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Rewsletter of the hants and Berks Rover Owners

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# Editorial...

I can't think of much to say this month. What do mean, "HOORAY"!

The rally was a great success and the money raised for ARMS was much appreciated. (See letter elsewhere in this issue). There are details in this issue for a follow-up rally on the August Bank Holiday.

The War of the Roses was a superb event, yet again. It's a shame it's so far away for many members to come to watch. Richard Stewart has made an official video again this year - so buy it when it's ready! It will be much cheaper than going there. We came a respectable 5th which isn;'t bad considering we change half the team each year to give "new blood" a chance. If you want to have a go next year, please let me know.

We now have full teams (plus one standby) for the Major's Trial. This event isn't too far, so do come and watch.

Keep the articles and letters coming in, folks. If you're typing or printing them yourself, please make the block of text match the rest of the newsletter. For those of you with access to IBM PC or compatible computers, I can accept articles on  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " discs. Better still, send document files from "XywriteIII", "DCA-RFT", "RTF", "PC-Write" "Tasword", "WordPerfect", "Wordstar", "Windows Write" and "Word for Windows" word-processors on either size of disc. If you don't have a choice, send it in anyway and I'll see if I can load it. Unless otherwise requested, I'll return the disc, and any photos sent, with your newsletter if possible. Please let me have your articles by the 10th of the month please.

I know I've written this bit before, but we are still gaining members week by week....

Are you a new member attending the pub meet? Please don't just "Hover" in the background! There are about 190 members in all and the regular members of the club don't know everyone by sight and so won't know whether you are new or not. We aren't ignoring you, promise! Come and say Hello.

# Secretary's Scribble

After almost a year since my last scribble, I've finally found my pen for some good news

Due to popular request after another successful rally, I have booked the Ham Lane site for the August Bank Holiday weekend. basically it will be a caravan and camping Rally. Bring your own booze, barbecue etc. There will be a loo and running water.

The site will be open from lunchtime Friday till Monday night. Cost will be about £1:50 each a night. There will be a jungle track for novice drivers; there could be a mud-run too or there's some nice walks.

With a full RTV/CCVT on Sunday, you'll get a chance to help/learn how to set out on Saturday afternoon. (You don't have to be camping to help)

Don't forget your binoculars, the Ken Hall International Moto cross is held on Monday; TV cameras, 20-50,000 people expected and we've got a grandstand view from our site.

I have also managed to get a Solihull Factory visit booked for Tuesday 11 February 1992. There are 24 places. Book your seat on the coach now. The visit starts with a video at 1 pm. The tour consists of a walk round the Disc/Defender line and the engines. Also a ride around the site. No promises for a trip around the jungle track.

That's enough for now; more good news next month.

We have mentioned several times before that setting out a trial can be great fun. You get a whole day driving round the site for free! Try it; and take the load off some of the others who seem to do it all the time. We have the use of military sites on several occasions in 1991. It's worth giving up the chance to compete in exchange for a whole day driving around at Broxhead or Weaver's while setting out!

# **Special Services Section**

This section is for members who are **self-employed** and can provide special services to club members. Entries below are free on condition that some discount is given to members.

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Tel: 0205-352683

Steve Barnwell Motors, Newport Pagnell. BEDS.

Tel: 0908-611413 (Home), 0908-616878 (Works)

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# Bank Holiday Rally at Ham Lane.

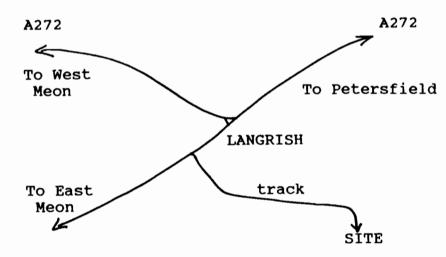
We are holding a Camping/Caravanning/ barbecue meet with an RTV/CCVT trial at Ham Lane Leisure Centre, Langrish, near Petersfield, HANTS, on the 23th to 26th of August. The weekend's events will be open to all fully paid-up members of HBRO. There will be a Novice Jungle Track and Driver Training on the Saturday and an RTV/CCVT and possibly a Mud-Run on Sunday. Minimal facilities - loo and running water only.

This is essentially a camping weekend with a trial. Barbecue facilities may be provided. Bring bats and balls, frisbees, etc too!

Don't forget your binoculars, the Ken Hall International Moto cross is held on Monday and we've got a grandstand view from our site. 20-50,000 people are expected to attend.

Competitions will be to ARC regs as usual. Don't forget that you need a driving licence to participate in any ARC competition.

## HAM LANE TRIAL SITE.



Map reference of site entrance :- 197 SU704235.

Letter to the Editor ....

Boyall Cres. Eastleigh 16/07/91

Dear Steve,

Please thank all the members of Hants and Berks for the kind and generous donation to ARMS.

Unfortunately we weren't able to reach the top of Snowdon because the weather was so bad. However we did go as far as we were allowed & are determined to reach the summit next year!

Thanks again,

Susan Unsworth.

# Watching you Watching us!

I have noticed several members brandishing video cameras at HBRO events during last year. Are we going to see the results? If you have kept any of it, we would all like to have a look; don't be shy!

