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GO anywhere... DO anything

OPEN DRIVING DAY

**organised by
The Dorset Land Rover Club
to be held at
Matchams Leisure Park
Hurn Road
Ringwood
BH24 2BT**

**on Sunday 30th March 2014
10.00am - 4.00pm**



**Acres of trails, lots of mud, woodland sections
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Suitable for experienced and novice drivers. Experienced
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Suitable terrain for shiny as well as not-so-shiny vehicles!

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DLRC members - £20 per driver

Non-members - £25 per driver

Additional driver - £5

Join the DLRC on the day and pay the member's rate!

No need to book - turn up, sign on, pay up and drive!

All vehicles must be road legal, but can be trailered to the venue

For more information visit the club website

www.dorsetrover.co.uk

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If you need to contact a committee member please try to do so before
9.00pm

All entries for the next newsletter to be received by
Friday 16th May 2014

Club Night in April: Friday 4th April

Club Night in May: Friday 2nd May

At Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road, Wimborne, BH21 4EL

Up to date information and more contact details can be found on the
Dorset Land Rover Club website:

www.dorsetrover.co.uk

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!

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this newsletter, readers must be responsible for their own actions and safety.

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opinions expressed are not necessarily the opinions of the Committee or the Club as a
whole.



I start with the sad news that Charlie has resigned from Membership Secretary for personal reasons. I would like to thank her for doing an excellent job in which she has transformed the role to be very efficient. Our prize giving dinner in January was well attended and we all enjoyed what was some excellent food and company. There were some very nice raffle prizes on offer including a very generous donation from Andy from A.L Services of a compressor. He also doubled the value of the voucher which the club had bought from him to £100! Who wouldn't want to win that to spend on goodies? Not everyone won something but there were so many prizes that I think most came away with something. Keeping with tradition, the club bought the wine, which went down far too easily!

I'm really looking forward to our camping weekend in Devon. I believe there are a few spaces left so don't be shy. It will be a great social event with loads to see in the area and with the evening being about sitting around and relaxing with a glass of wine or beer, what could be better. I'm sure the BBQ will be in attendance and we normally hold an American buffet one evening where we all take something to the table to share.

In a couple of weeks will be our open driving day. This is a good time to get your Landy muddy and to test all your skills or learn new ones. Set up will be on the Saturday and help would be much appreciated.

All the rain has caused its fair share of havoc and our trial site at Crossways was no different. The lake in the quarry had swollen to nearly consume all of the area and in the woods, setters-up had to be very cautious where we went. Even then, there were quite a few recoveries & because we had 23 drivers it meant the day dragged on a bit. Still no sign of Emma Ford doing her first RTV (come on Emma) & Teresa's 90 wasn't quite ready so the girls need to do some catching up. The standard leafers struggled again but Bertie drove well. Tom's addiction with trees continued with his poor Disco suffering more headlight damage!

Bransgore was also a bit wet in the woods so we had to squeeze more sections in the quarry which then looked like a sea of canes. Bertie surprised a lot of people with how much grip he had in the woods by getting around where the 90s failed. There's a reason those tyres used to be the tyre of choice back in the early days.

I've been beavering away in the shed trying to get Mae's Toylander finished for Abbey Hill Steam Rally. Last night I was struggling to get the motor mounted & have come to the conclusion I need to make new mounts but until that's in I thought I'd push her around the garden, great fun, until we came down the drive & got up a bit too much speed with me in the back & I had to jump out & act as brakes!

Any spare time is shared between getting Baby ready for his first challenge in 18 months, odd jobs on my D2, Caz's car & everything else around the house.

Continued over

Andy's Club History is finished & is a work of art. I've had a sneaky peek & it's full of interesting stuff & brought back some happy memories. For those that don't know, I joined the club in 1991 (yes, I know!!) when the club was a mere 4 years old, so I've seen a few changes over the years. This will also be my 10th year as chairman. I love this club & plan to be around for a few years yet, so Andy doing this project is very special. The books will be on sale now so get yours soon because there will only be 30 printed.

Our next trial is Mannington which is an awesome site. Look forward to seeing you there.

Rog

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 (I still have some if you need one) & on our website & the ALRCwebsite. They're very easy to stick to so please comply.

Rog

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ladies Day (which was such a success in 2012 and raised loads of money for Ickle Pickles) is provisionally scheduled for 13th September. The DLRC committee hopes that this year's event will be even bigger and better. Any ladies who'd like to get together to form a little group to think about planning and organising the event for later this year should contact Caz – her e-mail address is on page 2

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Daniel Marsh - Broadstone
Jane Buck - Upton
Kelly Griffin - Bere Regis
Paul Kent-Smith - Bournemouth
Jeremy Nazarin - Ferndown
Noel Bishton - Hamworthy
Nigel Valentine - Broadmayne
Lee Howdie - Bovington

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We are now able to resume our supplies! If you've already ordered something, hopefully you've paid and collected! The new supplier will be able to supply the usual range of shirts, sweats and fleeces. We are also getting some samples of a 25th Anniversary mug produced - we hope to have them at the Club Dinner - price to be confirmed!

