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Cover Picture

It's that time of year again and
snow may well be just around
the corner. On this months
cover, Danny's Discovery sits
alone in the snow at last
January's driving day.

Nooze News!

So here we are at the beginning of 2014 and we'd like to wish you all a happy new year and trust that the Christmas break was everything you wanted it to be.

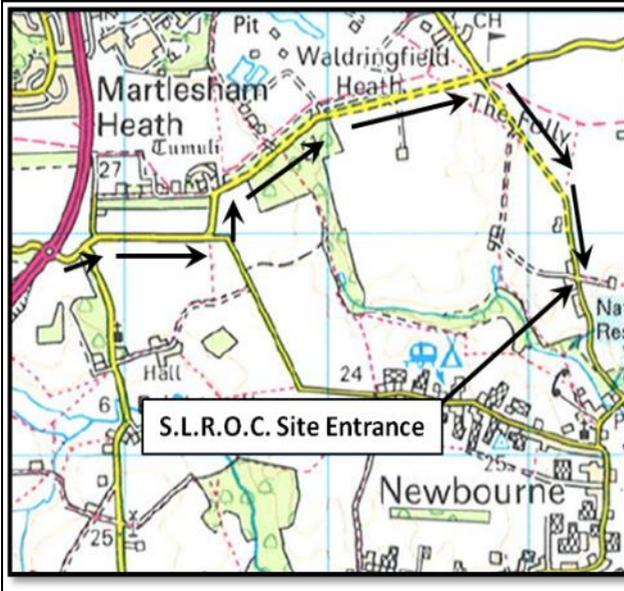
Of course its the beginning if a new 'Land Roving year' and many of you will be planning all sorts of adventures for the coming months no doubt to all corners of the British Isles and we hope that some of the articles in this months issue will inspire you on to that journey of you own. Chris Finbow talks about his preparation for a group winter trip to Wales, and there's the first part of a report for another group laning trip running coast to coast across East Anglia. And where would we be without the next instalment of Rob and Ally's epic African adventure. As a final return to our 'home patch', Hannah Jeff discovers the perfect way to spend her 18th birthday. When you've got over all that talk of travel, you can sit back in the warm and complete the winter word search.

Finally, we are now in a position to offer Nooze in PDF format for those that would like it in their in-box each month! Maybe you'd like to be able to read it on your tablet computer, your PC or maybe even your smart phone. Perhaps you'd just like to see the whole of Nooze in colour not just the outside cover. Maybe you simply want to get a sneak peak before the postman brings the printed copy. Of course you could opt out of the printed copy all together and help save a few trees as well as the postage cost! If you'd like to get Nooze by email it will take under 3Mb in your inbox each month.

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All the best... **Andy**

Directions to the Newbourne club site



The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down around the village, and especially on the access track which has a 5mph limit. See you there!

Badwell Ash



Snugg's Pit



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Chat From the Chair

I sit here nestled in my armchair typing this months chat from the chair, having returned from helping to marshal the last competition of 2013 the single vehicle winch trial at Snuggs Pit. It was another fantastic event with a good mix of vehicles and levels of experience, well done to Ralph and his team for all their hard work and to all the marshals and competitors that have made this and all our events through 2013 such a success. Looking forward to this year we have another full calendar of trials planned, but the club is still in need of a competition secretary, this is a key role in making sure trials run smoothly, and its not necessarily a prerequisite that you are able to set up trials. Its main purpose is to ensure all the relevant paperwork, equipments, and permissions are in place so that those running each event have every thing they need. As I've said in previous months it not a requirement for it to be a committee post, so if any club members would like to consider taking on this role please make contact with either myself or any of the committee for more information.

Other club news, the club house has had another batch of jobs ticked off the list, the completion of all the re-plumbing work has now been finished with hot water back on in the toilets and all the external pipe work is now frost protected. Also the shower has been re-plumbed so this is now back available to all at the camp over weekends. The veranda roofing has also been finished meaning we can now walk between the two cabins without getting wet if it's raining. Neil Warden is making good headway with the 2014 show calendar, and is currently taking stock of the show equipment in readiness for the first show later in the year. Neil will soon be looking for volunteers willing to head up each of this years events, so if you would like to get involved please drop him an email or give him a call.

