my shirt, shorts and my lucky grundies! Thanks mate! So that I did not feel alone in being wet Steve White then proceeded to give Zoe a thorough



soaking as he pulled away from the start line for his run and young Callum Stacey got consistently slogged with water as Joe messed around on the throttle for most of his run. Sadly this section brought the event to a close and all the teams made their way back to the camping area.

As I needed a booze and fag replen I shot straight to the garage (mentioned earlier) and picked up some more supplies. As I drove I recalled that much earlier in the day the hog roast had been delivered and Matt and Mark had fired up the oven giving the hog plenty of time to cook whilst we were in the field having fun. Matt had also elected to stay behind and cook the rest of the food ready for the hungry members later in the day. I must say that now the thought of scoffing all that lovely grub was making me very hungry.

Arriving back at the camp I shot into my tent and donned my best 'Hawaiian' shirt, a clean pair of shorts and changed my stinky spocks for a brand new pair. As I exited my tent

and came round to the large marquee a fantastic site met me. A vast amount of club members either sitting tucking into a feast of meat, pasta, salad (with all the trimmings) or queued up to receive their plate of nosh from our executive chef's (Mark and Matt) who were busy wielding large serving forks and spoons. The atmosphere was brilliant. The food was plentiful and the taste was out of this world (thanks again Matt). We all then spent time eating and recounting stories of the day's adventures.

Cockling

Finally Nick (and Wendy) had finished cockling (sorry - working out) the scores for the day and Nick stood to announce the results (with a good deal of assistance from Wendy). I must admit that earlier in the day I had really hoped that our team would be in the running for the win (you all know how competitive I am). But in truth the pleasure and fun that I had simply taking part in the event had over taken my usual desire to win. I realised much earlier in the day that the Chippy Challenge is a chance to mess about, have fun and enjoy



watching both your team and others making complete berks of themselves. That said, I do not want to take anything away from the winning team, who on this occasion were team 'Jaffa Cat' consisting of; Hugh and Fiona Davies, Andy Butcher and Sarah Bearcroft. A brilliant achievement and I could not think of a more deserving team.

During the time that we had all been eating our guest disc jockey's had arrived and set there kit up. Chris Davies (Hugh's son) and his mate Ruari had agreed to run the music part of the evening some months ago. To slowly warm the crowd up they had started to play some back ground music whilst we were eating. As the food disappeared and the evening started to close in the volume started to increase and we for treated to some favourites from the 80's and 90's. As the drink started to flow a few members found their dancing feet and little pockets of bopping people started to pop up here and there. Slowly the groups gathered in size. In order for Chris and Ruari to really get things going we had to take a moment to move one of the marquees away from the 'Disco tent' so that they could really cut loose the light and laser show they had brought. With this obstruction now moved they were able to fire the light and lasers several hundred meters across the field and bounce the off a wall of trees. The effects were amazing.

With a little more volume, the right record selection and a light and laser shown as good as any seen before the evening really got going.

Around half ten I took to opportunity to slip away from the event and took myself across the field to view the whole scene from afar. I sat and watched. Rolling a cigarette and pulling in the smoke I considered just how far the club had come in recent years. I thought about the changes we have seen, the effort so many members put in to make so many things happen. I thought about all the brilliant events I have taken part in. I thought about all the brilliant people I have met since joining the club. Finally I thought about how badly I have wanted this particular event to be memorable. Looking at the scene and thinking about the events of the last couple of days I started to believe that we may have pulled it off.

Having it

Returning to the dance area I noticed that it was becoming more populated by our younger members, Chris and Ruari then started to change the musical direction bringing in more 'dance' music and sliding in a number of 'live' mixes of their own material. In youngsters speak I believe the correct phase is that the night was 'banging' and we were 'having -it'

Well we 'had-it' through until the early hours of Monday morning with the music finally coming to a slow end



at around 2am. Chris and Ruari had put on a brilliant show. Not only bashing the sounds out, they complemented this with some great dancing behind the mixing desk with Chris regularly stepping forward and honouring with some of his best body popping moves before legging it back round the back of the desk to wind the music on harder.

