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## THE DORSET ROVER

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

All entries for the next newsletter to be received by  
**Monday 14th July 2014**

Club Night in June: Friday 6th June - BBQ & Music Festival

Club Night in July: Friday 4th July

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

Up to date information and more contact details can be found on the  
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**[www.dorsetrover.co.uk](http://www.dorsetrover.co.uk)**

### A PLEA FROM THE EDITOR...

Are you bored with reading the same old stuff? Then act **NOW!**

I need your contributions! Please e-mail articles, reports,  
pictures (original jpegs please), jokes, stories etc to  
**[editor@dorsetrover.co.uk](mailto:editor@dorsetrover.co.uk)** to arrive by the deadline given in the box  
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opinions expressed are not necessarily the opinions of the Committee or the Club as a  
whole.



Poor Andy is always waiting for my waffle to put the mag to print & this one is no exception. Trouble is, the lovely weather today hasn't helped because I fancied a cider when I got home! I don't know how he does it? Not just the mag but the Piston Broke Trophy must have taken a bit of time to sort. I would have really liked to do this event again but Paul & I are getting back into our challenges & we had a date clash. I enjoyed last year's so was a bit gutted. He's

also been busy organising some other club related stuff!

Teresa organised a cracking Easter break camping weekend. I'm sure there'll be a write up but 6 couples made the trip down to Dartmoor for the 3 nights. We had a lovely time sightseeing & socialising & on the last night a brilliant game of skittles in the pub.

I couldn't trial at Mannington but I went to watch/marshal for the morning. Mae came with me but she doesn't quite get it yet & just wanted to throw rocks in the puddles & generally get in the way! She has finally got her Toylander now so maybe that will change?

The Toylander made its first appearance at Abbey hill steam rally. I'd busted my b4115 (& wallet) to get it there & I owe James Pinfield a huge thanks for sorting the wiring & getting the motor running. I was very impressed by how well it went, pulling me & 3 kids around the show ring. There's still an issue with the speed controller but the kids were still able to trundle around the camping field. I've put a video of the action on the website; it's lovely to hear them all laughing so much. I can see I'm going to have to build a trailer to go on the back because it only seats 4 & there are far more kids that want a ride around.

The driving day wasn't as well attended as we'd have liked but we made a few quid so not all bad. The next trial scheduled for Tincleton has had to be moved to Matchams as well but it's got so much there it should be a good trial.

Now that the summer is here to stay! We can enjoy getting out into the countryside so look out for any events that you'd like to join in & get your names down. Some of our events have limited space so book early. See you on the next one?

**Rog.**

### URGENT NOTICE

Enclosed with this copy of The Dorset Rover you will find a Data Protection form to fill in and return to the Club Secretary. 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 by the deadline of Monday 14th July 2014

## DATE CHANGES

Please note the following:

Additional date: 1st June - AutoJumble at Matchams

27th July - RTV at Knitson (previously listed as 13th July)

12th/13th July - Stevens Farm Beer & Cider Festival (previously listed as 4th July)

*Who said: Half of everything on my Land Rover is always broken. I don't fix it, since it halves the chance of something new breaking...*

## URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL RTV DRIVERS

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

**Rog**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Neil Sims - Verwood  
Sam Storey - Sherborne  
Mark Knight - New Milton  
Roy Board - Taunton  
Kevin Power - Amersham  
Keith Upton-Pittaway - Bournemouth  
Toby Wicks - Sherborne  
Will Cranton - Bransgore  
Lee Hutchins - Poole

Jason Annels - Christchurch  
Cameron Lloyd - Wimborne  
Douglas McCrorie - Wimborne  
Dean Stephens - Calshot  
Jason Lloyd - Chickerell  
Keith Graham - Upwey  
Kev Brooks - Hamworthy  
R Dickson - Gillingham

## 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:

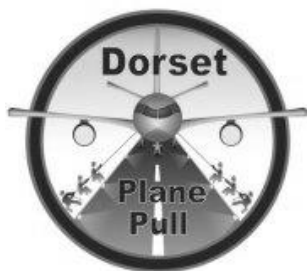
Polo shirt with logo, flag & website £20.00

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.



## BOURNEMOUTH PLANE PULL

Last year some of our members joined forces with Thompson valves and took part in the Bournemouth plane pull. Our team came in at 6<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 29.69 seconds. All in all it was a fantastic day so this year Caz and I would like to enter our own Dorset Rovers team! We will need a group of people (max 20) to attempt to pull a Boeing 737 weighing in at 35,000 Kg at a distance of 50 meters ideally in the fastest time (can we beat our previous score?)

