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The Chequers, Lytchett Matravers, BH16 6BJ

Club Night in July: Friday 1st July - **Table Quiz Night** @
The Chequers, Lytchett Matravers, BH16 6BJ
Quiz starts at 8.00pm

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A PLEA FROM THE EDITOR...

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

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I'm just back from our trial at Portesham, fantastic weather. Some interesting sections and the grass wasn't too wet to make it impossible. We had a small turnout of 13 drivers again, where has everyone gone? It was Jason's son Caleb's first RTV and he did very well, until lunch he was pretty much on the same points as dad. There was plenty of grip but the odd mistake still happened giving most a quite high score.

For a few of us, it's only been a week since our last trail. Myself, Jase & Trev did the S&W RTV last weekend at Binegar which is an awesome site but quite rocky! Despite a 7 on my first section I still managed Driver of the Day.

Abbey Hill Steam Rally was a chilly weekend which turned into a wet Monday. Campers for the 3 nights enjoyed a good bbq on Saturday night along with a few beers. There was also the beer tent with a band each night. Our stand attracted a few people with one or two signing up for membership. Mae's toylander was a star attraction again with at least 3 people asking if it was for sale. Mae and I think that she'll be a bit big for it after next year so we might sell it then but for now, she's still enjoying driving around the show ring leading the Land Rover parade.

Club nights have been low key social get-togethers. A few have taken the opportunity to eat. The pub has a good menu. Also on the social side, we're putting together our plans for the next Gala weekend. More details will be in this mag but if you missed it last year you really, **really** need to do this one! If there's only one club event you attend this year, this is it. Last year's gala was an amazing experience, so much fun and shenanigans during the day & a great bbq thrown in too. Not forgetting its all for charity.

Other plans have been going on arranging Bournemouth Wheels. We have a big stretch of beach to play on to entertain the spectators. A digger will build some obstacles in the morning which we will slowly ruin by driving all over them during the day! I plan to set up a few trials sections first off until the obstacles have been flattened enough, after which we could do some gymkhana shenanigans and maybe some recovery demonstrations. The show is 3 days but so far nobody is going on the Friday which considering we all work is a daft day to hold a show!

A couple of things on trials... we need a clerk of the course for Shillingstone to help Milly and it would be awesome if we had 1 more driver to make a 3rd team for Newnham Charity RTV. Milly is now LWB so Mike is now on his own as modified.

Rog

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

Q: How do you make a Landy go faster uphill?

A: Throw out the passenger.

FROM THE EDITOR...

There's an article on the facing page about social stuff, but I thought I'd use this regular little slot to say I hope everyone attending events as part of the club has a brilliant time! I'll be at Quay for My Car in Poole, but for other events I'm reliant on you to write something and get some snaps!

Club night in June coincides with Bournemouth Wheels, but I'm sure that there will nevertheless be folk at the Chequers who aren't going to Bournemouth Wheels, and the Quiz Night in July is going to be a table quiz which will start at 8.00pm

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

Andy Wilson, Editor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Derek Collard - Poole
Mike Culverhouse - Ansty
Doug Malgarin - Weymouth
Rob Stephens - Poole
Anthony Allan - Christchurch
John Cutts - Christchurch
Tim Bird - Corscombe
Paul Wells - Sherborne

Welcome to all of you, and especially welcome back to Tim Bird who was a member back in early days of the club, and Paul Wells who founded the club, and who has been reallocated his original 001 number!

THE SOCIAL CIRCLE

Well after this weekend's weather, I think the summer may well be upon us which means that there are plenty of up and coming events to enjoy over the next few months.

The club was recently represented at Abbey Hill Steam Fair and I have heard that this was a great weekend by those who attended. Following on from this we have Bournemouth Wheels; Quay for my Car; Langport Steam Rally and Purbeck Rally. There are lots of events to choose from and I am sure there is something there for everyone. Please support these where you can and advise Caz if you are interested and can attend.

We also have another Quiz Night forthcoming which has been written by our very own Editor in chief, Andy Wilson. The planned evening for this **is the club meeting on 1st July** which looking at the events calendar, is the only free evening we have until the end of the year. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible as I am sure this will be a really enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, I have had to move the date for the Cream Tea Run on the 22nd May and I hope you all saw the information regarding this on the website and on Facebook. Sadly, I had very few confirmed numbers for the event and the tea rooms had another large booking so, not being able to confirm numbers, I had to let the date go. However, I will be organising a new date later in the year, possibly September, once the major events have taken place and there is more space in the diary. I will advise you of this in plenty of time.