For myself December was a very busy month, some of you will know that I and a few other members are off on a trip to Wales this month so getting the Disco and my stuff sorted was the focus of much of December, however the slight issue of the biggest east coast tidal surge in over 60 years rather through a spanner in the works. I'm one of the Eastern Area Flood Warning Duty Officers and found myself on duty at the time it hit. Thankfully lessons learned from 1953 and much improved defences and lines of communication meant no lives were lost, however 100's were affected by the floods and the wash up (excuse the pun) will continue for many months to come. Anyway by the time you read this I'll be either in or on my way to Wales for a week of green laning and wild camping, so look out for an article documenting our exploits in the coming months, if we all manage to survive the elements!

Happy Landrovering

Chris

EVENTS PLANNER 2014

This planner is intended as a guide and as such any event may be subject to change.

<u>When</u>	<u>Club Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>CoC/Org</u>
Sun Jan 19 th	Driving day	Newbourne	TBC
Sat Feb 1st	Day into Night CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	T. Grant
Sun Feb 2nd	Tyro CCVT	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Sun Feb 16 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sat March 1st	Night Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	TBC
Sun March 16 th	Driving Day & AGM (<i>12-1pm</i>)	Newbourne	TBC
Sun March 23 rd	Scatter	TBC	TBC
Sun April 6th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	TBC
Sat April 19 th	1 st Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
Sun April 20 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sat May 17th	Novice Winch Trial & Camp Over	Newbourne	TBC
Sun May 18 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sat June 14 th	2 nd Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
Sun June 15 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sat July 26 th	3 rd Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
Sun July 27 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sun Aug 31st	CCVT	Badwell Ash	TBC
Sat Sept 27th	Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	TBC
Sun Sept 28 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sun Oct 12 th	Scatter	TBC	TBC
Sat Oct 25th	"Ladies" Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Sun Oct 26 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Nov 2nd	CCVT	Snuggs Pit	TBC
Nov 23 rd	Children in Need Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Dec 7th	Single Vehicle Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	TBC
Dec 28 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC

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April 12 th – 13 th	Custom Car show	Stonham Barns	TBC
April 26 th – 27 th	Mid and West Suffolk Show	Stonham Barns	TBC
May 11 th	Wings and Wheels Show	Henham	TBC
May 18 th – 19 th	Land Rover Spring Adventure	Harrogate	N/A
May 26 th	Biker Rally	Stonham Barns	TBC
May 27 th – 29 th	Suffolk Show	Trinity Park	C. Finbow
June 21 st – 22 nd	Vintage Rally and County Fair	Goodrich Park	TBC
June 28 th – 29 th	Oakleigh Fair	Rougham	TBC
July 5 th – 6 th	Long Melford Show	Long Melford	TBC
July 12 th – 13 th	Country Fair, Wings & Wheels	Heveningham	TBC
July 26 th – 28 th	Land Rover Fest	Billing	N/A
Aug 17 th	Classic Car Show	Stonham Barns	TBC
Aug 23 rd – 25 th	Eye show	Goodrich Park	TBC
Aug 23 rd – 25 th	Steam and Tractors	Stonham Barns	TBC
Sept 20 th – 21 st	Henham Steam Rally	Henham Park	TBC
Sept 20 th – 21 st	LRO Show	Peterborough	TBC

Membership Renewal

It's that time again folks. For those of you who do not already have standing orders setup, it's time to take action to ensure you have membership for 2014.

As before there are three ways to renew your membership:

- Complete the renewal form (copy in last months Nooze) and post it with the appropriate fee to the membership secretary.
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- Use Internet banking to make a direct payment using the SLROC bank details on the SO form.

When giving any instructions direct to the bank, please be sure to list all membership numbers covered by the renewal in the Payee Reference section. If I don't know who you are, it's difficult to renew your membership!

Please remember your membership expired on the 31st of December. Until it's renewed you will not be eligible to drive at Newbourne or take part in any club activities in 2014.

Also please note that any memberships not renewed by 31st January 2014 will be deemed as closed and you will need to pay the joining fee in addition to the renewal fee if you wish to re-join after this date.