This event takes place at Bournemouth Airport on

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August between 10am and 6pm

We would also like to look into getting team t shirts made up to look the part.

The day will also consist of live entertainment, food, drink, stalls and exhibits.

Sponsorships will be required and all proceeds raised will go to our chosen charity, please note there may be an entrance fee to pay dependent on which charity we choose. Each charity decides on its own team entrance fee

The charities to choose from are: Alzheimer's research UK, The Amelia Grace Rainbow fund, DEBRA, Diverse Abilities plus, John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation, Lewis Manning Hospice, Julia's House and MND association.

Please visit [www.planepull.co.uk](http://www.planepull.co.uk) or contact either Caz or myself for further information.

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

## **YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!**

There are going to be two vacancies on the Club Committee when it comes around to the AGM in October. The Committee has decided to publicise these two posts now so that anyone interested can find out about the roles, and possibly work with the current incumbents to prepare for the changeover. Each of the current officers have written a few lines on what their roles involve...

### **CLUB TREASURER - currently Ron Hogg**

Hi, every single member will have at some time or other come into contact by whatever means with the club treasurer, whether simply to pay your annual membership, or for all sorts of other potential reasons, the role of club treasurer is one of the pivotal roles within the club committee, basically looking after and controlling the clubs cashflow, managing the membership subs and renewals, liaising with the membership secretary to let them know once people have paid and paying all the club invoices for the likes of such menial things as stamps, right across the board to trial site and permit fees, to club clothing and everything in between. The treasurer is also responsible for invoicing the advertisers in the club magazine, once per year per advertiser, and banking cash and cheques received, attending bi-monthly committee meetings in order to keep the committee abreast of the club financial situation.

There are roughly 100-120 payments out per year, and rarely does a week go by without something needing attention.

The treasurer is also responsible for creating the annual balance sheet to be presented to the AGM in October, and putting together the annual accounts for the club accountant, and liaising with them to sort any questions.

Ideally applicants for this role will be computer literate with ability to create spreadsheets, and deal with online banking and making BACs payments to various suppliers as and when needed. **Ron Hogg**

### **DEPUTY EVENTS SECRETARY - currently Rich Parfitt**

At this year's AGM I will be standing down from the committee and the position of Deputy Events Secretary. This means the role is up for grabs and if you're an active member of the club, or looking to get more involved I would encourage you to consider the position. Essentially the role is to support the Events Secretary, currently Nigel Moore, in his duties. How this has worked in practice when running events is Nigel has booked the site with the land owner and arranged the permit. I have then arranged for a team to set out the event whether an RTV or a driving day ensuring all the necessary equipment is available. On a typical RTV I've done the sign on and delegated other tasks of the day such as scrutineering, marshalling and scorekeeping. Other tasks include paying the land-owner and passing the permit onto the treasurer for payment. More general responsibilities include attending the committee meetings, helping other members of the committee with their duties and promoting the club through forums, social media and the website. Any training needed will be given but no specialist knowledge is required for this role.

If you're interested in the post I would be happy to talk to you in more detail. My contact details are in the front of the magazine or come and find me at any of the RTVs or at the monthly social. **Rich Parfitt**



## ...AND WELCOME TO A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER



**Polly MacDonald** has recently taken on the role of club Membership Secretary, so any queries about membership should be sent to her.

Polly is the wife of DRLC member (and RTV fanatic) Jason Macdonald; she works in local government. She drives a Range Rover Vogue, and says: *"I have never driven off road but I do admit I do like a beast of a car."*

Polly can be contacted at:  
[membership@dorsetrover.co.uk](mailto:membership@dorsetrover.co.uk)

## FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Club night BBQ and mini music festival  
Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road, BH21 4EL

We will have exclusive use of the bbq area from 6pm

Please bring your own food but drinks must be purchased from the bar

After our bbq we can head over onto the field for some live music and the beer tent

Entry to the music festival will be £5 per person on the Friday night. This is a reduced cost strictly for club members only

(WELLIES WILL BE REQUIRED)

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

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Greenlane day and BBQ. This day will consist of a full days greenlaning around Dorset followed by a BBQ on Ibberton Hill around 6pm. Please refer to the members greenlaning page on the website for further details. The idea is that club members will, between them, drive every BOAT in Dorset on the same day. And readers of the club's history will be aware that Ibberton Hill was the venue for the first ever club meeting in 1987. As usual please bring along your own food, drinks and chairs

BBQ site grid reference ST792071



## **Greenlane & BBQ day, 28th June**

There are more details of how to be involved in this event on the club website (but make sure you are logged in as the page is a members-only area!) The idea is that between the participants, every BOAT (byway open to all traffic) in Dorset will be driven on the same day by club members, who will then be asked to fill in the club report form; these forms will be sent to DCC as evidence of usage and will provide data for the Definitive Map. The county will be split into 4 regions, N,S,E & W. each with a group leader and 4 spaces for members on each region. At the moment, Rob Elliott will lead the North Dorset group, Jim Welch will head up the southern party, and Ron Hogg will act as pathfinder for the western group. At the time of writing, we are still looking for a leader for the eastern group.

