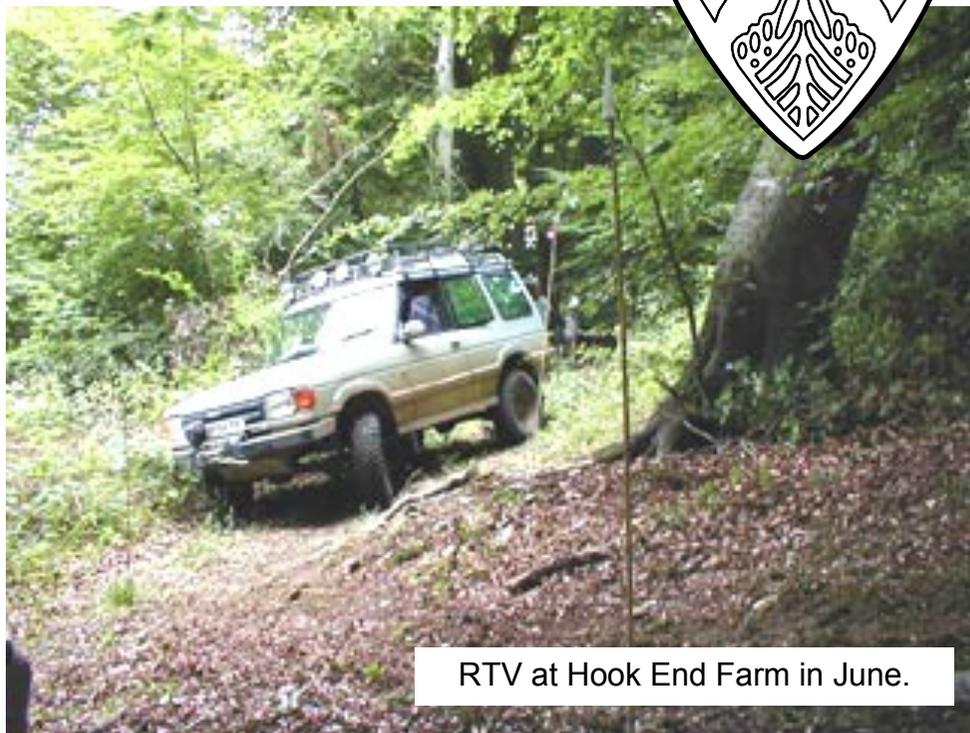
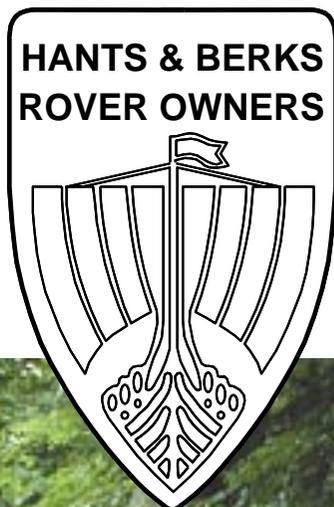


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RTV at Hook End Farm in June.

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Editor's bit....

I've just noticed that there's not much in our Sales & Wants section. Hasn't anyone got anything to sell?

Apart from that it's a quiet Summer here and the "This Month..." section has practically filled this page leaving space to write not much more.



I've had a few photos from the ARC National Rally but scarcely anything by way of write ups. Was it good, bad. Any exciting or silly stories?

Steve Kirby.

This month...

Regulars:-

- Chairman's Comment.
- Competition Secretary's Update.
- Green Lane / Rights of Way News.
- HBRO Committee Meeting Minutes.
- For Sale.
- Events Diary.

Articles:-

- Ed provides an HBRO AGM update.
- Photos from various sources, mostly from Angela and Ed Ellis.
- Wales Challenge Event 28th & 29th June by Nick Jennings.
- Bobtail Range Rovers. Ed Ellis.
- Ingram's Green Tyro, by David and Sue Howard
- Ed looks into toilets. (Each to his own!)
- Chippy Challenge 2003 by Nick Woodage.
- Pub meet changes, by Ed Ellis.
- Ed makes a plea on behalf of those new to green laning.

In order to get the newsletter to you by a reasonable time, everything must get to me by the 20th of the month absolute latest. If you are posting or faxing something to me, give me a call to let me know it's coming in case it gets delayed or mis-routed. If you have a PC, you can send articles on 3½" disc (I can return the disc afterwards if needed) or by e-mail. If you send an attachment with the e-mail, please use Microsoft Word (up to version 2000), Publisher (up to version 2000), plain Text (*.txt file), or Rich Text Format (*.rtf file) preferably. Please include a brief explanatory message in the e-mail.

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Thanx.

(Acting) Chairman's Comments

Well I guess it's the quiet season for us all now, summer holidays are upon us. Gosh did I say quiet, well I wish it was but we do seem to have quite a few events on in the next couple of months. Come to think of it, actually its not that quiet. Roundhills social weekend, Steep Marsh RTV, some laning in Devon, summer rally, AGM all leading us to mid September. Soon be time to polish up the calendar for next year.

We had another good trial at Hook End on the 27th, 14 entrants and plenty of sunshine.

Along with a few new novice drivers chancing their arm on those steep drop offs that the farm provides.