I went to bed that night feeling very pleased with the day's events

Four and a half hours later my alarm went off.... TYRO time!

Monday brought us good weather, the temperature was also up and considering what I had put my body through for the last few days I was in remarkably good shape.

As I had test driven all the TYRO sections a few days earlier I knew that the TYRO was going to be brilliant. I also just had a feeling that it was going to be well attended. However I did not expect twelve drivers!

We saw our regulars and a few new faces. These being Sarah Bearcroft (part of the winning Chippy Challenge Team), Andrew and Richard Bickerton and Simon Brown. I was also surprised to see that Max Childs had

chopped his beautiful blue 90 in for and equally beautiful 110. Oh and not to forget Alex Butcher was going drive my Disco (the lucky boy) and Claire Furnell had entered in Mark Amblers new 90.

After signing on we moved the group over to the first section. An easy start with a few tricky bits towards the final gates to get the drivers juices going. Immediately it was clear that Cary Osborn, Sarah Bearcroft and Julian Cheesman were going to have a good day with all of them clearing the first three sections. Section two and three were located in the 'gap' where the electricity pylons run across Marks land. We had used this area before, however this weekend was different as we had been able to use all the area due to vast amounts of grip being available. Gate three on section two had caught a few of the drivers out and both Shaun Osborn and Richard Bickerton got a little unlucky picking up a few more points than they would have wanted by the end of the third section.

In the woods



After taking a brief stop for lunch the final three sections were going to be in the woods. Again Matt Hewitt had laid out three fine sections that looks like challenging even our more experienced TYRO drivers. Julian's clean run ran out at section four picking up a very unlucky nine points. Andrew Bickerton also taking a little pain with a nine. I then noticed that Alex Butcher's day was getting better and better. His initial nerves had seemed to settle and his confidence was building. This event was going to get very tight at the sharp end as we came to the last couple of sections. Whilst section five looked technically very straight forward there was a couple of side slopes to negotiate with a winding climb over loose ground from the four gate through to the one gate. A moment's loss of concentration saw a couple of the drivers miss a gate early on however we also saw a number of clear rounds.

As we came to section six we had Cary Osborn and Sarah Bearcroft neck and neck in the licenced class with Alex Butcher seeming to be in control of the un-licenced class. In my opinion the final section was the hardest of the day with a very technical passage through gate 9 to gate 8 then the need to traverse some good sized holes through gate 6 with a nice climb up a loose slope for the 1 gate. Max Childs unfortunately picked up a five which was unlucky as he had done the hard bits!, Simon Brown's day

ended with a 7, however for his first drive was a great result, with Shaun Osborn picking up an un-lucky 4.

Whilst Alex had the un-licenced class in the bag Sarah and Cary had managed to clear all the sections and were both tied on zero all day. We needed a run-off. This is a pretty rare situation for a TYRO. Moving back to



the area we ran section five in Matt tweaked the section and explained the longest/slowest rules. In short, whoever goes the longest wins, or if both get to the same point whoever was the slowest to get their wins. Talk about close, both drivers got to the 3 gate however Cary was three seconds quicker handing the victory to Sarah. What a brilliant event.

All over

The presentation of the trophies for to the winners and runners-up of the TYRO brought a close to the Hants & Berks LRO 30th Birthday party and Summer Rally. The whole weekend had been superb and it was with a very heavy hearts that we

packed the marques away and the last few members made tracks for home. I just needed to drop some kit off at the container and run the trailer that I had borrowed from my brother back before finally arriving at home around half seven Monday night.

All that's left to say is another huge thanks to all those members that made the weekend happen and a big thanks to all the members that came along and entered into the weekend with the right attitude and with brilliant spirit.

Steve Aston.



