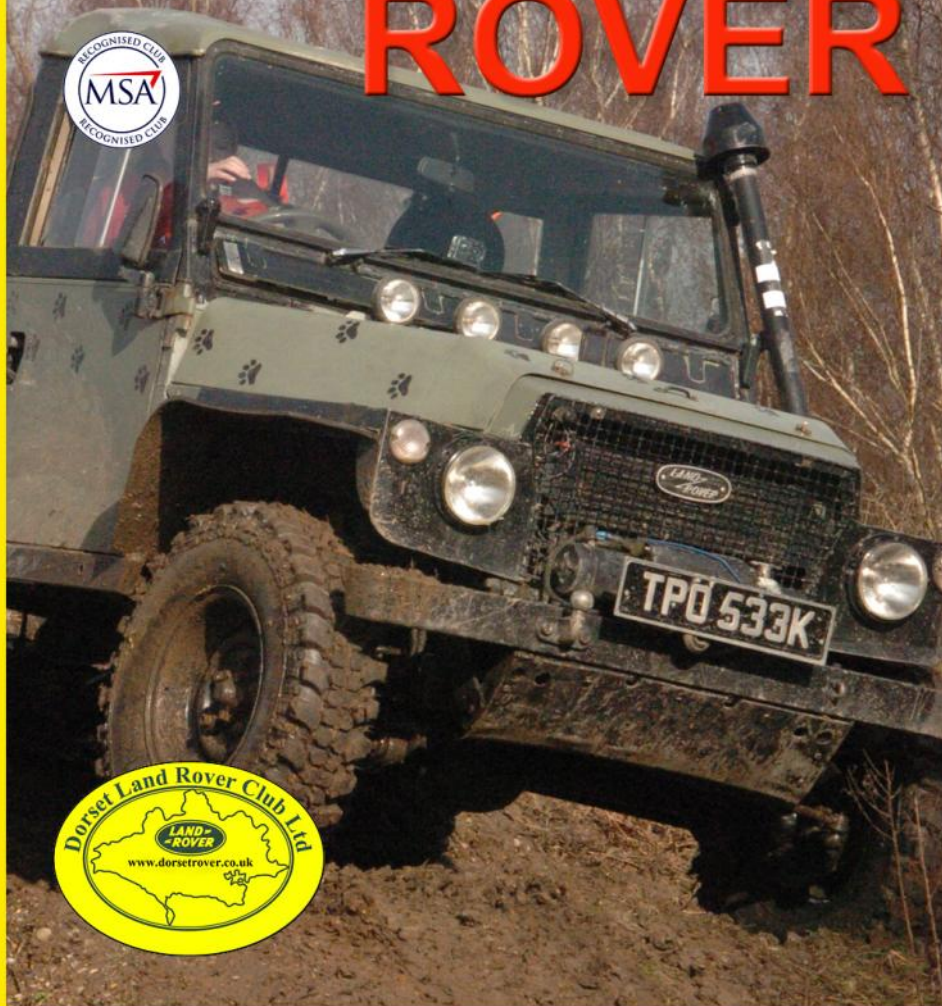




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9.00pm

All entries for the next newsletter to be received by
Friday 13th May 2016

Club Night in April: Friday 1st April - Eat, drink, chat @
The Chequers, Lytchett Matravers, BH16 8BJ

Club Night in March: Friday 6th May - greenlanes & maps @
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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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Today for a change, I thought I'd do some trialling. Our last club RTV was the Inter-Club four weeks ago so my feet were most definitely itching to do something. Just so happens that S&WLRC had an event, albeit 1hr 45 away. Jase must have had the same itch because he took absolutely no persuasion to join me. I was also treated to the pleasure of Nigel Hutton as co pilot, who does an equally good job of both navigation and pee taking! It was a great day on a big hillside site overlooking 2 huge lakes in North Somerset.

Next weekend is our driving day so that will be another busy one for us. Lots of organising to do as well as getting some work done on the D2. I will try to run the tyro but have my good friend coming to have some offroad tuition. Maybe he should do the tyro? I'd considered running some training too but think it would stretch myself a little thin! Looking forward to the day though, it should be fun. From the next club night, we will be staying at The Chequers Inn. We've tried moving around to tempt some of the members we don't see much of out. It hasn't proved very successful in that respect but at least we got to see some different pubs.

Results from the Inter-Club should be somewhere in this mag. I was having a good morning, only on a few points by lunch and was set to gain the trophy back for DLRC. Unfortunately it went wrong in the afternoon when I picked up more points than I'd have liked! There were 30 drivers this year, 5 or 6 down on last year. Hopefully with it being our turn to run the event in 2017 it will be a good turnout once more.