Interesting issue on the recovery front, one of our members broke his transmission and had to be recovered all the way back to Sutton in Surrey. Bit of a long haul. Sadly his AA cover only gave him a ten-mile radius from home. Begs the question, how good is your recovery insurance?

On the membership front I know Angela has been working hard to ensure you get your membership cards on time, however it is a constant battle to keep the lists updated. So please be a little patient if it takes a few weeks to get your card through. However if you do turn up at a club event and haven't received your latest card we can always check against the register and let you join in the fun.

Steve Kirby is still beavering away at the Pants and Barks but is crying out from new articles on the club scene, opinions or whatever to put in the magazine so please do not hesitate to put pen to paper or digits to the keys and send him some juicy article.

A few words on the AGM. We are calling an AGM to satisfy the needs of the committee and the club. This AGM is slightly earlier than last year but the constitution allows us to do this. At present we are potentially three roles short, Chairman, RoW and Social/Camping. This in itself is putting additional strain on the current committee. However this years accounts will not be audited in time for the AGM so it is proposed that the accounts will be prepared and audited after the AGM and published and made available to all members for comment. If necessary then a Special Meeting will be convened at the members' request to review the accounts. I hope this goes some way to satisfying any concerns that may arise on the matter of procedure. By doing this we should bring the audit process up to date.

Over the past year or two there has been some discussion on the matter of the pub meets. Well we are looking at two new venues. I hope you will all read the note on this later in the P&B.

Mr Ed
Acting Chairman.

Vehicle Classification Bobtails.

Last weekend at Hookend, one of our members turned up in a rather nice blue bobtail Range Rover. After much discussion, amongst those that know, we took the view that it was not legal within the MSA/ARC terms for him to compete.

We did discuss allowing the entry to continue and then offer a disqualification on the grounds of non-compliance, but the risk here is invalidating the insurance. So sadly our dear friend was not allowed to enter.

Before I go on to describe why not on MSA technical grounds there was one other reason on a safety matter. The recovery points, front and rear were welded on and the rear bumper was also welded on. (The recovery points were welded to the bumpers). The rules here require that all recovery points are to be bolted with high strength steel bolts, e.g. 8.8. Note: the grading stamp should be visible on both the bolt and nut. The reason given is that the quality of welding cannot be proven.

So back to the issue of why we cannot permit a bobtail entry, the MSA rule says:

"19.1.2. The main purpose of Pre-Event Scrutineering is to check, as far as possible under the prevailing conditions, the safety of the vehicle and its compliance with Technical Regulations and to superficially check its eligibility for a particular class or category."

Note the "superficially check its eligibility" part. Is the non-compliant part obvious? Well I have to say yes even with my rose tinted specs' a bob-tailed Rangey would be spotted during a superficial check

I have discussed this issue with Steve Kirby, our resident Scrutineer and ARC member of the Scrutineering committee, and he is in no doubt as to the validity of this ruling. His advice is that we could raise it with the ARC, but the chances of success are very very remote.

So does anybody have an opinion?

Mr Ed, Comp.Sec.

Toilets

(Let us not get bogged down on the matter)

Such a sensitive subject this, where do I start, well without making too many puns about wiping the slate clean, flushing out the problem. I could go on but will spare you all the lavatorial humour.

There has been so much debate, argument, discussion and derision within the Club about the provision of toilets in particular at RTVs and driving days.

Well it appears that without fail the old portaloos pop along to the driving days great. But for trials, well a bit of a mixed bag. Until quite recently we had a portapotti in the front of the old trailer. It sat there without a lot of attention, and that is sadly where the problem has arisen. Nobody wants to clean it, but everybody wants to use it at some time or other. It appears to have fallen to the duty of, he who got the trailer, to empty and clean the loo. Not such a pleasant job and not a job always done.

But now the trailer has gone, to be replaced by a much lighter easier to handle version, but so too has the loo.

At last years AGM it was noted that we would provide 1 portaloos at HBRO events and 2 at public driving days. Something that we just have not achieved consistently.

The cost is a significant burden on the fees and proceeds of the club. We just about break even at trials, some generate enough in fees to support those that lose a little, so all in all not too bad. Public driving days seem to do pretty well. That is until we take the cost of the portaloos. It works out at £100, for a single and £150 for two (the cost of carriage is quite high). If we were to add this basic cost to a trial then we would be looking at adding between £5 and £10 addition to the cost of the trail fee, putting it up to around £25 per entry. In other words trial drivers paying between £5 and £10 for the convenience of a convenience!!!!

I am conscious that this whole issue is very sensitive to a few members, but I really don't have the answer. Do we put the trial fees up to £25 per entry to cover the additional cost of a loo or two? Do we stay as we are and just provide them at public driving days? Could we have a register of members willing to erect the tent, bring the portapotti, take it away and clean it and bring to the next event? Sorry I don't have the answers, clearly we thought the matter was resolved at the last AGM. However we have so few active members that it is difficult for us to envisage a situation where we increase the trail fees so much, just to cover the costs of the odd "elsan" or two. Please let us have one last bash at sorting this and resolving this contentious issue. Let us have your opinions and we will make a clear proposal at the next AGM in September.

