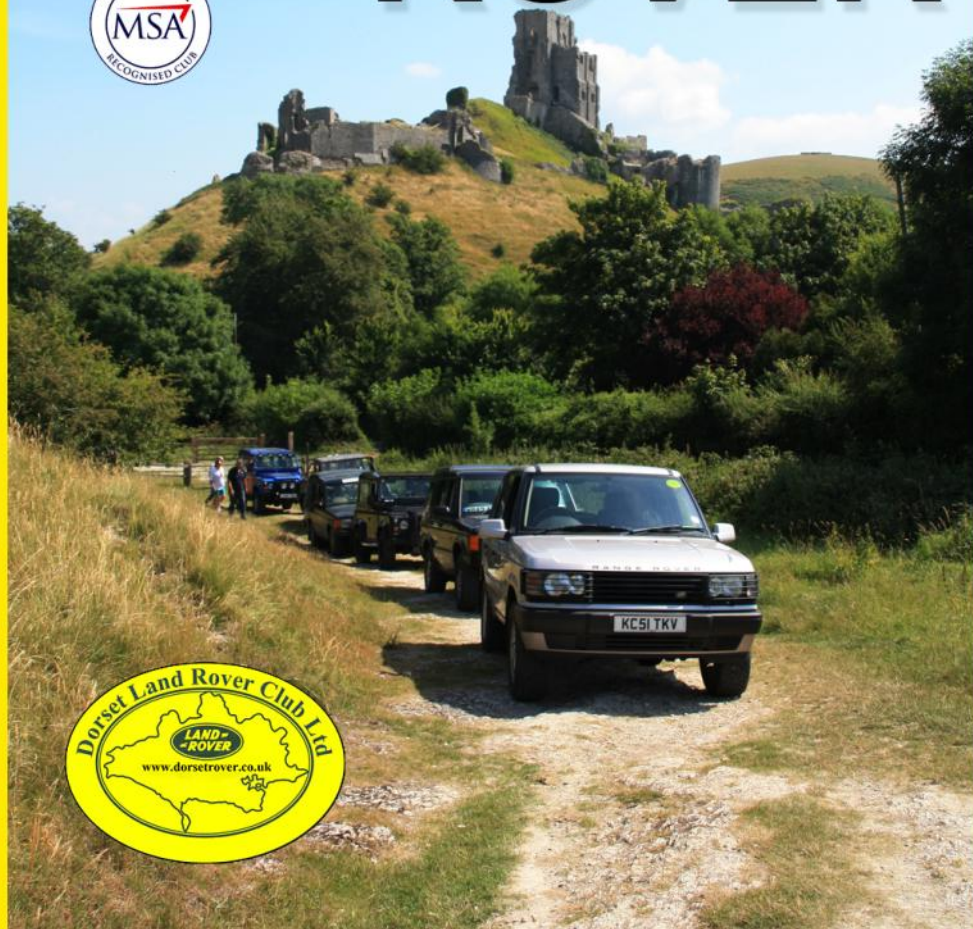




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and please make a note that it's the club **AGM on Friday 3rd October**

Up to date information and more contact details can be found on the
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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
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whole.

CHAIRMAN'S WAFFLE



Caz, Mae and I attended the Bristol & West 4x4 show. Jim was kind enough to tow the Toylander up as his caravan was just around the corner at Glastonbury. Unfortunately he could not get his van out of its site so had to return home. The show was quite a bit smaller than I expected but still had lots to see. None of the big suppliers were there. CSW put on a great 'challenge' show in the ring with an obstacle course to put monster trucks to shame!

We had great fun in the Toylander; I say 'we' because I borrowed it to drive back up to the beer shack after I popped down to the caravan to pick up a jumper. It got quite a bit of attention. Mae was pestering me all weekend to build a trailer for it though as there are far more kids that want rides to seats available. Even so, she must have got at least 3 solid hours of driving it before the batteries went flat.

Bournemouth Wheels is a new show where the club was invited to put on a display on the beach. We shared the stretch between 2 groynes with some Dakar racers and Tom & I blagged a ride before they managed to put one on its roof. The show itself had loads to see including old F1 cars racing up & down the overcliff. Next year should be even better and I will definitely be going again.

I haven't attended any trials as Bertie is **still** broken! Hopefully reports from Portesham & Matchams will be in this mag. Paul and I have done another challenge but Baby came home a bit worse for wear again; we ended up with rear wheel drive only but despite this, didn't disgrace ourselves. More fixing required then before the De'cider in 8 weeks.

Tom has announced that he will be stepping down as Shows Coordinator at the AGM so that is another space to fill! Thank you for all your hard work Tom, we all appreciate it. There should be a short job description somewhere if you think you could do this role.

Green Lane Day was a success: well done all involved. Rob is getting lots of trips organised so keep an eye on his new pages on the website.

We need your data protection forms please! Caz has had around 1/3rd back most of which are our regular members. If you are fairly new to the club, we'd hate for you to miss out on something that you might want to be involved in just because we can't contact you. We want you to enjoy the club and you won't do that just reading my boring waffle. Get involved! **See you soon, Rog**

URGENT NOTICE

If you haven't already filled in and returned the Data Protection form that was enclosed in the June/July edition, you are urged to do so as soon as possible. Recent changes in legislation make it vital that **all** members complete this *pro forma* so that as a Limited Company, the club is compliant with legislation regarding Data Protection. **Please don't ignore it!** Please complete it and return it as soon as possible if you haven't already done so!