Alan Pole (Membership Secretary)

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Scrutineering from Noon for a 13:00hrs start, expected finish time around 20:00hrs.

Please Note: One extra set of driving lights may be used which must be fitted below the top edge of the bulkhead. For safety reasons, no roof mounted lights may be used.

Please remember it's cheaper to pre-book than to 'arrive and drive' on the day.

Pre-booked entrants fee £15 - Arrive and drive £20 and as usual we need a minimum of 5 entrants to run this event so please book early to ensure it goes ahead.

Pre-booking is available via the forum.

Tyro Cross Country Trial **2nd February 2014**

First Tyro trial of the year so another chance to try your hand at trialling. For the less experienced members, youngsters of 13 and above and just the plain curious. Come and have a go and see what all the fuss is about with this trialling lark.

Scrutineering from 10:00 hrs for an 11:00 hrs start, expected finish time about 16:00hrs.

Access routes around the yellow course will be available between 09:00 hrs and 09:45 hrs for driver familiarisation.

Please remember it's cheaper to pre-book than to 'arrive and drive' on the day.

Pre-booked entrants fee £15 - Arrive and drive £20 and as usual we need a minimum of 5 entrants to run this event so please book early to ensure it goes ahead.

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Wales or Bust

In mid August last year I returned from my first holiday in Wales with the Family, exploring the area around Aberystwyth and driving a number of the many green lanes this area had to offer. On return to Suffolk and at the next camp over at Newbourne there was much talk about past experience's of Wales trips by a number of different members. Discussions then focused on the idea of a dedicated Wales expedition spending a week travelling north to south taking in all the lanes we could on the way. This was agreed by all to be a fantastic idea and a number of us agreed that we'd definitely go, all we needed to agree on was a date. Now it was at this time that the excitement of the moment overtook my sense of rational thinking and self preservation when Tim Dyer said "lets do a winter trip". . . . How it was a lovely warm late summer evening, my recent trip to Wales on the whole had been in good weather, so committing to a Winter trip and the what I might be letting myself in for was furthest from my mind.



So with the date set my first thoughts was preparation of "Elliot" for the trip, first things first, a field kitchen built into the back door (obviously!) I had many different ideas and a trawl of the internet gave me few more. I made a mock up from cardboard first which led to a couple of design changes, then, it was time to get fabricating. I decided to make it all out of aluminium and I think all in all, I spent about £60 on materials. Tools needed were pretty basic, angle grinder, hacksaw, drill and pop-rivets, and it took a couple of days over a few weekends to finish it off.



The finished design can be dropped down as one piece or the washing up bowl section can be folded up allowing me to sit on the rear bumper and use the main piece as a table. I'm really happy with the finished product. The "Outwell" collapsible bowl folds away neatly and I even managed to stow the wind shield between the support rails underneath. I'm sure it will be tweaked but for now it's done.



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Next on the list was lighting, new LED spotlights were dually purchased and installed. Its hard to describe just how bright they are but its like driving in daylight when they are on! Next important job leaks! Now it's a well known fact that most Land Rovers leak, however every time it rained it caused havoc with my electrics, the interior light would randomly go on and off for the duration of any rain shower, the heater fan would stop working, and the alarm would start going off at random intervals. I'd been trying in vain to track down the source of ingress to no avail, so drastic measures were required. So with the bonnet, wings, and all trim under the windscreen removed, two tubes of "tiger seal" were emptied and liberally spread with a paint brush to cover all exposed surfaces! Now it may not look the prettiest solution but with all the panels and trim refitted, non of it can be seen and so far no more leaks! and its even stopped the interior condensating up each night.

Next job on the list was new rear brake disks, a job I'd been meaning to get round to for a while now. New disks and pads in hand I set to work. The first indication that things weren't going to be quite so straight forward was the removal of the brake pads (see photo) it was clear by the uneven wear that the callipers would need attention as well! By the time the swearing had stopped and the flood lights had been deployed as



darkness fell and fingers became frozen to the bone, I'd ended up replacing the disks, pads, callipers on both sides and all the brake lines up to the chassis! It was at this point that it dawned on me that if I was this cold working on the "Elliot" in the relatively mild weather of December, what is it going to be like in early January half way up a mountain in Wales!

