



Hants & Berks NEWS

The Mike Wolfe
Bites Back...



25th November 2012
Boxgrove, Chichester.
See centre pages.



Matt Hewitt at Brick Kiln
Farm March 2012.



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Give them all your support; let them know what's done well, what you enjoyed, any new ideas. Write to the Newsletter Editor and get any Land Rover thoughts printed and off your chest. Most importantly, get along to the events, get involved and get more out of HBLRO by putting a little in.

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Editor's bit....

This issue marks the passing of Dave "Red Leader" Cuthbert, one of our founding members. It's unlikely that many of the current members will have known him but the Red Leader Shield lives on in memoriam. The committee has also decided to rename the Spring Rally trial as the "Dave Cuthbert Memorial RTV".

Deadline for the next issue is June 20th; Don't wait until then, start sending in your contributions now. Articles can be in almost any word processor format but if you

have taken photos but do not wish to write anything, just e-mail the photos to me. Ideally, identify the driver in each case where you know their name. Technical tip here, add the driver's name and the event to the filename of the photo so they can't be mixed up or separated.



Steve Kirby.

"Lunch time at Brick Kiln" - this is Kevin and Anne Wood with Kiwi Dave Lindsay sat in the blue 90





Red Leader signs off.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the sad death of Dave "Red Leader" Cuthbert. Dave was a founder member of HBRO as it was at that time.

Dave was born into an Army family in Dorset in 1950 and joined up in 1966 and served around UK and Europe. Dave always favoured "real" Land Rovers, i.e. the leaf-sprung series 1, 2 and 3. In order to promote these, he instigated the

"Red Leader Shield" originally for Standard Class leaf sprung vehicles in HBRO trials. That trophy is still in use today in HBLRO but is now used for Modifieds.

Dave was once a cartographer with the AA and his principal interest was in green-laning. When the map making section of the AA moved to North Wales, he moved with it but subsequently ended up working for various Land Rover dealers in North Wales. He was a leading light in the North Wales Land Rover Club.

Why "Red Leader"? In the early days of the Hants & Berks Rover Owners he organised Green Road runs and encouraged members to bring their friends along in an attempt to increase membership. On one occasion Dave was leading and a friend of his was running at the back of what turned out to be an embarrassingly large group. His friend started making comments over the CB radio such as "What is Red Leader doing?" and "Where is Red Leader taking us now?" The name started to stick in some circles. He found that when he was writing in the Hants & Berks (the HBRO Newsletter) it was sometimes useful to distinguish when he was writing as a Club official, and when he was expressing his own opinions as an ordinary member, so a pseudonym was useful.

Dave was famous for WOW, A Series Two and the first Land Rover I drove off-road (along the Ridgeway in Berkshire if I remember correctly.)

I'll miss him.



Steve Kirby.

Steve's Slippery Slope

So, finally, 2" higher... come on Nelly's!

I am not sure why but I really feel that I need to say sorry to Mark Ambler. Not for anything that I or any other member of our club has done, but for the Interclub RTV up at his place back in February.

Along with other members of the club Mark worked hard to promote the event. We planned it at committee and talked it up when ever we could. Whilst the HBLRO turn out proved to be absolutely superb the Somerset and Wilts turn out proved to be a little lacking. Whilst I obviously do not know the inner workings of anyone let alone Mark I reckon that he must have been pretty disappointed. What I want to say is that you put in a top effort mate and could not have done any more.

Manage it a few times a year.

So whilst the opposition chose not to pitch up what an RTV we had. Eighteen members turned up and took part another fab event. It was great to see Dave Osmond drive as due to his work commitments Dave can only manage it a few time a year. It was also great to see Mike Rogers turn up in an absolutely beautiful V8 Rangie. You have to see Mike's car to really believe how cool it is. We also welcomed new member Mark Woods (and his family) who turned up in a

white Disco that really did look like it has a story to tell. Due to some of the mods on his vehicle Mark did in fact find himself in a class of his very own - class 11!

Due to the size of the field the Coc decided to split us into two groups and soon after ten o'clock the groups disappeared off into different directions. Now short of some of the bigger events this is a little unusual for us to have two groups and to be honest it does mess with my head a little. Because we are not all competing together its really hard to not let your head drop when you make a few mistakes as your brain keeps saying to you "I bet the drivers in the other group did not do that, and they must be doing much better that you".. its a real pig and for me makes the day twice as hard as it usually is. Fortunately I was very pleased to have my brother (Rich) as co-driver.

This was good on two levels one being that this was the first time back in the car after his accident back at Aldermaston, although not driving it was still a pretty big step. The second being that he has a great eye and helps keep me on the straight and narrow. Shame I let him down a little on the very first section failing what looked like a simple climb taking a massive nine points straight off the bat, nice!