Mr Ed Acting Chairman

Ingram's Green Tyro

Ed – you know him - requested that I, David, and my wife Susan put a few words down about our first ever competition event i.e. The Tyro (Trust Your Rover Owner) event at Ingram's Green.

We are not new to off road driving but have never ever entered any events. When I was told "you are first to drive the first section" the personal pressure really piled on. I suddenly realised that I needed to know the course very quickly. After being told you drive through the canes to here and stop at that cane but don't hit it, reverse over too there through the canes and stop before you hit that cane then drive a country lane through this course and stop up there on that ridge, which was about 5 foot high, at gate 1. Something started to tighten in the nether regions. My biggest fear was losing my way and missing a cane. Well, about two minutes later I heard "clear". I felt a little pleased with myself and had a smile at the wife as I new she was forth in the queue.

Well now it was my turn, The wife, to follow Sir's lead. With several knots in my stomach I take my turn in the 90, position myself at the start gate and pray that my reversing technique, using only the side mirrors, is better than my parking at Safeway's. Fancy making our very first course one which involves entering a bay and then reversing at an awkward angle into another one! Success – she did it, and with baited anticipation continued on nervously also to the hear the word "clear" at the final post. Great fun, where's the next course. I did eventually manage to be the first vehicle requiring assistance when I 'bottomed out' on a ridge – the 15" wheels didn't help matters. The culprits now having been replaced by 16" grey modular rims with 235/85 R16 BF Goodrich MTs/TRs. Better watch out David as I may just TYRO you (Take Your Rover Over). Oh, and by the way Angela, I have video evidence of exactly who damaged the number plate and it was not me!

I believe we have truly caught the bug and our son Shaun has also joined up as a member. We look forward to our next TYRO event with baited breath but maybe an RTV event will beckon beforehand.

Thanks to Neil and Diana for a super day.

David and Sue Howard

Laning

I have been asked by a number of members if there is any laning going on and when the Club will be organizing some. Well the simple and perhaps to blunt the answer is get out there and organize it...

But I understand that there is a lack of local knowledge amongst those that are asking, mainly because most are new members.

So this is a bit of an appeal, in advance of the forthcoming AGM. Please if anybody is organizing some laning can they at least let a member of the committee know and we will arrange for it to be posted in the P&B and on the web. Hopefully then we will be able to increase the profile and get our members out there.

Thanks

Mr Ed

Chippy Challenge 2003

Yes its stand up and be counted time again folks, this year's team (chippy) Challenge is scheduled for the 19th of October and I need teams of 4 vehicles plus 8 persons and most importantly I need volunteers to run the sections and more people to follow around with the teams to also help with the sections.

I will of course be the main man in charge this year but heavily assisted by Nick & John Jennings to also take some of the blame. We three have some cunning challenges up our sleeves and in our minds so look forward to a lot of fun and stress. Each team will need at least 1 Vehicle winch equipped with assorted hardware also carried. as usual points will be awarded and subtracted for good / bad technique.

You can ring me with your team and members names including the marshal volunteers or you can send your details, address inside front cover of P&D. Remember, we must have sufficient marshals to run the event. Mothers with children will be welcome.

Nick Woodage
Special Events Officer

PVB Meets

Seems this month we are clearing all our outstanding issues from last years AGM. Well here is another one, yes Pub Meets, north and south.

It would be an ideal situation where we could once again meet on some common ground midway from everywhere for a pub meet. Somewhere with a function room, that does food, caters for a carpark full of Landies, ah but sadly we have not been able to trace anything down.

The northern meet has been a bit of a muddle over the last months, nobody really being sure of where it is being held. Well we are pleased to announce, sounds very grand doesn't it, that the northern pub meet now has a new venue. The Fox and Hounds, Sunny Side, Theale in Berkshire. Same time as before, first Wednesday of the month. Well done Non-Stick Nick.

Also the venue is being changed for the southern pub meet. We are going to use the Hoggs Lodge, just off the A3 near Clanfield, Petersfield. Plenty of space private area so we can watch a few videos, muddy ones of course, and they do food. All as before, the last Wednesday of the month.

With holidays upon us it has been decided that we will start all this from September.

So that would be the 3rd and the 24th respectively according to my diary. First the north and then the south.

Grid references and directions:

Fox and Hounds, Sunny Side Nr Theale Reading RG7 4AA

Grid Ref: SU 649699.

Hoggs Lodge

SU 714 174 as near as I can establish. Take the A3 and leave at the Clanfield / Chalton turning. Then follow what used to be the old A3 as if you were going to the top of Butser Hill.

Hope to see you there

Mr Ed

Summer Rally. August Bank Holiday 2003.

Trial Site.

