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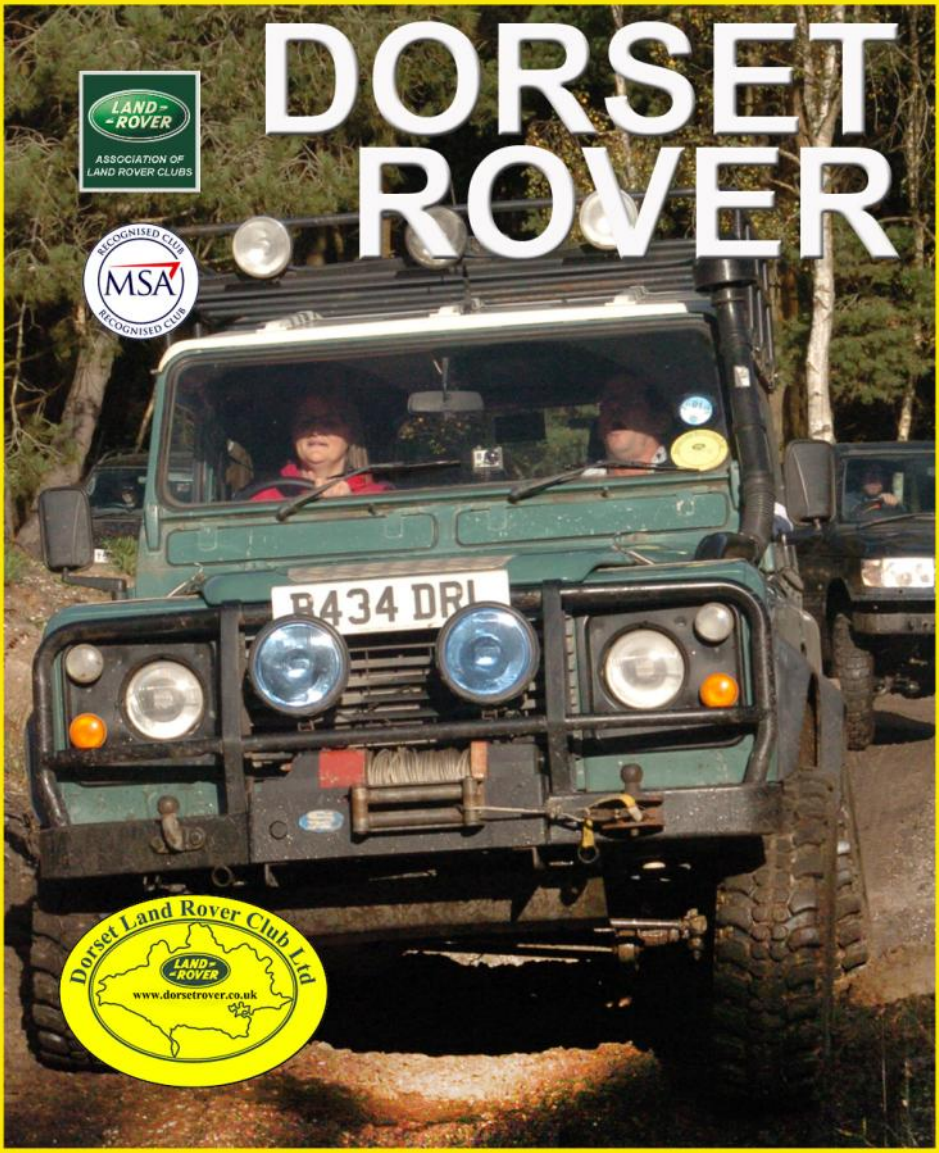

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Club Night in February: 6th February
Skittles Evening - Clay Pipe PH - see website for details

Club Night in March: Friday 6th March
Mapping Evening - Bryanston - see website for details

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A PLEA FROM THE EDITOR...

Are you bored with reading the same old stuff? Then act **NOW**!
I need your contributions! Please e-mail articles, reports, pictures (original jpegs please), jokes, stories etc to **editor@dorsetrover.co.uk** to arrive by the deadline given in the box above. I'd rather have too much than too little!
And have you got a 'top' cover picture? It must be in portrait format, and preferably with light tones top and bottom.

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CHAIRMAN'S WAFFLE

Firstly, thank you for renewing your membership. We have lots of exciting things to do this year in the club. Hopefully something for everyone, from trials, shows, greenlanes and social events. We're also moving ahead with our summer party (gala) plans which will be held near Corfe. I have a band pencilled in for the Saturday night and between myself and master brewer Dougall, there should be plenty of beer.

Our first trial has turned out to be a pain to organise. It was supposed to be Mannington but Hants & Berks wanted to make it a joint trial but couldn't do January. So it was moved to Feb and we tried to book Matchams instead, only to be told they weren't taking bookings till Jan. So once the New Year was out of the way it seemed all I was doing was chasing them for confirmation! 5 days before the event and the answer came, no. Plan 'B' was Knitson but after all this rain it would be dangerous. We will have to look at the diary now to see if we can squeeze an extra trial in later in the year.