As the day progressed the site

started to claim a few victims, first was Nev who managed to get his vehicle caught up on a tree, the tree claimed victory by mercilessly pulling half Nev's front wing off his sweet little leafer. The second casualty being Dave Lindsey taking an early bath following the loss of a half shaft.

Two drivers that really did catch my eye where the stonking Alan Braclik coming home with the overall victory on eight all day and Simon Brown smashing me out of sight with a great result in class five. Well done to you both.

Long one

With the excitement of Hook End now behind me I turned my sights to our March visit to Brick Kiln Lane. Along with Aldermaston Brick Kiln is one of my favourite RTV sights. It offers everything that we look for in an RTV sight. It also has a number of serious mud traps that can swallow a car whole. It was important for me to officiate at this event as it was my last chance in the current winter series which will then qualify me for the Pilot trophy and the Winter series trophy. Saturday the 10th March came very quickly. I arrived at the site at around quarter past nine, sarnies and flask at the ready. Come half nine I was still stood there on my own, come twenty to ten and Pete Brayford rolled up. By ten o'clock we had come to realise that we were going to be on our own for the day.

This was going to be a long one.

Whilst the weather that week had been poor this day was fine, the sun shone, the temperature was good for this time of year and we had eight sections to set out. As Coc I was keen to put a few twists on the sections as we have used the sight a good number of times now. Even though we had loads to do we just took the task section by section. We could have just thrown the canes in and had done with it, but we both wanted it to be right even though it would mean not getting away till the end of the afternoon. There is something to be said about spending time with another man in the woods!, there really is no finer way to get to know someone much better. So at this point I will say sorry to Pete as I know that as the day wore on I did wind him up a little with my constant fiddling with the cane positions and my string of appalling jokes and anecdotes. Come around half four the job was done. A big well done to Pete if he had not turned up I don't know what I would have done. Roll on Sunday.

Sunny and dry was the order of Sunday. Thirteen members turned out for the RTV and come ten o'clock we all rolled out into the site to start the event. As is the tradition at Brick Kiln our first section was across the bumpy area close to the car park. It's a great start to the day with some axle twisters and some sharp slippery climbs. It was pretty clear from the

off that Hugh Duffett and Matt Hewitt were going to go head to head both making their clear rounds look very simple. Paul Homewood also started well only picking up a five. We do not see Paul very often, mind you last time we did (at the same site the year before) he romped away with an overall victory... I must keep my eye on him I thought.

Slippery parts

After section one was completed we then entered the site proper and were faced with a number of sections where the mud started to be come more of an issue. Pete and I had designed the next few sections to take in some of the more slippery parts of the site. We took the drivers across ruts, through puddles, up and over muddy banks and wound them in and out of the trees. Personally learning (or should I say, trying to learn) about how to drive on mud and what happens to the car when moving over undulating land with a generous covering of the brown stuff is what is taking me the longest. Sometimes the car will change direction quickly sometimes what looks like the smallest ridge becomes an impassable barrier...

With the exception of Martin Millerin making a school boy error on section two and driving the wrong way (a mistake that was to bring him the spanner man at the end of the day) things were going fairly well for the majority of the drivers. However I did

feel for Chris Homewood who's day really did appear to become more difficult as it went on.

Lunch time came and went and as we approached the ninth section of the day Hugh and Matt had been the pick of the bunch with only a point or so between them. What neither had accounted for was the brilliant drive unfolding for Alan Braclik who managed to get his snout between them both at the finish. Hugh had won this particular battle but rest assured that this war is not over by a long chalk.

After the trailer had been packed and the trophy's presented our members slowly started to say their goods byes and left the site. The sun was still warm and I felt very satisfied with the turn of the weekend's events. I then got into conversation with Garry White, we chatted for a bit about this and that enjoying the sun and the moment. Finally it was time to go. As I put the key in the ignition my attention was caught by a young lad walking out of the woods and straight over to where Garry and I were parked. I knew what was coming as the fella was completely covered from head to foot in mud. "Any chance you could give us a tow" was his first remark.

I looked at Garry and Garry looked at me and I could see that the young lad read between the lines and saw that we were not altogether sold on the idea of going back into the site

having had a day where we really had not had any of our own vehicles stuck in the mud. "Its me Vitara, its stuck in the mud" was his second comment. "Where abouts is it" ? I asked, "Its right over at the back of the site on the right" was his reply. The seriousness of the situation became clear, this just happens to be the muddiest filthiest horriblemest part of the whole area. "You up for it" I asked Garry.. and of course he was. With caution we approached the scene to find two short wheel based Vitara's. One (on road tyres!) was trying to tow the other (which was buried in a huge mud filled hole). Strangely enough the scene did bring a smile to my face, as it never ceases to amaze me what some drivers attempt to achieve in an almost stock vehicle. It also soon became clear that not only was the vehicle in the puddle stuck in deep, its coil (or something on in the ignition system) had packed up and could not be started. This is just getting better I thought. So.. Garry manoeuvred his Rangie into position, out came the winch and with a series of pulls mixed with a couple of repositions the little car slowly became free. Whilst there was an element of relief that the vehicle was out of the worst there was still the matter of recovering it out of the area and back to the car park. Its location was still not ideal as we had to tow it across a series of

banks and tracks as this was the only way where moderately firm going could be found for the towing vehicle.