All the groups will converge on Ibberton Hill for a BBQ at around 6.00pm. Those of you who have read the club's History will know that Ibberton Hill was the meeting point for the club's first ever get together in August 1987 - so even if you can't do the green lane element (and places in the four groups will be limited anyway by the club's Responsible Rural Recreation policy) but you'd like to come along and be sociable in the early evening, the meeting place will be at the Ibberton Hill car park (grid reference ST792071) at around 6.00pm. Bring your own food and drink!

For more details, contact Teresa (Social Secretary) or Rob Elliott (Green Lanes Officer) - contact details on page 3 of this issue!

## **GREEN LANE TRIP - MARCH 2014**

Our first Green Lane trip since New Year's Day was on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. We met at Corfe Castle, National Trust car park at 09.30 hrs and the group was made up of Rob Elliott, Tom Bayford (a new member), Les and Jane Wilkins, Jim and myself. It was a bright, sunny but chilly morning, which would make for a great day's laning; we would be able to see the wonderful scenery and landscape of this spectacular county, in which we live. We left the car park and (Rob led in his P38 Range Rover for the very first lane; then Jim took over in his 110 Defender), and went up Sandy Hill Lane, to the viewpoint over the top of the Purbecks, next to the mast. You could see Corfe Castle as clear as day. We stopped to admire the view and took some photographs; we then continued down Rollington Hill, past Rollington Farm and turned left back towards Corfe Castle. The next lane we drove was past Vineyard Holiday Cottage to the gates opposite. We went through two gates that are at 90° to each other and then drove up West Hill; this land is owned by the National Trust and is the start of the new Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). We then came to another gate. We went through this gate and this is the start of Byway 5. We stopped once all our vehicles were through the gate; last time Jim and I drove this Byway from the other direction it was rather overgrown; so we went to check it's condition before we drove on up through it. We were glad we did! This is where we did our very first lane clearing; we spent half an hour or so cutting back vegetation. Rob looked quite menacing with a set of long-handled secateurs in his hands and his comment was "I don't ram myself into any old bush these days!"

This set the banter and laughter for the rest of the day. As the 'boys' were busy cutting back the vegetation and clearing the lane; several cyclists came along the route and showed their appreciation for what we were doing. Once we had finished we continued on up the hill and admired some simply stunning views. We could see all the way across the Needles on the Isle of Wight.

We, from there, trekked slowly across the top of Ridgeway Hill and from the top looked down on the small Dorset Hamlets of Cocknowle and Church Knowle. We passed along this route; one particularly disgruntled 'Bobble-Hat' Rambler/Jogger, but decided best to ignore him. Rob felt left out, as the 'Bobble-Hat' never said anything to him. We thought that was probably because he looked like a Farmer/Land-owner in his checked – shirt and P38 Range Rover! When we got to the top we found out that the gate onto the byway that goes past Grange Arch, was locked. Now was the time to test the key that Jim has been given: (as we, DLRC, are exempt from the T.R.O. and Jim has been approved as a key-holder; as he is our Rights of Way Officer, GLASS Rep for Dorset and a member of the Dorset Land Access Forum), to open the gate. 'Hey Presto' it worked and no one was more relieved than Jim, especially after all the hard work he had put into locating this key. We continued driving the route and stopped at Grange Arch to admire the view and take some more photographs. This again produced an outstanding view through the Arch. Looking through the Arch you can see Creech Grange Manor House and it's surrounding estate. Part of the Estate is on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the outbuildings are home to a colony of Great Horseshoe Bats. The Estate and house have been owned by the Bond Family since 1861, and are still owned by the family currently. We stopped at the car park at Creech View Point for lunch; where we admired the beautiful countryside and munched our sandwiches.