As I just mentioned, February's trial is an interclub with HBro. There will be 12 sections to drive during the day so we will need to split the groups up to enable us to get through them quickly. That will need marshals. If you would like to help then please contact myself or Jason.

The New Year's green lane run was a success as far as I could tell. There will no doubt be words and pictures somewhere in this mag about it but I think 3 groups of vehicles had a good day out. Thanks to all those that had a hand in organising.

This year's (actually for last year!) prize giving dinner was held at the Chequers Inn, Lytchett Matravers. We were served from the carvery which went down very well. Unfortunately unbeknown to us there was a 30th birthday party in the conservatory which meant we had to rush dinner so we could get the presentation out of the way before the disco started. Well done to everyone that picked up a trophy and special thanks to Ron for all his hard work as treasurer and helping within the committee, giving him the glass rose bowl (donated by the Chequers), and Tom getting 'best newcomer' for his help with running green lane events.

Easter will be the first camping event with a similar format to last year. I will be booking a site within the next few weeks but plan to stay in Dorset this year. Hopefully a cheap site with showers etc and a pub within staggering distance will be easy to find! Obviously the club bbq will be there for evening entertainments.

The shows booking page will be my next project. The page works by booking spaces (usually free) online so whoever is running that show can issue passes. It is a simple process so have a look at them and see if anything takes your fancy. All we want in return for your passes is some help running the stand for an hour or so and setting up etc. *contd*

You might also be asked if you can take or return some equipment. Most shows have free camping and lots going on during the day from steam engines to classic cars, displays and bands in the evening. Not to mention cider! A great way to spend a weekend.

February's club night will be a skittles night at the Clay pipe in Organford BH16 6JY. If you wish to eat before the meeting they have a good menu.

Rog Pardy

FROM THE EDITOR...

Forthcoming Club Nights

Club Night in February: 6th February **Skittles Evening** - The Clay Pipe (Organford) - see website for details

Club Night in March: Friday 6th March **Mapping Evening** - Bryanston Club - see website for details
The idea of the evening is to bring along your OS maps and marker pens/highlighters so that you can update them in terms of byways and UCRs that have been logged by club members as part of the GL reporting system.

If you are at an event - whether trialling, laning or just chilling, don't forget that I'd love to get some details and photographs (especially if you remember to take the camera that you out of the truck!) Articles don't have to be hugely long - 200-400 words is fine; pictures should be jpegs - ideal size is 7"x5" @200ppi. Many thanks

Andy Wilson, Editor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Brian Ford - Swanage
Martin Ging - Wimborne
James McCrorie - London
Mark Noble - Wareham

URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL RTV DRIVERS

Please be aware that as a member club of the ALRC we have to abide by the regulations set out by them. Please make sure your vehicle complies or you might be excluded from taking part in trials. The rules are in the green book (I still have some if you need one) & on our website & the ALRCwebsite. They're very easy to stick to so please comply.

Rog

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We're always open to ideas for Club Merchandise, and our popular 'lines' are doing very well. If you've already ordered something, hopefully you've paid and collected! Our new supplier is able to supply the usual range of shirts, sweats and fleeces. We have also got a few remaining Special Edition 25th Anniversary mugs (dark green with yellow printing, and they make tea taste much better….) - bargain price of £5.00

Just to be going on with though, at the moment, clothing consists of:

Polo shirt with logo, flag & website	£20.00
Summer-weight fleece with logo, flag and website	£29.50
Hoodie with zip with logo, flag & website	£28.00
Hoodie (no zip) with logo, flag & website	£26.00

In the meantime, if you have any other ideas for club merchandise that you think might be good sellers (and good advertising for the club!), please contact Caz with your ideas. And she's the person to contact to place an order as well.

MARCH CLUB NIGHT - MAPPING EVENING

The Club Night in March will be held at The Bryanston Club, Hillside, Bryanston, Blandford, DT11 0PR on Friday 6th March. Bring your OS maps with you and we can compare notes and identify our legally driveable rights of way on the map by making sure that we know that all important differentiation between by-ways/UCRs/bridleways and footpaths.

Rob and Jim will be on hand to assist and offer friendly advice whether your map reading skills require brushing up or if you simply require a bit of additional information.

Hopefully we shall have much discussion regarding greenlaning within Dorset and beyond, let's share ideas and what is expected from the clubs greenlaning trips, give us your feedback and we'll endeavour to deliver....

Rob Elliott

Green Lane Officer

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Held this year at The Chequers Inn in Lytchett Matravers, the Awards Dinner attracted nearly forty members who came along to enjoy a very good meal and to celebrate the awards to members from the 2014 RTV season.