Four families have booked to join in the Easter camping weekend. A bit disappointing. The campsite is one we've been to before in Seaton so not too far away but far enough to do a little exploring. I've booked the best steak house I've ever eaten at for our Friday night; I think the others will agree with me.

Greenlaning is set to resume very soon. Thank you all for being patient and respecting our request not to drive the waterlogged lanes which would potentially damage them. This goes a long way with other user groups and organisations as well as the council.

There's a little piece later about our trip to Wales. We've been promoting another of their events but aren't getting much response. The Big Outdoors by 4x4 Adventures will be a great weekend and I'd like to think that it would appeal to some members. Have a look at our website or Facebook for details.

Look forward to seeing you soon. **Rog**



“ Low ratio is used . . . on heavy ground and for heavy pulling.”

FROM THE EDITOR...

As mentioned in Chairman's Waffle at the start of the year, we hope to make 2016 a year when as many club members as possible get involved in as many events as possible. **If there is an event in which you're interested that requires some kind of response - whether by e-mail or via Facebook or the website - don't leave it to the last minute! Act NOW!** If a deadline is given it's because the person organising the event has to finalise a booking and so if you don't respond in time, don't be surprised if all the places are taken or the event has had to be cancelled due to apparent lack of interest.

And 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 brought 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.

Andy Wilson, Editor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Bob Richmond-Jones

(actually, not really a new member, having first joined in the early 1990s!)

Alan Hobbs - Poole

FUND RAISING SUCCESS ACKNOWLEDGED

Members will probably be aware that thanks to the generosity of the landowner at the RTV site at Bransgore, all the money from trials there is donated to Leukaemia Busters - and the club has received a lovely letter and certificate from the charity to acknowledge our contribution.

Leukaemia Busters

The Children's Leukaemia Research Charity

Dr David J Flavell BSc PhD FRCPATH
Charity Director

Caroline Hart
Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd

02 February 2016

Our Ref: 1614/9761

Dear Caroline Hart,

Thank you for your gift of £480.00 for Leukaemia Busters from the Dorset Land Rover Club. We are very grateful to all the members of the club and to Richard Frampton for their continuing support. I am enclosing a certificate to acknowledge this latest donation.



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SO16 6YD



CALENDAR CHANGES

Club Nights

Please note that starting with the Club Night on 1st April, henceforward (unless otherwise advertised or advised via the magazine or the website or Facebook) club nights will be at The Chequers Inn, 75 High Street, Lytchett Matravers BH16 8BJ

We know the food there is very good, and they've recently acquired a 'portable' skittle alley which we can book, so it seems to make sense to call a halt to our nomadic peregrinations.

Great Dorset Steam Fair Dates

We've heard from a regular seller in the auto jumble that the dates for the GDSF have been changed from the ones advertised in the latest issue; the new dates are 25th-29th August, Bank Holiday weekend. Check the details are GDSF website.

Stevens Farm Cider Festival

The Stevens Farm Cider Festival which was on the club calendar as a provisional event on 9th-10th July has now been officially cancelled.



*The last ever Land Rover Defender rolls off the production line at the company's plant in Solihull
The last Land Rover Defender – a vehicle dreamt up on an Anglesey beach – has rolled off the production line this morning.
The final Defender was produced by Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) at Solihull in the West Midlands at 9.22am.*

MAGAZINE BINDER OFFER

When I was starting to collect information for the History of the DLRC project, various members kindly contributed old paper copies of the magazine in a variety of envelopes, shoe-boxes and bin bags...and I thought: "Wouldn't it be great if we could have some sort of A5 magazine binder to store our magazines in for posterity and future reading pleasure..." and now we can!

If sufficient members are interested, we can put in a bulk order for a product called a Cordex Binder. These normally retail at around £9.00 but if a minimum of 25 members are interested in buying at least one binder, we can offer them to members at only £5.00 each.

They contain sufficient elasticated strings to contain two whole years of Dorset Rovers in each binder, and they are sufficiently attractive in a blue leatherish-looking cover that they would not look out of place on a bookshelf (rather than stuffed in a garage). If we get sufficient interest, we could even have the club badge gold-foil blocked on to the cover!

So if you think that you'd definitely like to have at least one A5 Codex Binder, please drop me an e-mail to editor@dorsetrover.co.uk with your name and an indication of how many binders you'd like at £5.00 each. I don't need any money yet – but I do need to know if we have enough interest to order the minimum quantity from the manufacturer to avail ourselves of a bulk discount. Please let me know by Friday 15th April, by e-mail, to the address given above.