FROM THE EDITOR...

Firstly, I hope you like the 'new look' cover. There were lots of reasons for changing from the mono-print yellow card cover, but if you don't like the new approach, and would prefer to go back to the original/traditional version, let me know!

You can e-mail me at editor@dorsetrover.co.uk

Many thanks to Tom Bayford for a brilliant new-look-launch cover picture. Have you got one that would be suitable? Please send it to me if you have!

Secondly, you'll see that the emphasis in this edition is very much on our on-going Green Lanes initiative. Hopefully this will go some way to showing definitively that the DLRC is not just about trialling!

Thirdly, 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

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

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 also raise lots of money. 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

Paul Charman - Moordown
David Stoneman - Bournemouth
Owen Stroud - Wimborne
Nigel Penn - Ferndown
Luke Jeneson - Wimborne
Darren Lloyd - Weymouth
Andrew Rymes - Silton
Simon & Siobhan Baxter - Bridport

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

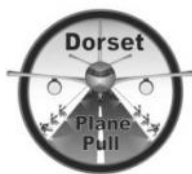
Hoodie (no zip) with logo, flag & website £26.00

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.



GREEN LANES TREASURE HUNT - 31st August

All the details are on the website. It promises to be an excellent event with well-surfaced, non-damaging, easy tracks to drive. If you haven't had a look yet, please do so as quickly as possible!



BOURNEMOUTH PLANE PULL

This event takes place at Bournemouth Airport on Monday 25th August between 10am and 6pm. Sponsorships will be required and all proceeds raised will go to our chosen charity, please note there may also be an entrance fee to pay.

This year we will be supporting The Amelia Grace Rainbow fund. Contact either Caz or myself for further information.

Teresa Heath (social secretary) and Caroline Hart (secretary)

DATE CHANGES

Please note the following:

13th September - Ladies Day at Tincleton is now booked - further details will be on the website.

14th September - the RTV due to take place at Tincleton has had to be relocated, provisionally to Mannington. Again, please the website for confirmation

YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

There are going to be three vacancies on the Club Committee when it comes around to the AGM in October. The Committee has decided to publicise these posts now so that anyone interested can find out about the roles, and possibly work with the current incumbents to prepare for the changeover. In the June/July edition there were details of what was involved in being **Club Treasurer**, and also details for the **Deputy Events Secretary**. In addition, the committee now wishes to announce that the post of **Shows Coordinator** needs to be filled.

SHOWS COORDINATOR

- Book club attendances with the relevant bodies & shows, to obtain club access & stand presence at national and local shows.
- Liaise with Show Marshalls to ensure attendance in show ring events, providing narrative information and details for inclusion in show guides where possible.
- Manage and co-ordinate club volunteers to ensure minimum stand cover at all times through the use of rotas where possible.
- Provide briefings on Friday nights to ensure all volunteers fully aware of responsibilities and timings of proposed events.
- Relay to the membership the list of shows & events they can attend via the magazine and website & to keep records of those who will/wish to attend.
- Responsible for keeping & maintaining the club stand, gazebo & equipment.
- Passing of information relating to events to the PR officer for advertising.
- Selling of membership at shows & passing new member details to Membership Secretary & payments to Treasurer. Training new attendees on the process of signing up new members

If you think you might be interested in joining the club committee in any of these three roles, or you'd like to find out a bit more before throwing your hat in the ring, please contact Caz as soon as possible: secretary@dorsetrover.co.uk

NOTIFICATION OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The Dorset Land Rover Club will take place on Friday 3rd October 2014

Provisional venue and time: Wimborne FC Social Club - 8.00pm

The full agenda will be published in due course on the website, along with confirmation of place and time. Whilst it's not going to be as exciting as an RTV, as enjoyable as a Green Lane trip or as relaxing as a barbecue, it's a vital event in the running of the club: it's a chance for you to have your say and to influence the way the club is run, so please make every effort to attend!

A June day out with 3 Land Rovers and OS explorer map 117

Four Land Rovers met in Dorchester for a champagne weather day of greenlaning. In convoy order they were; Neil and photographer Stuart, in Neil's blue 300Tdi Defender 90, with us to work on an article about Green Lanes of Dorset for LRO, second, in his red 110 Td5 defender with life raft (!), was Jim with Amanda from the council rights of way department and Ben with his broken foot, third in a silver Td5 110 Defender, complete with roof tent, were David and his daughter Ailsa and finally we were the tail end Charlies for the day in our green 300Tdi defender 90 (with a white roof rediscovered when it was washed especially for the day!)

Maps marked up we set off for Charminster ford. There was a minor map reading glitch locating the southern end but, once found, the ford was safely negotiated by all. Then we set off northwards to Nether Cerne. Unfortunately at this point the route reached the edge of the map and the navigator in the rear vehicle had not continued the map marking in enough detail over the page. So, that together with driver and navigator swapping roles, resulted in us losing sight of the convoy in front. We then made couple of incorrect road junction decisions, and ended up lost in Piddletrenthide. Fortunately mobile phones sorted it out and we met Neil in Church Lane coming to find us.