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Dave & Amanda Lindsey win the 2013 'Cake-off' competition with this fab RTV diorama



Club Shop

The club stock levels are very healthy at the moment so why not contact Heather Joyce and treat yourself to some new kit. As you know the quality is great and for a reasonable price. Each garment comes with our logo on the front breast. Garments with our 'Team Hants & Berks' logo on the rear attract a £3 surcharges (to cover the extra embroidery costs)

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We also have available a selection of stickers.

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Class 4
1st - Alan Braclik
2nd - Hugh Duffett



Class 5
1st - Steve Aston
2nd - Garry White



Class 9 & 10 (amalgamated)
1st - Mark Furnell
2nd - Russell Vare



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Chippy Challenge Champions



Woodage presents the Chippy Challenge trophy Jaffa Cat (Hugh Davies (on the left) Andy Butcher (with the shield) and Sarah Bearcroft. Sorry to say that our 4th member (Fiona Davies) had to shoot off early so missed the pic!



2013 Summer Rally TYRO

On the left (top to bottom)
- Sarah Bearcroft
- Cary Osborn
- Alex Butcher
- Morgan Banyard

Numbered are:-
1) Sarah Bearcroft
2) Shaun Osborn
3) Simon Brown
4) Richard Bickerton
5) Julian Cheesman
6) Claire Furnell
7) Andy Bickerton
8) Morgan Banyard
9) Max Childs
10) Alex Butcher





Farleigh House Charity Ride 1st Sept 2013

Thanks to the members who turned out to provide 4x4 support to the Hampshire Horsecatch charity event that took place at Lord Portsmouth's estate at Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke, on Sunday 1st September. The event attracted 109 entries from the horse riding community to raise monies for the following three charities.

Ark Cancer Centre Charity (reg. charity no. 1149758)

Hampshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is to build a local Cancer Treatment Centre to serve North Hampshire which will save patients lengthy, uncomfortable trips to Southampton or Guildford for treatment. The medical team behind this visionary project have researched how to provide the best and most comforting environment for cancer sufferers combined with the latest in technologies and drug treatment. This is a very exciting project with Ark Cancer Centre Charity aiming to raise £5million to provide grants to allow the overall project to be delivered to a higher specification above the £13million provided by the Trust.
www.arkcancercharity.org.uk

Basingstoke NeighbourCare (reg. charity no: 1067729)

This charity is helping the people of Basingstoke by offering care and assistance to anyone in need. They seek to complete simple tasks for people, old or young, able or disabled, using a team of volunteers. Anyone in need can make the call.

Riding for the Disabled (reg. charity no: 1073726)

RDA uniquely provides a sport and recreation for adults and children with disabilities. Even those with severe physical and mental disabilities are able to participate. They particularly benefit from the exercise of riding and being stimulated by the sense of achievement.

This year HBLRO members attending were Neil Tomlinson & Vicki, Niall Banyard & Morgan, David Scoffield, Steve Aston and Elton Jónsson. The organisers of the event have asked that thanks be passed to our members who assisted in ensuring the smooth running of the day.

Now, how do we get 109 entries for the next RTV?



Sept / Oct Caption Competition.

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



July / Aug Caption Competition Winner

Last months caption competition was won by another one of our USA members Pam Dawber (who played Mindy McConnell in the 1980's smash sit com 'Mork & Mindy'). Pam is convinced that this is an actual still from an episode called "Dodgy Body" and that the person shown is her alien flat mate Mork on the telephone to 'Orson' and saying "This week Orson I have discovered a easy way to make money. It's by buying and selling these strange vehicles called Land Rovers to an even stranger group of people who are not afraid to come out into the open and say they like them"



Your club needs you!

Hants & Berks LRO

**Annual General Meeting
(AGM)**

**Saturday 19th October 2013
The Crown Hotel, Alton, 7.30pm start**

Followed by a buffet

It's that time of year again when the club looks towards its members to fill
Committee and officer posts

The Chairman's position will become vacant this year
(and possibly some of our other posts) so please come along to show your
support and to get involved

HBLRO Committee and Officers Roles

As you will be aware our Annual General Meeting will be held again in October this year.