Our regular venue for club nights is now The Chequers in Lytchett Matravers. I wasn't available to attend April's meeting but was there for the May meeting and I was very impressed with the venue and the food there (a very important factor for any meeting!). I think this is a great venue for us as I am able to book the conservatory area for meetings so we can all be in one place which is handy for presentations etc. With this in mind, I was thinking of organising a vehicle maintenance/recovery discussion the future would appreciate a volunteer who may wish to run this. I think it would be a useful discussion for some of our newer members and it could also incorporate an element of what to look out for when buying a vehicle especially if someone wanted to take part in an RTV where there are additional things to consider. If anyone would like to run this, then please let me know and I will slot this in a club night later this year.

See you all soon

Jayne Simmons

THE REBIRTH OF GROWLER - my V8-90

So, just over two years ago now I purchased an older 90 pick up which at some point had had an older Range Rover engine and gearbox fitted..... having got it up together enough after I got it to use it for trials, I eventually decided that the chassis was too crusty for my liking and would either need some pretty serious repairs, or ideally replacement....

I looked at the options, the legalities of those options, and decided that the only way for me was a new chassis; wanting to be different I was reluctant to buy a 'ready to fit' chassis, and in the end I decided (partly thanks to a good offer on ebay) that I would get a brand new genuine chassis from a main dealer, and go from there.... a few days after the deal had been done I got up at an ungodly hour and set off for Lincolnshire to collect it; the dealer was only open till 12 on a Saturday so it needed to be an early start....

I returned home with the chassis, and having already prepared the garage for its arrival I set about getting it on blocks and deciding what to tackle first... so out came the grinder and I started to remove the mounts etc that I wasn't going to need - engine mounts were wrong, as were the gearbox.... the list is endless.... I had also decided that the manual box was going to be swapped for an auto, apparently better for offroad, and as I was building it mainly for trials it made sense to prove the theory.... or try.

After what seemed like weeks of cutting, grinding, welding and fabricating bits, I had a chassis with cage mounts that was ready to be galvanised, this in itself proved to be quite a simple task, eventually..... several places wouldn't touch it due it it having been dipped in paint during manufacture, in the end I forgot to tell the people that did it..... this also involved driving miles.... Cardiff and back twice with the van and trailer.

Once the chassis was back it was time to dismantle the existing truck and re-assemble it on its new platform, the bulkhead was changed for a nice shiny one, the engine and box installed first, and slowly the old chassis shed its bits and the new one gained them, once cleaned and painted of course, even the axles had all the unnecessary brackets removed, and the diff covers replaced by cylinder ends of monumental thickness...

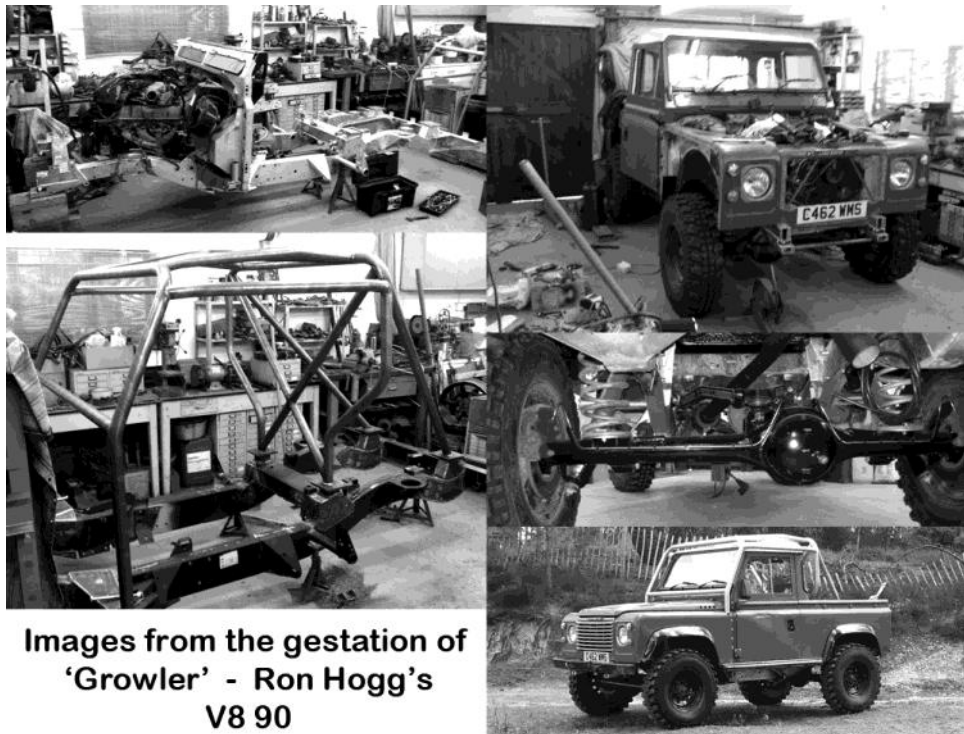
All the work was done by myself, apart from one job that required a few pairs of hands, that being lifting the pre-welded together (by me) cage over the cab before the front wing outer skins were fitted, Roger, Phil and Ty Rutherford offered their services and the job was done.... I finally got it running about 6 weeks after I got the chassis back, initially it gave me lots of grief with misfires and suchlike, but after much head scratching and new parts I eventually tracked the minor issues down and ever since it has proved very reliable, apart from a failed fuel pump on the way home from the recent Mannington play day it has (touching wood) been fine.....