Convoy reunited and back off road we carried on west along a long lane back to tarmac and northwards again. Then it was zigzagging westward along greenlanes and tarmac and a lunch stop near Redpost Hill with an amazing view (and orchids) down Eastcombe Bottom. We drove on through Cattistock, Maiden Newton and Powerstock and stopped at Eggarden Hill for the LRO photographer. He climbed up the side of the fort and we were arranged artistically perfectly spaced for shots from on high driving down the lane. The sight of 4 Land Rovers out for a drive sparked interest in the cows in the field and they all wandered over to see what we were up to and surrounded Neil's vehicle when he went back to collect Stuart, the photographer. Eventually we reached the Uploders, location of our favourite sunken lane Knowl Lane, (ironically first driven by us in 2009 having seen it in LRO an article written by Neil).

*A break in the
sunshine during the
June/LRO green
lane trip*



A June day out with 3 Land Rovers continued...

That was the finale to the planned day but Neil with his extensive knowledge of the area had other ideas and led us to Wrackelford Ford. Jim measured it with his stripy stick; it was deep. Undeterred Neil drove through it albeit with raised suspension and a snorkel fitted. Jim decided to go next and took the direct route, somewhat deeper than Neil's route, and water swirled over his bonnet. Les was looking worried about the TD5's ecu keeping dry under the driver's seat but all was well and Jim's life raft wasn't needed. David took the plunge next, another spectacular run, and came out safely on the far side. Having no snorkel like the others and with his in-depth knowledge of the workings of diesel engines Les decided that our vehicle was not equipped for quite such deep water so we left the others to play and we went home having had a perfect day of greenlaning.

Les Wilkins

GREEN LANES DAY

On Saturday 28th July the DLRC 'Green Lanes Day' took place, when three groups consisting of members from Dorset Land Rover Club went out and drove various legally driveable rights of way across the county in order to record their location and condition for the County Council Rights Of Way Department database. Areas covered spread from Cranborne to Shaftesbury, Corfe Castle to Dorchester and Dorchester across Central Dorset.

Just a note to say a big thank you to everybody who participated in the Green Lanes Day and Social Meet. Three groups managed to drive and survey approximately 40 of the county's legally driveable rights of way and then met up for a lovely barbecue overlooking the Blackmore Vale at the top of Ibberton Hill. It was a fantastic example of what can be achieved with team spirit, each and every one of you can take credit for doing your bit in making this happen; without your support it wouldn't have been possible. Thank you!

Rob Elliott

A very enjoyable day really good company and a big thanks to those who had to put up with my leadership today and to Martin and Andy for helping out when I got stuck and also to Teresa and Ben for lugging the BBQ to Ibberton ***Tom Bayford***

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all that turned up to the meet. As usual great food followed by great company! I wish I had taken part in the green lanes day now after hearing all the great stories. 9 vehicles in total turned up and plenty of photos were taken so watch this space. Ibberton hill is a truly stunning spot with fantastic views, glad the rain held off. Also a big thank you for all of your generous donations towards the gas bbq fund. I look forward to our next outing

Teresa x

Eastern Group Greenlaning report

The eastern group met up at the Horton Inn at 10:00 and consisted of a rather eclectic group of LR products – Tom in his Discovery 2, Andy and Tracy in a Series 2, James, Clare, Max and Bandit in a Range Rover Classic and me, Jan and Anya in a Defender 130.

After a short chin wag we set off to our first BOAT at Gussage St Michael. This lane was not a through route so, after reaching the end, we had to retrace our steps. Tom then led us to the UCR just south of Hinton Martell and then on to the Woodlands BOAT where a bit of hedge trimming was required here to widen the route. We then drove to the BOAT north of Verwood where we had a coffee stop which then turned into lunch.

We had heard reports that the UCR past the Heavy Horse Centre was undrivable so James volunteered to act as my wing man (or should that read winch man) so we could have a look – if it was driveable we would then phone the others with recommendations to proceed or to meet up at the Mill Lane BOAT. It was a bit muddy and remarkably wet but driveable until the climb when we were nearly through to Mill Lane. I wasn't gung ho (after all I had Jan in the car) and decided not to continue but backing out was also impossible without a gentle tug from James's winch. We then had to reverse several hundred metres until James found a place to turn round – a three point turn for him a nine point turn for the 130! We therefore all accessed Mill Lane from the short UCR at Lower Holywell but were thwarted again by a large tree which had fallen across the lane leaving only four feet of clearance. No such problems at the next UCR at Sixpenny Handley which was another cul de sac.



The lane at Pimperne described in the article

Onwards then to the Larmer Tree UCR (what is that strange structure on the hill) and back south to the Chettle BOAT/UCR and the Pimperne BOAT. We then went north again to Tollard Royal and the BOAT north to Win Green (yes Ok we know this was in Wiltshire but we were too close to miss it out).

The heavens opened as we completed this lane and the track turned into a river for a few minutes. It was here that James bid farewell and the remaining three came back into Dorset to do the short UCR from Compton Abbas airfield down into East Compton which was very slippery on the now soaked grass. Then on again to the UCR just west of East Compton and the UCR to the southeast of West Orchard. This lane started off ok with quite a lot of overhanging vegetation but after about 1 km the ruts got deeper and Tom came to a grinding halt needing to be pulled out backwards by Andy's Series 2. Rather than further damaging the lane we decided to reverse out and with me being tail end charlie I lead the way. It was difficult manoeuvring the 130 due to the overhanging vegetation and ruts and i needed to reposition the truck several times.