Snatch

I gingerly backed the Disco in cautions to try and stay on firm ground. We got a line onto the front of the Vitara. I had taken the trouble to advise the young Vitara driver that if by some miracle the car did come out then I would not be stopping and would blast us both back across the site to the safety of the car park. After a series of hard snatches I managed to drag the little car up, over and out of this sticky area and without a moment's rest I then put the pedal to the metal and headed out of the site. The driver of the Vitara was very grateful and to be honest Garry and I felt like mini hero's, what a way to round off a brilliant weekend.

The end of March saw our second Green laning event of the year. Unfortunately Julian Mallard was not available to run the event so we called on (at very short notice) the services of Salisbury Plain expert Neil Tomlinson. As Neil needed to navigate he jumped in the Disco with me and we set off to the meet point at one of the many tank crossings on the edge of the plain. Regular John Minty was in attendance along with new members Jonathan Pragnell and Richard

Burgess. Both brand new to the sport and keen to get stuck in. The morning session saw a very gentle introduction to off roading for them both and they seemed to quickly get the hang of the vehicles and terrain. As usual we stopped at a local pub for a beer and a bite consuming the ruffty tuffty off roaders lunch of muscles in a garlic sauce and toasted cheese melts with a delicate side salad garnish. An hour or so later we were back in the saddle and Neil treated the group to a little more mud and some really tasty puddles. As our confidence grew we also attempted some more sizeable puddles much to the delight of the significant number of 'squadies' out on the plain taking part is some sort of exercise. Toward the end of the day dust started to become a bit of an issue as the last few miles were on the loose gravel byways. Neil and I were lead car and it was everywhere, up my nose, in my ears, in my eyes and down my pants.. what it must have been like for the three cars following us goodness only knows.

All to soon the event was over, we had seen some great views, the weather had good kind to us and we had some great company. Thanks to our members for taking part and special thanks for Neil stepping up at such short notice.

Come together

The 8th of April was our RTV and drive around day at the Hogmoor Enclosure and these type of events are crucial to the club as apart from the membership fee are the only chance we get to raise a little money to cover our running expenses. With every event of this nature it is important that we come together as a team as there is a lot of things to be organised. To add to the pressure this year I had decided that following the massive fun I had had at the Rickshaw Ramble (BAMA Event at the Bramley Camp) I wanted to run three navigational events to give our drive around guests a taste of something a little different. Some weeks previously I had approached Mark Brazier and Elton Jonsson with this concept as they had both been keen to try something like this out. Luckily for me they both turned out to be massive assets with Mark designing the events and supporting paperwork and then both attending the site a week before the event to sort out the routes and marker board locations. I cannot express my thanks enough to you both for this as I had plenty on my plate with the rest of the event.

Setting up the event on the Saturday was an absolute pleasure. Garry White was going to run the RTV and I would keep my eye on the Nav Ex (Navigational Exercises) and

the drive around. As Hogmoor offers a first class mix of easy and hard area's the choice for the RTV locations is huge. Whilst we do tend to stick to the regular area's Tim Whishaw and Kevin Wood proved determined to forge some new ground and what sections they set, tough, tight with plenty of steep ups, downs and side slopes. By the end of the Saturday we had eight sections and a reserve. All that needed to be done now was to set the marker boards for the Nav Ex on the Sunday morning.

Another early start saw me arrive at the site at half past seven. I was then joined by Mark and Elton and was pleased to see that Simon Newington had thrown his hat into the ring to help set out and run the Nav Ex. So whilst we all circulated putting the routes together Garry and his team were back to put the numbers on the canes and check all was OK with the RTV sections. At the same time the caterers arrived (Spout4choice), the portaloo was positioned, Anne Wood got the drive around sign on area organised and Ian Parker set up the RTV sign on. It was then that I found out that Thames Valley 4x4 were running similar event at the Slab site just next door and whilst we are pleased that there are a number of off road clubs in the area was concerned that this may impact the number of guests coming to our event. So, off up the road to

plant even more of our Hants & Berks signs to try to capture as much passing trade as we could.