The food was brilliant: Mark (the owner of The Chequers) certainly did the business in priming his chefs, because the carvery fare was excellent; plenty of it and really tasty, and the sticky toffee pudding for dessert (though some went for the arguably healthier home-made fruit crumble) was worth the price of admission on its own.

To be sure, there was a slight problem of having to get the presentations done a bit earlier in the evening than planned (due to a birthday party disco in the next room), but the provision of a PA system meant that every word was heard as the various citations were read out.

For the record, Andy Palmer picked up the Leafers trophy, Martin Dover took the SWB shield home with him, and James Pinfield scooped the LWB award. Top Lady Driver for 2014 was Caz Hart. As well as the 2014 RTV awards, there were two further presentations. The first was the AL Services Newcomers Award which went to Tom Bayford for all the great work that he has done assisting Rob with the various green lane trips that have been so successful. The second special award was a beautifully engraved and very elegant glass rose-bowl which was presented to the club by Chequers owner Mark Wainwright (though awarded on the evening by manager Henry Longley) for the Member of the Year – it went to Ron Hogg to reflect his years as Treasurer, and also all the input that Ron had during 2014 whether at trials, green laning trips or shows.

So huge thanks to Mark Wainwright and all the staff at The Chequers, thanks to all those who so generously donated raffle prizes and thanks to everyone who came and who made the evening such a success.

And a date for your diary – the Awards Dinner for the 2015 season has already been scheduled: it's planned for Friday November 27th 2015.

2014 RTV - FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

LWB	Matchams Jan	Bransgore Feb	Crossways March	Mannington April	Matchams May	Portesham June	Knitson July	Crossways August	Sept Mannington	Nov Bransgore	Pre Total	Comp Total
James Pinfield	38	22	27	38	41	16	16	46	32	51	327	276
Trevor Harmer	21	25	14	10	16	14	100	100	120	100	520	400
Tom Jarrett	43	21	32	27	100	100	100	100	120	100	743	623
Jon Riddle	100	26	23	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	869	749
Tarina Loder	100	34	100	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	954	834
Graham Glover	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	77	120	100	997	877
Lee Howdie	100	100	78	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	998	878
SWB												
Martin Dover	17	13	5	2	9	5	100	19	13	8	191	91
Ron Hogg	12	12	21	12	25	12	19	16	24	39	192	153
Mike Webster	25	17	29	15	36	12	21	34	22	26	237	201
Jason McDonald	31	21	24	25	29	20	12	39	15	25	241	202
Nigel Carter	55	58	50	50	41	31	30	66	41	100	522	422
Tim Cox	100	100	22	9	18	100	100	28	24	100	601	501
Rob Jenkins	100	100	17	10	100	28	100	100	16	30	601	501
Tim Gibbens	35	36	19	100	53	100	100	44	120	100	707	587
Matt Ricketts	100	100	32	100	54	100	100	45	25	100	756	656
Robin Dumbreck	100	100	21	43	100	100	100	31	120	34	749	629
Adam Ross	100	100	59	100	60	100	100	100	120	100	939	819
Rog Pardy	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	20	28	848	748
Dean Stevens	100	100	100	100	42	100	100	100	120	100	962	842
Simon Baxter	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	56	120	100	976	856
LEAF												
Andy Palmer	56	38	47	39	41	24	19	100	38	48	450	350
Rob Shadbolt	19	25	39	31	100	28	100	100	120	58	620	500
James Gray	57	50	54	59	100	42	100	100	120	55	737	617
Keith Jamieson	100	100	100	42	100	100	100	100	120	100	962	842
Rog Pardy	31	26	36	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	813	693
Caz Hart	57	45	42	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	864	744
Alex Miller	100	100	54	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	974	854
Rob Jenkins	100	39	100	100	100	100	100	100	120	100	959	839

2014 - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE DLRC

This article is intended to bring back happy memories of 2014 for those that were members already, and also to let those who have joined more recently know what they missed! It will also (hopefully) be useful to whoever decides to take on the task of writing the next 25 years of the club's history...

On the social side, the club moved its Friday meetings yet again, this time finding a home at Wimborne FC, although the first big social event of the year was the Easter Camping Weekend in Devon. Back at Wimborne FC, there was a successful quiz night, and in June, members came along to a barbecue there, and later in the evening, enjoyed the mini-music-festival. The club night in March was a bit different, with the launch of the club's new Green Lane Initiative featuring presentations from Rob Elliott (Green Lanes Officer) and Jim Welch (Rights of Way Officer). The Lydford (Devon) camping weekend was very well attended, and featured lots of eating and drinking and a bit of (responsible!) driving.

At the AGM it was announced that the club was going to become peripatetic, with different venues each month in order to try to spread club evenings across our demographic, and the scheme appeared to find favour with a good turn-out at The Frampton Arms in November, and the following month for a quiz night at The Bryanston Club.