After about 200m I found a gate and was able to access a field to turn around I then walked back down the track to see how the others were getting along. Andy had been towing Tom intermittently due to his more road than off-road biased AT Tyres but as they approached the gate the tow rope was off. We got the Series into the field to join the 130. At that point the camber of the track got the better of Tom and he slid off the track and into the hedge neatly between two trees. No matter how he tried Tom could not get out of the ditch and it was impossible to tow him out due to the narrowness of the track and the trees. Tom used a bowsaw to remove the tree behind his D2 and I positioned the 130 in the field so that I could get the winch hook through the hedge and onto his tow bar. I was then able to winch the back of the D2 sideways and out of the ditch. We then repositioned the 130 so that we could winch the D2 backwards towards the field gate. We expected to see some damage to the passenger side of the Disco but it had just picked up a few new superficial scratches and not one dent.

As time was getting on we decided not to do the last couple of lanes but go straight to Ibberton Hill and the meeting point – we were the first of the greenlaning groups to arrive shortly followed by the south group and then the unmistakable sound of a Rover V8 as Ron turned up with the central group. Lots of Banter followed and a very pleasant BBQ set up by Teresa and Ben – really appreciated guys.

I think Tom will have some new AT tyres on his wish list as my BFG's performed so much better than his Generals.

Martin Dover

The Southern Group

We did some lane clearance in the Corfe Castle area and fixed a couple of gates whilst we were at it, which generated much interest and conversation from other rights of way users and helped to gain some much needed respect from the walkers and mountain bikers alike as they could see that what we were doing benefited them too. We often stopped to chat to other lane users along the route and the relief on some faces when they learnt that we were the 'good guys' was very apparent.

One stern faced lady began to claim that we were illegally driving a footpath at Moreton Ford, but was suitably appeased when we explained to her what we were up to and that we were actually legally driving an unclassified county road, as denoted by the red dots on her Ordnance Survey map!

Sadly when we arrived in the woods at Tinkleton, there was plenty of evidence of illegal off-piste activity in the large holes at the top, you could even see where mud had been sprayed about 20 feet up the trunks of trees where presumably a cross-axled 4x4 had spun out. It was an extremely graphic example of the damage that illegal offroading can cause and shows that there is a need to educate those who threaten our hobby with their ignorance, before it is too late. It all finished with a really pleasant barbecue on the top of Ibberton Hill where all three groups gathered at the end of the day for food, fun and laughter. In true club spirit, some of the 'mishaps' of the day were brought into discussion and I don't think that Tom Bayford will hear the end of his modern Discovery 2 being recovered from a ditch by Andy Palmers fifty year old Series!

In all, I believe that approximately forty lanes were driven and surveyed on the day. This equates to roughly a quarter of the legally driveable rights of way within the county and represents an extremely positive start to proving usage of these lanes so they do not 'become lost' come the next review of the county's rights of way in 2026.

A big thank you to all of you who took part and made this day the success it was.

Rob Elliott
Green Lane Officer



The meeting place on Ibberton Hill



Time for rest and reflection on a great day out

A VERY PLEASANT DAY OUT

Six vehicles met up in bright sunshine on the 12th July at the Corfe Castle car park keen to explore and take advantage of our leader's encyclopaedic knowledge of Dorset. There was then a short delay while the mechanically fixated members scaled the embankment to watch the Swanage Railway "Tornado" make its scheduled run through. Being a train it was late (sorry Tom).

Off on the first adventure and a sense of déjà vu for me at least as we passed the old Corfe trial site. Glad it didn't get any more nostalgic as the site is now under a LOT of water. We climbed uphill and parked up to admire the extent of the view. This set the tone for the first part of the day – high level lanes with panoramic views over Dorset.

We then moved on to what must be one of the longest off tarmac routes in Dorset made up of three lanes with a total length of about three and a half miles – kept us happy for ages. Downside was that although our members had cut back the encroaching greenery on Green Lane Day there is still not enough space for us and all the walkers and cyclists infesting the area! No unpleasant encounters though, they were all very pleasant. Again we proceeded uphill to the stunning views and parked several times just to look around. Rob stopped the convoy at one point to show us what has become known as the "Stone of Irony". A memorial to a rambler who was instrumental in clearing the route we were now driving. On to the last section of the lane which is subject to a seasonal TRO but this was defeated by Jim's magic GLASS key. Here we came across the most unexpected sight of the day - in the middle of nowhere is a folly built in the 1740s by a Denis Bond, the then owner of the Grange on the far side of the hill. He then cut a swathe through the woods so he could see it from his home.



We drove westwards and took in a lane which I enjoy visiting, but after the previous spectacular route seemed a little rough and the views comparatively tame. A further mostly hard surface well known UCR and it was lunchtime. All chilled in the hot sun and even Green Lane Dog, who doesn't normally trust anyone, had by now accepted the whole group, relaxed, lay in the shade and allowed herself to be fussed. Must say something about DLRC members because this is pretty much unprecedented! Reverie was interrupted by the arrival of a S2a with the side panels signwritten upside down - sound familiar? We were joined for the afternoon session by the final member of the party. I think I can safely reveal that the next target was Moreton Ford. Everyone knows where it is and on a sunny Saturday afternoon everyone was there. It was a tight squeeze past the parked cars to be met by a mass of parents, kids and dogs playing in the water and overseeing from the bridge. PR exercise over they watched with interest as the little convoy went where Dad fears to drive and vanished off along the Drive.