Detailed below are the committee and officers roles, the position responsibilities and the name of the current role holder. All of the positions detailed are vital to ensure the smooth running of the club.

This year the Chairman's position will become available and possibly some of the other roles also. Please take a moment to look through the list, at the same time take a moment to think about your past contribution to the club and weigh up in your own mind if it's time that perhaps you did a turn.

If you feel that you would like to fulfil one (or more) of these roles please make yourself known to the current committee and put yourself forward at the AGM.

The current team are willing to show you what is involved, or you could ask one of the team to be invited to one of the Committee meetings held monthly to find out more.

Committee member's responsibilities:

Chairman (Director of Limited Company) - Currently Steve Aston

- Act as main contact point within the club
- Chair monthly committee meetings
- Chair any general/special meetings as necessary
- Delegate duties amongst the committee and officers as required
- Make annual trophy presentations
- Work with the magazine editor to produce the club magazine (including producing the chairman's article)

Treasurer - Currently Sarah Duffett

- Maintain club accounts
- Deal with all cash and cheque income
- Pay invoices and maintain petty cash
- Responsible for bank account and ensuring correct signatories for club are within committee
- Send permits to MSA with correct fee after an event.
- Attend monthly committee meetings, reporting an up to date financial

position

- Maintain club's asset register
- Maintain club's insurance policies and renewals
- Organize year-end audit
- Provide year-end financial statements for submission to Companies House

Secretary - Currently Elton Jonsson

- Act as main contact point outside of club
- Organize and attend monthly committee meetings
- Produce minutes and circulate to committee for approval
- Maintain records of all minutes for at least three years
- Organize any general/special meetings as required, produce minutes and circulate as required
- Deal with any correspondence received for the club and maintain records for at least two years
- In conjunction with Chairman/committee maintain club's rules and regulations

Membership Secretary - Currently Kevin Wood

- Field any enquiries from prospective new members
- Process applications from new members and send out welcome letter, ALRC handbook and latest club magazine
- Maintain a database of all club's members
- Maintain files of completed applications/renewal letters for at least two years
- Ensure renewal letters and reminders are sent out each month as required
- Ensure renewals are processed in a timely manner
- Ensure the committee approves applications for new memberships
- Distribute the club magazine
- Attend monthly committee meetings

Competition Secretary - Currently Mark Ambler

- Co-ordinate and maintain club calendar in agreement with committee
- Organize competitive events as required by the club calendar
- Obtain permits from ALRC and MSA as required for land use and camping permits

- Obtain "section 33" permits from local councils if event crosses public footpath
- Ensure competition trailer and necessary documentation is available for each event
- Ensure necessary officials are in place for each event and they know what is expected of them
- Ensure a full complement of members is in place to set up events in advance of the competition day
- Ensure other resources are booked for events as required, i.e. toilets, catering, first aid, etc.
- Maintain basic knowledge of ALRC/MSA rules and regulations and keep up to date with new regulations as and when issued.
- Maintain club's supplementary regulations.
- Produce results tables for inclusion in the club magazine
- Attend monthly committee meetings
- Promote and co-ordinate drive around days
- Search for new possible new sites to be used for club events

Rights of Way Officer - Currently Julian Mallard

- Organize green laning trips for and ensure they are posted on the club calendar
- Act as contact point for council liaison regarding rights of way issues, etc
- Produce regular articles for the club newsletter about past/future events
- Bring relevant issues about land/lane access to the committee's attention
- Attend monthly committee meetings

Newsletter Editor - Currently Steve Kirby

- Produce club magazine from information/articles supplied by committee and other club members
- Format newsletter for printing and send to printers
- Attend monthly committee meetings

Social & Camping Secretary - Currently Niall Banyard

- Organize social events throughout the year as determined by the club calendar
- Collect monies from social events and camping events and pass to

Treasurer for banking

- Produce articles for newsletter about past/future events
- Maintain club's camping regulations
- Attend monthly committee meetings
- Ensure toilets and any other facilities are present at Spring & Summer Rally's
- Design Spring & Summer Rally flyers and submit to the magazine editor in timely fashion