If you haven't got a television suitable to bring to the pub meet, then we can supply something. Various members have video players and TVs which can be brought along to club meetings; not difficult really.

Contact any member of the committee.

# **GREEN LANING 1991**

In an attempt to improve the organisation of the club's green lane outings, Nick Jennings has provided this list of proposed start points. Of course this does not preclude members capable of organising their own trips from so doing. This list is for those who need guidance.

MONTH	VENUE	MEET AT:-	GRID REF
AUG	ALTON	ALTON STATION	186 / 724 397
SEPT	HOOK	HOOK STATION	186 / 726 539
OCT	ALDERSHOT	WANBOROUGH STATION	186 / 931 504
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DEC	WEAVERS DOWN MEETING		

THE MEETING TIME WILL BE 10.00 AM UNLESS SPECIFIED.

CB channel 2. (If you're arriving late, call as you approach!)

PLEASE CONTACT 0734-0471258 OR 0836-604885 IN THE FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEET TO GIVE AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS ATTENDING.

**Nick Jennings** 

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# War of the Roses

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# Hereford 4x4 Off Road Show 1991

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# Coming soon...... War of the Roses '91

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Phone Richard at "Stewart Vision" on 0635-297443

### **VEHICLE INSURANCE**

Some time ago there was mention of a Land Rover owner who, having been involved in an accident, was advised by his insurance company that his insurance was invalid as he had not told them that he had "modified" his vehicle by fitting a bull bar on the front of the vehicle (thereby increasing its overall length).

I don't have a bull bar fitted to my Landie, but it seemed a good idea to find out from my insurance company (the Royal) what it regarded as "modifications".

Their answer was basically, that any "bolt on addition" be it bull bar, rear or front bumper (I'm thinking specifically of the ARB bumpers) would not be regarded as a modification. even though it might increase the overall dimensions of the vehicle. What would concern them, though, was anything that might affect the road holding or performance of the vehicle. For example, if leaf springs were replaced by coil springs. it would make the vehicle more comfortable to drive, but it could affect the road holding. As long as tyres are replaced by ones similar to those fitted as standard or as optional. there would be no problem, but if large "nobbly" boy-racer tyres were fitted, for example, to get better off-road performance, then the insurance company would want to know. Engine modifications would be of concern to them, a normal engine rebore wouldn't matter, but a bored out engine would, as it would affect performance (if it didn't, you wouldn't have had it done in the first place and you would want your money back!) and fitting a turbocharger would definitely be something to tell the insurance company about.

The advice of my insurance company was to tell your insurance company about any modifications or of anything non-standard about the vehicle. It might cost you a stamp, but it could stop an embarrassing situation if a claim was made.

Insurance is quite expensive enough without finding that you have been paying for nothing!

Rog Pattie

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The Editor,
Pants & Barks.

Dear Steve,

Once again another fine issue of Pants & Barks, which you seem to have written almost single handedly. The fact that there aren't any photographs (for which you are always appealing) does not detract from the high standard of the magazine.

Judging from telephone calls I have received, there appears to be some confusion about the "events hot line". Perhaps it would not do any harm to remind HBRO members why it was set up. In January of this year, despite being given reassurances as to the availability of the Weaver's Down military site, both the CCVT and RTV trials had to be cancelled at very short notice, after the ASR's had been published in Pants & Barks. At that time, there was no satisfactory way of informing the members of a cancellation. A hot line for HBRO events was suggested and for this purpose I offered the occasional use of my answering machine. The intention was, and is, that if any event be advertised in Pants & Barks, members can check up on the Friday or Saturday prior to that event and find out any last minute changes, if any.

The events hot line will only have information about an HBRO event which is specifically advertised in Pants & Barks (or an event to which HBRO members have been specially invited) unless otherwise indicated. If there is nothing on the events page for a particular weekend, there will be nothing on the events hot line - apart from me! It was not, and is not, intended to give information about green-laning, that is provided for elsewhere.

I hope this clears up any misunderstandings that some HBRO members might have.

Rog Pattie

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Contact Steve Kirby or Allan Tew
for Comp Safari entries.



# For Sale

Note that small ads are free but please let me know when a sale is complete so I don't keep printing an out of date ad each month. Please help potential customers by quoting location and dialling code in your adverts. Thanx.

Commercial Adverts:- £1 per ¼ page per issue or £10 per 12 issues. Due to layout considerations, consecutive publication cannot be guaranteed. (Add 50% if continuity is essential.)

Free advert if you sponsor a competition event!

- \* John's Autojumble:-
- 2 front, 2 rear Woodhead shock absorbers for 109" LWB. Brand new, waxoyled, ready to fit. Not suitable for 110. £45 for the set.
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Any offers on the above to Paul Barker in Basingstoke on 0256-469674 after 6 pm.

- \* <u>TOW ROPES</u> 12-ton, standard length, made of Nylon, £25. 7.6-ton standard length, made of Polypropylene, £18. Phone Gary Green on Eversley (0734) 733414. (Near Wokingham.)
- Range Rover bits.... Complete exhaust system (including down pipes and Y) for late single pipe model (carb version). No clamps but very good condition apart from one loose baffle. Any offers? Contact Roger Pattie in Whitchurch, OXON on 0734-842884.