Just to be going on with though, at the moment, clothing will consist 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.



EXTRA SHOW DATES AND DEADLINES FOR TICKETS

We're planning to attend a brand-new (for us, anyway) show this year — The Wessex Car Show at Lulworth Castle on 8th June - at the moment we're looking at providing something of a 'cavalcade' of Land Rovers but we need to let the organisers know by the 22nd April. It would be great to think we could get a club line-up ranging from Series 1 to the latest models. Please contact Tom Jarrett as soon as possible if you'd like to attend with your vehicle!

Secondly, the absolute deadline for ticket applications for the Bristol and West Land Rover Show is the 9th May. Again, if you're interested, contact Tom as soon as possible



*"Should the engine fail to start . . .
ascertain why."*



*"Low ratio is used . . . on heavy
ground and for heavy pulling."*

YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Whilst Charlie Gill has done an excellent job of further developing systems and procedures of the Membership Secretary's role, we find ourselves requiring a new volunteer to co-opt to the committee until the AGM later this year.

Since we are through the busy renewal period, you will have a relatively easy introduction to committee life, although attendance at future committee meetings would be requested. A full briefing and any necessary training will be supplied, although a good understanding of Excel spread sheets and confidence working with computers is required.

**Your
Committee
needs**



The Job Description below may clarify further details of this important role:

- To maintain the membership database, dealing with all administration surrounding new members to include the issuance of membership cards and new member packs.
- To be responsible for creating & maintaining member logins on DLRC website. Ensuring membership fees/monies are forwarded to treasurer with no delay.
- Circulating membership lists & ensuring the relevant committee members are up to date with new member details.
- To provide membership packs to rally and shows coordinator and to attend these events as requested by the committee.
- To be the main point of contact for new members at events and club nights, ensuring they are greeted and introduced to other committee and club members.
- To be responsible for ensuring compliance with data protection.

If you think you'd like to be considered for this role, or would like to find out more, please contact Club Secretary Caz Hart – secretary@dorsetrover.co.uk



Some people will go to any lengths to win at Crossways - but there seems to be some doubt as to ALRC compliance for this modification....

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 4th April

Club Night Quiz – 8pm start – cash prize - £1 per person
Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road, BH21 4EL

Friday 18th – Monday 21st April

Easter Weekend Getaway

The Fox and Hounds Hotel, Lydford, Devon, EX20 4HF

Please see the Jan/Feb club magazine or website for more information

Friday 6th June

Club night BBQ and mini music festival

Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road, BH21 4EL

Bring your own food but drinks must be purchased from the bar

Sorry **NO DOGS ALLOWED** on this occasion due to the music festival

We will have exclusive use of the BBQ area from 6-8pm

After 8pm we will head over onto the field for some live music and beer tent

Entry to the music festival will be free on the Friday night, however if you wish to camp then please contact myself as I can get reduced entry and camping

(WELLIES WILL BE REQUIRED!)

Teresa



Congratulations to the Fotherington-Thomas family on becoming full members of The Dorset Land Rover Club

BRANGSORE RTV

For reasons which will become rapidly apparent, this is not the usual sort of RTV report!

TARINA DRIVES BRANGSORE

What an experience this was !!!! When we arrived the ground was very muddy but it adds to the fun. It was my first attempt at a trial and as i had never done it before Nigel Moore bravely offered to be my co-driver. After we had all signed on we all started over in the quarry side in two separate groups. We had 7 sections marked out there and a further 3 in the mud. Our group started with sections 1-5. I had a clear round on the first section so I thought this was a good omen for the rest of the day, Oh how wrong I was. Everything was going good apart from the temperamental power steering, which Nigel sometimes had to help me with. We then had a break for lunch and a chat. We started the afternoon again, still in the quarry. We started section 6 and it was my turn to go first and this wasn't quite successful as the start of the day. I started off ok until I got to gate 6 when I had to go over a lump, but instead of going straight over it I went to the right of it, I then had to turn towards the left to miss the number 7 gate, I didn't realise there was a hole and the wheel went into it and in slow motion we tipped on our side, Nigel told me to switch off the engine. The first thing I did was pick up Nigel's hat so I didn't tread on it. We eventually got out with bens help. The disco was winched back on its wheels by Jason and the only damage was a smashed side window and a dent to the roof. Tom would say different. Everyone carried on while tom sorted the disco with help from Jon riddle who gave him some power steering fluid. I carried on with the trial and Nigel trusted me enough to still co-drive. Even the power steering started working properly again. We then went over to the muddy side and I got a clear round on section 9. So all in all I had a great and eventful time. I would like to thank Nigel Moore for being my co-driver, I didn't mean to try and kill you really Nigel.