One of several successful green lane trips in 2014

On the driving side, the year got underway on New Year's Day, with a well attended, though very wet, green laning run starting from Gillingham and eventually ending up on Salisbury Plain (and apparently going past Stonehenge, though it was difficult to make it out in the murk). There was a very successful Driving Day at Matchams in March, and May saw the second Piston Broke Trophy event hosted by Willem.

One of the many shows attended in 2014

The 28th June was a 'big' day in terms of green laning, seeing the culmination of Rob's and Jim's efforts with the club's Green Lane Day which saw most of the county's green lanes being driven, photographed and reported, and finishing with a barbecue on Inbberton Hill, the venue for the club's inaugural meet in 1987.

This was not however the first green lane outing of the year – NYD has already been mentioned, and there were was another trip in March starting from Corfe Castle and finishing at Moreton. In June there was a trip starting in Cranborne and finishing in Lulworth that was organised as a feature for LRO magazine. This was followed up with another trip starting from Corfe in July, and then another in September, this latter event taking in Tolpuddle, Turnworth Down and further north via The Spread Eagle and onwards to Mere. The last green lane run of the year was a bit different, with Halloween seeing a night time trip that started with a barbecue on Ibberton Hill before heading off into the darkness

Martin gets that sinking feeling....again

Jim and Rob worked tirelessly throughout the year getting the green lanes initiative up and running. Jim attended numerous meetings, representing the club's interests (and also wearing his Dorset GLASS rep's hat) whilst Rob (ably assisted by Tom Bayford) surveyed routes and led groups for more or less monthly trips around the byways.

Trialling saw the introduction of 'high-tech' fibreglass canes – no more hard work with the whanger! The season started at Matchams with a combined RTV and Tyro event. It was clear right from the start that the year in SWB was going to see a protracted fight between Ron and Martin. Those with a predilection for recording weather patterns might remember that the start of the year was very wet, which provided plenty of mud at the next two RTVs at Bransgore and Crossways. It was Crossways that saw the balance of power already starting to edge towards Martin, who reinforced his position at the next trial at Mannington, winning again at Matchams and then at Portesham. Martin then opened the door a little as it were, coming second at Crossways and missing Knitson, but he returned to winning form at both Bransgore and Mannington. In LWB, Trevor Harmer and James Pinfield enjoyed a two-way struggle throughout the season. As featured elsewhere in this edition, the season finished with Martin Dover as SWB champion, James Pinfield winner in LWB and Andy Palmer taking the Leaf Sprung title.

RTV action in 2014

There were two Open Driving Days – one in March in one in October, both held at Matchams. Both were well attended, providing a boost to club funds and also attracting some new members. Members attended the Abbey Hill Steam Fair, the Bristol & West LR Show, had fun on the beach as part of the Bournemouth Wheels Festival, relaxed at Stevens Farm Cider & Beer Festival and also put in appearances at Peterborough, Langport and the annual L2B run.

2014 also saw the publication of the club's history, covering the first 25 years. In terms of publications, mid-way through the year, The Dorset Rover took another step into the 21st Century when it had a makeover including a full colour cover. Also in 2014, all the club's publications (Rule Book, Health and Safety and Membership leaflets) were revised and updated.

Muddy good fun

In a sense, the 2014 year didn't really finish until January 10th 2015 at the annual Awards Dinner, held at The Chequers in Lytchett Matravers.

So all in all, another excellent year in the life of the DLRC

Green laning in Purbeck

Martin Dover won the SWB title...again

Rob Elliott leading another green lane trip

And Jim enjoys a swim...

2014 Award Winners
Left to right: James Pinfield (LWB), Martin Dover (SWB), Tom Bayford (AL Newbie Award), Ron Hogg (Member of the Year), Caz Hart (Lady Driver) and Andy Palmer (Leafers)

A Toyota owner finds himself in a hospital bed next to a Land Rover owner....

CHARLTON MACKERALL

Members will probably be aware that there was an opportunity to see what SWLRC get up to when there was an invitation issued to drive at one of their RTVs. Here's Jason's account...