ALRC Liaison Representative - Currently Steve Kirby

- Liaise with the ALRC
- Attend ALRC council meeting
- Inform the Chairman and committee of any ALRC related issues

Club officer's responsibilities:

Child Protection Officer - Currently Anne Wood

- Apply for Child Protection Licence
- Undergo a CRB check
- Maintain child protection policy
- Liaise with MSA regarding child protection issues
- Report any issues to the Chairman and committee

BAMA Liaison Secretary - Currently Neil Tomlinson

- Liaise with BAMA Representatives
- Ensure a full complement of members is in place to set up events in advance of the competition day
- Ensure necessary officials are in place for each event and they know what is expected of them
- Ensure other resources are booked for events as required, i.e. toilets, catering, first aid, etc

Health & Safety Officer - Currently Nail Banyard

- Liaise with Chairman and committee regarding all health and safety issues
- Maintain club's risk assessments

Web Editor - Currently Ian Parker

- Maintain club's official website
- Maintain record of scores for annual trophies
- Retain copies of scorecards and official paperwork for at least two years

Club Shop - Currently Heather Joyce

- Purchase items for the club shop from suppliers approved by the committee
- Maintain receipts and invoices and pass to Treasurer for processing/payment
- Promote and sell products via website and at events

Challenge Events Secretary - Currently Richard Salter

- Promote/organise Challenge events as required by the club calendar
- Ensure competition trailer and necessary documentation is available for each event
- Ensure necessary officials are in place for each event and they know what is expected of them
- Ensure a full complement of members is in place to set up events in advance of the competition day
- Ensure other resources are booked for events as required, i.e. toilets, catering, first aid, etc

Vehicle scrutineers - Currently Andy Bunyan & Mark Ambler

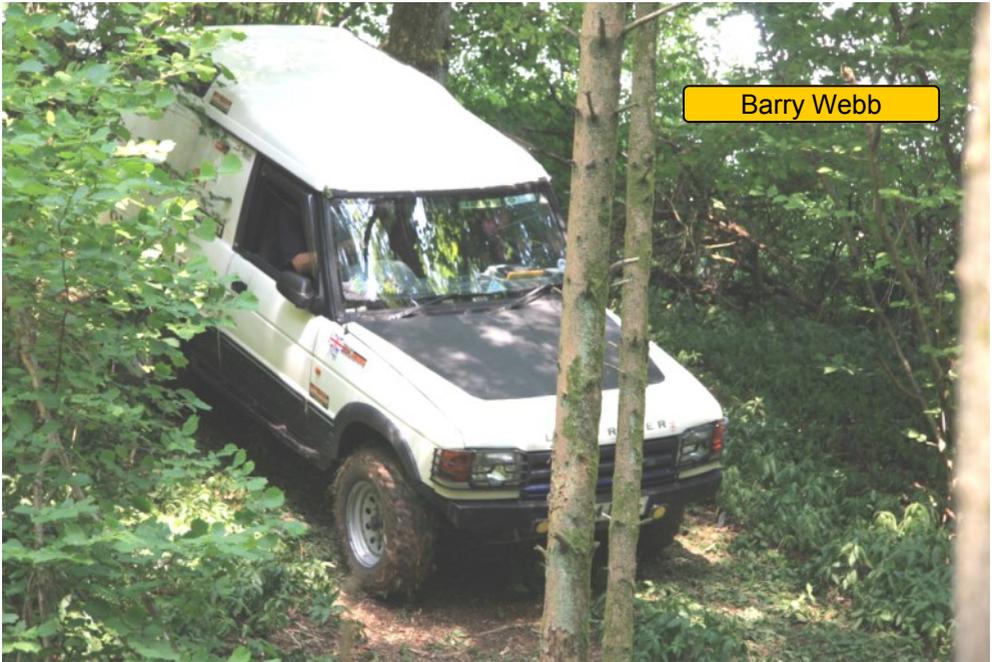
- Provide advice on vehicle safety and class eligibility to members either
- Maintain basic knowledge of ALRC/MSA rules and regulations and keep up to date with new regulations as and when issued

Simon "Nev would have done it" Phillips.