The RTV attendance was pleasing with the added bonus of seeing the return of Ali & Henry Cox driving Henry's 90 with a recent engine swap from a diesel to a V8 Range power plant. Nice sound guys...

All shapes and sizes

As the day unfolded I was very happy to welcome a good number of vehicles to the drive around event. Vehicles of all shapes and sizes arrived to take part in all the fun. I must say that I did feel for the guys that came up from the Isle of Wight as two running vehicles departed (whilst it was still dark) however only one of them was running by the time they had reached the site. The running one having towed the other most of the way up from Southampton.

By lunch time the RTV was well under way, drive around guests were busy drowning their cars in the lake in the middle of the site and other drivers were chasing around the area looking for laminated letter boards to help them complete the Nav Ex. All was good in my world. So OK I really wanted to trial as I had not driven since Hook End, but I did have a lot of fun flipping between cruising the site rescuing stuck vehicles, stopping to view the RTV at different times and also seeing

people studying maps of the area and trying to figure out in which direction they needed to go.

As the afternoon drew to a close the site became quieter and by around half past three all the events were just about over. Dave Lindsey had put in a great drive to take class four and overall victory in the RTV. Joe had piped Mark Ambler to take the class five honours and Martin Millerin hit the bull's eye to take first in class ten. Well done to you all. Also a welcome to Andy Butcher in the most orange 90 I have ever seen and nice to see Barrie Webb back after a break from competing (sorry about the wing mirror and rear quarter mate!).

So with complements from our drive around guest, a great RTV and good feedback on the Nav Ex all that remains is for me to again thank all those who helped set up and run the

event. We just could not have done it without you.

Well what a marathon this article has been, all that I need to say now is that we have our much awaited Spring Rally coming up over the weekend of the 5th to 7th May (including Green laning on the 6th). We also have another Green laning event lined up for the 31st of May and then we are into June and looking forward to the ALRC Nationals and the Cornwall & Devon Charity RTV. Keep your eye on the calendar on the web for all the other off road fun.

If you are competing in the Nationals and the Charity RTV I wish you the very best of luck and hope that we have the successes that we enjoyed in 2011.

Keep it right side up... see you out there..

"In memory of the late Dave Cuthbert we have decided that our Spring Rally RTV will now be known as the Dave Cuthbert Memorial. This will start this year and be held at the Spring Rally every year from here on. We will also re-brand our current interclub trophy to become the Dave Cuthbert Memorial Trophy and will present it to the overall winner of the event on the day"

Hants & Berks LRO Spring Rally - Nellys Dell
Sunday - 8 section Dave Cuthbert Memorial RTV
Monday - 6 section TYRO event (11.00am start).

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

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

Entrants must be either members of the Hants & Berks LRO or a member of another ALRC affiliated club. TYRO entry fee is £12.50 per driver.

Camping available please contact Hugh Duffett for more details
Clerk of the course (RTV): Joe Stacey

Clerk of the course (TYRO): Kevin Wood

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



At the Hogmoor RTV Barrie Webb surveys the battle scars.

Club Shop

We are pleased to confirm that we have recently ordered some new Hants & Berks LRO clothing. We have again sourced the garments from 'Uneek' as we find that the quality of the items is very good with a price that we consider to be reasonable. Each garment has our logo embroidered onto the left chest area as you would expect.

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(Chest 42/44) XX Large (Chest 44/46)

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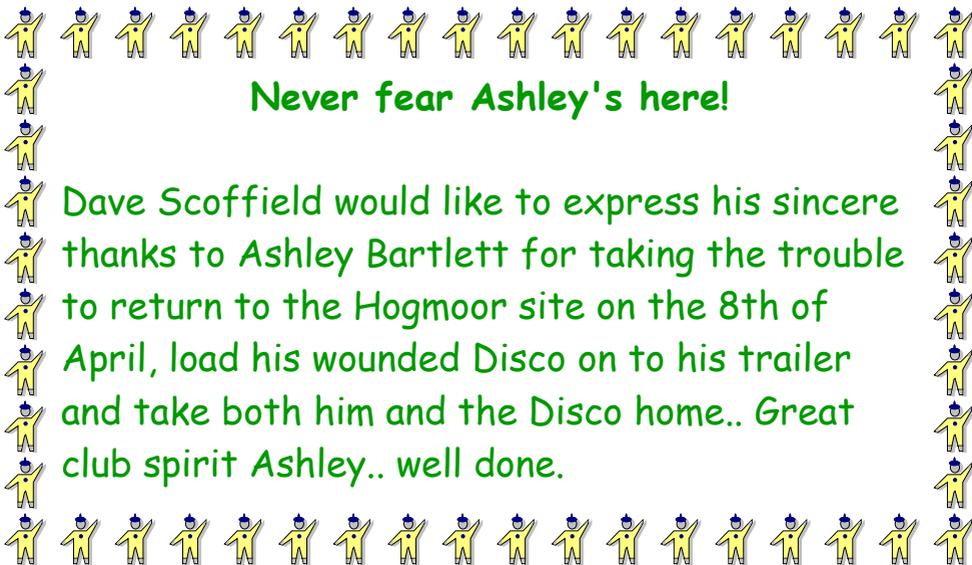


Our web address

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Never fear Ashley's here!