Leaving Creech Car Park we drove down past Kimmeridge, onto Lulworth and up onto the lane that ends at Dagger's Gate. As we travelled along this UCR the visibility was excellent and the sun was still shining; as such you could look across and see Lulworth Bay and the spectrum of different hues of blue and green out on the sea. After Dagger's Gate we went onto the Jubilee Trail; here we encountered a large fallen tree and had to clear the route of branches so we could drive through safely. We then continued on to Moreton Ford. The flow of the river was definitely stronger than it has been previously and it was also significantly deeper than it has been in the past. We weren't surprised though judging by the amount of water that has fallen out of the sky over the past few months. Rob and Jim tested the water for depth and Rob took his Range Rover through first. Then we followed in our Defender and could feel the current and volume of water pushing us towards the bridge; as we came out of the ford we very nearly gave a dog an unintentional bath, as he tried to play with our "bow-wave". Tom came through next in his Disco 2 and it was the first time he had driven this ford. He was really pleased to have done it, if a little fast! Les and Jane brought up the rear as cool as ever.

The day came to a close at the end of Moreton Drive. We had been truly blessed with the weather, great company and a good day planned by our Green Lanes Officer, Rob Elliott; with a bit of assistance from the Club's Rights of Way Officer, Jim Welch. A fantastically well-organized day of 'Responsible, Rural, Recreation', which was calm, relaxed and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Jim and I are already looking forward to the next Green Lane trip at the end of April. A Great Day Rob – Well Done!

**Nicky Welch**



*Club green lane trip in March - the 'convoy' pauses near Creech*

## **THE LYDFORD SKITTLERS**

### **DLRC camping weekend - Easter 2014**

Pitching before 9am, Rog and I were making our objective clear – we were on our Easter holiday and nothing was going to stop us. First outing of the season took us to a little site behind the Fox and Hounds pub at Lydford, just a stone's throw from the beautiful Dartmoor. Over the next two to three hours the rest of the gang rolled up and before we knew it the Cider was a flowing, the kids were charging about and the dogs were chilling in the shade.



Later that afternoon, after a quick head count we realised a number of the gang were AWOL, shortly located in the bar drinking some yummy local beers. Having dragged them back to base, a game of rounders ensued, easier said than done after a number of ciders – oddly kids fared better in their sober state. A good laugh and great chance to let the competitive edge shine through, dusk and lack of energy soon focused us on the evenings activity, a tasty BBQ warmed by the fire pit courtesy of Lee.

A beautiful dawn and the chorus of 'Bracken, Bracken, Bracken' came around all too quick and then the plan was born: a group stroll along the stunning Lydford Gorge. All the kids, dogs and jaded folk piled down to the beautiful site and started a four mile stroll through winding nooks and crannies, Waterfalls cascading past our heads, leaves of the hundreds of trees rustling in the breeze. What a stunning place to be, all the better for being surrounded with our friends from the DLRC.

Having left the gang separated and doing their own thing, Rog and I were joined by Nicky and Jim for the most amazing afternoon tea at Two Bridges on Dartmoor, truly beautiful location and scrummy, massive homemade scones and clotted cream – highly recommended.

Another social bbq that night, all huddled initially in the event shelter for a natter and a platter then warmed by a roaring fire pit, allowing us to stay out til the stars were shining bright that night.

The next day was dull and grey when we woke but not wanting to let that put us off we donned our brollies and waterproofs and ventured to a local copper mine & quay for a shot of culture. Morwellham Quay, recently seen on BBC 2's Edwardian Farm was a little gem, ideal to mosey around, nosing at the old houses, ships and history even including a trip on the mine train with a great narrator who's been doing the same thing for some 15 years!!! A purchase of Rhubarb and Custard and we were on the road back home again. What to do.....

Easy, dinner down the pub with six of us including massive plates of tasty morsels, mine a traditional Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding washed down with, yes, you guessed more Cider! Chatting the bar man up I managed to persuade him for free use of their skittle alley and soon all 19 of us were battling it out for champion skittler. Great fun, cheating, laughter and more beer saw Teresa crowned as our winner!

This was us, our tale of the Lydford Skittlers, a production of DLRC – what a great time for all involved and thank you Teresa for getting us booked in and co-ordinated.

**Caz**

*Pausing for a breather  
during the trek up the  
gorge*



## MANNINGTON RTV

After a lengthy spell of dry weather there was optimism that the RTV trial event at the Mannington site would be relatively mud-free, but two days and nights of rain immediately prior to the event put paid to that theory! The site is one of the club's favourites, with mixed terrain ranging from woodland to sand-quarry, steep banks to deep holes – and the conditions certainly tested the drivers.

Fifteen drivers signed-on for the event, which was – as usual – split into three classes: Long wheel base, Short wheel base and Leafsprung. Some of the courses and gates were very tight, perhaps favouring the short wheelbase vehicles, with some of the dips and peaks catching out the long wheel base drivers in terms of entry and departure angles.