Hi guys and ladies:
Here's just a quick run-down of my driving at Charlton Mackerall.
We were made to feel very welcome from SWLRC and after getting our vehicles scrutineered and signed on we were separated into 2 groups of vehicle. James and co-driver Rog were in the other group which left Ron, Trevor, Nigel and myself in our group.
SECTION1.... Didn't do to good on this one, scoring an 8 after bellying out on the slippery rock/clay/mud.
SECTION2....through the woods, over fallen tree, cross axle which needed some momentum to help on the wet grass, drop down a bank and up the other side but skidded off a rock and scored a 4/5 (can't quite remember.)
SECTION3.... Clear on this one, which felt good.
SECTION4.... First on this section over some very different terrain, slate/mud/grass. Very sticky in places but lots of cross axle ,banks and turns saw me get a 4cos I didn't turn the corner properly.
SECTION5.... Water section, started off ok as last on the course but caught a loose rock, over cooked the steering and hit the 3 flag....damn!!!
SECTION6....steep start gate on this course, tight turns on some rocks, round and up over the back where we had a choice of different lines to take and luckily I chose the correct one for me and managed a clear.....happy now.
SECTION7....started up over an old pile of brick rubble, round some big bushes into some very slippery, cross axle sliding between canes. Down a bank around some trees (optional I may add), then we had a choice to either go up and over the grass bank or round through the very wet slop. I went for the up 'n over choice and hit the 4 cane.
SECTION8....I think this was our last section of the day, from start gate travelled along into and out of bomb hole, slipping and sliding on chewed up grass and mud, (ask Nigel Hutton how slippery) into deep ruts which needed just enough throttle to climb out of into more cross axle terrain. Very tight(on super sloppy sludge from the CCV vehicles earlier in the day.) twists round RLR, between gates 4/3 onto gate 2 through more rocky ruts and into gate 1 with cross canes.....clear and very happy.

Thanks to SWLRC for putting some great sections out cos I had a blast. Got 3rd in our group but 1st place in standard SWB. One happy driver,
LOOKING FORWARD TO TRIALLING IN 2015
Cheers
Jason

Jason Macdonald driving at the SWLRC RTV at Charlton Mackerall

NEW YEAR'S GREEN LANE RUN

Partly because New Year's Day wasn't a weekend, the first green lane run of the year took place instead on the 4th January. 14 vehicles arrived at the rendezvous point for the start of the route next to Chesil Beach in Abbotsbury. From there, two groups of five and one of four (led magnificently and respectively by Martin Dover, Tom Bayford and Rob Eliott) set off at intervals on a very well planned, varied and thoroughly recce'd route.

From Abbotsbury, the route followed a UCR towards Litton Cheney, turning off to the west to get to Loders via Askerswell. Two byways (one positively Jurassic in feel) through Powerstock and Nettlecombe took the groups via West Compton to Wynford Eagle, then across via roads, UCRs and another byway to the outskirts of Maiden Newton, and then on to Cattistock. A loop around Cattistock and then to Frome St Quintin allowed drivers to access two more shortish BOATs with another much longer and very scenic one around and over Gore Hill, which provided a good coffee stop.

From there, the route turned north taking in the Lyons Gate track before heading southwards, and then eastwards into and through the Piddle Valley, before going on via Cheselbourne towards Milton Abbas, crossing a very scenic little ford and taking in a couple more short but very enjoyable byways. Then it was south again to pick up the BOAT from Milborne St Andrew to Puddletown, before heading for Briantspuddle to join the track thorough Moreton Plantation and so across/through everyone's favourite ford at Moreton.

contd

After that it was just one more BOAT, this time the Jubilee Trail, before heading for the finishing point at The Red Lion at Winfrith.

Although the views were not perhaps as spectacular as they might have been in clearer weather, the rain held off, and there were only a couple of occasions where low-box or difflock were required. The byways showed just what Dorset has to offer in terms of wide open fields, woodland meanders, *bocage*-type hedged tracks and wonderfully atmospheric sunken lanes and droves.

Huge thanks go to Rob Elliott for organising everything, and to Martin and Tom for helping to recce the route and then lead the three groups. I'm sure I speak (write?) for everyone who went along when I say that it was a brilliant day out!
Andy Wilson

And a first timer's viewpoint from one of the club's new members
This was our first green laning experience and what a fantastic day we had. Everyone including kids & dog were happy all day. Thank you for arranging this amazing experience ,we felt really privileged and hope we will be able to share this again. What a beautiful county we live in and pleased the landy performed as it should. A big thank you to Rob our leader and all his interesting Dorset knowledge. Really grateful that someone cancelled and we were called from the reserve list. Such a shame that someone in our group didn't turn up as someone else from the reserve list could Have had a brilliant day like us.
Jason Annels

Pictures from the New Year Green Lane run

NEW YEAR'S GREEN LANE RUN

An interesting picture from Tony Butterworth showing a novel way to clean a Disco

PICTURE OF THE YEAR 2014

Tom Bayford took this picture on one of the club green lane trips - it seems to sum up why we do it, and what an excellent year we had!

THE END OF THE ROAD...

It will probably not have escaped your attention that Defender production is due to cease in less than a year. To mark the “end of the road”, each issue of *The Dorset Rover* this year will feature a short and necessarily very potted history of each significant stage of the Land Rover’s development, starting with Series 1. Subsequent editions will feature Series 2, Series 3, 90/110, Defender and finally the current model.