It was at this point that the online shopping and frantic bidding on an online auction site began, thermals, Head torch, ex-army arctic sleeping system, extreme weather tent, waterproofs, thermal Fleece beanie's and gloves. I also found a company that hires out expedition kit and have a down filled thermal sleep mat to boot. Now some will say this is all a bit over the top however following discussions with Tim and Ralph about past winter trips I'm taking no chances!

Other more practical kit I'm planning to take with me are spare half shafts, a differential, spare CV, and some other essential spares parts. With 3 weeks till the off it still seems like I have loads to sort out, not least the large holes that seems to have just materialised in the boot floor! Anyway I'm sure it will all come together in time and no matter what the elements throw at us is the sort of trip that great stories are made of.

So keep a look out for a report on our little winter Wales trip in the very near future.

Chris Finbow

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How To Spend An 18th Birthday!

Having done something different every year for my birthday, I didn't want to do the standard for my 18th! When throwing a few ideas around, something Landrover based was mentioned, which seemed like a good idea. An easy way to spend the day with like-minded friends, nice memories of how I celebrated my 18th that I could actually remember! So we booked Snuggs Pit for the day, and arranged to meet everyone at McDonalds for breakfast.



In the morning the weather was kind to us and we arrived in the sun, but even though it wasn't to last, with an especially heavy down pour at lunchtime (typical!) we munched our way through to the afternoon under a gazebo and some improvised shelter, and distributed cake as promised!

The afternoon saw all but one of the vehicles make it home unharmed but muddy, after Matt had a not so small argument with a not so small tree but did manage to limp back to the car park to call it a day. As Matt only wanted the engine of the Discovery, some asked if they could have this bit of the dash, then some one else wanted that little bit of wiring, and before long it was like a scene from the Sahara, with a bunch of hungry vultures!

Overall we all had a really good day and I would definitely recommend the idea!

Hannah Jeff



A Prelude to Something Big Pt 1

One of the things that having a Land Rover gives you is a good sense of adventure. The feeling that you can just go wherever you want to go and not be held back by the terrain, the weather or anything else for that matter. I think this is why green laning is so appealing; you get to go where regular vehicles just can't get to. That's great, but there always feels that there needs to be something more. Driving a byway because you can is great, but there needs to be a goal, an achievement at the end of a trip, a reason for making the journey.



I'd been thinking for ages that we should plan a momentous journey using as little tarmac as possible, but as with all these things, it takes a lot of planning and time. The farthest west to the farthest east or north to south for that matter would have to wait. As a prelude to something big, we'd have to start off with a coast to coast trip East Anglian style. Something easily achievable in a weekend, but something with a reasonable goal nonetheless.

The seed was planted when Robert Cracknell gave me a route derived from one originally featured in one of the Land Rover magazines, Lowestoft to Hunstanton I believe. Robert had worked on the route and added in far more interest than was originally there and the ratio of non-tarmac to tarmac was about as high as you can get by using public rights of way in East Anglia. All that was needed now was some way of spicing up the return trip and perhaps adding in an overnight stay to split the journey up. Over the next few weeks (which turned into months), a lot of planning and recce missions were carried out. The route was extended, a campsite found, a last chance date arranged as the nights were



drawing in and our first Coast-to-Coast weekend was on the blocks ready to go. A great route with a goal, one side of the flat lands to the other and a prize at the end!

Day 1 AM Swaffham to Hunstanton.

With just over 80 miles to travel with 30 green lanes to traverse in the day, the need for an early start is important, getting off on the right foot and all that! We'd found on the recce missions that slipping time and too far to go made for a journey that didn't let you take in the scenery along the way – one of the most enjoyable parts of green laning. On top of that pitching tents and cooking in the dark didn't seem like fun either. So getting to the rendezvous at Swaffham on time was important. We'd planned to build up a convoy along the way and get breakfast at the golden arches Swaffham before setting off on the trip at 9am. Everything started well. Michael, my passenger arrived early and transferred equipment and supplies and we set off to join Jay 15 minutes up the road. Without stopping, we journeyed on to the next collection point a further 10 minutes along where James and Rae would be waiting.