The next lane was driven to allow us to see and gather evidence of the physical and PR damage done by illegal use. About a mile and a half along the UCR a "playground" had been created by thoughtless morons. Green Lane Dog considerably got out and stood in the middle of the stinking water in one of the bombholes so Jim could have a scale factor for his photo. Mud had been sprayed high in the trees, tracks had been forced through the undergrowth, winch cable scars were clearly evident and the UCR beyond this point was pretty much impassable even without the fallen tree blocking further progress. We retraced our tracks and exited via another route which was fortunately unscathed.

The next route I had always thought was just a badly neglected road alongside Puddletown Forest and is used on a regular basis by Forest visitors and local residents. The shattered remains of a tarmac surface do not immediately scream "Byway".

Proceeding to the BOAT which club members will remember as being recently saved from closure, no doubt in part due to club evidence of use, we progressed through green farmland and splashed through the ford. Now Rob's good lady, who was on gate duty, proved that not only can she handle horses but that she can keep a herd of potential escapee cows at bay long enough for us to drive through the final gate.

One more lane, but we found that the farm traffic was currently driving through the field alongside the route and thus the UCR itself had become seriously overgrown. With minimal felling equipment and time moving on it was decided to reverse out. At this point the group decided to break up and most headed for home leaving just Rob, Tom and myself to go and play in some water for fifteen minutes. A perfect ending.

If you still have any interest left I have posted five minutes of video on my You Tube channel. Go to the Dorset Rover You Tube channel, click on "Channels" and you will find mine. Video is titled 12 July.

Graham Glover

Crossing at Moreton Ford





Another picture from the trip in June with LRO - Jim wading at Wrackelford

BRISTOL & WEST 4x4 SHOW

Lovely weather for sure, good company certainly, and a pleasant way to spend a weekend. That more or less sums up the Bristol & West 4 x 4 Show at the Showground near Bath. Truth to tell, as a show it was a little disappointing for the most part: the big suppliers and trade outlets were presumably keeping their powder dry for Peterborough and Billing - which is a great shame because there must surely be a potential gold-mine given the numbers of LR owners for whom this is essentially a 'local' show. That said, some of the arena displays were excellent - some awesome obstacle climbing by a the challenge trucks, and an impressive display from the Camel Trophy Club. (The haunting and evocative music that accompanied their display was 'Conquest of Paradise' by Vangelis, written for the totally awful Depardieu film '1492' - the CD is considerably better than the DVD!).

Mae's Toylander proved a big hit (and will probably feature in Classic Landrover magazine), and the less said about the live music on Saturday evening probably the better. But when all's said and done, it was a good weekend, and huge thanks must go to Tom for all the organisation and passes and effort he puts in for all of to be able to attend the shows for free!



Jim takes time off from his duties at Glastonbury to enjoy the Bristol & West 4x4 Show

MATCHAMS RTV



BRISTOL & WEST 4x4 SHOW



GREEN LANES DAY



Then....the first meeting of the club on Ibberton Hill in August 1987



Now....back on Ibberton Hill in June 2014



Green Lanes Day - clockwise from top left: the UCR at Chettle; Tom after being winched out on the Mower Lane UCR; Martin being pulled out of ruts; a rather large obstruction on the Mill Lane BOAT

GREEN LANING



Stunning picture from Jayne Simmons taken at the meet on Ibberton Hill on Green Lanes Day



Green Laning with LRO - look out for the article in September!

RTV AT MATCHAMS - May 14th

I ended up being part of the set up team for this trial, myself, Rich, Jason and Nigel carter set out what I thought afterwards might be ten relatively straight forward sections, however, its easy to think that when setting out, only to be completely stumped when you come to drive them, sections that we thought might be tricky were driven, however bits that looked do-able weren't.

The group that I took on the Sunday started at section one, and as driver no 1 obviously I was first up on the first section, which in this instance proved to be a disadvantage, as the others could stand there and see how not to get past gate 3, which I what I scored, most others from memory did after that get 2s or clears.....

Section two was along the gully, and I now had the advantage of going last, and seeing how not to drive it, I got a 1....

Section 3 was just on the edge of the woods, where the huge pile of chalk used to be if you ever went there a few years ago, a tricky little section, with a few interesting twists and turns.... clear!.. Better!

Section 4 was back in the woods, and into an area we hadn't really used before, which should have included a nice little river run, quite tight up between the trees, but almost Amazonian in its feel.... sadly most people were getting stuck before they got into the interesting bit, and most got 7's, with one or two getting past that and doing quite well....

Section 5 was a twisty little section just as you exit the trees onto the edge of the Motocross track, funny how when you set something up it looks fine, but then when it comes to driving it it all seems to have changed, this one was easy for some, and tricky for others.... still can't really work out why!