Winchester RTV July 2013

Barry Webb



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Pay & play day

Sunday 27th October 2013

At the Hogmoor site

Bordon, Hampshire

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! If you are not a member of an MSA affiliated 4x4 club you will need to join ours (for insurance purposes) 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.

More details about driving days in general can be found on our web site at:
<http://www.hbro.co.uk/Drvdays/Drvday.html>

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

Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners Club



The club recently presented Mark Ambler his own special trophy for nothing more than being a spot on bloke



Pete Kendall Driving with Alex Butcher on the bonnet in at the Chippy Challenge

Mark Furnell on his way to overall victory at the Winchester RTV.



Steve Aston pushing through the 5 foot high stingers to make a section at the Winchester RTV. He was disappointed not to find the remains of an Aztec Temple, you know, like you see on TV.



2013 TYRO DATES

**Please find below our 2013 dates/results for all
of you TYRO nutters out there**

Round 1: Saturday 16th March – Hook End Farm

Cary Osborn – 1st place – adult class

Nick Vaughan – 1st place – junior class

Round 2: Monday 6th May – Nellys Dell

Max Childs – 1st place – adult class

Shaun Osborn – 1st place – junior class

Round 3: Monday 26th August – Hook End Farm

Sarah Bearcroft – 1st place – adult class

Alex Butcher – 1st place – junior class

Round 4: Sunday 15th December – Longmoor Camp

**Compete for the 2013 TYRO trophy
(Which will be presented at the 2014 Presentation evening)**

Sunday 21st July – Winchester RTV

Overall event winner	Mark Furnell			
Class 4:	1 st	Hugh Duffett	2 nd	Alan Braclik
Class 5:	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	Steve White
Class 7 & 9 amalgamated	1 st	Mark Furnell	2 nd	Matt Hewitt
Niall's charitable spanner man: Alan Braclik for CV crunching fun				
Setting Out - Pete Kendall, Steve White, Chris White, Steve Aston, Matt Hewitt, Ian Joyce				
Officials - Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Steve Aston, Chief Marshal - Elton Jonsson, Scrutineer - Matt Hewitt, Mark Furnell Marshals - Ian Parker, Hugh Davies, Richard Salter				

Saturday 24th August – Hook End RTV (Summer Rally)

Overall event winner	Steve Aston - taking the Boys Own Trophy			
Class 4:	1 st	Alan Braclik	2 nd	Hugh Duffett
Class 5:	1 st	Steve Aston	2 nd	Garry White
Class 9 & 10 amalgamated	1 st	Mark Furnell	2 nd	Russell Vare
Niall's charitable spanner man: Elton Jonsson for wing verses tree fun (the tree won)				
Setting Out – Matt Hewitt				
Officials - Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Matt Hewitt, Scrutineer - Mark Ambler, Marshals - Ian Parker, Ian Joyce, Pete Kendall, Mark Ambler, Julian Cheesman.				

Sunday 25th August – The 2013 Chippy Challenge – Hook End

Overall event winning team	"Jaffa Cats" (Hugh & Fiona Davies, Sarah Bearcroft, Andy Butcher)
2 nd placed team	"Team Mangle" (Joe & Callum Stacey and Phil and Elliott Norman)
3 rd placed team	"Bob Marley" (Martin & James Millering, Steve Aston and Julian Cheesman)
Setting Out - Nick Woodage, Roger Hardwick, Andy Badger, Paul Thomas	
Officials - Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Nick Woodage, Scrutineer - , Marshals - Andy Badger, Mark Furnell, Mark Ambler, Ian Parker, Hilary James, Roger Hardwick, Claire Smith, Paul Thomas, Sarah Duffett, Hugh Duffett. More names to follow.	