Andy Wilson
Editor



SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO INTER-CLUB RTV

Love – of competing in Land Rovers – was definitely in the air on Valentine's Day for the second running of the now-annual Inter-Club RTV Trial Event contested between the Dorset Land Rover Club and the Hants & Berks Rover Owners Club. This year's event – held again at Mannington – was hosted by the Hants & Berks Rover Owners Club, and inevitably featured lots of 'home' vehicles, along with a good leavening of Dorset Land Rover Club vehicles, and a sprinkling of trucks representing the Somerset & Wilts LRC – with altogether no fewer than 30 vehicles competing over 11 sections each comprising 12 gates.

The site at Mannington has very varied terrain – deeply rutted twisting sections through woodland, steep, sandy sections in the quarry area and – especially with all the foul weather before the event – plenty of water to contend with.

The original twelve sections which were laid out on the Saturday were reduced to eleven (one of the 12 being undriveable due to the depth of the water that had accumulated!) all of which provided plenty to challenge the wide range of vehicles competing – from very original leaf-sprung Series vehicles to heavily modified trucks (although obviously all within the ALRC regulations!).

The winner of the standard class – Neville Dewdney from H&BROC, driving a 90 – managed to accrue a miserly 15 penalty points, whilst the winner of the SWB modified class – Alex Moore of Somerset & Wilts LROC recorded a brilliant 9 penalty points in total, going clear on five sections. Top DLRC driver was Jason MacDonald who came second in the standard class with 25 points, whilst DLRC's Trevor Harmer led the way in the LWB competition with 26 points.

At the end of a really enjoyable, sunny-if-cold day, Joe Stacey – Social Secretary and RTV supremo for H&BROC thanked all the drivers, marshals, course-setters and spectators for coming to the event, and then presented the trophies to the winning drivers. Rog Parry, Chairman of The Dorset Land Rover Club, in turn thanked everyone from H&BROC for organising such a well-run event.





Lots more Inter-Club RTV pictures in the centre colour pages!



Sometimes sacrifices have to be made to get the photographs for the magazine

RESULTS FROM THE INTER-CLUB RTV AT MANNINGTON

Points scored by DLRC members will count in our own championship,.

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| Jason McDonald | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 25 |
| <i>Dave Lindsay</i> | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 26 |
| <i>Jack Dewdney</i> | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| Trevor Harmer | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 26 |
| <i>Gary Kenworthy</i> | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 26 |
| Roger Pardy | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 27 |
| <i>Hugh Duffett</i> | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
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| <i>Russell Smith</i> | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 29 |
| <i>Pete Kendall</i> | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 29 |
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| <i>Keith Luxford</i> | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 37 |
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| <i>Claire Kenworthy</i> | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 42 |
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| <i>Ian Joyce</i> | 7 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 49 |
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| <i>Richard Kershaw</i> | 10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 51 |
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| Robert Shadbolt | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 68 |
| Andy Palmer | 8 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 76 |
| Ron Hogg | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 2 | | | DNF |
| Toby Cutler | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4 | | | | DNF |



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GREEN LANE REPORT

DATE.....GRID REFERENCE.....
NEAREST TOWN..... CONDITION.....
COMMENTS or PROBLEMS

Please send to:

A few more as yet unpublished bits from the club archives that were unearthed when writing the history of the club's first 25 years. The top image is a windscreen sticker that was supplied when the club was involved in a county-wide 4x4 response initiative; the centre image is at a trial event held in January 1993 (location uncertain); the bottom image is the green lanes report form that was in use in the early 1990s and which was sent out in each issue of the newsletter/magazine.

THE SOCIAL CIRCLE

I can't believe I am writing this and it's already March! Summer will soon be here bringing with it lots of opportunity to join in all the planned social activities which, if you have one of superb calendars, will be marked up ready for you.

My last missive was just before January's quiz night so a big thank you for all of you who took part. Not least the winning team of The Technical Department (Roger & Ben Lapworth and Les & Jane Wilkins). I always enjoy compiling the quiz but it would be fabulous if I can have a volunteer for the next one which I am aiming to organise in May so that I can take part in the quiz too (rather than running it).

From April, our regular venue for club meetings will be The Chequers in Lytchett Matravers. This has been the venue for our prize giving evening for the last two years so I am sure you will agree that the food is pretty good! This will hopefully mean that we will see more of you now we have a regular venue and will also avoid confusion each month with using different pubs.

And talking of club meetings, I would like to have some different events at these on a regular basis, such as quiz nights and we did have some success with this last year with the map reading and film night events. I would very much like to include another map reading session and possibly a discussion on maintenance and recovery. If there is anyone out there who can assist with this, then please get in touch and I will arrange this either at The Chequers or at The Bryanston Club if that would be more appropriate.

As you will see elsewhere in the magazine and on our Facebook page, the Cream Tea Run is getting ever closer and I really need to get this booked as the tea rooms do get very busy on a Sunday, especially when the weather is good. So far I have two attendees but I am hoping there are more of you out there that intend to come along so please let me know if you do intend to be there so I can place a booking to avoid disappointment.