Section 6 was our first section after lunch, which was taken back in the main car park, as I was driving a fair distance I took the truck out of difflock..... you can guess what comes next! Yup, sure enough I did section six not in difflock, but still somehow managed to get a one....

Section 7 was again done without knowing (or registering that the light wasn't on) not in difflock, however if it became quite obvious when I failed just though gate 7, when I got cross axled and simply stopped, didn't expect that, but it was understandable once I realised and kicked myself, (and the truck) for not being in difflock.... ARGH!

Section 8 was one that I thought would be easier than it was, I purposely included two gates close together along a bank, the idea being that you needed to stay very tight on the right and up the bank to get through, well it worked, the only ones all day to get through gate 7 were the lwb boys due to their shunt.... hey ho!

Section 9 included the very steep hills inside the motocross track, firstly up the slopey track, then a twiddle at the top, down one very steep hill, across and around a few trees then back up to the top for gate one, thankfully my right foot found the right spot, and along with 3rd gear I made it to the top, and almost airborne!....

Section 10 was another fiddly little area, we've half used it before but in a different way, this one included water, axle twisters, tight turns and side slopes.... most however didn't struggle, and from memory most got clears.....

I ended the day on a miserable 25 points and third overall....

Ron Hogg



MATCHAMS RTV - RESULTS

LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	RANK
Trevor Harmer	2	1	0	2	0	1	7	3	0	0	16	1
James Pinfield	9	9	0	7	1	1	7	3	1	3	41	2
SWB												
Martin Dover	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	9	1
Tim Cox	0	1	0	2	0	1	7	6	1	0	18	2
Ron Hogg	3	1	0	7	0	1	7	6	0	0	25	3
Jason Macdonald	1	7	8	1	9	0	1	0	2	0	29	4
Mike Webster	3	1	6	0	7	6	0	8	5	0	36	5
Nigel Carter	3	8	7	1	7	8	5	0	2	0	41	6
Dean Stevens	2	8	5	7	4	3	2	6	5	0	42	7
Tim Gibbens	2	9	7	7	1	6	7	6	1	7	53	8
Matt Ricketts	9	5	5	7	4	1	7	6	1	9	54	9
Adam Ross	8	4	7	7	4	3	7	8	5	7	60	10
LEAF												
Alex Moore (V)	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
Dave Moore (V)	0	1	6	1	0	9	0	0	2	0	19	2
Andy Palmer	3	7	7	1	0	4	4	7	3	5	41	3

PORTESHAM RTV - RESULTS

LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	RANK
Trevor Harmer	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	8	14	1
James Pinfield	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	8	16	2
SWB												
Martin Dover	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	1
Ron Hogg	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	7	12	2
Mike Webster	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	2
Jason Macdonald	0	2	6	0	3	0	0	5	0	4	20	4
Rob Jenkins	1	0	0	9	2	3	1	1	7	4	28	5
Nigel Carter	4	3	0	8	0	7	1	4	0	4	31	6
LEAF												
Andy Palmer	0	2	0	0	1	8	1	5	0	7	24	1
Rob Shadbolt	0	3	0	3	2	6	1	4	1	8	28	2
James Gray	4	2	0	3	8	8	1	8	1	7	42	3

PORTESHAM RTV

The Portesham trial was not as well supported as previous events this year with just eleven competitors. At the start there were actually only nine vehicles in attendance as Rob and James had got rather lost finding the site. The evens were made up of two long wheelbase Range Rovers and three 90's and, due to the low numbers, we were going to rattle through the sections very quickly. The evens won the toss and opted to start at Section 6 to do the parts at the far end of the site first. These sections wound up and down and round and round the gorse bushes and were also the sections most affected by the evil biting horse flies. Any exposed skin was fair game to these wee beasties and in the warm conditions they were tenacious.

The course setters had done a great job on Saturday with some sections using very different lines to those seen on previous visits to the site. Scores were generally fairly low until Section 10 where early on there was a tight gate on a steep slope which caused some high scores particularly for both the Range Rovers. Because it was still early we decided to carry on and do another couple of sections before lunch. These were near the entrance to the field and involved the bank and nettle beds. Luckily for us, the mornings group had nicely flattened the nettles for our walk through – thanks guys. The bogey section for some turned out to be Section 9 where the unsighted gate 9 took a couple of prisoners but for me it was the last section of the day where I clipped gate 4 with a rear tyre that really spoilt my day!

So that was it, the sections had all been completed and the canes removed and it was still only 2:30. Better go home and do some gardening then.....

Martin Dover

The Leafer's Viewpoint

Well what a surprise, sixth trial and first win in the leaf sprung class. Tanya and I purchased our first ever Land Rover in October last year. It's a 50 year old Series 2A named 'Dusty' by its previous owner because it had spent most of its time in a Purbeck quarry. We joined the club shortly thereafter. Being a keen cyclist I had ridden on the bridleway that passes through the Mannington site on various occasions and stopped to watch the action thinking that I would like a go at that. Matchams in January was our first RTV. A bent bumper, door that flew open, self releasing seat belts and all terrain tyres aside it was a most enjoyable event. With advice from Rog and Rob new tyres were purchased after the fourth trial and for the last two grip and ground clearance have improved.