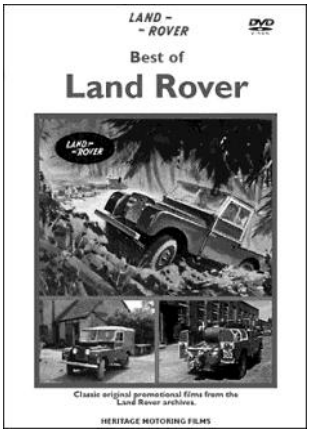
Series 1

The Land Rover was conceived by the Rover Company in 1947 during the aftermath of World War II. Maurice Wilks, Rover's chief designer came up with a plan to produce a light agricultural and utility vehicle, of a similar concept to the Willys Jeep but with an emphasis on agricultural use. He used his own experience of using an army-surplus Jeep on his farm in Anglesey, North Wales, but his design added a power take-off (PTO) feature since there was a gap in the market between jeeps and tractors (which offered the feature but were less flexible as transport). The first prototype had a distinctive feature — the steering wheel was mounted in the middle of the vehicle. It hence became known as the "centre steer". The bodywork was handmade out of an aluminium/magnesium alloy called *Birmabright*, to save on steel, which was closely rationed. As the vehicle was readied for production, this emphasis on tractor-like usage decreased and the centre steering proved impractical in use. The steering wheel was mounted off to the side as normal, the bodywork was simplified to reduce production time and costs and a larger engine was fitted, together with a specially designed transfer gearbox. One of the perpetual myths was that it was only intended to be a stop-gap, but the recently published memories of engineer Arthur Goddard suggest that it was intended to be rather more permanent. What is true is that development was low-cost driven - the distinctive flat body panels with only simple, constant -radius curves meant they could be cut and formed by hand from aluminium sheet on a basic jig, and the sturdy box-section ladder chassis, which on Series vehicles was made up from four strips of steel welded at each side to form a box, cut down on the complex welding operations required when making a more conventional U- or I-section frame. Land Rover entered production in 1948 and was launched at the Amsterdam Motor Show. Originally the Land Rover was a single model offering, which from 1948 until 1951 used an 80-inch (2,000 mm) wheelbase and a 1.6-litre petrol engine producing around 50 bhp (37 kW; 51 PS). This was a basic vehicle: tops for the doors and a roof (canvas or metal) were optional extras. In 1950, the lights moved from a position behind the grille to protruding through the grille. In 1952 and 1953, a larger 2.0-litre petrol engine was fitted. The 1954 model year brought major changes. The 80-inch (2,000 mm) wheelbase model was replaced by an 86-inch (2,200 mm) wheelbase, three-door, seven-seater model, and a 107-inch (2,700 mm) "Pick Up" version was introduced. 1956 saw the introduction of the first five-door model, on the 107-inch chassis known as the "Station Wagon" with seating for up to ten people. In mid-1956 the wheelbases were extended by 2 inches (51 mm) to 88 inches (2,200 mm) and 109 inches (2,800 mm), and the front chassis cross-member was moved an inch forward, to accommodate the new diesel engine, to be an option the following year. These dimensions were to be used on all Land Rovers for the next 25 years. In 1957 a brand new 2.0-litre diesel engine was introduced.

A DVD REVIEW

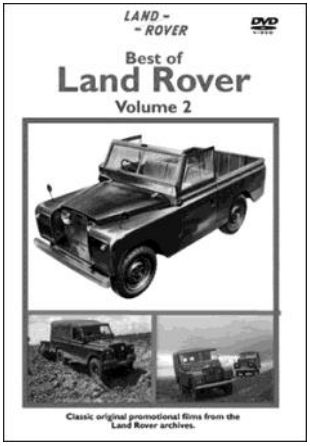
Actually, a review of three DVDs that I got for Christmas....

Produced by MHIHT/David Weguelin Productions, the three DVDs - respectively entitled “Best of Landrover”, Best of Land Rover – Volume 2” and “Further Adventures of Land Rover – Volume 3” - feature ‘classic original promotional films from the Land Rover archives’, and although they look principally at Series 1, 2 and 3 vehicles, there is a smattering of footage of later models including Range Rover.



There is a slight amount of replication spanning the three ‘volumes’, but you’d have to watch them back-to-back to really spot this. As each DVD plays for around 90 minutes, you’d be unlikely to do so...

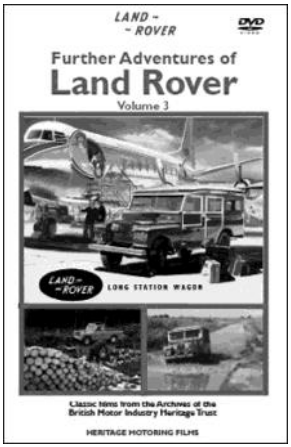
Some of the features are quite long - ‘The Best 4x4xFifty’ for example (on Volume 1) – lasts for nearly 40 minutes as world adventurer Sir Ranulph Fiennes explores 50 years of Land Rover history. There are some rather quaint advertising films (there’s one brilliant one that suggests that even farmers’ wives could drive the vehicle), and there are various potted versions of overseas expeditions (including the London to Singapore Oxford and Cambridge expedition.