The trial before the driving day at Mannington was the interclub, also at Mannington, on one section it would appear that the truck came into quite close contact with several trees, and quite a bit of damage was done to the nsf corner, thankfully the chassis wasn't damaged and whilst it looked bad it was effectively a wing

and bonnet, this enabled to me to do a few more tweaks which has hopefully made it a little more tolerant of water, and has resulted in more space around the sides of the engine for plug access and the like.....

All in all I'm very pleased with it, and it's looking like 2016 could be a full year of trialling, including visits to Cornwall, Wales and of course Somerset...

Ron Hogg



Images from the gestation of
'Growler' - Ron Hogg's
V8 90

CALENDAR CHANGES

Club Nights

Please note that henceforward (unless otherwise advertised or advised via the magazine or the website or Facebook) club nights will be at The Chequers Inn, 75 High Street, Lytchett Matravers BH16 6BJ

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

Gala Camping Weekend - this will take place at Stevens Farm in Martinstown as planned over the weekend of the 12th/14th August. Last year's event was great fun, and this year's promises to be even better!

MY DAY AS GREEN LANE LEADER

Since joining DRLC 2 years ago, I have really enjoyed the Green Lane trips organised by our illustrious Green Lane officer Rob Elliott. The trips have allowed me to see so much of this beautiful county in which we live and being privileged to use the UCRs and byways offers a unique view of many landmarks which we would not normally have access to. The social aspect of Green Lane trips is so enjoyable and chatting away on the CB is a great way of communicating points of interest!

With this in mind and to give Rob a much needed break I decided to organise my own trip on 8th May. I have all the UCR's and byways marked up on my maps but it is still a huge learning curve to remember not only where they all but also how to get to them. Something that became abundantly evident on Sundays aptly titled Bluebell Bimble. Rob and I discussed the route and he agreed, very kindly, to assist me with directions etc. from his Defender using the CB radio. I have driven a number of the lanes before but for the most part this was as a passenger as I have driven on the last few trips. I found only too quickly that seeing the lanes from a passenger perspective and that of a driver are too very different things.

Nine vehicles took part on Sunday which meant splitting into two groups and Steve Pascoe very kindly offered to lead the second group of four vehicles. We set off from The Red Lion at Winfrith and navigated our way along the Jubilee Trail and on to our destination in Beaminster. The beautiful weather only added to the enjoyment of the day and we were rewarded with some lovely displays of bluebells.

Navigating along the route proved harder than I had anticipated, and I embarrassingly missed some turnings and had to do some nifty U turns to get back on track (and it's not easy to be that nifty in a P38!). Fortunately, this did not lessen the enjoyment of the day and everyone in the group was extremely supportive and helpful, none more so than Rob and Andy who were happy to point me in the right direction. I have to say that, despite a few stressful moments, I really enjoyed the day and leading the group around Dorset. What this has opened my eyes to is how much work Rob has put into these trips and the knowledge involved in being able to ably direct vehicles in a correct and responsible fashion. I have the utmost respect for what Rob does and the experience has only made me want to organise more trips in the future albeit having learned a few more routes beforehand. Rob has a massive amount of local knowledge which is not something you can learn overnight so his are certainly big boots to fill in that respect. It also shows how much work goes into organising these trips which is why I feel it is really important to start sharing the load with organising future trips.

So, if there is anyone of our avid green lane participants who feels they can assist with a trip or even helping me get my bearings by joining me one afternoon or evening on a learning excursion then please let me know!

Many thanks again to Rob Elliott, Andy Wilson and Steve Pascoe for their invaluable assistance.

Jayne Simmons

THE BLUEBELL BIMBLE

What a brilliant day out! Organised and led by Jayne, the Bluebell Bimble certainly lived up to its name and blessed by lovely warm sunshine it was just perfect! Nine trucks met up at The Red Lion in Winfrith, and once the route had been transcribed on to various maps, Jayne led off the first group of five vehicles, followed fifteen minutes later by the other four, led by Steve Pascoe.

First lane of the day was the Jubilee Trail – where the bluebells along both sides of the wooded section of the track set the tone for the rest of the day. Then it was down to Moreton to drive through the ford (where one spectating woman asked “Are you really going to drive your Jeeps through the river? Won’t you sink?”) and then of course up through the forest to pick up the UCR through Sares Wood and across Southover Heath to Tolpuddle.