Dave Scoffield would like to express his sincere thanks to Ashley Bartlett for taking the trouble to return to the Hogmoor site on the 8th of April, load his wounded Disco on to his trailer and take both him and the Disco home.. Great club spirit Ashley.. well done.

For Sale

Hi, I was a HBRO member for a number of years, but sadly had to part company with my SIII. I still have some items which may be of interest to HBRO members.

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Spring Rally



Hants & Berks Land Rover Owners Club Spring Rally

Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May 2012

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(Grid ref: SU677295)

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

Quiz Night



A fantastic social weekend so come and join us

Camping available from Friday 12 noon

Contact Hugh Duffett
Hugh.Duffett@hbro.co.uk

Membership status name change

We will soon be changing the description "Ordinary Member" to "Full Member" this is a name change only all other aspects of this level of membership remain unchanged.



Separated at birth?



Cornwall & Devon Charity Event 2012

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

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

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

Mark Ambler towing Barrie Webb out of a hole at Hogmoor Hogmoor April 2012



Andy Butcher, Hogmoor April 2012

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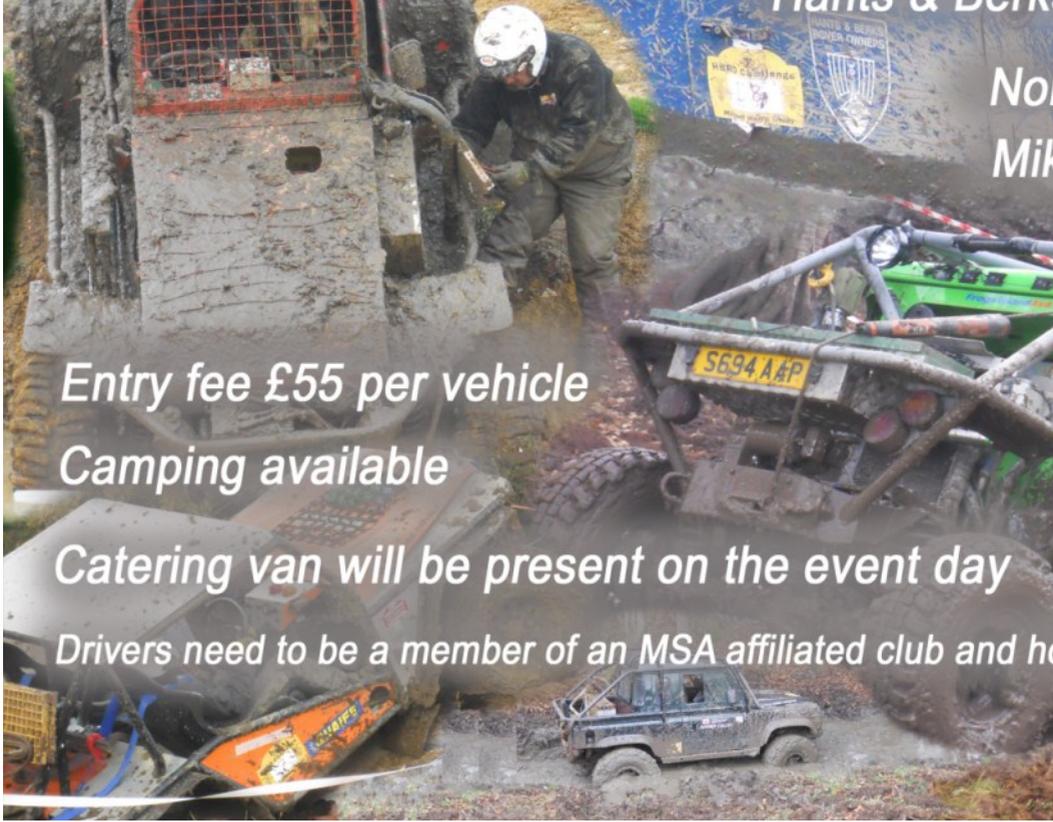
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comes in at just £12.50.

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



HBLRO camping treat

This year the committee has decided to cover the camping costs for all members either officiating at or competing in the Devon & Cornwall Charity RTV event at Plymouth. For more details see the web site or contact Kevin on 01256 896958.



Neil Tomlison showing us all how not to drive through a puddle at Hogmoor.