Tarina Loder



The RTV at Brangsgore was an opportunity to present trophies to those who had been unable to attend the Awards Dinner.

Clockwise from top right: Trevor Harmer, Tony Butterworth, Tim Gray and Robert Shadbolt

BRANSGORE RTV RESULTS

LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	RANK
Tom Jarrett	7	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	1	3	21	1
James Pinfield	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	4	2	22	2
Trevor Harmer	0	1	1	5	1	1	0	5	4	7	25	3
Jon Riddle	1	0	1	1	0	5	7	3	2	6	26	4
Tarina Loder	0	3	7	5	1	7	7	3	0	1	34	5
SWB												
Gary Kenworth (m)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1
Ron Hogg	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6	1	12	2
Martin Dover	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	1	13	3
Mike Webster	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	7	1	17	4
Jason Macdonald	1	0	0	4	1	3	7	3	1	1	21	5
Tim Gibbens	0	7	0	5	1	4	0	7	6	6	36	6
Nigel Carter	0	4	8	5	1	9	7	8	10	6	58	7
LEAF												
Alex Moore (m)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	5	1
Rob Shadbolt	0	3	8	0	0	3	0	3	6	2	25	2
Rog Pardy	1	0	7	1	1	0	8	3	4	1	26	3
Andy Palmer	1	3	0	5	4	4	8	5	7	1	38	4
Rob Jenkins	0	3	4	5	1	9	7	3	4	3	39	5
Caz Hart	0	7	7	5	1	4	8	3	7	3	45	6
James Gray	3	7	7	5	5	4	7	4	7	1	50	7

CROSSWAYS RTV – aka MUD, MUD, GLORIOUS MUD

A record-breaking number of drivers – twenty three in all – signed on for The Dorset Land Rover Club's second RTV of the year at the Crossways site. After all the rain that had seemingly been falling for months, it was great to get off-road although like everywhere else, the ground conditions were as challenging as the courses that had been set.

Tow-ropes and winches were put to regular use on more or less every section of the trial – some of which took place in steeply undulating woodland and some of which was set out in a more open sandy quarry area. What looked at first like good, solid ground very rapidly turned into glutinous porridge in places, and some deep water-filled holes posed more than a few problems.

For the record, Trevor Harmer won the Long Wheel Base event in his Range Rover, going clear on five of the ten sections; the Short Wheel Base class was won by Martin Dover (with six 'clears') and in the Leaf Sprung class, club Chairman Rog Pardy came first in his unmodified Series 2.

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When you've driven though the Moreton Ford (SY806895), or potted along the Jubilee Trail (SY 788884- SY 809882) why not have a well earned break at The Seven Stars?



CROSSWAYS RTV (continued)

What was especially pleasing was that no fewer than five drivers were making their competitive debut at a DLRC trial, and they all came through unscathed – which is more than can be said for Tom's Disco (also known as The Tree Magnet).

A couple of the participants recorded comments on the website which are reproduced here:

Big thank you to all that set up on Saturday sorry I could not be there. Had a most enjoyable day thankfully no breakages unlike some (Trevor, hope there is not too much damage) Thought the courses were well set out and not too slippery

James Pinfield

Brilliant day again, thanks to all. No damage this time other than a popped seat belt. Only Tanya felt the pain from that one as I fell on her!! **Andy Palmer**

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Jon Riddle	0	2	1	6	0	0	6	0	6	2	23	2
James Pinfield	5	0	6	7	1	5	0	0	1	2	27	3
Tom Jarrett	0	4	9	3	0	5	0	2	6	3	32	4
Lee Howdle	10	7	10	10	10	6	8	10	5	2	78	5
SWB												
Martin Dover	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	1
Rob Jenkins	3	0	6	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	17	2
Tim Gibbens	2	3	1	4	1	6	0	0	1	1	19	3
Robin Dumbreck	2	5	1	4	1	5	0	0	1	2	21	4
Ron Hogg	0	5	6	2	1	2	0	0	5	0	21	4
Tim Cox	0	6	6	3	0	4	0	0	1	2	22	6
Jason Macdonald	9	0	1	4	1	5	1	0	1	2	24	7
Mike Webster	0	5	1	4	9	2	0	0	1	7	29	8
Matt Ricketts	0	6	7	6	0	5	0	0	6	2	32	9
Nigel Carter	9	5	1	7	9	4	8	0	5	2	50	10
Adam Ross	9	5	4	7	1	5	8	6	5	9	59	11
LEAF												
Alex Moore (m)	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	9	1
Rog Pardy	5	5	6	7	1	5	0	0	5	2	36	2
Rob Shadbolt	8	5	1	6	0	5	0	0	6	8	39	3
Caz Hart	3	5	6	7	1	2	8	0	7	3	42	4
Andy Palmer	5	7	6	7	1	6	2	0	5	8	47	5
Alex Miller	5	7	9	7	3	7	1	2	5	8	54	6
James Gray	9	7	6	6	1	7	8	2	5	3	54	7



A few extra pictures from the RTV at Crossways



...and a few more from Bransgore as well.