Last but not least, and fairly hot of the press, can I just congratulate Ben Lapworth on reaching the final of the Agility Dog of the Year competition at Crufts – Ben came first in the large over 12 class and by the time you read this may well have won the overall competition. From all of us here at DLRC, many congratulations! Now can I hire you to sort out an unruly Parson Russell!

See you all soon

Jayne Simmons

NEW FOREST CREAM TEA RUN

You'll see from the calendar that on Sunday May 22nd there are two events listed: The Beaulieu Spring Autojumble Land Rover Rummage, and the New Forest Cream Tea Run. The idea is that you will have a choice of going independently to the Beaulieu Autojumble or joining in a scenic road-based tour of the New Forest, with everyone who wants to do so meeting up at The Old Station Tea Rooms at Holmsley (near Burley BH24 4HY) for a splendid Cream Tea (doubtless with lashings of ginger beer for the Blytonese...).

Obviously you don't have to book in advance to go to the Autojumble – just turn up and pay the admission! However, the sooner we have an idea of numbers wanting to have a cream tea, the sooner we can put in a group booking (and get a group price!). If you think you might be interested in meeting at Holmsley for the cream tea part of the day, please drop an e-mail to me at social@dorsetrover.co.uk and I'll put you on the mailing list for more details and booking arrangements!

An even easier, one-click method would be to go to the DLRC Facebook page, find the posting for this event, and click on 'join'. Can I stress that I do need to know numbers in order to get a viable group booking rate - so please let me know by Friday 6th May at the very latest.

As far as the drive around the New Forest is concerned, a recommended route will be devised and will be made available – it's just booking the cream tea element of the day that is the current priority.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Jayne Simmons
Social Secretary



ROG'S WELSH ADVENTURE

4x4 Adventures Wales weekend, Llandrindod Wells.

It's been many years since I did any greenlaning; it doesn't really appeal much anymore. In the past I've done quite a bit of Wales, the Peak District, North Yorkshire Moors, Devon, Somerset & some local too. But I thought, why not give the D2 a bit of a workout? I'm getting less precious about it now. I know James and some of the other guys that run and attend 4x4 Adventures from when I used to compete in challenge events. So I had no hesitation in going, knowing it would be well run.

We had a night in the Metropole Hotel & Spa with a big sit down meal on Saturday night. Lovely hotel. We arrived at about 2.30 and had lunch in the bar with a couple of beers. We were still a bit full by the time dinner came but that might have been the huge hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows we had for tea!

We had a briefing in the car park at 9am before setting off in 3 groups. I knew our group leader, and tail-end-charlie was David Bowyer. Apparently we wouldn't be doing Strata Florida as James had nearly hydrauliced his td5 110 during the recce! That didn't really detract from our day, there was plenty of headlight-depth water to drive through which was plenty for me.

The lanes were all hard surface or rock. There were some really cool rock climbs that made the traction control work hard but the General Grabber ATs had loads of grip on the wet rocks.

There were 2 occasions when I caught the gearbox crossmember on rocks and one track had about a 30 degree camber that had the tyre sidewalls rubbing against rocks. Luckily the tyres protect the rims very well so didn't scratch my 19" alloys.