Joe Stacey takes the glory with a class 5 win at Hogmoor, however more importantly who are those two pulling faces behind his back !

Hugh Duffett, Hogmoor RTV



Russell Vare, Hogmoor RTV

Salisbury Playin'

I'd always fancied owning a Land Rover after having done a bit of 'off roading' in a friend's Series IIA over twenty years ago, so last year I traded my VW Beetle in and bought an '04 plate Discovery 2 Landmark edition TD5 which I call The Tardis.

Within a couple of weeks I'd got the Land Rover bug and with a bit of Googling found my way to joining the Hants and Berks Land Rover Owners club. As a first face to face introduction to the club, I met up with Steve Aston and other members at the Northern Pub Meet in March at The Lord Derby in Odiham and found out a little about the club and the upcoming events. Having not done any off roading in my own beloved Disco, I thought that green laning sounded like a nice gentle taster for both me and The Tardis. I mailed Julian Mallard and after a bit of checking that it was OK for my 'Shiny' to possibly get a few scratches, Julian signed me up for the 31 March club green laning event. Leading up to the event, I prepped The Tardis with new QT Diff Guards, a hand held CB radio, and an OS Explorer map number 131.

On the day, I arrived a few minutes early at the Tidworth tank

crossing rendezvous and met John Minty in his Defender 90. John's Defender looks a very capable machine with its snorkel and dash mounted 3G equipped laptop mapping system, and I began to wonder whether I was quite ready for adventuring away from the tarmac. John's friend Mike was there as his navigator and we were all soon chatting away like old friends. It's amazing how a common interest (Land Rovers) can break down barriers and get strangers talking so easily. Pretty soon the rest of the gang had arrived: Steve Aston (Driver) and Neil Tomlinson (Expedition Lead and Salisbury Plain BOAT Guru) in Steve's faithful Discovery 1 (330,000 miles and counting!), and another new club member on his first green lane outing in his Discovery 1 (sorry, I can't recall the gentleman's name).

After a quick vehicle inspection and some gentle mockery about 'the plough' on the back of The Tardis, we set off at a leisurely pace making our way over the Plain. For the first half hour or so I was a little worried about keeping up, but Steve and John had the two novices boxed in the middle and made sure the pace was slow

enough for us to get the feel of driving over dirt and in ruts. After a few scraping and bumping noises I suddenly remembered the Discovery's SLS system and so promptly jacked the back end up 2 inches - problem solved. During the course of the morning we covered a fair bit of ground, perhaps 20 miles, and I was really starting to enjoy myself. Steve had been leading us round the muddy ponds in the road, but all of a sudden he drove straight through what I can only describe as a tank made trough of muddy water about 50 feet long and a couple of feet deep. Oh well I thought and shifting into low range, set off into the mud and promptly stopped half way through with too few revs on the clock. After a few deep breaths, the Disco and I composed ourselves, and with a bit of wheel spin we got going again and quickly moved into 2nd for the rest of the mud. Whew! Made it, and actually it was really good fun. Just a little muddy water had made its way into the cab but nothing to worry about really. I was hooked, and after that at every opportunity I was heading through the mud after Steve's Disco, and really getting a feel for just how capable a fairly standard Discovery can be.

We pulled over for lunch at a

lovely pub (The Rose and Crown) in the idyllic village of Tilshead. The pub was tidy, the staff were friendly, and the food was top notch but at a fair price. I had the mussels in Garlic and white sauce, and for some strange reason the rest of the group kept their distance from me for the rest of the day. Over lunch I spent time chatting with John and asking him questions about Land Rovers and how to drive off road. John had noticed I'd spent a lot of time in low range and so instructed me that I'd be fine in high range as the TD5 has masses of torque and can handle the low speeds.

During the afternoon, the pace picked up a bit (high range helped a bit here) and we covered a further 30 miles. We saw plenty of other green laning convoys, some tanks, some very shy soldiers who hid their faces in the dirt as we passed by, and a selection of wild life and birds that live on the Plain. All too soon it was time to head home and we bade each other farewell and set off.

All in all it was a very successful and pleasurable expedition. The old lags looked after the new guys, and we all agreed we'd go green laning again together soon.

The things I learnt that day

are as follows:-

- Take a friend with you as your navigator and cameraman. I was quite lonely in the car and had no time to read maps or take photos.
- Don't straddle the ruts, you can easily slip off and lose control.
- Don't bother with a packed

lunch, eating pub food is far better and more sociable.

- Lose the Disco plough - use jate rings for a cheap solution or a detachable NAS hitch if your budget can stretch that far.

Jonathan Pragnell

Jonathan Pragnell's Disco.