Regular Events

* Southern Pub Meet - **Venue change**. 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 Thursday of each month. The venue will be the Water Witch in Odiham. (The Lord Derby Pub is being refurbished.) from 7.30 onwards . You will find a map to the pub on the calendar page on the club web site.

* 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.

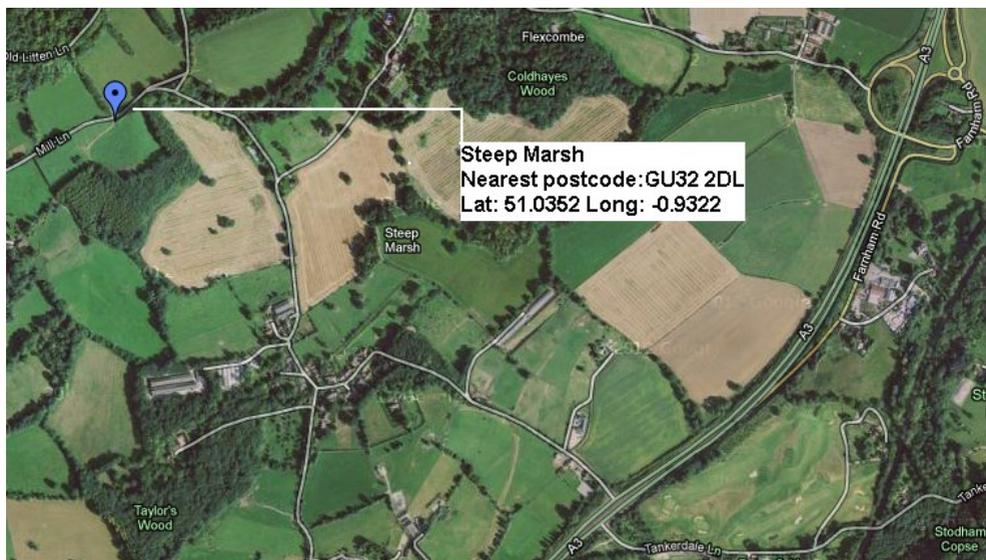
I've printed the dates of everything I know about at the moment on the previous page, so get your diaries out! Note that *provisional* events are printed in *italics*. Will event organisers please let me know when any of these is confirmed / changed / cancelled etc.. Major changes, cancellations etc. Will be highlighted in **bold text**.

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

Monday 26th August – Hook End TYRO (Summer Rally)				
Overall event winner	Sarah Bearcroft			
Licensed class	1 st	Sarah Bearcroft	2 nd	Cary Osborn
Unlicensed class	1 st	Alex Butcher	2 nd	Morgan Banyard
Setting Out – Matt Hewitt				
Officials - Som - Ian Parker, CoC - Matt Hewitt, Scrutineer - Steve Aston, Marshals - Ian Parker, Matt Hewitt, Steve Aston, Mark Ambler				

HBLRO On-Line

Don't forget to visit our Web site at www.hbro.co.uk
Also see the Association of Land Rover Clubs Ltd at www.alrc.co.uk



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

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
15 Sept	Steep Marsh	RTV (SS5)
14/15 Sept	Salisbury Plain	BAMA Event: night exercise Contact Neil Tomlinson
21st Sept	Bagshot Heath	Pay and Play day with Blue Light Off Road Club (BLORC) - Driving day . www.bluelightoffroadclub.co.uk/
28 Sept.	Around the Hindhead area	Green Laning . Please contact Julian Mallard to book your places and obtain meeting point/times
27 October	Hogmoor (nr Bordon, Hampshire)	Pay & Play day - come and drive your own vehicle at this brilliant site HBLRO RTV event
27 October	Hogmoor (nr Bordon, Hampshire)	RTV. (WS1)
3 Nov	Location to be confirmed	Green Laning Please contact Julian Mallard to book your places and obtain meeting point / times.
13 Nov	Aldermaston	RTV (WS2)
15 December	Longmoor Camp: details to be confirmed)	RTV & TYRO (WS3)

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



Steve White catching some big air at the Winchster RTV