The BOAT from Tolpuddle to Milborne was drier and firmer than anyone could remember – obviously our wet-weather moratorium has done some good. From there, we drove up towards Milton Abbas, picking up the lanes through Great Down Clump and over Coombe Hill before a spell of B-road driving through Cheselbourne to get to the next BOAT at Piddletrenthide. At the Cerne Abbas end, we turned north to pick up the next BOAT near Minterne Magna before dropping down to Up Cerne to pick up the lane across Wancombe Hill. A meandering route then took us ever westwards through Evershot and Corscombe and eventually – via a couple of shorter but very enjoyable lanes and B-roads to our final destination of Beaminster.

Main memories of the day include the banks of bluebells, the overpowering smell of wild garlic in some of the sunken sections of lanes, Ian’s birthday cake which we all shared at the lunch break, Rob’s encounter with some stinging nettles (need to wear thicker shorts Rob!) and of course stunning views and lovely weather.

Thanks again to Jayne for organising a leading her first trip in The Blue Whale – which remarkably got home under its own power rather than behind a tow-truck!

Andy Wilson



OPEN DRIVING DAY AT MANNINGTON

Regardless really of how one measures success, the Open Driving Day in March at Mannington was certainly successful! Fifty six drivers signed on for the driving day, with a further ten signed on for the very well-arranged and popular Tyro trial event.

Prior to the day, the committee members were worried that numbers might be down compared to the late-lamented Matchams, but actually, more drivers came along to Mannington (in spite of a clash with a Hants & Berks Pay & Play event) than had come to Matchams last October. Maybe that's a reflection on the paucity of such events now that Matchams has effectively closed, but in any event, the committee members in the signing-on area were kept very busy more or less all morning. Mannington is a deceptively large site – we only ever use a relatively small part of it for RTVs – and so even those who had driven in trials there found lots to amuse them. The weather on the day was pleasantly (for Mannington, anyway) warm, although recent rain had certainly contributed to the depth of the water in the central 'lake' with the usual causeway barely visible, and the mud and ruts at the bottom of the woods were 'entertaining'. Non-members very much out-numbered DLRC members (I wonder why so few of the DLRC members come along to driving days?) and although green-ovalled vehicles were in the majority, there was more than a mere sprinkling of 'other makes', with various Jimnys, Fronteras and Vitaras pottering around (although one Frontera driver did find that his ramp break over angle was a bit insufficient, requiring a Defender tow!). What was especially interesting (and gratifying) was the number of very positive comments that appeared almost instantly afterwards on the DLRC facebook page – clearly our visitors appreciated the venue and the organisation that went in to making the day so successful.

As mentioned earlier, ten drivers signed on for the Tyro event – intended to give newbies and shinies a taste of trialling, and also allowing the 14 year old scions of drivers to have a go. There were huge grins very much in evidence (and massive bragging rights for the younger competitors the next morning at school no doubt) from the drivers trialling for the first time (including club treasurer Chris Ryan who finished with a very creditably low score).

For the record, the final Tyro scores were as follows:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Caleb Macdonald | 0 |
| Keith Mackenna | 0 |
| Mike Puge | 0 |
| Chris Ryan | 2 |
| Ollie Gilbertson | 2 |
| John Hassall, | 3 |
| Rich Milne | 7 |
| Ben Lapworth | 15 (missed section 2) |
| Roger Lapworth | 22 (missed section 2) |
| David Hassall | 25 |

So huge thanks to all the club members who gave up their time on Saturday to set things up (and who were therefore able to enjoy the sight of Jason needing to be pulled out of a muddy hole!) and massive thanks to the organisers and marshals who kept things ticking over safely on Sunday, and most of all, thanks to everyone who came along to make the day so successful. See you again in October!



All the competitors who took part in the TYRO event at Mannington

PORTESHAM RESULTS

These are the top placings in each class - full results in the next issue

SWB

- 1st - Rog Pardy - 18 points
- 2nd - Jason Macdonald - 22 points
- 3rd - Rich Parfitt - 24 points

LWB

- 1st - Trevor Harmer - 30 points
- 2nd - Daniel Parker - 32 points
- 3rd - Milly Webster - 56 points

Leaf

- 1st - Rob Jenkins - 28 points
- 2nd - Rob Shadbolt - 31 points

Modified

- 1st - Mike Webster - 9 points
- 2nd - Andy Palmer - 30 points

Total drivers 13

Points to note: Caleb Macdonald 1st RTV under revised rules enabling 14 year olds to drive and he double drove with Jason. Rob and Rob double drove Rob Jenkins Leafer due to Rob Shadbolt's failing MOT yesterday.