Dave Lindsey has entered the ALRC Nationals but now cannot go - if you are a class 4 driver wishing to enter and the class is full - please contact Dave as he is looking to sell his ticket. Be aware that you will need to check this is OK with the event organisers

Henry & Alasdair Cox demonstrate that they are both just Beach Boys at heart arriving at the recent Brick Kiln RTV in this hot little number..



Your Club Needs You

Calling all members. We really need your support with setting up and marshalling our RTV events. Setting up is usually done the Saturday before the event and is a great opportunity to cram in a lot of off road driving with very few other cars around. Marshalling the event on the Sunday will also qualify you for our annual marshalling awards with a possible trophy at the end of the year. So come on in and get involved



Blast from the past.
Well done to our chairman who recently travelled back in time to the ALRC Nationals in May 2004 (Carsington, Derbyshire) to take this pic of Andy Bridger studying Russell Vare's suspension twisting driving technique.



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



May / June Caption Competition.

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



March / April Caption Competition Winner.

Man for sale, above average looks, reasonably good health, moderately strong, very obedient, one previous owner - shall we start the bidding at £15 !



The winner of this month's caption competition. It's little known member Romain Grosjean who emailed in last week with the words Anne Wood is saying



25th Anniversary

War of the Roses

June 29th to July 1st 2012

Weekend Programme
Thursday-9am Campsite open
Friday - TYRO Trial
Friday - Welly Throwing
Saturday - RTV Trial
Saturday - CCV Trial
Saturday-Bike Trial (all ages)
Sunday - 25th Anniversary
War of the Roses
Monday- Campsite closes
PLUS: Lakes Scenic drive
routes available all weekend

Red Rose Land Rover Club invite you to join us for all or any of the events we are planning over this special anniversary weekend in late June 2012. The events of the **War of the Roses** weekend have all been planned to provide maximum flexibility for competitors and spectators alike. From a TYRO and Wellythrowing on Friday, through RTV & CCT Trials on Saturday to the title event, THE WAR OF THE ROSES itself on Sunday, you will be ensured a packed weekend of competitive and fun events. Any ALRC club members and vehicles are welcome to join in the trial events, whilst a team of 3 vehicles and 6 competitors will be needed to enter as a team, representing your club, in the **War of the Roses 2012**. Book your entry to a trial or the War using the form below. Go to our website at www.redroselrc.co.uk for more information and the latest news about the **War of the Roses 2012**

What is the **War of the Roses**? It is a full day spent tackling 9 separate challenging tasks by your team of 6 people and 3 Land Rovers. The challenges could be physical, skilful, cerebral or a mixture of all 3, but will involve you knowing exactly what you can do with a Land Rover in challenging situations. In any event it's all against the clock, so the pressure is always on to be consistently the best throughout the day, and then the points will be totalled to reveal who has won the **WAR OF THE ROSES 2012**. Could it be your team this year?



Competition Entry Form - War of the Roses 2012 - Please return to us before 1st May 2012 - Block Capitals Please

Name:..... ALRC Club:..... Membership No:.....

Address:Postcode.....

e-mailTelephone.....Mobile.....

To enter the WAR, all you need is to make up a team of 6 club members & 3 Land Rovers. The entry fee is £30 per vehicle. Please complete this form and return it to the address below. We will then send you further details and an event specific booking form for your team entry. The closing date for team entries is the **1st May 2012**. There will only be a maximum of 9 teams accepted, and a teams entry will only be accepted upon receipt of a completed booking form with full payment.
W.O.R [] I apply for a booking form to enter a team into the War of the Roses & enclose £45 deposit.

Land Rover Trials - RTV/CCT entry fees are £15 per event prebooked on the form below or £25 entry on the day;
TYRO entry fees are £10 per event prebooked on the form below or £15 entry on the day;

I wish to pre-pay my entry fee for the Land Rover Trial indicated and enclose my payment.

TYRO [] £10)

RTV [] £15) Total enclosed:£ _____ Please make cheques to "Red Rose Land Rover Club Ltd."

CCT [] £15)

Caravaning/Camping is available on Cartmel Racecourse over the War weekend- pitches will be marked as per the "green book" - A limited number of Electric Hookups are available at extra cost- all camping is payable in advance on arrival at Rally Control. Please ensure that you report to Rally Control before accessing the field.