A SHORT HISTORY OF DLRC

Readers will by now have heard/read about the History of the DLRC that I have been compiling, covering the first 25 Years of the club's history (we celebrated – or rather we didn't – the club's 25th Anniversary in 2012).

Firstly, thank to all the members who have contributed, found, unearthed or otherwise made available material for me to research; those of you who have very kindly loaned me stuff will be getting it back shortly!

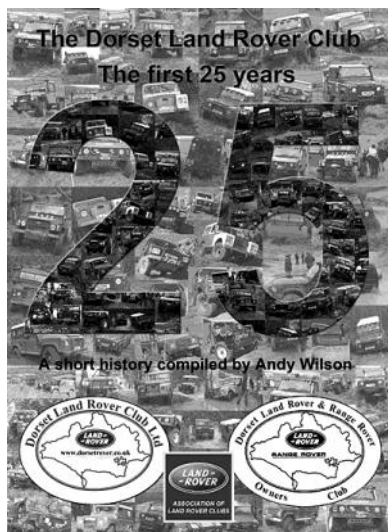
Secondly, printed copies will soon be available. It's a 60 page A4 magazine format publication, and is available for the bargain price of **£8.00** (which includes packing and postage). It has colour pictures (as well as monochrome) throughout, and a full colour cover – and all professionally printed.

To order a copy, write your name and the address to which you'd like it sent on a slip of paper, pop it in an envelope with a cheque for £8.00 made payable to The Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd, and send it to me: Andy Wilson, Cloverdale, Chalk Pit Lane, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6DW

Alternatively (if you don't use cheques any more), you can always give me the cash (and your details) at a club night or I'm usually at trials between 10.00am and lunchtime. If you want to see one before you order, I'll bring a copy to club nights.

Hopefully they'll be available to buy at Matchams on 30th March (so bring your cash with you!), and I'll certainly have some (assuming that there any left!) at the next Club Night. There will only be 30 'first edition' copies printed, so get your order in quickly!

Andy Wilson



PISTON BROKE TROPHY 2014

You might have read in the calendar about the second running of the Piston Broke Trophy Treasure Hunt that Willem & Andy are organising for **Sunday May 11th**. The route will be different from last year's event, but will again take in some non-damaging green lanes and some spectacular Dorset scenery and in total will be just over 35 miles and should take somewhere between 2 and 3 hours to complete. Participants will be given a road book and a question book. The 'event' is actually *two* events; to comply with rules and regulations, there will actually be *two* Treasure Hunts, and there will be a maximum of 12 vehicles for each.

Willem's Treasure Hunt will start at 10.00am (with signing-on at 9.30) and Andy's will start at 2.00pm (with signing on at 1.30).

Each event will start and finish at Willem's house in Pulham, and lunch will be provided between events. To cover admin and permit costs, each participating vehicle will cost £5.00 and in addition the organisers would like to ask those who come along to make a contribution to charity. The Treasure Hunts are open to all paid-up members of the DLRC, and if you are interested in taking part, please e-mail Andy as soon as possible (editor@dorsetrover.co.uk) and certainly by **Friday 11th April** at the latest. You will then be sent more details including a 'booking-form'; it will then be very much 'first come, first served', because of the need to restrict numbers to 12 + 12. You will need to have a navigator, and a suitable vehicle!



Because of all the admin required, the organisers can't accept entries after the 11th April - and after last year's event, it's bound to be popular.... So get in touch with Andy as soon as possible if you're interested!

editor@dorsetrover.co.uk

BRANGORE RTV



THE DORSET ROVER

CROSSWAYS RTV



PICTURE GALLERY



Club Night in March saw the launch of the club's Green Lane Initiative. L to R: Neil Watterson (LRO), Carol Shoopman (BHS), Roger Bell (DCC), Rob Elliott and Jim Welch



Tom has a closer look at the 'Tree Magnet' he was driving at Crossways

PICTURE GALLERY



Things didn't go entirely to plan for Tarina at Bransgore... But she was fine, and no problems that a bit of T-Cut wouldn't solve!