Nonetheless, Trevor Harmer, driving a Range Rover, managed a very creditable 10 penalty points (completing no fewer than seven of the ten sections as 'clears'), thereby winning the LWB competition. In the SWB class, there was a win for Martin Dover who managed eight clear sections, and only amassed 2 penalty points. The reduced articulation of the leafers caused one or two problems in cross-axle sections, but nevertheless Robert Shadbolt managed three clear sections on his way to winning the leafsprung competition with 31 penalty points.

The watery and muddy conditions in some areas of the site caught out one or two of the drivers, but winching and towing was – as usual – carried out safely and efficiently.

Martin Dover was very pleased with his win, saying afterwards: "All sections were drivable (as they should be) with just a couple of clears being rather challenging!"

<b>LWB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RANK</b>
Trevor Harmer	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	10	1
Tom Jarrett	3	0	4	3	1	1	9	6	0	0	27	2
James Pinfield	9	5	3	1	1	5	1	6	7	0	38	3
<b>SWB</b>												
Martin Dover	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Tim Cox	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	2
Rob Jenkins	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	10	3
Ron Hogg	0	5	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	4
Mike Webster	8	0	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	15	5
Jason Macdonald	8	0	0	2	0	1	8	6	0	0	25	6
Robin Dumbreck	9	0	6	3	1	1	9	7	7	0	43	7
Nigel Carter	9	9	7	5	5	4	1	4	6	0	50	8
<b>LEAF</b>												
Rob Shadbolt	6	0	0	2	1	7	3	6	6	0	31	1
Andy Palmer	6	0	6	3	0	8	9	1	6	0	39	2
Keith Jamieson	6	0	6	3	5	1	8	6	7	0	42	3
James Gray	8	9	7	6	6	1	9	6	7	0	59	4

## MATCHAMS DRIVING DAY

There was a good turn-out for the Open Driving Day at Matchams Leisure Park (near Ringwood) for the Club's Open Driving Day, with a few short of forty drivers signing on – the vast majority in green oval-badged vehicles (although there were a couple of 'other makes' in evidence!).

Although much of the area available to drive was in very good condition, with plenty of traction to be found, there was also plenty of mud to catch out the unwary or overambitious. The good folk who run the pay and play days at Matchams open up the whole area for the club's Open Driving Days, giving an opportunity for owners of 'shinies' to have a go on good surfaces and non-scratchy trails, whilst those with more modified vehicles have plenty of chances to put their trucks through their paces.

The Open Driving Days are also very useful for attracting new members to the club – and it was great to welcome the five who joined on the day to take advantage of club-member driving fees. Club Chairman Rog Pardy was pleased with the numbers who attended, and said afterwards: "We're always made very welcome at Matchams. The organisers know that our club is very well-behaved and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with no real mishaps to report."

The club's next Open Driving Day at Matchams will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> October – so put the date in your diaries now!



*Matchams Driving Day - more pictures in the colour section!*



## PISTON BROKE CHALLENGE 2014

Early May saw the return of the annual Piston Broke Challenge - a treasure hunt, navigational exercise, regularity test and gymkhana all rolled into one and staged at (and around) club member Willem van Der Horst's farm in Pulham.

As before there were two groups involved in the day's events. Each group began the competition with a timed gymkhana test through some tight twists and turns in one of the fields (Martin thought that it showed a bit of prejudice towards his 130 truck...) which was followed immediately with a nearly forty mile route - navigated using tulip diagrams - during which the crews had to find the answers to a series of questions. On returning to Pulham, each vehicle then drove the gymkhana course for a second time, but this time in reverse! Points were awarded for accuracy of navigation (assessed from elapsed time against an optimum and total distance covered) and for the closeness of the two gymkhana runs in terms of time and of course the answers to the treasure hunt questions.

When all the scores were added up, and penalty points subtracted, Robin and Jackie Dumbreck emerged as the winners of Andy's run, whilst the winners of Willem's run, and overall champions, were Rob Elliott and Lisa Gilby.

All the participants and passengers then got stuck in to a delicious barbecue (very generously provided by Willem), and there was delight when it was announced that entry fees, donations (and Willem's donation-matching promise) meant that The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance would benefit from a total of £372 raised from a very enjoyable day.



*Willem presents Rod Elliott and Lisa Gilby with their Piston Broke trophies; Robin Dumbreck receives his trophy from Willem; a little bit of Piston Broke action.*



## PURBECK GREEN LANE TRIP



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## CLUB WEEKEND AT LYDFORD





## MATCHAMS DRIVING DAY



## MANNINGTON RTV







*Abbey Hill Steam Fair - May, 2014*



*Mike Webster finds a convenient parking space*

## THE PROBLEM PAGE

Readers might like to know that Land Rovers even make it onto the Problem Pages of magazines. Here's one I found whilst sitting at the dentist...