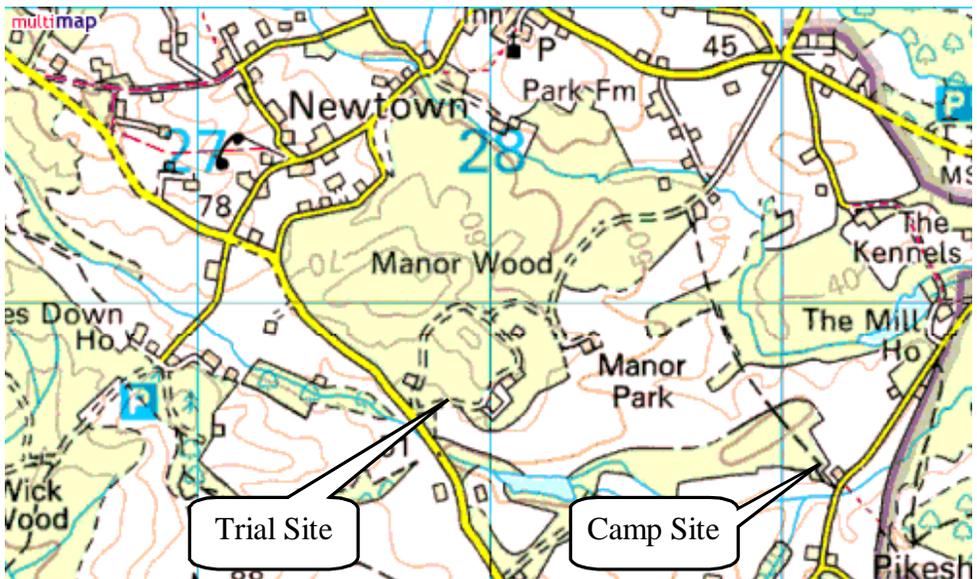
The easiest approach to the trial site, for those who are not camping / caravanning is:-

Take M27 southbound, continue past the end of the M27, up the hill and past the Minstead turning. After the Southern Electricity Board (SEB) depot, approximately ½ mile there is a Q8 petrol station and Little Chef. Immediately after this turn left to Stoney Cross. Follow this road for approximately 2 miles. You will pass a wall of rhododendron bushes on your left hand side. At the end of these there is a small tarmac road on your left. The site is here. Minstead Manor Farm. Grid: SU277095.

Camping.

Do not approach the camp site from the same direction as the trial site, particularly if you are towing a caravan. There is some very restrictive traffic calming.

Take the last junction from the M27 south bound and head towards Lindhurst on the A337. After approximately 2 miles fork right to Bunkers Hill and Emery Down, follow this road for a further ½ mile. The camp site is on your right. The site is not sign posted, but there will be the usual HBRO arrow. Grid: SU292094. Approx.



August Bank Holiday Agenda looks like this:-

Camping opens Thursday evening.

Friday and Saturday, setting out.

Saturday PM. TYRO.

Signing on at 12:30pm. TYRO starts at 1:30 pm.

CoC to be decided.

RTV ; Sunday, all the usual signing on times etc.

CoC Nick Woodage/Hugh Duffet..

Monday: 11am Gymkhana:

CoC Nick Jennings.

Please note that there will not be a club driving day at the Summer Rally.

FREELANDER AT and MT Tyres from COLWAY

Colway has added AT and MT pattern tyres for the Land Rover Freelander to its C-Trax range of 4x4 tyres. The pair of 'Q' (100mph/160kph) rated C-Trax 215/65R16 tyres are part of the Formula Colway range of retread tyres from Durham manufacturer C-Tyres Ltd, delivering high performance and mileage on and off road at low cost. The C-Trax retread can be expected to retail at around half the price of original equipment tyres.

Colway Formula specification tyres are produced using premium quality original equipment casings and undergo strict quality checks to ensure structural integrity before the retreading process takes place. A specially designed 'Formula' compound is used in the manufacturing and the casings are treated with a green coloured inner sealant which aids air retention.

'Green' off-roaders will be pleased to note that each Colway produced re-cycles a previously worn casing, requires 50% less raw materials and saves approximately 20 litres of oil over a new tyre. The Colway C-Trax range - which includes over 50 tyres in four different tread patterns - is available from most independent tyre suppliers. For further information visit the website www.c-tyres.co.uk or call 0191 378 0621

Wales Challenge Event 28th & 29th June

After competing in the Isle of White challenge in March, Bob Seaman asked me if I would like to Co-drive another Challenge event in Wales. It was a 2-day event in Mid Wales some where between Newtown and Rhayader. Bob had borrowed a Trooper and a trailer for transporting the 90 and all the gear. It took us about 5 hours to get to the site and it wasn't long before the tent was pitched and we had beer in our hands, we were pitched next to Simon Buck and Matt Cook from Devon 4x4 (Previous winners of the Simex Rain



Forrest Challenge in Malaysia) real pro's in this type of event. Simon's advice was to go out and have a laugh, I think that we succeeded and had a great weekend off road driving extreme style.