Plans however don't always go smoothly and within moments we were stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, not something you expect at 7:30 am on a Saturday. However, some poor bloke had lost control of a trailer with his single seat race car on board and tried to squeeze it under the central barrier with no real success. He'd wrecked both the barrier and the race car and it had caused chaos. Thankfully, it looked like no one was injured, and it only took us 25 minutes to travel through the mile



or so of traffic before we were on our way again. We heard later that the A14 was closed until after midday for vehicle recovery and carriageway repairs, I think we got off lightly knowing what chaos shutting the A14 creates! Though it's easy to call ahead and let friends know what's going on, there was already a concern creeping in that we might be impacting on the tight schedule that was set for the day.

Finally we joined up with James and Rae and

moved on to collect Jay's passenger Brian at his home. We used an alternative rather than planned route to get to Thetford, but managed to get back on track and carried on to meet for breakfast by ten to nine. Bob and Dave, who had arrived on time ahead of us, had already sampled Ronald's menu when we got there and were (I suspect) ready to get moving, but patience is a virtue easily exercised so early in the day and we were ready to start by 9:20. Not too bad considering what could have been!



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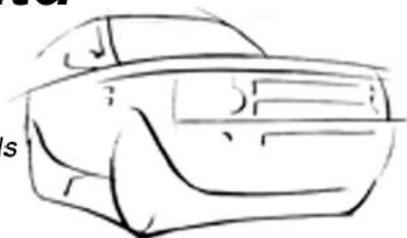
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The first obstacles of the morning were the fords on the River Nar at Castle Acre and West Acre. I have 'form' when it comes to fords and all three of the fords here are rated 4 out of 5 stars on the 'wetroads.co.uk' rating system meaning it's more than just dipping your tires in a puddle, the site even states "Off-Roaders Only!" which means on a regular day it's likely to be 18" deep, but after heavy rain, you might not want to drive through the ford at all. On the day, there was closer to 18" of water in all three fords and we all passed with ease.



From the watery beginning, our route joins the ancient Peddars Way. Though very straight, the track is thought to pre-date the Romans and could be an extension to the Icknield Way, used and remodeled by the Romans! From a green lane point of view, it's one of the longest and straightest single routes in East Anglia and is a good 'tick in the box' for most users. Whilst the path runs to the coast just north of Hunstanton

and whilst much, though not all of it is accessible to us, we turned off and cut through Snettisham to join the coast on the beach at Heacham. This is where our 'Coast to Coast' properly begins. We stopped for a while, had a bit of a break and walked over the dunes and went down to the sea. I collected a single stone.





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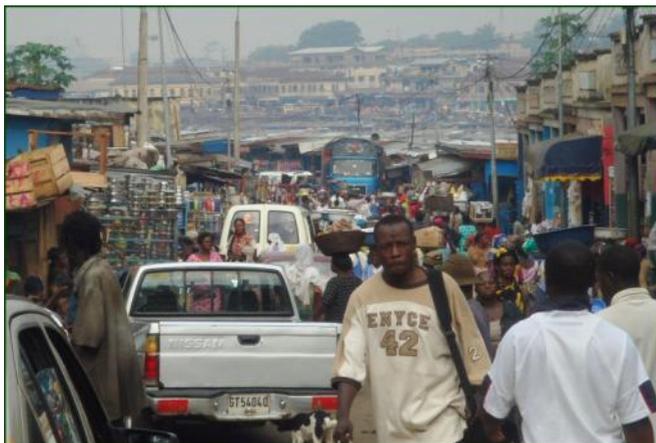
Day Seventy One 9/2. Presbyterian Guest House, Kumasi, Ghana 6°41.28'N 1°37.26'W. Miles today 0, Total Miles 7636

We are really enjoying Kumasi, and so decided to spend another day at the Presbyterian Mission and make full use of this power supply thing. After an unsuccessful attempt at trying to upload this website, we wandered around the town for a bit. It's amazing how devoted they are to religion here. Every shop is adorned with words such as "The Blood of Jesus Fast Food" or my favourite, "In God We Trust Chemical Supplier." (aka pharmacy). The bookshops are bursting with volumes of American self-help spiritual healing books. So interesting. For dinner, we ended up at the Queensgate Restaurant, which is on the third floor with a cool balcony overlooking the chaos of the streets below. A great place to soak up the atmosphere. They cook up a mean (and huge!) serving of Jollof Rice with Beef.