....and a few more pictures from Crossways

SPONSORSHIP SOUGHT FOR CHARITY PROJECT

Neil Hopkins, step-son of Andy Wilson, has taken on a major project and is looking for sponsorship to help him raise money for Giving Africa, and thereby get to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. To have any chance of achieving this objective Neil has got to raise quite a lot of money through sponsorship and donations – just over £2.500 in fact....

The DLRC Committee has kindly given consent for this appeal to feature in The Dorset Rover, and there will be an opportunity to hear direct from Neil at the club night in May or June (still to be organised!) about what the project involves, and about how the money will be spent by Giving Africa in support of a school and educational infrastructure in Burkina Faso (statistically the poorest country in the world). **Giving Africa** exists to empower children through education.

Giving Africa works alongside local NGO's and the communities they serve, supporting them to improve access to quality education and skills training. **Giving Africa** strives to help communities achieve financial independence and self-sufficiency. Education is the key to a better future for Burkina's children. **Giving Africa's** project which the money raised from climbing Kilimanjaro will be supporting is Bethel Secondary School. Bethel school is an invaluable resource but is facing enormous challenges; including severe overcrowding, (650 students in 8 small classrooms) and terrible conditions for learning, (no lighting, ventilation or even basic teaching resources, chairs or desks). There is no skills training provision, resulting in very poor employment prospects.

As with most of the population, Bethel's children are undernourished which has a detrimental effect on their ability to learn. Working with the community, with AEAD and other NGO partners, **Giving Africa** plans to create a 'model of excellence' at Bethel. To do this, money raised will:

- Expand the school, creating an extra 300 places
- Vastly improve the environment and learning conditions
- Introduce a Vocational Skills Programme, providing training in locally viable crafts
- Introduce a food programme
- Develop a financially viable, sustainable business model, securing the school's future

£500 will fund a 'seat' for a child to attend school, giving them a vital chance of acquiring an education and the means to live and work independently.

If you'd like to support Neil in achieving this objective, you can make a donation online. Go to <http://www.doitforcharity.com/givingafricatrek>

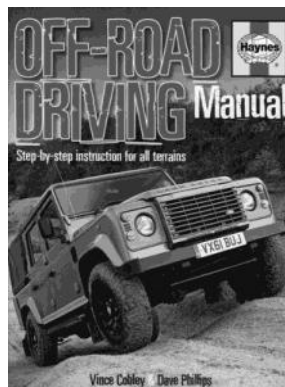


BOOK REVIEW

Off-Road Driving Manual

By Vince Cobley and Dave Phillips

Let's start with the writers of this book: Vince Cobley is arguably Britain's best-known off-roader, with over 25 years experience as a professional competitor and instructor, working for the Land Rover Experience and his own company, Pro-Trax, running off-road expeditions all over the world. Dave Phillips is one of Britain's best-known Land Rover journalists. A former editor of Land Rover Owner International, he drove his first Land Rover at the age of 14, in a farmer's field and since then he has driven off-road all over the world, from the Arctic Circle to the Tropics.... So they should know what they're writing about!



I've got to say that this book is not just for beginners - there's a lot of very useful and detailed information, all very well illustrated with good quality, freshly taken pictures. The book covers the essentials, and it's pleasing to note that there is thread throughout emphasising responsible recreational driving. Like all Haynes publications, it's well-laid out and can be dipped into as well as read as a book. The writing style of Philips and Cobley is refreshing and their enthusiasm shines through. Although aimed at and principally about Land Rovers, other marques do get a mention. The book also deals with the practicalities and capabilities of more modern, electronically assisted vehicles - so not just for Defender drivers!

The book is extensively illustrated – and it's nice to see some fresh pictures which really do illustrate the points being made. As a step-by-step manual, written by two renowned experts, it is aimed at all drivers wishing to learn to drive safely and successfully off-road, whether for the occasional trip across a field or to prepare for an off-road expedition in a remote part of the world. The down-to-earth text, supported by numerous graphics and illustrations, will appeal equally to those with no previous off-road driving experience as well as those wishing to develop existing skills to a higher level. The book covers vehicle preparation, including tyres. It goes on to discuss what are picked as the Top-ten off-road problems, and covers throttle control, steering and gear selection, hill climbs and descents, wading, winching and recovery, winter driving, mud and grass, ruts and uneven ground, ditch crossings and deep V-shaped gullies and side slopes. There's a section on towing on- and off-road (perhaps we should revive the trailer-towing trials of the early years of the club!).

Originally priced at £25.99, it could be argued that it's quite expensive, but you can order it through Amazon for a more bargain price of £17.4, at which price it can be thoroughly recommended.

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It's not always the Land Rover that breaks down!