*Dear Deidre*

*I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a few hundred yards down the road when my engine conked out and the Land Rover shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help.*

*When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was parading in front of the wardrobe mirror dressed in my underwear and high-heel shoes, and he was wearing my make-up.*

*I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years. When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he had dressed in my lingerie because he couldn't find his own underwear. But when I asked him about the make-up, he broke down and admitted that he'd been wearing my clothes for six months.*

*I told him to stop or I would leave him.*

*He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore.*

*Can you please help?*

*Sincerely,*

*Sheila.*

**...and here's Dierdre's reply:**

Dear Sheila

A Land Rover stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the jubilee clips holding the vacuum pipes onto the inlet manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.  
Deidre.

## NEW ADVERTISER

Those who read The Dorset Rover from cover to cover will have noted that we have a new advertiser 'on board' – see page 2 for the new advertisement from Heritage.

The club's contact at Heritage Classic Car Insurance (Leena Marsh) has said: "We love to work closely with clubs and offer discounts to members of those clubs (15% discount) for taking out insurance policies for their Classic vehicles. We are highly competitive on modified Land Rovers and seeing as I've got a background in the offroad industry (I worked with Arbil two years ago) I have a true passion for Land Rovers, especially Defenders! We would like to form a partnership with Dover Land Rover Club if you would be interested?"

To explain the idea of partnership, Lena went on to say: "I'm also wondering how you'd feel about asking your club members to share their stories with Heritage. We are looking to gather stories on Land Rovers and their owners. There is always a story with the classic life our members lead and they are worth sharing. If you could ask your members to share their stories with us, whether it be how they modified their Landy, where they went off roading, the time they broke down for the umpteenth time along their 200 mile roadtrip and how they managed to fix it with their bare knuckles and a hammer. Any story that they are willing to share we would love to have and we would add these to our new website coming soon. For clubs that are happy to become affiliates with us, we are keen to have a page dedicated to the club which explains more and links those stories back to the club the member's associated with."

So if you've got a story that you'd like me to forward to Leena, just send it to [editor@dorsetrover.co.uk](mailto:editor@dorsetrover.co.uk) or you could send it direct to Leena:

[leena@norton-ib.co.uk](mailto:leena@norton-ib.co.uk)

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Q. What is the most worn out part of a Land Rover?  
A. The bonnet hinges

Q: How do you get oil out of a rock?  
A: Put a Land Rover sticker on it.



## BOOK REVIEW

### LAND ROVER – Series I, II, IIA and III

By James Taylor

This could hardly be described as a bed-time read (the book is a bit big for holding comfortably when lying down!), but it's a really good addition to one's Land Rover library if you're interested – as I am - in Land Rover ephemera, especially the advertising campaigns that have characterised the years covered by the book.

The book acknowledges that there has rarely been a British success story like the Land-Rover. The series of vehicles depicted and described take the reader from the beginning in 1948 through to 1985. In the

book James Taylor (who is well known as a writer about Land Rovers of all sorts), provides a detailed study of the Land-Rover's evolution through the period and the variants and special-purpose versions that were produced. There have been other books that tell the story of the development of our favourite vehicle, but uniquely, it is the manufacturer's own sales brochures and advertising that supply the illustrations, which number some 400 and serve not only to correctly depict the vehicles but also to re-create the atmosphere of the times when they were made.

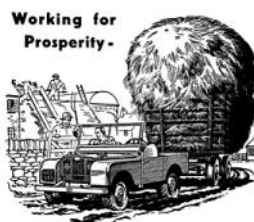
One of things that I really liked about the book was the vast number of advertisements that I simply hadn't seen before. The vast majority of the early ones – through to the early 1970s – were hand-painted (though it's easy to see that many were based on the same company photographs) and for anyone interested in graphic design and advertising – leaving to one side the inherent interest in all things Land Rover – the book doubles up as a history of advertising and marketing.

The earlier advertisements are very much to do with the utilitarian nature of the vehicle, featuring farmers and other users to whom the plethora of PTOs would appeal; it's not until the advent of the Series III that distinctly life-style advertisements make an entrance, showing – for example a Land Rover being used to tow a large yacht on a trailer in a leisure environment. Another interesting section is that devoted to the sales literature that was used to market the special vehicles – fire engines and ambulances, for example.

So it's very much a book that can be enjoyed at all levels, even just looking at the pictures (although there is some very interesting and informative text to accompany them). Priced at £35 (although available through Amazon at £21.70) it's quite expensive (although as I got mine for Christmas, that wasn't such an issue!), but if you're interested in advertising and the history of Land Rovers combined, it's a lovely book.