Day 1:

The

competition started at 10am so we got up early to cook breakfast and organise the kit. This all done it was time to start. Drivers briefing was quite informative, there were 20 Intermediate punches and 40 Extreme expert punches split into 4 areas on the site. It took about half an hour before we found our



first punch and then we got a couple more, eventually we got all 5 for the area and we sent to the next area. One thing that we found was that it is really aggravating and frustrating when you are looking so hard and cannot find anything. After the second area was finished we had a special take to do. This was basically an RTV section against the clock, quite different to what we are used to but we did ok and got a time of 1:09, this was about mid field so we were quite happy with that. The third area was the most challenging of the four. The first punch we went for was off a near vertical bank, another team kindly acted as a ground anchor for us and Bob slowly went backward off the drop. It looked steep, but when I couldn't stand on the bank to punch the card it was actually



steeper than it looked. Then we dropped the 90 into a large wet puddle from a steep bank, halfway up the door and the winch half submerged under water we proceeded to recover the 90 out. R50MUD the number plate defiantly looked the part now, oh but you



couldn't actually see it because of the mud covering it. I think the best punch all day was on a tree on the opposite side of a stream, it didn't look that deep but it was just believe me. So out came the waffles and a slick operation, the punch was ours. By the end of the day we were covered in Welsh mud and water, but we had 2 massive grins on our faces. Time for more Beer.



Day 2:

It was a shorter day on Sunday to allow the competitors who had travelled further to get back. We were now onto the hard stuff, extreme!! Some of the tasks were for Roll caged only competitors, lucky for Bob he had the cage done before the event. We nearly

rolled the 90 on our first attempt on the first punch of the day, so we re-planned and got there. We used the winch a lot more on Sunday and got 25 punches, most of which were the Expert punches. We actually covered a wider range of terrain on day 2, rivers, bogs, rocks, sand (river bed) and lots of grass. We also realise the advantage of ARB air lockers, incredible difference from standard diffs. 2 o'clock and the day had finished. I for 1 was absolutely knackered but it really was the best and hardest weekend I have had with a Landrover. R50MUD proved to be just the tool for the job and with Mr Seaman behind the wheel survived the challenge admirably. We didn't win any prizes but were happy to finish on 4000 ish points . We learned a few lessons about this kind of event, things like Waffles are a necessity as is a good ground anchor, a spade comes in handy, and you don't actually need loads of kit to compete just the right stuff. We had an excellent time, and we got back in 1 piece without much more than a couple of new scratches. All in all it was an excellent weekend and highly enjoyable.

Cheers for now
Teflon John

Annual General Meeting And Social

This year's Annual General meeting will be held on the 6th September at 6pm (prompt) in the Queens Inn / Hotel in Selbourne, Nr Alton Hampshire. It's on the B3006 between Alton and Liss.

There is a specific and formal agenda to follow for the AGM all to do with election of officers etc, but there is also a general agenda and format to the evening. We intend to make this a bit of a social evening. In addition to the AGM there will be some food, a finger buffet, and a short quiz.

The overall agenda for the evening looks like this:

6pm Commence AGM

8pm Close AGM.

8:15 / 8:30 finger buffet

8:30 Quiz.

On behalf of the outgoing committee we look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Ed Acting Chairman.

What else can we do?

I was handed a copy of the government publication “Environment 2003” the other day in my office by one of the “swampies” our affectionate term in the office for those in the Consents and Environment Department. (A fine body of people that smooth the way with local government, councils, landowners etc). They also help arrange for the re-deployment of endangered species from areas of new development, such as motorways, railways etc. Sadly I cannot help feel he was gloating just a little when he showed me the article “Off-road drivers wreck wildlife and heritage sites.”

I will let you read the article for yourselves so that you can draw your own conclusions. Clearly we are all being branded as reckless, careless and inconsiderate maybe even “vandalistic” through the inappropriate behaviour and action of a few. Sadly this is nothing new.

As most of you are probably aware if you regularly the read this magazine and look on our website we are actively supporting green lane clearance in Hampshire and Berkshire and from all accounts getting good feed back from the authorities. We are also trying to increase our portfolio in the clubs green laning activities. If this is to be the case in the next year or so, then we must ensure that we continue to “tread lightly”. This may mean keeping the numbers in our party to 3 or 4 vehicles, driving slowly, not spinning our wheels when stuck, not going out when conditions are poor and the ground liable to damage. (Yes we all like mud, that’s half the fun of going out but if we are to reduce criticism and maybe even increase our popularity amongst those radical environmentalists who would like us banned from just about everywhere, including the school run, then we must ensure we act with care and consideration).

So if we are going out laning I personally think it would benefit both the club and the driver to log this as an official club activity, therefore if and when we are criticised we can respond from a position of certainty that it was none of our members acting irresponsibly.

So what else can we do? You tell me, and we will publish it in this magazine and feed our constructive comment back to those who are better placed to act.

I would just like to finish by saying that as far as we can tell it was not one of the HBRO members that was involved in this incidence in Wiltshire.

Ed Ellis

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Editor’s note:-

I’ve put the article Ed Ellis refers to on the opposite page. If it turns out to be unreadable after it has gone through the various print processes, the original article will be available from me or from Ed.

Off-road drivers wreck wildlife and heritage sites

The native white-clawed crayfish, almost wiped out by disease in the 1980s, has a new enemy – drivers of 4x4 vehicles

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY is supporting a multi-agency crackdown on recreational off-road drivers who are causing serious damage to wildlife habitats and important historical sites.

Wiltshire County Council has spent more than £7,500 on erecting physical defences designed to protect the ecology and archeological remains around the River Avon at Easton Grey from offroaders. However, a hard core of irresponsible drivers has ripped up the “dragon’s teeth” concrete bollards placed along the banks so they can drive across the river.