PAY & PLAY DAYS

If you can't wait for the next RTV or just want to go and have a bit of a drive, Matchams offer us a club discount for their Pay-and-Play days. They are 10.00am till 4.00pm (with a compulsory lunch break), and the next two dates that the site is available are as follows:

13th April

27th April

E-mail matchamsleisurepark@hotmail.co.uk for more details, or phone 07952858805.



What's the difference between a Defender and a Jehovah's Witness?

You can close the door on a Jehovah's Witness

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

There is a rumour that Defender drivers greet other passing Defenders with a friendly wave, this in fact is untrue. There are merely showing that their hands are clean, and they have not broken down yet.

GREEN LANES INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

Club night in March saw the launch of the club's Green Lane Initiative, promoting 'Responsible Rural Recreation'. A much-larger-than-usual turnout for club night listened to an excellent presentation, introduced by Rights of Way officer Jim Welch and delivered by Green Lanes officer Rob Elliott, and there was plenty of information, hints, tips and advice even for the experienced laners present.

There were some high-profile guests in the audience as well. Roger Bell, the Definitive Map Officer for DCC said that what DLRC could do to help DCC (and help to preserve what few lanes remain in the county) was to use the byways, and report back. He also added that it was important to contact his department to ask questions where there was no certain right of way, because there are many of these that are – in terms of usage – public rights of way, yet they remain unrecorded. He also said that he welcomed the partnership approach being advocated by DLRC, because there is a deadline of 2026 after which it will be impossible to add any rights of way that have not already been recorded. Rather gloomily, he also quoted the statistic that of the 3,000 miles of public highways in Dorset, only 26 miles are BOATs; more happily, he assured the audience that if we go down the proactive recording and questioning route, these byways will be preserved, and even added to.

Carol Shoopman from the British Horse Society was also delighted to be invited. As the County Access to Bridleways Officer for the BHS she stressed that for the vast majority of the time her members get on well with green laners – it's the 'mud-pluggers' that cause the problem. She welcomed our attitude towards responsible laning, especially the recommendation that when in the vicinity of horses, we pull over and switch engines off. She said that the BHS shared our alarm about the possible implications of deregulation, and went further, suggesting that we do a good job keeping lanes clear for horse riders.

Neil Watterson, Deputy Editor of Land Rover Owner International had come along as an observer and to find out what was happening in Dorset. He was impressed by our planned proactive and all-embracing approach, involving other user groups and the council, saying that as far as he was aware this was unique amongst Land Rover clubs in the UK.

In his PowerPoint presentation, Rob outlined what to do before going green laning in terms of planning and preparation and then went through the GLASS code of conduct. There was plenty of information about vehicle preparation, and lots of tips on safety. But the key message was the mantra 'Responsible Rural Recreation', and he urged all members to support the route the club was taking. He said: "We need to work with other people to show that we can do it right."

In the Q&A session that followed the various talks and presentations, the new club report form (that can be found on the website) was advocated as the best and easiest way of reporting routes and any problems. There was an explanation of how the GL officer and RoW officer can help and advise, and the evening concluded by summarising how important it was that we acted responsibly (for example, by imposing a voluntary moratorium on laning in the recent bad weather) and also that we took on board the message that it was vital that we used the recording system to provide evidence of use which can then be passed on to DCC for inclusion on the Definitive Map.

Huge thanks to Jim and Rob for all their hard work getting the project underway!



DORSET LAND ROVER CLUB GREEN LANE REPORT FORM

Whenever you drive a BOAT, UCR or URoW, please complete this *pro forma* and send it with any supporting or illustrative photographs to greenlane@dorsetrover.co.uk
If you are reporting a problem, incident or obstruction, please send this form to jimnickywelch@sky.com

Name of driver:

Name of lane or road and location	
GR at start of lane*	
GR at end of lane*	
Date driven	

[* If north/south, please regard southern end as the 'start'; if east/west, please regard eastern end as the 'start' for the purposes of this report, regardless of the direction in which you drove it]

Give a brief description of the route, including comments regarding any points of special interest, condition of surface, route finding etc	
Give a brief description of any difficulties or obstructions encountered. These could refer to encroaching greenery, pot holes, locked gates etc	

When submitting this report electronically, please include a few illustrative and relevant photographs. They do not have to be very high resolution – 6" x 4" @ 200ppi is fine. Please include/attach the following photographs (as separate files):

- Picture showing the entrance to the lane (to assist identification by other users)
- Picture showing the exit from the lane (to assist identification by other users)
- Picture(s) illustrating any significant features (gates, turnings etc) or problems/obstructions

Feel free to add any other information you wish to. The text boxes above will expand as you fill them! Send this form and any accompanying photographs to greenlane@dorsetrover.co.uk

Thank you for your help in completing this *pro forma*. It's vital that the club has this information, not just for club use, but also to forward to DCC to prove usage of routes.