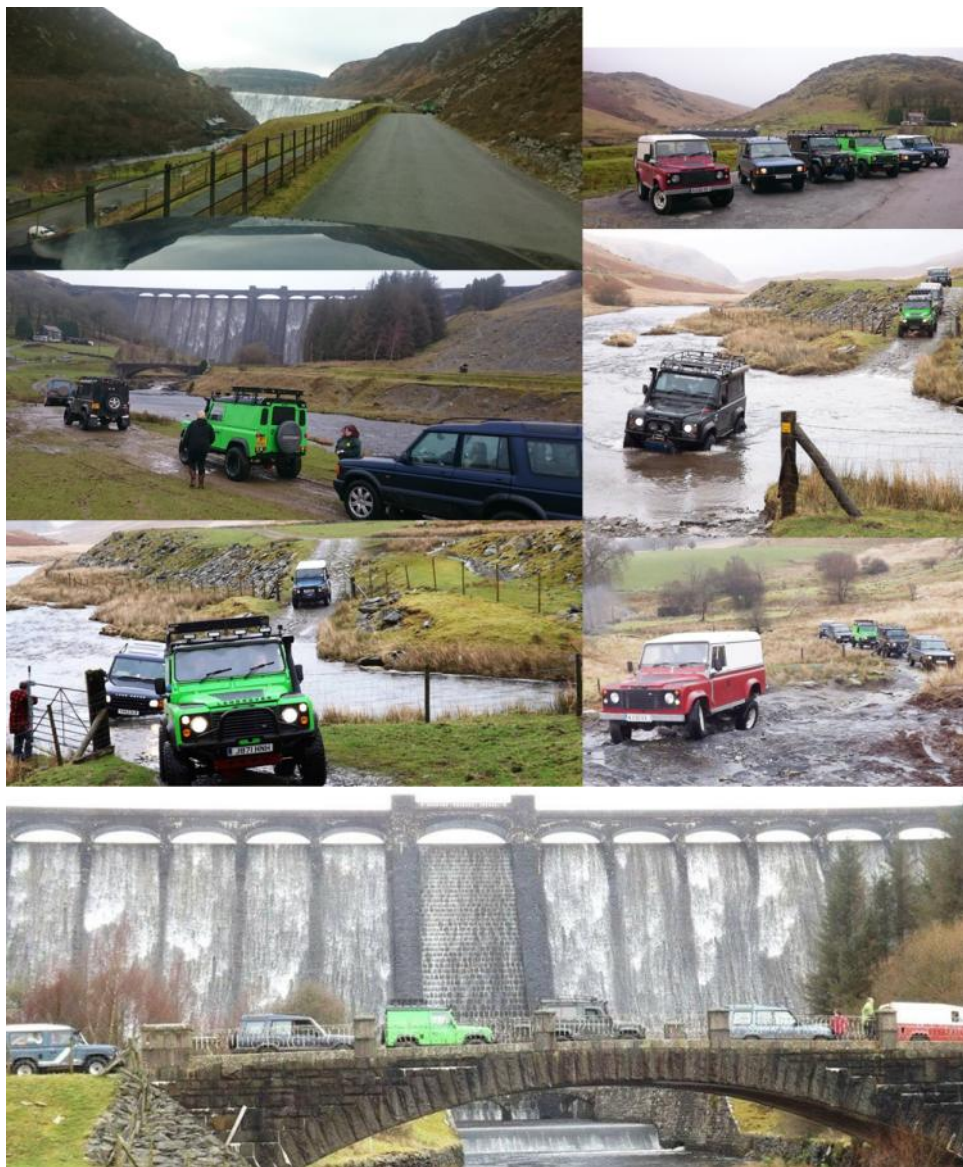
Unfortunately the weather was typically Welsh so the views were either grey or non-existent. The good point though was that because of all the rain, the reservoirs were all overflowing. With the wind too it was very impressive.

We finish & got back to the hotel around 5.30pm, had a coffee and then drove home. It was a long day and I was shattered but happy.

Rog



PICTURES FROM ROG'S TRIP TO WALES IN FEBRUARY



"Unfortunately the weather was typically Welsh so the views were either grey or non existent. The good point though was that because of all the rain, the reservoirs were all overflowing. With the wind too it was very impressive. "

INTER-CLUB RTV AT MANNINGTON



INTER-CLUB RTV AT MANNINGTON



MORE PICTURES FROM THE ARCHIVE



Pictures from 'gymkhana' events in August and September 1992

DVD REVIEW

WHEELER DEALERS - LAND ROVER BOXED SET

Produced (published?) by the Discovery Channel, this boxed set of DVDs feature the well-known (if you watch the Discovery Channel or Turbo on Sky) former car trader Mike Brewer and mechanic Edd China as they bring their gift for restoring classic cars to bear on a trio of Land Rovers. Brewer and China are specialists at what they do - buying rundown classic cars on the cheap, lovingly restoring them and selling them on for a tidy profit. Each car presents its own challenge and the vintage Land Rover Discovery, Land Rover Defender and Range Rover the pair get their hands on are no exception.

Granted, none of the featured programmes are going to win Oscars for acting, nor are they likely to be highly rated by for the in-depth technical discussion involved in modifying the three vehicles, but that said, I thought that they were very entertaining. Would a potential vehicle modifier learn anything particularly earth-shattering? Probably not, but then I don't think that is the intention of the programme(s).

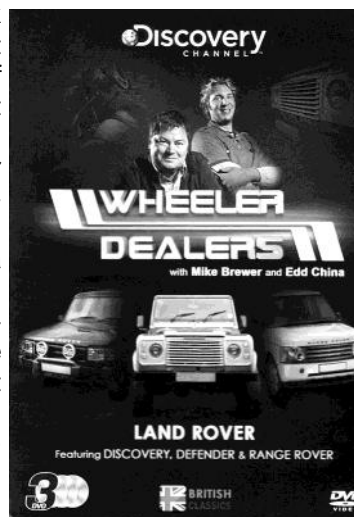
Taken in turn, I was a bit mystified by the Range Rover DVD in that on the front it featured a picture of the L322, but the Range Rover they bought was actually a P38. That notwithstanding, the feature was in turn informative, entertaining and realistic in terms of costs and scope for improvement and modification. (Perhaps I should lend it to Ian....).