They access the site via the Fosse Way, the first arterial road in Britain, built by the Romans to link the West country with the Midlands. Traces of buildings that formed a small settlement in the first century A.D. can still be seen on the surface of farmland surrounding this junction of the Avon with the Fosse Way.

The damage to the river bank and bed is undermining work led by the Environment Agency to re-establish populations of the endangered native crayfish. These have been threatened in recent years by a virulent disease spread by introduced species such as the North American Signal Crayfish.

Last year, Environment Agency staff and volunteers rescued around 100 native crayfish from water near Loughborough, after it was invaded by their North American cousins.

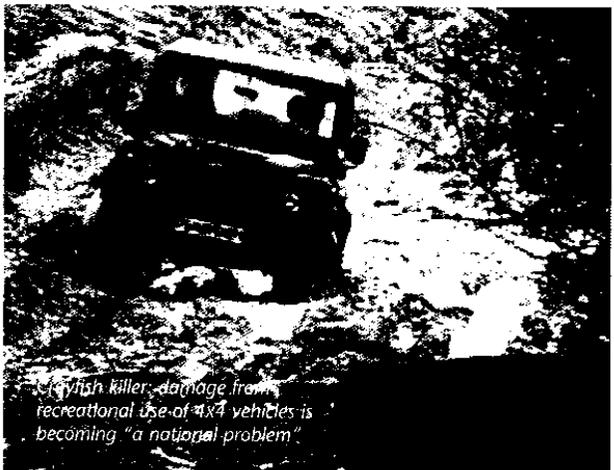
Although now showing encouraging signs of recovery, the native crayfish may again suffer a serious decline in numbers unless the irresponsible use of 4x4 vehicles is not stopped. The Environment Agency’s Martin Fraying explains: “Fish spawning

grounds are being damaged by vehicles that stir up silt, and crayfish survival is put at risk through the destruction of the river bank where crayfish make their burrows.

“Crayfish are also very susceptible to silt which clogs their gills, and they shelter under stones. This makes them especially vulnerable to being crushed by heavy off-road vehicles entering the river.”

Commenting on the threat to important archeological sites, Phil McMahon, Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage, said: “Damage from recreational use of 4x4 vehicles is becoming a national problem. There are drivers who don’t give a damn, and others who may not know the problems they are causing. We would like the wider community to be aware of the threat to their heritage and environment, and to be vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity.”

Wiltshire police are also appealing to the public for information to help them catch the culprits.



Crayfish killer: damage from recreational use of 4x4 vehicles is becoming “a national problem”.

Image reproduced courtesy of the BBC website for Wiltshire

Hants & Berks Rover Owners
Committee Meeting - 9th June '03

Present: Ed Ellis Jenny Davis Sarah Bridger
Nick Woodage Angela Ellis John Jennings
Apologies: Ashley Pocock Steve Kirby

Review of Previous Minutes

§ The minutes of last meeting were accepted by all

Outstanding Previous Actions

- § AGM minutes not yet verified **Action AP**
- § Investigations from Corporation tax still ongoing **Action SB**
- § Invitation to other club(s) for Summer Rally ongoing **Action AE**
- § Driving Day Flyer still to be updated **Action AP**
- § Previous winners of Pilot Trophy not established **Action JD**

Chairman's Report (presented by Ed)

- § Ed informed those present that Ashley has asked the committee to accept his resignation as Chairman with immediate effect. It was proposed that Ed stand in as "acting Chairman" until the next AGM. All of the committee agreed and accepted this.
- § The AGM was set for 6th September as it was agreed that due to the problems with lack of committee members, the Meeting should be held as soon as practically possible. It was also agreed that every effort should be made to attract and encourage a larger percentage of the members to attend the AGM than in recent years. Ed to get old minutes from Ashley and Jenny to obtain the voting form and necessary information ready for publication in the magazine. **Action JD/EE**
- § A trade place has been booked for a club stand at the Beaulieu 4x4 Show.
- § Date for Rickshaw is now in conflict with another BAMA event, so a new date of 11/12 October has been proposed to suit HBRO & Rickshaw.

Secretary's Report

- § Received a letter from ARC inviting clubs to think about hosting the ARC Nationals in future years. Reply to be sent that it would be considered but only in the distant future, as it is only 3 years since we last hosted it.
Action JD
- § The "Team Challenge" trophy needs returning to the ARC as soon as possible. Jenny to post. **Action JD**

Treasurer's Report

§ Only had 8 drivers at Pingewood RTV, meant loss of £50 to club.

Competition Secretary's Report

- § Summer Rally at Minstead - it was agreed by all to cancel the Driving Day for the Monday. Ed to try and cancel with the landowner with no cost implications. **Action EE**
- § Comp Safari - in response to article, Ed has received details of four drivers and one CoC. Looking at running an event early next year.
- § Winch Challenge - still want to hold an event, but a lot more work is still needed in preparation - Ongoing

Membership Secretary's Report

§ Current membership is 284 Full members including 8 new. All up to date

Rights of Way Officer's Report

Nothing to Report

Social Secretary's Report

- § Position still vacant. Had some interest from Zoë Raval/Sam Parker. Jenny to enquire if still interested and invite them to join the committee.
- Action JD**

Magazine Report

- § Printers are currently putting together a costing to post our magazines if we provide the address labels.
- § Printers are also going to print our Constitutions and Membership forms at a cost of £10 per 500.