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The new green lane report form - the full size document can be found on the website, and all members who drive green lanes are urged to complete a form each time they drive a byway or UCR

MEMBER PROFILE

Ron Hogg, DLRC Treasurer

Ever wondered how the financial wheels of the DLRC keep turning? Well, it's all thanks to the Treasurer, Ron Hogg, who joined the club in 2006. Ron cites as the main reason that he joined DLRC was simply that he'd bought a Land Rover and wanted to join a local club, and his 'fleet' of vehicles now includes a 1996 Defender 90, a 300Tdi van and a 1986 90 V8 pick up.



Since he's owned the 300Tdi he's put a new chassis underneath it (he did the work himself and the tale was told in the magazine) having purchased it from the National Trust, and while the body was off, he fitted new sports improved suspension, a winch and also gave the engine a bit of a tweak. The V8 is his latest project, but what with his day-job (that Ron describes as being a self-employed builder's skivvy!), it'll be a little while before it sees the road let alone the mud. Back in the day, Ron also owned a Discovery 1 200Tdi (his first Land Rover), then changed to a 300Tdi, until he decided to buy what he'd wanted all along.

But even before that, Ron was driving Land Rovers, because as a retained fire-fighter for Dorset Fire Service, he was driving a fully laden Defender 110 fire tender. The fire service sent him on a driver training course at Bovington, and he was amazed at what the vehicle would do, even with a tonne of water in the back.

Asked for his best experience in a Land Rover, Ron reckons that there are simply too many to pick one highlight, although he's in no doubt about the worst one, which occurred when he decided to go green laning on his own (and this was before GPS), ended up getting stuck, which meant he had to phone another club member for recovery (which is hard when you don't know where you are exactly....).

Giving vent to the realms of fantasy, if money were no object, Ron would buy a Range Rover Sport and trial it, and perhaps that's also the vehicle he'd use to fulfil his other driving ambition, which is to follow the route that Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman drove on 'The Long Way Round'. Failing that, the Pan-American Highway might be a simpler alternative.

For Ron, the best part of being a member of DLRC is that it doesn't matter what sort of Land Rover you drive, everyone gets treated the same. As well as being a very efficient treasurer, Ron is very much involved with RTV events and says that his favourite venue is Knitson (partly because it was his first ever trial on his birthday in 2006), and he still drives the occasional green lane, with his favourite route being The Gap route in the Brecon Beacons (though he's not sure if this awesome lane is still open to vehicles).

Asked how he'd persuade someone to buy a Land Rover, Ron replied: "If you have to persuade someone, they don't have the passion, and never will have!" Judging from what Ron has divulged in compiling this profile – he's definitely got it!

MEMBER PROFILE

RICH PARFITT

Rich is one of the younger committee members (he's a mere 27), and he joined the DLRC in 2009. Up until recently he was driving around in a much changed 1989 Defender 90 (with an auto gearbox and other bits and pieces) but he's currently looking around for another truck (and in the meantime keeps turning up to events in his dad's J**p). Prior to the Defender 90, Rich owned a Series 3 Lightweight which he used for trialling in the leaf-sprung class.

His earliest memory of driving anything with a green oval was having a go in a friend's Discovery 1 when he was 21, and Rich is obviously hooked on the marque because when asked to imagine that he had to persuade someone to buy a Land Rover, he replied that he'd tell that *"there are cheaper vehicles out there, but you'll always wish you'd bought a Land Rover."*

Rich reckons his best experience in a Land Rover was winning a Discovery up a very steep, dry river bed in Croatia, but his worst experience was a little closer to home when he thumped into a depression whilst trialling at Portesham and came to a very abrupt stop, snapping a half-shaft and bending the front dumb-iron in the process.

Although he's looking around for a replacement for his Defender, his dream Land Rover would be the new Range Rover, and his dream driving location would be Fraser Island, just off the coast of Australia.

Since joining the club, Rich has been a regular competitor in trials, with Tincleton being his favourite venue, simply because *"there are no trees to hit!"*. As well as competing, Rich is very much involved in setting up (and dismantling) the courses, and in spite of the hard work involved, reckons that the best part of being a member of the club is the trials, because it means being able to drive off-road locally, on private land, for a mere £22. He also goes green laning very occasionally, with his most memorable route being Strata Florida in Wales.

And finally, when asked if he could think of anything else he'd like to mention that readers of The Dorset Rover might find interesting, somewhat mystifyingly he replied: *"A raisin dropped into a glass of fresh champagne will bounce continuously from the bottom the glass to the top."* If only everyone was such a philosopher....



Defenders got the highest rating in Child safety in the Euro Ncap test. It is impossible to slam a kids fingers in the door, the gaps are too wide,

I heard Land Rover has got a special on this month: You buy a Land Rover and you get a dog for free. That way at least you don't have to walk back home all on your own.