The quality of playback is good - occasional non-digetic sound was probably laid onto the footage back in the 50s or 60s – and any scratching was probably on the negatives that were remastered. All three DVDs played immediately on both a DVD player and on a lap-top and there was no sign of pixilation or buffering.

It’s worth buying Volume 2 just for the 12 minute 1974 -vintage ‘Land Rover Driving Technique’ tutorial – owners of ABS or terrain response equipped vehicles would be particularly amused. Those with an interest in overseas travel will find something on each of the three volumes with Land Rover based trips to South America, Singapore and the Kalahari all being featured.

They’re not cheap (what Land Rover accessory worth having is?); they’re available from Amazon and average price is £16 per DVD (I couldn’t really fathom why they differ in price – possibly due to the rarity of the footage?). For ephemera collectors they’re great, and for Land Rover owners generally, they are genuinely informative and gently (though perhaps unintentionally) amusing.



Some of the earlier footage is in scratchy monochrome (which perhaps adds to the verisimilitude) with the earliest coverage being of the Snowy Mountain Project in around 1950, only two years after the launch of the vehicle. Watching some of the early LR rallies featuring the first Land Rover Owner's Club Rally at Solihull are worth watching just for the caravans that were being towed!

And no, you can't borrow them!

Andy Wilson

And talking of matters cinematic...

Those of you who look at the calendar might have noted that the June club night (Friday 5th June) is listed as a Film Night. This will take place at The Bryanston Club (the only suitable venue we can think of) and so here's an opening plea...

If any members have **edited** footage of green laning trips or RTVs on DVD and who would be willing to let me have a copy on formatted DVD, please get in touch to let me know what you've got (and therefore what I could borrow) for the evening. Drop me an e-mail to editor@dorsetrover.co.uk with details of subject matter and approximate running time.

Many thanks

Andy Wilson

Trialling with style....

MATCHAMS DRIVING DAY - PROVISIONAL!!!!!!

You'll see from the calendar that this has been scheduled for Sunday 29th March. However, we are having problems getting the booking confirmed (the problem is at their end, not ours!) so please keep an eye on the website.

Confirmation (or cancellation) will be announced in due course!

Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone . Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit

I bought a paperweight today, in the shape of a Land Rover. It looks good on my desk, and you can wind it up and it leaks oil for 5 minutes.

Why does a Land Rover have so many holes in? For the water to get OUT.

Why do most Defenders have jerry cans and gas bottles fitted? - So that the driver can make coffee while waiting for the RAC .

When Neil Armstrong first set foot on the moon 30 years ago, Cape Canaveral mission control asked him if he could make out any objects on earth.
"I can make out two things," he replied: "I can see the Great Wall of China, and I can see the gap between the door and the door-frame on a Land Rover Defender."

Another classic Land Rover advertisement from the archives

DLRC CALENDAR 2015

The venues for club nights have not all been decided yet - look out for details in future magazines and on the websites (and don't forget that if you have a suggestion for a club night venue, let Caz know!). Similarly, not all RTV venues have been confirmed yet - further details will be published in due course. And inevitably there will be changes and additions - so watch these pages in future editions!

6th February	Club Night – Skittles Evening Clay Pipe PH
8th February	RTV Mannington - Inter-Club event
1st March	RTV Crossways
6th March	Club Night – Maps & MappingBryanston Club
29th March	Driving Day Matchams – TBC
3rd April	Club Night Red Lion, Winfrith
2nd – 6th April	Social Weekend (Easter Weekend) Venue and details TBA
	Convoy for Heroes Stratford
26th April	RTV Venue TBA
	Bournemouth Preservation Soc Heritage Run
1st May	Club Night Venue TBA
2nd – 4th May	Abbey Hill Steam Fair
10th May	Piston Broke Challenge TBC
24th May	RTV Venue TBA
29th-31st May	Bournemouth Wheels
5th June	Club Night – Film Night/Lecture Bryanston
6th-7th June	Wessex Classic Cars @ Lulworth Castle TBC
14th June	Ladies Day Venue TBA
20th-21st June	Malvern 4x4 LR Show
21st June	RTV Venue TBA
27th-28th June	Newnham Charity Event RTV
3rd July	Club Night – Outdoor Event Venue TBA
4th-5th July	Stevens Cider Festival TBC
5th July	Club Green Lanes Day
11th-12th July	Wimborne Heritage Show
18th-19th July	Langport
19th July	RTV Venue TBA

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24th-26th July	DLRC Summer Gala Weekend Details and venue TBA
7th August	Club Night
7th-9th August	Purbeck Rally
15th-16th Aug	Yesterday's Farming TBC
23rd August	RTV Venue TBA
4th September	Club Night – Activity & venue TBA TBA
5th-6th Sept	Dorset County Show
11th-13th Sept	Harmans Cross Show
19th-20th Sept	LRO Show TBC
27th Sept	RTV Venue TBA
2nd October	Club Night Venue TBA
4th October	L2B TBC
9th October	AGM Venue TBA
10th-11th Oct	Mendips Challenge
18th October	Driving Day Matchams TBC
6th November	Club Night - Activity & venue TBA
15th November	RTV Bransgore TBC
4th December	Club Night Venue TBA

And obviously if you want to arrange an event or organise something, let a member of the committee know and we'll do everything we can to help.