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## MEMBER PROFILE

### JIM WELCH, DLRC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OFFICER

63 year old (*I thought he was much younger!*) Jim Welch joined the club in 2008. He was looking for somewhere to enjoy a social, friendly group of people who also share a passion for vehicles with a Green Oval. He currently owns an Alveston Red 2000 Land Rover Defender TD5 110 County Station Wagon, although a Range Rover Classic also features in his ownership history. He cites as his best experience in a Land Rover was when he was attached to Ops Group HQ, London Fire Brigade, as a Driver/Operator of a Police Spec Range Rover Vogue, carrying specialist equipment to incidents around Central London, during which one outstanding memory was driving at 70mph down Park Lane with blue lights flashing and sirens wailing. His worst experience was paying the bill at A L Services following a cylinder head re-build to my TD5!



If money was no object then he'd like to own a Range Rover Sport, perhaps making his dream journey to Libya to see where his Dad was stationed in the Western Desert during the Second World War.

Jim doesn't participate in trials, preferring to keep his 110 in good condition (and one piece!) for green laning trips, his most memorable being doing the Rock Climb in Happy Valley, North Wales – this part of the route has now been closed.

Before moving to Dorset, Jim was a London Fire-Fighter for 20 years, serving in Central London, the last 12 years of which he was based at London Fire Brigade Headquarters, Lambeth, River Section. His career spanned and included 5 years of Emergency Crash Rescue, dealing with anything and everything in Central London. He was also a Senior Coxwain on The River Thames Fireboat and was awarded Three Commendations for Brave Conduct whilst serving in London Fire Brigade and also the Fire Brigade 20 Year Service and Good Conduct Medal at a special ceremony in Central London.

As a part-time Fire-Fighter and Special Effects Technician between 1976 – 1994, Jim was based at Shepperton Studios and worked on many films including *Full Metal Jacket*, *Patriot Games*, and Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*; he received a Personal Commendation from Robert De-Niro for Fire-Fighting skill during the making of *Frankenstein*.

Jim is currently a Fire Equipment Service and Maintenance Engineer, but manages to fit in the recently revived role of Club Rights of Way Officer. In this capacity he attends frequent meetings at County Hall, and as the Dorset GLASS rep, is very much involved with keeping up-to-date with the threat posed by the Deregulation Bill. He's passionate about keeping our rights-of-way open, and anyone thinking of going green-laning ought to check with Jim first about their proposed route, so they can keep things legal!

## DLRC CALENDAR 2014

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

### 1st June

6th June

8th June

21st/22nd June

22nd June

### 28th June

4th July

### 12th/13th July

### 27th July

19th/20th July

26th/27th July

1st August

### 8<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> August

16th/17th August

17th August

31st August

5th September

### 20th/21st September

13th September

14th September

3rd October

4th/5th October

12th October

7th November

9th November

5th December

### AutoJumble at Matchams

### Club Night **BBQ and Music Festival**

Wessex Classic Car Show at Lulworth Castle

Bristol & West LR Show

RTV at Portesham

Club Barbecue and DLRC **Green Lanes Day**

Club Night

### Stevens Farm Cider Festival

### RTV at Knitson

Langport

LR show at Billing

Club Night

Purbeck Rally

Yesterday's Farming Show

RTV at Crossways

Club Green Lanes Treasure Hunt

Club Night

LR show at Peterborough

Ladies Day & club camping weekend at

Tincleton (prov)

RTV at Tincleton (prov)

AGM

London to Brighton LR Run

Driving Day at Matchams

Club Night

RTV at Bransgore

Club Night



## MEMBER PROFILE

### ANDY WILSON - PR officer & Editor of The Dorset Rover

Andy joined the club in 2010, having just purchased his first 'proper' Land Rover, a Defender 90 TDCi. It's still more a less a 'shiny', though various green-lane trips have left their mark! Andy always wanted a Land Rover; in fact the first car he drove (at the age of 13 or 14) was an Army Series 2 which he trundled around a parade ground where his father was based, although the first motorised vehicle he ever drove was an old, grey Ferguson tractor (that was aged 9 on his uncle's farm in Yorkshire).



Andy was one of those strange children who never wanted a sports car; he said: "Ever since I can remember I'd always wanted a proper Land Rover, and the Defender was purchased after a couple of Freelanders."