DLRC CALENDAR 2014

There have inevitably already been a few calendar amendments!
There might be more - so keep an eye on the club website
Dates in **bold** indicate amendments

4th April	Club Night
18th/21st April	Club Social & Camping Weekend (Also Convoy for Heroes)
27th April	RTV at Mannington
2nd May	Club Night
3rd/5th May	Abbey Hill Steam Fair
11th May	Piston Broke Trophy Treasure Hunt
24th - 26th May	Bournemouth Wheels Show
25th May	RTV at Tincleton
6th June	Club Night BBQ and Music Festival
8th June	Wessex Classic Car Show at Lulworth Castle
21st/22nd June	Bristol & West LR Show
22nd June	RTV at Portesham
28th June	Club Barbecue and DLRC Green Lanes Day
4th July	Club Night
4th/6th July	Stevens Farm Cider Festival
13th July	RTV at Knitson
19th/20th July	Langport
26th/27th July	LR show at Billing
1st August	Club Night
8th/10th August	Purbeck Rally
16th/17th August	Yesterday's Farming Show
17th August	RTV at Crossways
31st August	Club Green Lanes Treasure Hunt
5th September	Club Night
20th/21st September	LR show at Peterborough
13th September	Ladies Day & club camping weekend at Tincleton (prov)
14th September	RTV at Tincleton (prov)
3rd October	AGM
4th/5th October	London to Brighton LR Run
12th October	Driving Day at Matchams
7th November	Club Night
9th November	RTV at Bransgore
5th December	Club Night

RTV CALENDAR 2014

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!

27th April - RTV Mannington
25th May - RTV Tinkleton
22nd June - RTV Portesham
13th July - RTV Knitson
17th August - RTV Crossways
13th September - Ladies Day (provisional)
14th September - RTV Tinkleton
12th October - Driving Day at Matchams
9th November - RTV Bransgore



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.

27th April - 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

25th May - Tinkleton A schizophrenic site - definite case of two personalities, depending on the weather. Really good trial for newbies since it's nice and open with no scratchy branches to worry about. If you haven't had a go before, this is the one to try! Nearest SatNav postcode: **DT2 8QW**

RTV EVENTS - 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**

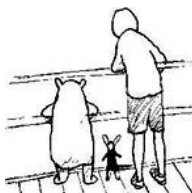
You are reminded that you should check by phone before arriving at an event. If you arrive and there are no club officials then the event has been cancelled and no attempt should be made to drive round the site.

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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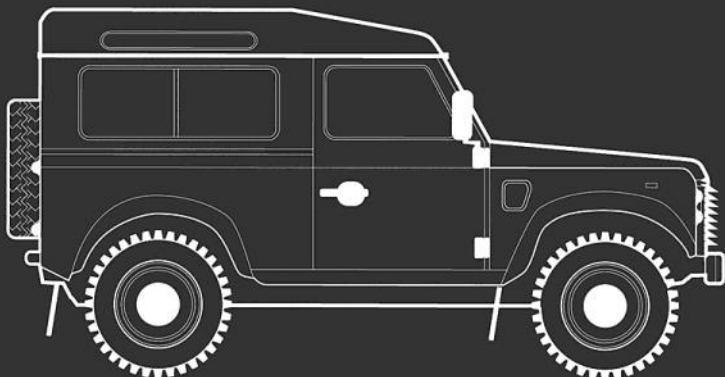
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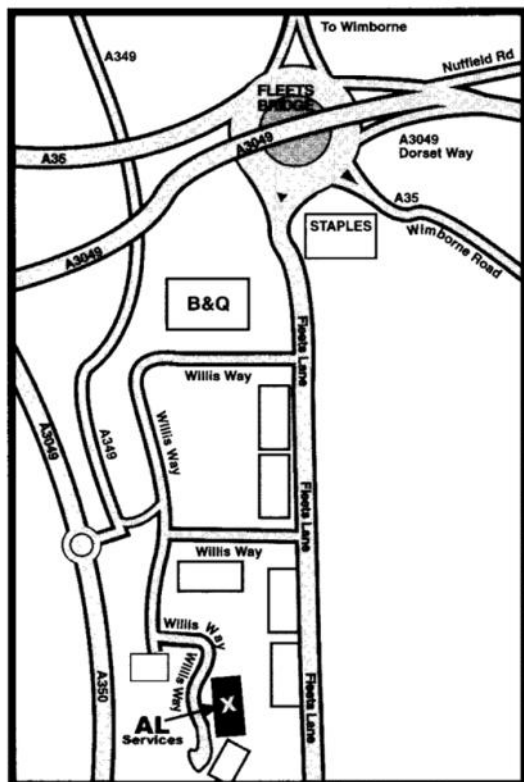
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