CROSSWAYS RTV

We returned to this usually wet local site for April's Trial. Sadly not many people turned up and at just 12 drivers, and two of those being second drivers we had just ten vehicles taking part, even so, we decided to split into two groups as 10 vehicles can still seem like a lot in certain areas of the site.

Thankfully the weather was for once kind to us, the group I was in were to start over in the quarry area, which is more open than the woods. I was first up on the first section (section 6) and took it reasonably steady and managed a clear, a great start to the day.... My nephew Toby has started driving my truck in trials and as such the truck gets a double workout.... Toby also did well on section six also getting a clear.....

Section 7 was similar to the previous one but the finish was very tight and took some getting right, i got a 1, section 8 was a Webster special and involved going through a couple of gates more than once in order to get back to the next gates, you really needed to see the sea of canes to even comprehend the complexity of it.... all canes are live during the day so if you hit another gate getting back to the next one you have failed at that point, so it was crucial not to get it wrong... another 1.

Section 9 involved water..... v8's traditionally don't like water, however recent mods have hopefully made my truck slightly happier with a quick dunk.... thankfully it survived and I scored another clear...

Section 10 was a relatively long section, In comparison to some, and involved more water getting to the finish, it would appear that most came to grief at the same point as myself, just after the water but before getting to the one cane, the ground was simply too soft and holes were quickly dug... Back to the woods and lunch, which included a sneaky peak at the other group who had encountered several recoveries, and I even managed to assist whilst lunch was still going down.... We then started again at section 1, guess what, another dunking into a few very tight turns close to trees which some touched thankfully I didn't, and i managed to again get a clear...

Section two started right next to the first one, but took a different drop into the woods, the previous group had mostly got stuck at gate 7 due to the ground being simply too soft and holes being dug, the lwb runners did get through, but only by using their shunt....

Section three saw some interesting happenings, its basically a bomb hole that we go around and drop into and then out again, Roger was running before me and as he turned into the hole and tried to then turn left his steering bar though differently and he was left left with the two front wheels in disagreement as to which direction to go, we semi straightened his steering arm with a stop and i pulled him back out for him to execute repairs whilst we carried on... I got a three. Section four was a muddy hole which ended up with two Series vehicles getting stuck in ... they wriggled off the section until we had finished at which point recoveries were dealt with, a 4 for me on this one....

The last section was a tricky one as it involved a sticky side slope around a tree and down towards what would appear to be a swamp..... it had been badly cut up and no one in our group got beyond the 7..... hence I got a 7...

So my day ended up a total score of 24, one less than Jason on 25, I was overall very happy with the trucks performance, hopefully i'll be able to achieve similar results a few more times during the year..... although I suspect Roger and Jason may prefer to beat me instead....!

Ron.

CROSSMILLY

As many of you know my dad (Mike Webster) has been attending trials for quite a while now, he has also been suggesting I join him for quite some time! (I don't think he believed I'd ever agree). Well I bit the bullet! Being a young female in an environment that is largely thought of as a male sport I was just a little scared! But you're all such lovely, friendly and welcoming people! I'm now a few RTVs in and absolutely loving it, I've definitely caught the bug! The latest trial on April 10th at crossways was an even better experience for me, I beat dad!! The very first section made him wince a little as a took a slightly different line and may have got a little closer to tipping point than he would've liked! But I made it round and went on to clear the section, great start! By the end of the morning I was already scoring fairly well and feeling rather smug but still anticipating dad upping his game and skipping ahead of me in the afternoon, but thanks to a few silly mistakes on his behalf (he is definitely kicking himself) I went on absolutely smash his score and got a massive 10 points ahead of him! It still amazes me how the morning and afternoons sections can be so different within one site, I've not yet decided whether I prefer the mud or the sand! It was a challenging day with lots of sticky mud, soft sand and trees (my worst enemy), one section in particular was extremely puzzling for someone who wasn't born with an internal Sat Nav! But as far as I'm aware there wasn't any serious damage, so all in all a successful (albeit high scoring) day!

Looking forward to the next one already!

Milly

CROSSWAYS RTV RESULTS

| LWB | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | SUB TOTAL | COC | Setup | Points | Total |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|
| Trev Harmer | 0 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 28 | | | 10 | 10 |
| Dan Parker | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 30 | | | 8 | 8 |
| SWB | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ron Hogg | 0 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24 | | | 10 | 10 |
| Jason Macdonald | 0 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 25 | | | 8 | 8 |
| Rog Pardy | 0 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Toby Carter | 0 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 | | | 6 | 6 |
| Rich Parfitt | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 35 | | | 3 | 3 |
| Nigel Carter | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 41 | 10 | | 2 | 12 |
| LEAF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rob Jenkins | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 48 | | | 10 | 10 |
| MODIFIED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Millie Webster | 0 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 33 | | | 10 | 10 |
| Mike Webster | 0 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 43 | 10 | | 8 | 18 |
| Andy Palmer | 4 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 48 | | | 6 | 6 |