He cites as his best experience in a Land Rover driving Strata Florida for the first time, and the worst experience was definitely a near-roll whilst trialling at Knitson. He's very happy with the Defender, but if money were no object, then he'd buy a good 130 ambulance, and pay Nene Overland to do a full professional conversion into a luxury camper. Having done that, Andy would like to spend a couple of weeks driving the mountain trails around Ronda (in Andalucia in Spain) as preparation for a trip through the Atlas Mountains.

The best part of being a member of DLRC for Andy is the friendship and camaraderie that comes as a result of owning such an iconic vehicle. The second best part of it has been the opportunity to become editor of The Dorset Rover, which he's now been doing for a couple of years.

Since the 'incident' at Knitson, Andy hasn't driven in a trial – he finds it's safer to be behind a camera rather than a steering wheel, but he enjoys pottering around on green-lanes, whether locally or further afield when time allows. As mentioned earlier, his favourite route would have to be Strata Florida (with Sarn Helen a close second), although, as he points out, trundling up or down the Jubilee Trail in Moreton is an instant 'fix'! As he says: "If you own a Land Rover, you don't have to drive across the Sahara; sometimes it's enough to know that you could."

Andy genuinely enjoys putting the club magazine together, although he wishes that sometimes he had more material from the wider membership. He recently completed a research project into the history of the club (which was 25 years old in 2012), and the resultant publication of *A Short History of the DLRC* seems to have been well received. He's also an avid collector of interesting Land Rover models and other ephemera.

#### **A selection of bumper stickers spotted on Land Rovers..**

*If my wife was this dirty, I'd have stayed at home!*

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*Keep Your distance - you never know what will fall off*

## RTV CALENDAR 2014

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

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



### URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL RTV DRIVERS

To all RTV drivers. Please be aware that as a member club of the ALRC we have to abide by the regulations set out by them. Please make sure your vehicle complies or you might be excluded from taking part in trials.

The rules are in the green book (Rog still has some if you need one) & on our website & the ALRC website. They're very easy to stick to so please comply.

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

### 22nd June - Portesham

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

### 27th 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

### 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**

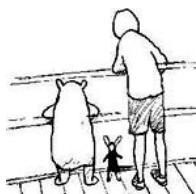
You are reminded that you should check by phone before arriving at an event. If you arrive and there are no club officials then the event has been cancelled and no attempt should be made to drive round the site.

### Site Directions

For a list of current site directions and up-to-date event information, please visit the club website: [www.dorsetrover.co.uk](http://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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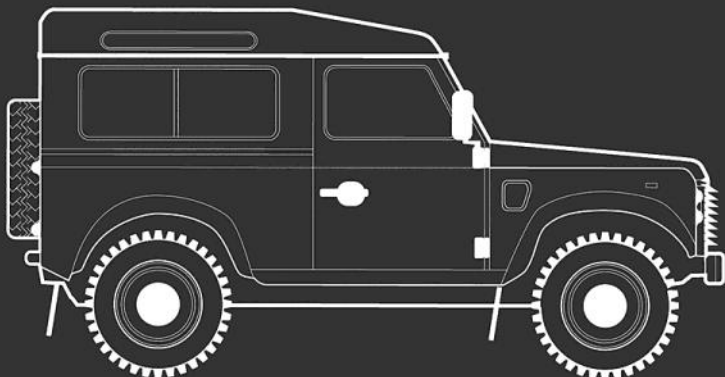
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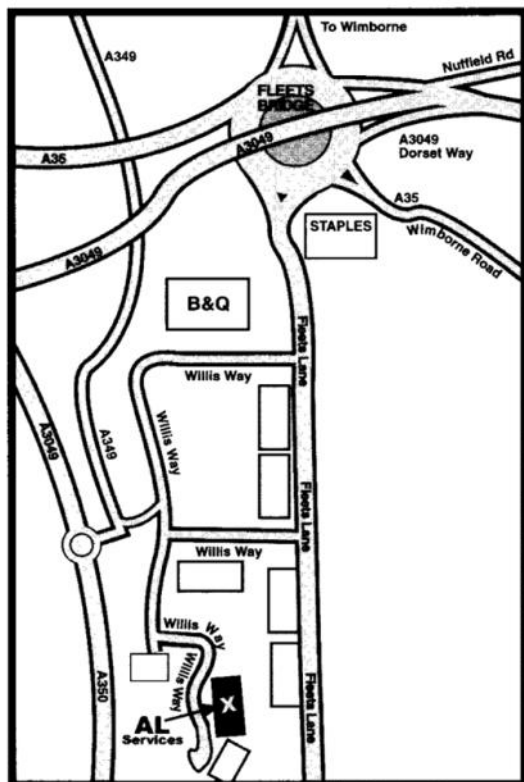
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