# For Sale

- \* <u>Land Rover bits....</u> Series I 88" windscreen frame £5. 90/110 dog guard, £10. Two high back Corbeau style seats, one very good, one torn, £20 pair. Phone John King in Maidenhead on 0628-25909.
- \* Hard top for 88" LR £80 Call Roy Michael in Eastleigh on 0703-611491

# Wanted

\* <u>FC101 Workshop Manual</u> to buy or borrow. Contact Adrian Bolge in Portsmouth on 0705-377488.

# Vehicles for Sale

- \* LandRover Series 1, 86" 1955 Hard top with side windows. 47000 genuine miles. Two previous owners. Full history known. Original number plates, logbook and owner's manual. Chassis and bulkhead rebuilt and Waxoyled. Bodywork repainted. No rust. FWH. Many new parts springs, shocks, wiring loom, tyres, front hubs, carb, copper brake pipes, silicon brake fluid. All receipts. MOT to December. £2750 ono. Contact Paul Snow in Caversham, near reading, Berkshire on 0734-477781
- \* Range Rover Special. 1980. Two door. Sprintex supercharger. Warwick-Banks handling kit. Electric windows. Alarm. Specialist upholstery (Wood & Pickett). Vinyl roof with sunroof. Rear window conversion. Rear seat-belts. Overdrive. Extensively reworked and restored. Immaculate. £8950. Electric winch for RR, £400. Contact Mike Dunne in Little Chalfont, BUCKS on 0494-764877.
- \* Land Rover 110 County V8. Many extras including Husky winch (with new motor), roof rack, overdrive, Dixon-Bate rear coupling. Recent new tyres, complete exhaust and engine rebuild to latest spec. Personal plate (valued at £1000). Reluctant sale. £6995+VAT or vno. Contact Steve Barnwell on 0908-611413 (days) or 0908-616878 (evenings)

# Vehicles for Sale

- \* <u>Land Rover SWB Hard top.</u> K reg. 2½ petrol. Rear seats and windows. Recon gearbox. This vehicle was featured in the 1988 Land Rover calendar £2300. Call Dave Buzza on 0491-671243 (near Pangbourne)
- \* 1984 Range Rover Vogue, Phase Two. Left hand drive, automatic, central locking, electric windows, air conditioning, new tyres, bull-bar, new MOT, new brake pads, fully serviced, extras. £6500. Contact George Lawrence, Sunbury-on-Thames, (West London) 0932-787485.
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- \* <u>Lightweight Series III</u>. \*\*\*PRICE REDUCED\*\*\* Standard. 2½ petrol, 24 volt. Truck Cab. Spare set of wheels and tyres. Taxed. MOT. £1500 ono. For more details, phone Simon Hazell in Oxford on 0865-714153.
- \* Range Rover 1974. Olive green. Rebuilt Engine/gearbox/overdrive. Waxoyled. Bull-bar. Tow-bar. Very clean, good condition, much recent restoration. £3000 or haggle. Phone Jonathan Scurlock on 071-603-2790. West Kensington.

Have you got an advert in P&B? If so, is it still valid? Please do let me know when your sales and wants are finished. Sometimes I get a comment from a buyer who says he phoned someone up only to find the items sold 6 months ago! Apart from the inconvenience, the mag is getting cluttered with old adverts. Are they yours?

# **Events for Your Diary**

\*First Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the Hind's Head, Aldermaston. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible)

\*Last Wednesday each month, Noggin & Natter at the White Swan, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham, Hants. (From 7:30 pm). See OS sheet 185, SU555175 approx. \*Green-lane trips will usually be on the second Sunday of the month. See list elsewhere in this issue. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. It is recommended that those involved obtain current maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, or borrow the club's set. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceeding days, anticipate postponement.

Aug 23/26th	Bank Holiday Rally at Ham Lane. Essentially a camping weekend with a trial. There will be a Novice Jungle Track and Driver Training on the Saturday and an RTV / CCVT and possibly a Mud-Run on Sunday. Barbecues. Minimal facilities - basic loo and running water only. "Ken Hall International Moto-Cross" event taking place a mile away at Manor Farm. More details elsewhere.	
Sept 14th	ARC meeting, Solihull	
Sept 22nd	t 22nd RTV &CCVT at Broxhead Common. Details later.	
Oct 5-6th	MAJORS 91. The Major's Trial on Saturday. Comp Safari on Sunday. See advert elsewhere.	
Oct 27th	Trial . Broxhead Common. Details Later.	
Nov 3rd	Bonfire and BBQ at Harroway Farm.	
Dec 7th	ARC meeting, Solihull	
Dec 8th	Trial. Weaver's Down. Details Later.	
Feb 11th 1992	Visit to Land Rover Factory, Solihull. Contact Gary Hodgson to book a place. (24 only)	

# **Events Hot-Line**

In order to provide late information for changes relating to HBRO events, Roger has set up a telephone line with an answering machine. So please call 0734-842884 on the Friday or Saturday only prior to the event.