MEDIA WATCH

More good publicity for the club in national magazines to report! A well-crafted catchline in May's issue of LRO of 'Valentine's Day Mass of Cars' gave coverage of the very successful inter-club event held at Mannington with Trevor's Range Rover featuring photographically, whilst the DLRC featured as Club of the Month in LRM, with pictures and words about the driving day in October (held over but nonetheless welcome publicity) along with a NIB column giving a bit of the historic background of the club.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A few issues ago, I referred to an article that had appeared in another club's magazine which discussed how we might give the wrong perception to the general public when it comes to green-laning if they see us going down lanes in vehicles with lifted suspension and massively aggressive tyres (neither of which accoutrements should be required...). In this quarter's *Green Lanes* (the magazine produced by GLASS), there is an article which continues this theme of perception, and it's interesting to see that what goes around comes around...

When I was researching the history of the club to produce the '25 Year' tome, I discovered that back in 1988, the club went green **roading**, rather than green *laning*. In Peter Milner's excellent article in *Green Lanes*, it suggests: "*We can all do one thing that is so simple but one that would change the public's perception of our hobby by discussing the subject in different terms. Green laning is regarded by many as an off-road activity, even motor sport. The public are used to driving on roads, which they regard as their right and they would be incensed if this right was taken away. Hence if we refer to driving on green roads it would reinforce the legal status of these lanes. A simple but significant change.*" It makes perfect sense to me - but what do you think?

Andy Wilson

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MANNINGTON OPEN DRIVING DAY



PICTURE GALLERY



*S&W RTV at Binegar
Many thanks to Rog Pardy for the pictures on this page!*



Caleb Macdonald competing in his first proper RTV at Portesham

GREENLANE OFFICER'S GUFF

Well, hasn't 2016 started as yet another disappointingly saturated year, devoid of club greenlaning activity due to fairly constant poor ground conditions that occasionally almost dried up to the point of being driveable? And then it rained....yet again. Because of this, the New Years trip was postponed, followed by the abandonment of the greenlaning calendar, then I had a health issue (which is still ongoing).....and poor Jayne's inaugural trip had to be called off as well. 'Frustrating' was one of my more polite descriptive terms to sum up this winter, it's even wet outside now as I'm writing this.

Many of you are aware that I was approached by the Greenlane Association (GLASS) with a view to taking over the reins from Jim, the timing could have been better where my health problem was concerned but (just like the DLRC Greenlanes Officer role) it was something that I really, *really* wanted to have a go at and on the assumption that this great opportunity may not happen again, I accepted. To me, this was also a way to further enhance what we are already doing as a club and alongside Graham Matthews (who is doing an excellent job as Rights of Way Officer), we are working as a team to build upon the already established great reputation we have as a club within the county for conscientious, responsible, rural recreation.

Just over two years ago, organised greenlaning was pretty much non-existent within the club and there has been a massive upsurge in popularity where I often found trips oversubscribed or unable to accommodate dates to suit everyone's diary, plus last years (still unexplained) departure of my young protégé put extra pressure on me to fulfil the demand and with the help of other members who stepped up we just about coped – the cold, hard fact is that I cannot predominantly do this on my own anymore. I am hoping that this year, club members will feel confident enough to organise and run their own greenlaning trips without being solely dependent on me to be the brains/leader of *every* trip, some of you have been following me along the lanes for quite a while, so you ought to have some idea of where you are by now, even I'd quite like to occasionally switch off and be the one at the back closing the gates from time to time! Graham Matthews is already up and running trips that fit around his routine that may appeal to some of you, Jayne Simmons/Chris Ryan/Mike Mears/Graham Glover have also all offered to help. Between us I hope that we can continue to maintain the current high standard of greenlaning that we pride ourselves on and have grown accustomed to. Meanwhile, I am more than happy to continue as your Greenlanes Officer, I'll still be running some trips (or leading from the rear using CB comms) and naturally I will always be on hand to assist/advise with your planning if required.

On a personal note, I give the club what little time I have available after working 50/60+hrs each week, equestrian activities with my partner, running three Facebook groups, responding to emails, GLASS and of course the ubiquitous humdrum of everyday life. People can be far too quick to criticise and bemoan others

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who are freely volunteering their services and are doing their best with what time and tools they have available, sometimes encouragement rather than condemnation would be a much more proactive approach. Therefore being a committee member can sometimes be a thankless task, but above all, as your Greenlanes Officer I'm here solely to perform those tasks entrusted to me to the best of my ability: To promote responsible motorised use of the countryside and give you all memorable times in the process. Thank you for your support,

Rob.