Not listed yet are the club's regular green lane trips. These will be added in due course and will be published in the Green Lane section on the website. They can't be organised too far in advance because of the need to observe possible TROs and also short-term climate-induced factors!

RTV CALENDAR 2015

Please be aware that dates and venues could be changed dependent on weather and ground conditions, and availability of venues. For up to date information, including any changes, please see the website!

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE BEFORE TRAVELLING!

8th February MANNINGTON (see note below)
1st March CROSSWAYS
26th April TBA
24th May TBA
23rd June TBA
19th July TBA
23rd August TBA
27th September TBA
15th November Bransgore

The RTV scheduled to take place at Mannington on 8th February will feature an inter-club competition (as well as our own league event) - invited clubs will include Hants & Berks LRC and Somerset & Wilts LRC

URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL RTV DRIVERS

To all RTV drivers. Please be aware that as a member club of the ALRC we have to abide by the regulations set out by them. Please make sure your vehicle complies or you might be excluded from taking part in trials.
The rules are in the green book (Rog still has some if you need one) & on our website & the ALRC website. They're very easy to stick to so please comply.

If you want to access StreetMap to find the venues, go to the club website, then go to categories > trial results > trial site list and click on the appropriate link.

8th February MANNINGTON

A very popular site, with a great variety of terrain. A good one to attend if it's your first 'outing'. Can have some 'interesting' watery sections! If you're using a SatNav, **BH21 7JX** gets you more or less to where Burt's Lane meets Horton Road. The entrance to the venue is on the other side of this crossroads.

1st March CROSSWAYS

A favourite with our members. Ideal for the less experienced along with the ex-perts. Good mixed site with water runs, wood and quarry settings. The site is off Redbridge Road—nearest postcode is **DT2 8DY**

Important information for competitors

If you wish to take part in events please take note of the following points:

1. Vehicles must have front and rear recovery points
2. Seatbelts
3. The battery must be secured
4. Any load must be securely tied down
5. The hand brake must work
6. No passengers under 14 years (except for Tyros)
7. MOT or photocopy of your MOT must be shown (if an MOT is required for your vehicle)
8. An additional return spring is required on mechanical throttles
9. Steering linkages will be checked
10. Rear springs on coil-sprung trucks to be jubilee clipped (or similar) to prevent springs dislocating
11. Wheel spacers are not to be used
12. A 24mm, 3 strand, 8 ton tow-rope in nylon or polypropylene and suitable shackle to be carried for recovery user
13. Fire extinguishers are advised but not essential

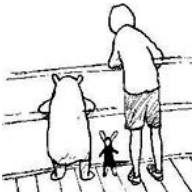
THESE THINGS WILL BE CHECKED

Will vehicles please be at the site by 9.15am for scrutineering
Anyone arriving after 10.00am will NOT be allowed to compete

You are reminded that you should check by phone before arriving at an event. If you arrive and there are no club officials then the event has been cancelled and no attempt should be made to drive round the site.

Site Directions
For a list of current site directions and up-to-date event information, please visit the club website: www.dorsetrover.co.uk, or contact a committee member.

SPECTATORS



It's never really mentioned that much, but the committee would like to remind you all that spectators are always welcome at any event. Feel free to bring along any friends or family to help make the trials an even better day out. Children are welcome at all sites and dogs at most, so long as they are kept under control. Please be aware that at most events people will be taking photographs which could be used in web or paper-based publications.

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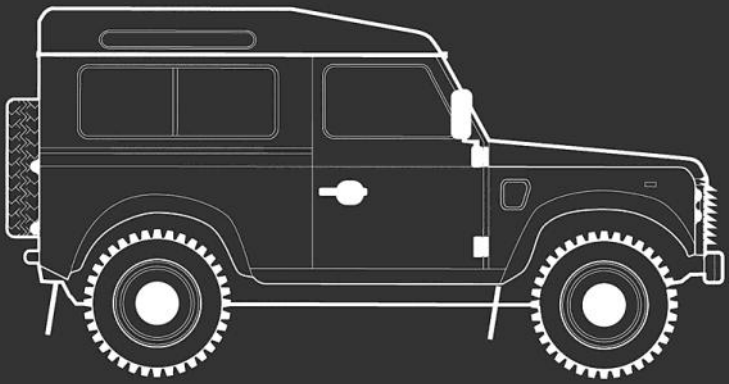

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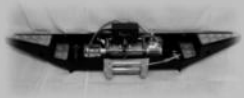

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