ARC Report

Nothing to Report

Special Events Report

- § New bunting has been ordered
- § Chippy Challenge - Ed to arrange gymkhana permit, Nick to write article for magazine.
- Action EE/NW**

Training Report (presented by John)

- § 6th Winch course scheduled for 6th July - only got 4 names booked. Proposed to postpone it until more members come forward. All agreed.
- § Getting dates for the advanced course later in the year - still being organised.

Any Other Business

- § Fire extinguishers need refurbishing **Action NW**
- § Toilet facilities for camping - it was agreed by all that no facilities would be provided for camping. The responsibility lies with members to ensure they have the necessary facilities.
- § Wooden Plaques for shields -it was agreed that it would be nice for members to be able to purchase a wooden plaque for displaying their shields. Sarah to investigate prices for club shop. Nick W to look into making some.
Action SB/NW
- § Christmas Party - Jenny to enquire about different locations/venues for the party **Action JD**
- § Funeral - it was agreed by all that flowers/donation to the value of £30 would be made by the club for the funeral of Mike Wolfe. Nick W to organise and take to the funeral. **Action NW**
- § Frogs Island Advert/Discount - John to contact Edie Prescott again to organise. **Action JJ**
- § Warning Signs - John reported that the club needed some more "Warning - Motor sport is dangerous" signs. John to order from MSA.
Action JJ
- § Sponsorship - Ashley proposed that in addition to the sponsorship decision made, the committee should only pay a fixed amount of up to £100 per year. This was agreed by all.
- § John presented the details of the National 4x4 winch challenge. A team of four club members are entering the event and asking the committee for sponsorship. It was agreed that as the committee have not received any other formal applications for sponsorship yet this year, then they would pay the outstanding balance of entry for both vehicles at a cost of £50 per vehicle. However, the team must display the club name as much as possible (i.e. on clothing and stickers etc) and on return must provide a full write up for the magazine. Jenny to email these conditions to the team leader (Bob Seaman).
Action JD

Next Meeting: Monday 7th July '03 - Crown Hotel, Alton



More photos from
John Jennings
recent trip to Wales

RTV at Hook End Farm in June.



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HBRO accepts no liability for the accuracy of the descriptions or the serviceability or suitability of items or services advertised in this section.

Commercial Adverts:- Contact Jenny Davis, address inside front cover, for advertising rates. Current newsletter circulation is around 300. Adverts are marked with the start date so you know when their time is up!

Bits & pieces

* Mechanical Superwinch, very very rare and complete with mounting unit, this is immensely powerful and will fit any Range Rover 4 speed Gearbox !!!...(about as rare as you can get), so if you fancy a hugely powerful winch for a 4 speed Rangey / or LT95 driven hybrid now is your chance, all complete plus skid plate etc £900 onvo...doubt you will EVER see another!

Special Gearbox : LT95 FULLY rebuilt only a few months ago, every bearing seal gasket renewed, running a 101 short type bellhousing, and has a Manual locking centre diff (rather than useless vacuum jobbie !), totally complete and ready to go offers around £500

Clutch Assembly : something special!, a "Ceramic paddle plate" with Borg & Beck HD Cover, will NEVER slip, the hotter your clutch gets the harder it grips, will handle 300+ BHP, also with stainless steel Centre Bearing realse unit, (plastic ones melt), costs a fortune yours for around £125 set

Oil cooler with pipework, about 8" x 14" virtually new, offers around £30

Virtually brand new Superwinch X9 with roller fairlead wire rope etc complete offers around £400

Full roll cage, built for the hybrid, but may fit what you have with a few mods ?, offers around £100

Pair of rally Cobra seats, small they actually fit in a landy, have slots for 5 point harnesses, on frames, could do with retrimming etc, but offers around £40 pair 86 inch driver door with locks etc, and passenger both VGC and also a brand new painted spare (genuine) with lock etc £30 - 40 each or Offers

80 Inch windscreen (new laminated glass unmarked) £60

Handmade big Bore exhaust system, may fit what you have with a few mods ?, offers around £30

Radiator massive 7 row handmade unit with mounts, cools a chipped 3.9 V8

so should cool anything !, recently recored and renewed at cost of £150, yours for £100 ono.

Rear Tub, Bowler style front wings, floor, tunnel, seat box, truck cab bonnet etc etc all available, see members rides "Hybrid from hell" and enquire if you are interested in any/ all still available.

Bulkhead unit, much modified 80 bulkhead, with centre dash with Gauges for AMPS< FUEL< OIL PRESSURE< WATERTEMP, R/R Speedo handmade housing, ign switch, switches etc etc, phone if interested.

90 Brake unit complete with turret and servo £30 90 Clutch unit assembly £20 2 of "Luke" professional '5 point' seat belt harnesses, Link latch type (mud proof !), pair of in green VGC offers around £60 Pair.