ROWO's WEST DORSET GREENLANING ADVENTURE

Saturday 9th April 2016

Without doubt the winter of 2015/2016 has been rather a 'wet one' and so it was with much anticipation that on Saturday 9th April members of DLRC officially ventured out into the lanes of Dorset on our first organised Greenlaning trip of the year.

At 0930hrs prompt six Land Rover's of various ages and models (Disco 300Tdi, Range Rover P38, Series II and three Defender 90's) met at the designated RV at the Dorchester Shell Garage, London Road. The aim was to get going asap as the weather forecast was for heavy showers with the possible threat of making the lanes a little soft under tyre. More of this later!

From Dorchester the 'convoy', led by myself with CB 'Rubber Duck' communications problems, we successfully navigated Mill Lane and its lovely little Ford in Charminster before moving further up the Cerne Valley to Nether Cerne and then over to Piddletrenthide and a new lane near Buckland Newton. This was the furthest east of the adventure and I'm pleased to say that my CB radio was finally working well making leading the adventure a lot easier. If you want to go greenlaning with others then I highly recommend getting your vehicle fitted with a CB.

Having negotiated one of DLRC favourite lanes above Minterne Magna we proceeded along to Up Cerne to negotiate another great lane. However, this is where the 'mud' troubles began! Having started off in brilliant sunshine the forecast showers had turned into a full frontal assault! As we approached Up Cerne we passed the occasional vintage MG car and thought that the occupants were being particularly brave considering the now constant rain. But being brave turned to what I can only describe as total stupidity when we started to climb the Up Cerne greenlane to be met by 'marshalls' from an organized hill climb event making their way down from the top. We questioned them to ascertain if we were going to interfere with the event only to be told that it was all over. What they actually forgot to tell us was that the event had to be cancelled as so many MG's had trashed the lane and several were buried up to their axles in deep MUD! I'm sure by now you can imagine just how upset we were.

There, on one side you have the members of DLRC keeping off the lanes for the whole winter and on the other a group of MG enthusiasts who couldn't care less about 'Responsible, Rural, Recreation' and had effectively undone all that we had tried to protect. Well, as the DLRC ROWO I couldn't help but give them a good talking too, not that they gave a **** about the lane as they 'had permission' and were just 'having fun'!!!! At that point the DLRC took photos of the damage and reversed back down and detoured around leaving them to it.

After a short break for lunch we ventured across the main A37, stopping only for the odd bit of protruding vegetation clearance and then onto more lanes in the west of the county. We managed a few of our favourites such as Eggardon Hill, the infamous Loddors (which I have to say is in the best condition I have ever seen it), Common Water Lane (to view the winter damage caused by the local louts) and finally the lovely long lane between Corscombe and Halstock.

So, all in all an action packed Greenlaning Day where perhaps I tried to get a bit too much in as we covered around 60 miles and finishing at around 1700hrs. But, on the brightside the members enjoyed being able to get out and about in our glorious county. Hopefully, we will have many more organised trips in the coming months.

Graham G Matthews

Rights of Way Officer



Pictures from the April GL run led by Graham Matthews - the pictures include the heavily mired MGs encountered en route!

FOLEY CONVERSION

We spotted this rather grand 6x6 on the campsite we were staying on in Spain. Unfortunately the owner and I could not communicate very well as I speak very little Italian and he spoke very little English!

He has used the vehicle all over North Africa, however he had just been all around Portugal - he now has children and they now only visit safer places where the children can attend school.

I have tried to get some information from the Foleysv.com website but have not located this particular conversion. He did indicate he had the work done in the UK about 3 years ago.

The eagle eyed amongst our readers will notice that the drive shaft to the rear-most wheels is missing having had a transmission failure in Portugal. Unfortunately I wasn't able to get any pictures inside but it all looked well made and very functional.

The raised roof gave a lot of head room and it seems that the vehicle can support a small family OK.

Ron Fisher



A couple more pictures from the April green laning trip

FAMILY FUN GALA WEEKEND – 12th – 14th August

This is our Club's chance to raise some funds and reach out to very poorly children who need our help. Julia's House Hospice support children with life limiting conditions and their families with much needed respite care during the hardest days of their lives. All we need from you is to come along, have some fun and dig deep into your pockets to join DLRC in our aim to raise a minimum of £500!

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO JULIA'S HOUSE

Programme of events:

Friday Night

Camp Fire, Chilli Chow Down and games

Saturday

Friendly, fun and hilarious Driving Gymkhana Challenge

Suitable for **EVERYONE** aged 14 – 99 If you are a DLRC member and have access to a Landy whether you drive it off road, on road or leave it parked in the garage, if it runs then come on down and join the fun!