The Discovery DVD suggested that the best thing to do with a Disco was to turn it into an 'ultimate expedition vehicle', although simply fitting a roof-rack, a snorkel, diff-guards and a steering guard, followed by a nudge bar and a couple of spot-lights might not be everyone's idea of an 'ultimate' vehicle – but again, that's not really within the intended scope (or demographic) of the viewer.

The programme featuring the Defender was interesting in that it was based on the concept not of modifying the vehicle to work better off road and in the mud, but rather to bling it up and turn it into an urban statement – which of course is very much where things are trending at the moment (via Kahn etc).

Running time for all the features totals just over 100 minutes, so if you've got a more modern vehicle with DVD screens in the headrests, you could keep the small-people suitably entertained for a while. The boxed set was first marketed in 2013; I bought mine through Amazon, and it's still available either new for around £18 or used for the rather paltry sum of £5 from a couple of places. At that price, what have you got to lose - and, as I say, the main point is to entertain, and in my opinion, all three DVDs do just that!

Andy Wilson



MEDIA WATCH

The club has been attracting plenty of attention in the media recently. Our events and activities feature most months in The Landy thanks to the interest shown in what we get up to By Mike Trott, and one of the club's old friends – Louise Limb – has secured some invaluable pages for us in Classic Land Rover magazine as well as in 4x4 magazine. I'm also in regular contact with Russ Brown at LRO and hopefully we will continue to receive coverage in that magazine as well. Our last driving day was also featured in Total Off-Road magazine. The coverage that we get does not go unnoticed - when Rog was in Wales on his recent adventure, one of the leaders of the event commented on how impressed he was with the span of our activities that he'd read about.

I know that the people I've mentioned read The Dorset Rover, so here's my chance to thank them all for their support! Oh, and please keep the information coming in to me so I can knock it into shape and send it them!

Andy the Editor

PORCET LANDY RANGER CLUB

INTERNATIONAL CLASS!

SECRETARY: ANDREW PUGHES
VICE-PRESIDENT: JONATHAN WILSON

There was a Dorset Rover Club in the 1960s and it was a very successful one. It was a club for the people who loved their Land Rovers and wanted to share their experiences with others. The club was very active and had many events. It was a great way to meet other people who shared the same interests. The club was very successful and it was a great way to spend time. It was a great way to meet other people who shared the same interests. The club was very successful and it was a great way to spend time. It was a great way to meet other people who shared the same interests.

WORDS LOUISE LIMB PICTURES ANDY WILSON

EVENTS AND RALLIES

Andy Palmer at the controls with the Dorset Club

Dorset Driving Day

For one young competitor, the open driving day at Matchams proved to be particularly enjoyable.

With almost 50 drivers signing on, there was more than respectable turnout for Dorset Land Rover Club's Open Driving Day at Matchams Leisure Park, near Ringwood on Sunday October 18. The club opens its doors to all for this popular twice-yearly event. As well as giving folk the chance to try out the off-road capability of cherished classics or shiny new vehicles, it also boasts Dorset Land Rover Club's already excellent reputation and confirms its hard earned

'The club opens its doors to all for this popular twice-yearly event'

place on the 4x4 map. Classic Land Rovers were out in force, the latest vehicle a very original 1966 Series 1 hard top and what looked like the company vehicle for Blackman Tyres. As well as all the usual fun to be had at the vast Matchams Leisure Park is regular venue for the RLRC's Open Driving Days, the club had decided to run a tyre KTV trial for some of the younger enthusiasts and the five competitors had a great time on the specially laid-out course. Driving with all the skills required to pilot a leaf-sprung

Series 6, a vehicle possibly older than her mother and with a gearbox requiring double declutching, eventual winner Emily Palmer, at just 16, declared she'd had a brilliant day. Taking home her well-deserved trophy it's not surprising that she said she couldn't wait for the next event!

Matchams gives an opportunity for owners of cherished classics to have a go on good surfaces and non-safety tracks, while those with more modified vehicles have plenty of chances to put their trucks through their paces, which – along with the tyre event, underlines the Dorset Land Rover Club's policy of inclusivity and helps to attract new members.

Club vice-chairman and clerk of the course Nigel Mason was pleased with the numbers who attended, and said afterwards "We're always made very welcome at

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A DORSET TRIVIA QUIZ

Well, it makes a change from vehicle-based quiz questions, and after all, we are The **Dorset** Land Rover Club! Not that you're likely to get stuck, but the answers are on page 25!