So to Portesham. First time at this venue and what a breath of fresh air. Beautiful open location and most importantly no trees to test the appalling turning circle of a leafer. At the start of the first section there was no competition either but then Rob and James arrived after having got lost on route. We were trading points on the last few sections of the day which made the driving experience even more intense. The long grass was also a challenge to the hayfever sufferers amongst us and the horse flies, hundreds of the slow flying vicious little bastards that Jason had warned about on the web site but not many had seen. All in all a good but still challenging venue.

Tanya and I are thoroughly enjoying taking part in the trials, the camaraderie and friendly banter of the members is great and thanks to all for accepting us into the group.

Andy Palmer



*A few more pictures from the RTV at Matchams in May.
Sorry about the lack of Portesham pictures, but 'someone' forgot to take any!*

MEMBER PROFILE

ROB ELLIOTT – DLRC Green Lanes Officer

41 year old Rob Elliott joined the club in October 2013 because after many years of using internet forums (and having made some very good friends along the way) he had grown bored with keyboard warriors and the idiots that these forums attract, so he chose to broaden his horizons by joining an established club.

He currently drives a 2002 Range Rover DHSE to which he's fitted a decent set of oversize 18" all-terrain tyres and that really has been it other than service/repair items.....rear diff, wheel bearing, brake pads, window regulator, shock absorbers, rear light lens, etc.

It's not Rob's first Solihull special: in past years he's owned a 1995 Discovery 3.9 auto which ended up much modified, a 1996 P38 4.0, a 1998 Discovery 3.9 manual (not so modified), a 1997 Discovery 300tdi (which he hated), a 1987 V8 90 CSW (brilliant!) and a 2000 Discovery II Td5. You'll gather from the list that Rob is a bit of a self confessed Land Rover nut and he also owns up to enjoying some comfort in his current (No7) steed, the 2002 P38 DHSE. Rob's earliest memory of driving a Land Rover was in about 1976 when Mike Pearce, an agronomist, had a two door Range Rover and Rob remembers riding in that as a boy, hearing that V8 roar and being scarred for life.....!



Asked to come up with his best experience in a Land Rover, Rob reckoned it was when his old V8 90 CSW (which had a side exit exhaust just behind the passenger door with nothing more than a cherry bomb to silence it), was coming down a single track Welsh valley road at full chat with the noise bouncing off the slate cliff to the side....Rob says he still misses that car!! On a more sombre note, his worst experience in a Land Rover was being sat in the middle of nowhere in his 4.0 P38 whilst on the phone to a friend who was trying to talk him out of committing suicide after his marriage breakdown. Rob added that he was very pleased to say that he succeeded! If money were no object, then Rob's next acquisition would be something very bespoke for everyday use such as a V8 powered 90 or 110, whilst offroad fun would probably involve something with a Bowler badge on it.

Talking of ambitions, when asked where he'd most like to drive a Landy, Rob replied: *"A fantasy question warrants a fantasy answer so I'd drive straight to Brussels with the sole intention of blowing up the stupid European Parliament and its stupid rules so Land Rover can continue building the Defender after 2015."*

Rob says the best part of being a member of DLRC is meeting such lovely people and feeling part of something worthwhile. He doesn't take part in RTV events, on account of owning a *"lardarse Range Rover, maybe if I had something smaller"*. When asked whether he ever went green laning, not surprisingly (given his position on the committee) Rob answered that it was probably the daftest question he'd ever been asked! He went on to add that he couldn't pick out a favourite route, saying: *"There are many memorable lanes from all across the country, but I'm afraid that I cannot single one out, they all have their attributes, it's the weather conditions/views and the people you share that memorable moment of your life with.....there's been so many of them, but if pushed, I'd dsay that one of my favourites is the Ashley Chase UCR on a clear, unhazy, sunny day, when you crest the top and the sea appears in front of you with spectacular views of Chesil Beach all the way to Portland in the distance"*.

If he had to persuade someone to buy a Land Rover, he'd tell them that if they're expecting him to fix it, buy Japanese! Rob explained this by adding : *"You have to be slightly mad to buy a Land Rover, we're all slightly mad. Land Rovers are an institution, their owners should be institutionalised! We all own Land Rovers because we're nuts, I'm nuts.....but also patriotic....buy British, you know you want to, even if it is unreliable crap..."*

Asked if there was anything else that he'd like to mention that readers of the Dorset Rover might find interesting, Rob replied at some length!

"I used to do all the modifying stuff but don't bother now as to be honest a Land Rover is really good enough as is and big tyres and a winch are really only necessary at a trial or a pay and play - if you require them for greenlaning then you really shouldn't driving the lanes and over recent years I have been shocked at how bad the condition of some of the lanes in Dorset has become. I am a firm believer in the three 'R's - Responsible Rural Recreation; I do not tolerate the cowboy element that blight our hobby and am pleased that the club has embraced the three Rs philosophy. I have organised (with the help of others) three very large and successful trips in both Dorset and Wiltshire for members and been involved advising others on the forum to help them plan trips in their areas."

Rob Elliott - Profile (continued)

The first one was in 2008 and was known as the 'Chip Run' and it ran across Dorset from North to South finishing at West Bay for fish and chips, it took three months to plan and required a dedicated approach from me and the fantastic team that worked together to make it work so successfully. A few months later we put together a trip on Salisbury Plain solely for 'Newbies' which had to planned sympathetically to allow for people who attended with zero experience. The last one in October 2012 ran east - west across Dorset and was six months in the making. It was literally planned to the 'N'th degree with wet weather contingencies in place to prevent any vulnerable track from being damaged. The 'Great Dorset Chippy Run Part Deux' went exceedingly well, did no damage to the routes and raised £1300 for charity in the process".