Prizes for Top Driver and Top Junior Driver of the Day

American Style Buffet BBQ & BYO Beer Night

Music

Evening Raffle

Sunday

Treasure Trail and Cream Tea

Prices

Weekend Golden Pass – Min donation per person £30.00

Per Person Includes: Friday dinner, Breakfast Bap & Tea/Coffee, Gymkhana Pass, Soft drink, BBQ, One free raffle ticket, Pastry Tea/Coffee, Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea

Weekend Golden Pass – Family (2A 2C under 16) – Min donation per family £50.00

Per Family Includes: Friday dinner, Breakfast Bap, Gymkhana Pass for Two, Soft drink, BBQ, One free raffle ticket, Pastries Tea/Coffee, Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea

Camping Pass Friday, Saturday & Sunday day - £5.00 per pitch per night

includes electric – payable to farmer (Please note: CL site only – fresh water/ Elsan point)

Saturday Silver Pass – Min donation per person £22.50

Per person includes; Breakfast Bap, Gymkhana, Soft drink and BBQ

Sunday Bronze Pass – Min donation per vehicle £15.00

Includes; Pastry & coffee, Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea for two

P.S. We are looking for donations towards the raffle, unwanted gifts in original packaging, chocolates, wine etc – everything is welcome.

Please contact Caz Hart to book your place – membership@dorsetrover.co.uk or call after 6pm on 07525 776026.



DLRC CALENDAR 2016



3rd June

Club night



3rd-5th June

Bournemouth Wheels

3rd-5th June

Malvern 4x4 Show

12th June

RTV Shillingstone

18th-19th June

Newnham Charity RTV



1st July

Club Night

2nd-3rd July

Chickerell Steam Fair

10th July

RTV Knitson

15th-17th July

Langport

15th-17th July

Transport & Heritage Wimborne

22nd July

Quay for my Car

23rd July

Wareham Carnival



5th August

Club Night @ Purbeck Rally

5th-7th August

Purbeck Rally

7th August

Beaulieu – Simply LR

12th-14th August

Gala Camping Weekend



21st August

RTV Portesham

25th - 29th August

Great Dorset Steam Fair

2nd September

Club Night – Barbecue – Kimmeridge (prov)



9th Sep – 11th Sep

Harmans Cross Show

18th September

RTV Crossways

1st – 2nd October

L2B

1st – 2nd October

Mendips RTV



7th October

Club AGM – venue TBA

16th October

Open Driving Day

29th October

Halloween Night Lane Trip

4th November

Club night



13th November

RTV Bransgore

26th November

Annual Awards Dinner

2nd December

Club night

11th December

RTV (prov) venue tba



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

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

Club Nights

Please note that Club Nights shall henceforward (unless otherwise advertised or advised via the magazine or the website or Facebook) be at The Chequers Inn, 75 High Street, Lytchett Matravers BH16 6BJ

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



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

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE BEFORE TRAVELLING!

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



Site Directions

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

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

12th June—Shillingstone - Spectacular views of Dorset from the top- of the hill (and an interesting route to get there as well!). Challenging yet achievable hill-climbs; fun in the wooded sections and not too much mud (usually!). Come and give it a go! From the south, at Shillingstone on the A357, turn left into Gunn Lane, then bear right into Brodham Way, then turn left at T-junction (Puxey Lane) then look for club signs. OS reference for the site entrance is ST821101 – nearest postcode for SatNav is **DT11 0TE**

10th July Knitson - Fantastic views of the Purbecks and out to Swanage from this hillside site. Some 'interesting' side slopes, but very open ground for the most part. Perfect site for spectators and picnics (if the weather's good!). Just off Burnhams Lane—turn left off the Wareham/Swanage Road (signed to Knitson) - GR 005809

RTV INFORMATION

Important information for competitors

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

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



THESE THINGS WILL BE CHECKED

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

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



SPECTATORS

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



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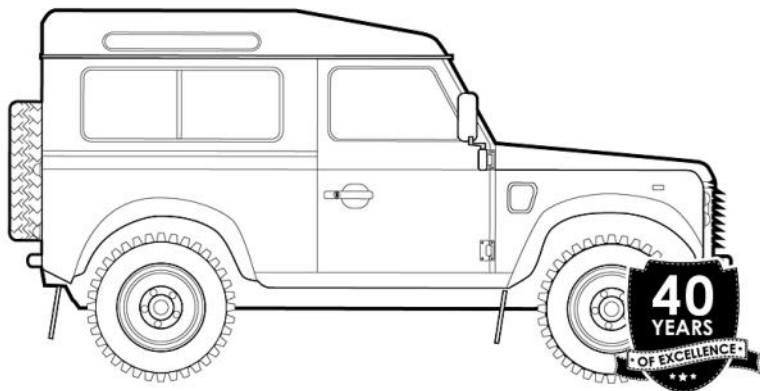
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