Please return your completed form to; **RRLRC, 11 Preston Street, Carnforth LA5 9BY**

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

February 19th 2012 – Hook End RTV

Overall event winner	Alan Braclik			
Class 4	1 st	Alan Braclik	2 nd	Hugh Duffett
Class 5	1 st	Joe Stacey	2 nd	Garry White
Class 7, 10 & 11	1 st	Neville Dewdney	2 nd	Jack Dewdney

Niall's charitable spanner man: Neville Dewdney (front wing peel back)

Setting Out – Mark Ambler, Mark Furnell, Matt Hewitt

Officials – COC: Mark Furnell/Matt Hewitt – SOM: Ian Parker – Chief Marshall: Mark Ambler – Scrutineer: Mark Ambler – Marshalls: Matt, Mark, Ian Parker, Sarah Duffett

March 11th 2012 – Brick Kiln Farm

Overall event winner	Hugh Duffett			
Class 4	1 st	Hugh Duffett	2 nd	Alan Braclik
Class 5	1 st	Garry White	2 nd	
Class 7 & 10	1 st	Matt Hewitt	2 nd	Martin Millerin

Niall's charitable spanner man: Martin Millerin (wrong turn at gate 8 on section 2)

Setting out: Pete Brayford & Steve Aston

Officials - Som - Ian Parker/Sarah Duffett, CoC - Steve Aston, Scrutineer - Andy Bunyan, Chief Marshal - Neville Dewdney, Marshals - Elton Jonsson, Ian Parker, Sarah Duffett, Andy Bunyan, Dave Scoffield.

April 8th 2012 - Hogmoor Enclosure (RTV)

Overall event winner	Dave Lindsey			
Class 4	1 st	Dave Lindsey	2 nd	Kevin Wood
Class 5	1 st	Joe Stacey	2 nd	Mark Ambler
Class 10	1 st	Martin Millerin	2 nd	Russell Vare

Niall's charitable spanner man: Hugh Duffett (wet feet Hugh ?)

Setting out: Garry White, Chris Homewood, Steve Aston, Paul Thomas, Claire, Keith McCombe, Tim Wishaw, Kevin Wood.

Officials – COC: Garry White, SOM – Ian Paker, Scrutineer – Mark Ambler – Chief Marshall: Chris Homewood - Marshals - Andy Bunyan, Paul Thomas, Claire Smith, Sarah Duffett, Danni White.

Hogmoor Enclosure (Navigational event)

Overall event winner	Hugh Davies (97 points)			
Nav Ex # 1	1 st	Hugh Davies	2 nd	Nick Grogan
Nav Ex # 2	1 st	Hugh Davies	2 nd (Tied)	Richard Burgess Cary Osborn
Nav Ex # 3	1 st	Hugh Davies	2 nd	Giles Smith

Setting out: Mark Brazier, Elton Jonsson, Simon Newington.

Officials – Mark Brazier, Elton Jonsson, Simon Newington.

Nellys Dell
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Winchester:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

Events in *italics>* are provisional so please check for updates
and maps on our website:-

<http://www.hbro.co.uk/calender.htm>

Date	Site	Event
5th to 7th May	Nellys Dell	Hants & Berks LRO Spring Rally, RTV and Green Laning. Details elsewhere in this issue.
6th May	Area around Alton. Meeting at Nellies	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
31st May	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
4th June	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
1 - 5 June	Leicestershire	ALRC National Rally.
28th June - 2nd July	Lancashire	War of the Roses 25th Anniversary Interclub event
7th July	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
22nd July	Winchester	RTV
4th Aug	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
24-27 Aug	Hook End Farm	HBLRO SUMMER RALLY & RTV
Sun 26th Aug	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
23rd Sept	Steep Marsh	RTV
29th Sept	Route not set yet.	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
13th October	The Crown Hotel, Alton	HBLRO AGM
21st Oct	Slab Common	RTV & Driving Day
28th Oct	National Green Lane Day	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.
11th Nov	Xmas laning over Salisbury Plain	Green Lane trip. Contact Julian Mallard.

Event Timings

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

Scrutineering - 08:30 - 09:30 am

Driver & Marshals briefing - 09:45 am

Event start - 10:00 am

Entry fee: £17.00 per driver

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



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



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

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

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

Regular Events

- * Southern Pub Meet - **Venue change**. From March 28th Last Wednesday of each month, Noggin & Natter at the Cormorant, 181 Castle Street, Porchester, Nr Fareham, PO16 9QX Tel: 02392 379374 (www.thecormorant.co.uk)
- * Northern Pub meet - First Wednesday of each month. The venue will be the Lord Derby Pub located between Hook and Odiham, just of Junction 5 of the M3, from 7.30 onwards . Full address is The Lord Derby Inn & Stocks Restaurant, Bartley Heath, North Warnborough, Hook, Hampshire. RG29 1HD Tel 01256 702283
- * Green-lane trips will usually be as advertised elsewhere. There will be someone present to indicate rights of way on the maps. Please bring your own maps of Hampshire and Berkshire, in case you get lost. If there is a lot of rain on the few preceding days, anticipate postponement.

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



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Martin Millerin, Brick Kiln Farm March 2012.



Matt Hewitt at Brick Kiln Farm March 2012.