DLRC CALENDAR 2014

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

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
13th September	Ladies Day at Tincleton (prov)
14th September	RTV at Mannington (prov)
20th/21st September	LR show at Peterborough
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

SHEER POETRY

In a moment of boredom, I googled *poems about Land Rovers* and this popped up. If you think you can do better, please send to the usual address!

A Series III Eulogy

It coughs in the morning, and wheezes at night,
It rattles and creaks, it's a TERRIBLE sight!
The lights are pathetic, the wipers a joke,
And following traffic is lost in dense smoke!
It leaks oil from the engine, and more from the 'box,
Some on the drive, and more on your socks!
Turning the steering needs plenty of might,
But it makes little difference if you turn left or right!
It goes where it wants, whether you want to or not,
And heaven help you if you want it to stop!
It makes lots of noise, just finding the gears,
Hard to believe, they've lasted for years.
It bounces around on leaf springs so stiff,
They only just move if you drive off a cliff!
The seats aren't much better, too much soft foam,
Gives a numb bum, by the time you get home.
Which will take quite a while – it's not very fast,
Sports-cars to mopeds, they all seem to go past!
So what do have? What is it we see?
Lurking within an old Series Three?
Character? Charm? We love 'em I s'pose,
For some unknown reason, beyond mere prose.
They transcend mortal language, have REAL soul,
Like they're alive, more than metal and oil.
A Trusty old friend, whatever the weather,
Won't let you down, well almost never.
Through thick and thin, they'll give you their best,
And when it gets tough, they'll just leave the rest.
They may be a pain, but they get better with time,
And, this one my friend, well this one is mine!

In the interests of education and international relations, here are a couple of EU approved LR jokes:

Warum halten Land Rover Schuhe länger als Land Rover Autos? - Sie werden nicht mit Zahnriemen ausgeliefert, sondern mit Schnürsenkeln.

Warum sind 70% der jemals verkauften Land Rover immer noch in Betrieb?
- Der Verschleiß ist so gering, weil die Werkstattaufenthalte so lang sind.

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!

17th August - RTV Crossways
13th September - Ladies Day (provisional)
14th September - RTV Mannington
12th October - Driving Day at Matchams
9th November - RTV Bransgore



PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE BEFORE TRAVELLING!

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.

17th August 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**

13th September - Ladies Day at Tincleton - see the website for details SatNav postcode: **DT2 8QW**

14th September Mannington (provisional - see the website before travelling!) 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.

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**

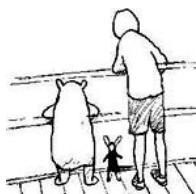
You are reminded that you should check by phone before arriving at an event. If you arrive and there are no club officials then the event has been cancelled and no attempt should be made to drive round the site.

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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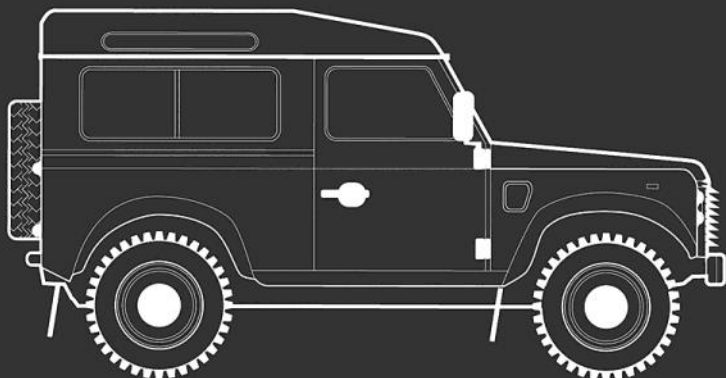
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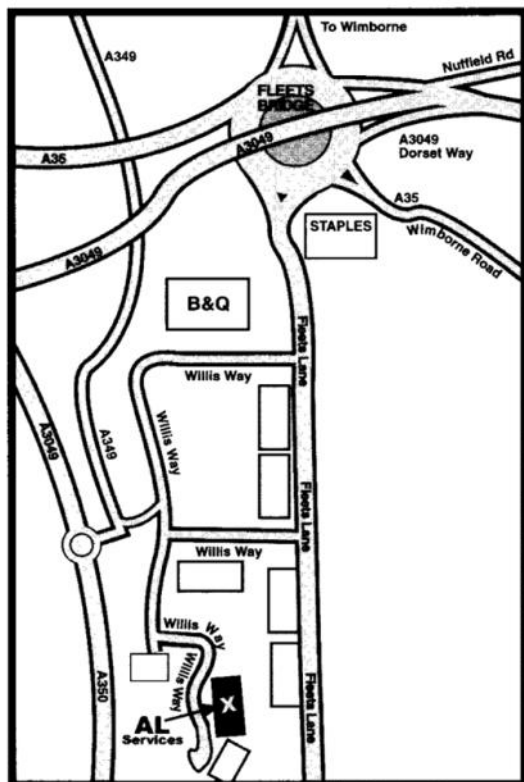
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