The first letter of each answer, when put in the right order, make a well-known object!

1. At 700 feet above sea level, this is the highest village in Dorset.
2. Location of the church dedicated to St Hypolite, it ought to be intrinsically in verse.
3. Village between Wool and Wareham where the church is now a private house.
4. The name of an estate, manor house and megalithic stone circle near Studland.
5. The county town of Dorset.
6. The Grey Mare and Her Colts are 2 miles south east of this village.
7. Village where you can visit a cider museum.
8. The nearest village to Melplash Court, ancestral home of the Moore family.
9. Only just in Dorset and home of the Heavy Horse Centre.

LAND ROVER FUEL SYSTEM WORDSEARCH

Hidden words may be horizontal, vertical, forwards, backwards or diagonal. Letters can also appear in two or more words simultaneously. In the word search below there are 15 hidden words.



AIRCLEANER
CARBURETTOR
CHOKE
FLOAT
FUELFILTER
FUELPIPE
FUELPUMP
FUELTANK
JET
NEEDLEVALVE
PETROL
SOLEX
STROMBERG
THROTTLE
ZENITH

GREEN LANE ACTION

Members may well have read the full text of a letter (and subsequent communication) following a night-time incident on Common Water Lane. In case you missed it, here's a slightly edited version of what Rob Elliott, DLRC's Green Lanes Officer, originally wrote:

On Sunday 24th January 2016 at 10:00am, Dorset Land Rover Club Rights Of Way Officer Graham G Matthews and myself (as Dorset Land Rover Club Greenlanes Officer and Dorset County representative for the Green Lane Association) attended a site meeting at the request of a local landowner, a Mr Charles Grant-Ives, to discuss damage caused to a conservation verge at Common Water Lane near Broadwindsor by inappropriate and illegal use of 4x4 vehicles.

It really saddens me that as a responsible greenlaner who has driven Common Water Lane and enjoyed its magnificent views on many occasions over the last ten or so years to think that there is still a tiny minority who just don't care, who have no conscience, who have no respect and who ignored clear signage to 'Please stay off the verge to preserve the wild flowers'. The clearly defined lane, an Unclassified County Road, is only a few feet away, the verge is largely owned by the landowner (his boundary runs down the middle of the track), there are no permissive vehicle rights to the verge, it just beggars belief that someone has the mentality to want to do this.

Sadly the tyre tracks evident at the site of the damage are those of the 'Insa Turbo Special Track' type. It angers me that these individuals can find hundreds of pounds to fit these tyres to their vehicles yet are unable to spend a tenner on an Ordnance Survey map and/or learn how to read it. Their action was nothing short of automotive vandalism; it is absolutely disgraceful and has sadly also given the local 'Friends of Common Water Lane' action group some much needed ammunition for their apparent unrelenting quest in lobbying for this lane to be permanently closed to all traffic.

The vast majority who are responsible users of the lanes do have a choice - we can opt to refrain from driving them when ground conditions are unfavourable - our usage is recreational, it is not borne from necessity and that is why I have taken the necessary steps to shut down Dorset Land Rover Club's greenlaning activities for a third successive winter until ground conditions are more favourable to vehicle use.

We therefore continue to abide by the Green Lane Association Code of Conduct and also by our own club greenlaning mantra of 'Responsible, Rural Recreation'. It is the only conscientious, sensible and responsible decision to take, which I am pleased to say has also been adopted by other local 4x4 clubs in an effort to help preserve the county's rights of way for the future.

We are angry that the actions of a tiny minority could impact on the enjoyment of the responsible greenlaning fraternity should Common Water Lane be closed to traffic, it is grossly unfair and unjust, particularly as no vehicle affiliated to Dorset Land Rover Club or the Green Lane Association would be responsible for causing this damage. Neither party ever has, or ever will, condone such appalling vandalism of the countryside and neither would any of their members.

Closure will not stop the illegal off roaders - innovative thinking will; we are researching other options, the use of a covert camera that records data in a format that is admissible to a court as evidence is one idea that we are looking at, along with night time patrols of the area.....we want to help.

Rob Elliott
Greenlanes Officer, Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd.
Dorset County Representative, Green Lane Association

As in many such cases, the water has become somewhat muddied since Rob instigated things – not least because it appears that The Friends of Common Water Lane might not be entirely in step with DCC... and so on. However, the principle holds good – that DLRC stands for Responsible rural recreation, and will continue to do so!













Whatever the rights and wrongs of the total situation, the vandalism that caused this damage next to Common Water Lane is completely unacceptable.