Range Rover OverDrive unit, all complete and currently fitted to 4 speed R/R LT95 gearbox, Overdrive is good condition, but gearbox really is unknown (could be good !), so £200 as is gearbox and Overdrive etc, or £175 ono for Overdrive and all linkages etc....choice is yours

Range Rover 4 speed Gearbox for sale, (My own spare now no longer needed) VERY VERY good condition and complete, centre diff checked etc and all ok, not the normal junk! Offers around £125, and can poss deliver. As a offer to any H&B members, if a member buys it, and if after fitting your not 100% happy bring it back and I'll refund your money, (that's how sure I am of it !)

Superwinch Model 5000 Mechanical Winch unit, complete, and to fit series 1/2 or 3 type L/R can help with fitting as may need rods changing for differing model variants, forget electric this is the jobbie !..Offers around £400 with help fitting etc

Can deliver any of the above reasonable distances. Phone Nigel Barker on 07909 973163, or e-mail me on nigelbarker@btopenworld.com (MAY03)

Vehicles for Sale

- * Defender 90 - 200Tdi - 1991. 7 seat Estate/alpines/sunroof. Towpack. Radio/cass. 5 good Grabbers. Tax, Mot 1yr. Exceptionally good condition. £5950 - Contact Rod Ashton by phone on 02392 596906 Eve. 01329 222403 Office hrs. or by e-mail on rod.ashton@industrial-rubber.com
- * Discovery. L reg 1994.. 3.9 Efi. & seater. Freestyle alloys in silver & grey. Beige interior. Ex Land Rover owned in Coniston Green. Aircon. 115000 miles. Full service history with all receipts. Very good condition. New tyres, roof-rack if required. Taxed and MOT. £4450 ono. Call Andy Bunyan on 01252-516402 (JUN03)
- * 1996 "N" Reg Discovery ES TDI. Rioja Red. All leather interior. Auto changer CD player. 2 Electric Sunroofs. Electric Windows. Electric Seats. Air Conditioning. Roof Bracket. 77,000 Miles. VGC. £10,500. Contact Steve

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Competition Event Information

- Events are open to all paid-up HBRO members. Bring your membership card.
- Entries to be on an official HBRO entry form whenever possible.
- ARC rules apply. 2002 ARC Handbooks are available to all HBRO members. (There isn't a 2003 ARC Handbook. Use the Vehicle Regulations on the yellow pages; page 65 onwards.)
- All HBRO RTVs are qualifying rounds for the "Red Leader Shield" (standard class Leaf sprung LR's), the "Pilot Trophy" (Standard Range Rover) and the "Performance Trophy" (for 90s)
- All TYRO bookings must be confirmed 3 days before the event. The CoC needs to make sure that there are enough entries to make it viable.
- When you come to help set out the sections on the day before the competition, please find the Clerk of the Course (or whoever is in charge at the time) and sign on the attendance sheet. The event insurance covers those members setting up the event and is there for your benefit; but it is valid only if you sign to say that you are there.
- Please help to marshal the event. Attend the marshals briefing and then ask an experienced marshal for guidance on how to score and how to assist in the safe running of the event. We'll show you how to score if you've not done it before. A Marshalling Guide booklet is available on request.
- If you are interested in scrutineering, please ask to accompany one of the scrutineers on the day. They'll show you how the checks are done and what to look for. A Scrutineering Guide booklet is available on request.

Events - Forward Planner

DATE	EVENT
Nov 9	<i>RTV and camping at Nelly's Dell .</i>
Nov 23	<i>RTV and camping at Wedgehill.</i>
Nov 29	Roadmaster. Weaver's Down.
Dec 6	ARC meeting at NFU HQ Tiddington. Stratford-upon-Avon.
Dec 7	<i>RTV at Brick Kiln Farm.</i>
Dec 21	<i>RTV and Driving Day at Slab Common.</i>

Events for Your Diary

- * First Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at The Fox and Hounds, Sunny Side, near Theale, Reading, Berkshire RG7 4AA Grid Ref: SU 649699. From 7:30 p.m.
- * Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the Cob & Pen, Wallington, near Fareham, Hants. (From 7:30 p.m. Plus Land Rover related videos if possible.). Grid REF SU583 068 approx.
- * 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 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. are highlighted in **bold text**.

Short-term events programme is shown below; longer term programme can be found inside the back cover.

WS = Winter Series. SS = Summer Series.

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

DATE	EVENT
Aug 23 - 25	August Bank Holiday Rally. Minstead Manor Farm Lyndhurst. Tyro and Gymkhana on the Saturday, RTV on the Sunday. Plus camping. Details elsewhere this issue.
Sept 6	HBRO AGM at the Queens Hotel, Selbourne.
Sept 7	Major's Trial. Eastnor. Teams wanted.....
Sept 13	ARC meeting at NFU HQ Tiddington. Stratford-upon-Avon.
Sept 14	<i>Public driving Day at Broxhead Common.</i>
Oct 5	<i>RTV. Venue to be confirmed.</i>
Oct 10	<i>Possible date for the Rickshaw Ramble.</i>
Oct 5	<i>RTV. Venue to be confirmed.</i>
Oct 19	<i>Chippy Challenge at Slab Common.</i>
Nov 9	<i>RTV and camping at Nelly's Dell .</i>