ANSWERS TO DORSET TRIVIA QUIZ

- A, R, E, R, D, L, O, N, V = LAND ROVER
- 9. Verwood
 - 8. Netherbury
 - 7. Owermoigne
 - 6. Long Bredy

- 1. Ashmore
- 2. Ryme Intinseca
- 3. East Stoke
- 4. Rempstone
- 5. Dorchester

DLRC CALENDAR 2016

| | | |
|--|--|---|
|  | 1 st April | Club Night |
| | 3 rd April | Newbury 4x4 Autojumble |
| | 10 th April | RTV Crossways |
| | 17 th April | BPCC New Forest Road Run |
|  | 22 nd -24 th April | Convoy for Heroes |
| | 29 th April – 2 nd May | Abbey Hill Steam Fair |
|  | 6 th May | Club Night – Green Lanes & Maps |
| | 7 th -8 th May | Exmoor Trip (prov) |
| | 15 th May | RTV Portesham |
| | 22 nd May | New Forest Cream Tea Run |
| | | Beaulieu Autojumble |
| | 3 rd June | Club night |
| | 3 rd -5 th June | Bournemouth Wheels |
| | 3 rd -5 th June | Malvern 4x4 Show |
|  | 12 th June | RTV Shillingstone |
| | 18 th -19 th June | Newnham Charity RTV |
| | 1 st July | Club Night |
| | 2 nd -3 rd July | Chickerell Steam Fair |
|  | 10 th July | RTV Knitson |
| | 15 th -17 th July | Langport |
| | 15 th -17 th July | Transport & Heritage Wimborne |
| | 22 nd July | Quay for my Car |
|  | 23 rd July | Wareham Carnival |
| | 5 th August | Club Night @ Purbeck Rally |
| | 5 th -7 th August | Purbeck Rally |
| | 7 th August | Beaulieu – Simply LR |
|  | 12 th -14 th August | Gala Camping Weekend |
| | 21 st August | RTV Portesham |
| | 25 th - 29 th August | Great Dorset Steam Fair |
| | 2 nd September | Club Night – Barbecue – Kimmeridge (prov) |
|  | 9 th Sep – 11 th Sep | Harmans Cross Show |
| | 18 th September | RTV Crossways |
| | 1 st – 2 nd October | L2B |
| | 1 st – 2 nd October | Mendips RTV |
|  | 7 th October | Club AGM – venue TBA |
| | 16 th October | Open Driving Day |
| | 29 th October | Halloween Night Lane Trip |
| | 4 th November | Club night |
| | 13 th November | RTV Bransgore |
|  | 26 th November | Annual Awards Dinner |
| | 2 nd December | Club night |
| | 11 th December | RTV (prov) venue tba |

We hope that there will be something for everyone here! Remember to look out for further details of how to obtain free passes to the shows! Remember you can come along to the RTV events as a spectator! Please try and come along to support club nights.

And please also remember that if you would like to organise an event - or would like help to organise something different/new - you should contact a member of the committee. Details are at the front of the magazine.

Club Nights

Please note that starting with the Club Night on 1st April, henceforward (unless otherwise advertised or advised via the magazine or the website or Facebook) club nights will be at The Chequers Inn, 75 High Street, Lytchett Matravers BH16 8BJ

Not yet listed 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!



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!

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 10th April | Crossways |
| 15th May | Portesham |
| 12th June | Shillingstone |
| 10th July | Knitson |
| 21st August | Portesham |
| 18th September | Crossways |
| 16th October | Open Driving Day |
| 13th November | Brangore |
| 11th December | (prov/reserve date) |



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.

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.

10th April **Crossways**

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

15th May **Portesham**

A site of ups and downs. Grippy when it's been dry, but on a drizzly day (or after a bit of rain) it's a very different story! Loscombe Farm, Coombe Road, Winterbourne Steepleton - SatNav postcode: **DT2 9HD**

RTV INFORMATION

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.



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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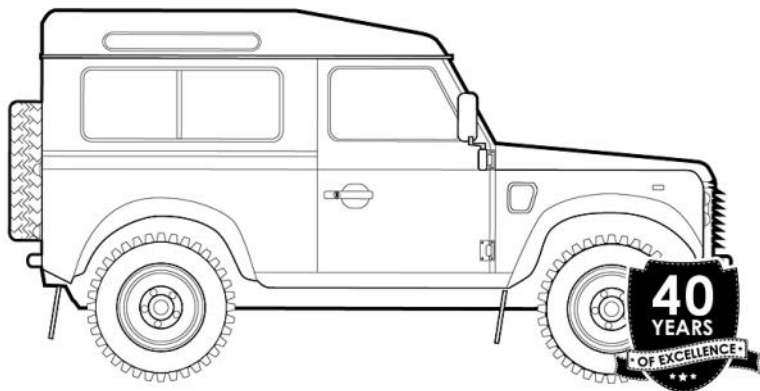
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