Day Seventy Two 10/2. Green Turtle Lodge, Nr Dixcove, Ghana 4°45.53'N 2°01.22'W. Miles today 186, Total Miles 7822

After some more heavy rain and the emergence of the biggest snails in the garden I have ever seen, we tried once again to update our website but with no luck. However, I did see my first pygmy today. There she was, just wandering along the road. We both thought she was just a small child until we saw the wrinkles. Quite extraordinary. We explored the bustling Kejetia market, which was enormous (apparently one of the largest in West Africa) and quite hard



going, as you walk along an unused railway to negotiate around it. There was everything from Kente cloth, Batik, Ashanti sandals and the most second hand clothing ever to dried chameleons, chillies and beads. Decided it was time to head for the coast and drove out to Dixcove using a simple "drive south" navigation technique, as road signs were not particularly abundant.

Sadly, we ran over our first sheep today! Quite a traumatic experience for me but more so for the sheep, I guess. Luckily, Rob wasn't going very fast, so the poor thing jumped back up and scurried off seemingly unscathed. Phew. We had been recommended to camp at the Green Turtle Lodge, about 10km west of Dixcove and wow, what an awesome place it is right on the beach. It's an eco-tourism project run by a young English couple, Tom and Jo, to protect the turtles and help benefit the local economy. We squeezed Dino in amongst the palm trees for less than €2 each per night and had a wander around. Everything is solar powered, they recycle shower water and the toilets are self-composting. Everything is so beautifully done, using natural products from the environment. It's a common thing for overlanders on the way to SA to stop here and to never actually get any further. I can see why. They all buy land here and set up a lodge or build a house or something. Land on the coast used to be dirt-cheap here, as the locals deem it as useless and un-arable. However, they are fast realising that the Westerners see it as 'paradise' so prices are rising fast. Couldn't believe my luck, as Tom the owner, shares my passion for sausages. They (the spicy Ghanaian beef ones) feature regularly on the menu here. Tom and I are gonna get along just fine.

**Day Seventy Three 11/2. Green Turtle Lodge, Nr Dixcove, Ghana
4°45.53'N 2°01.22'W. Miles today 0, Total Miles 7822**

This place is gonna be hard to leave. They make delicious Pina Colodas from freshly squeezed pineapple juice and coconuts from the surrounding palm trees,

the showers are open to the sun and stars, the food is superb and the surf is excellent. The day was packed full with long walks on the beach at sunrise, chilling, eating, drinking, and lots of swimming and boogie boarding. Stuffed and sunburnt, we retired to our tent with the best view ever.



**Day Seventy Four 12/2. Green Turtle Lodge, Nr Dixcove, Ghana
4°45.53'N 2°01.22'W. Miles today 0, Total Miles 7822**

Ok, let's stay just one more day. We were treated to the best breakfast ever. Yup, sausages together with baked beans and fried eggs all on yummy toasted Ghanaian bread with huge pots of tea. More swimming, chilling, boogie boarding, eating, drinking and lotsa backgammon, we are in heaven. The local dish called Red-Red (fried plantains and spicy beans) is amazing and we are stuffed. I must learn how to make it.

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**Day Seventy Five 13/2. Anomabu Beach Resort. Anomabu, Ghana
5°10.28'N 1°07.78'W. Miles today 84, Total Miles 7906**

Now, we have gotta go today or we'll never leave. Drove into Takaradi to try this internet thing once more, (no luck!) change some money and to pick up some provisions. Drove on to the beach resort of Anomabu, which was also lovely but a lot pricier than Green Turtle. More boogie boarding, swimming and chilling interspersed with sundowners and backgammon.

**Day Seventy Six 14/2. Oasis Beach Resort, Cap Coast, Ghana
5°06.21'N 1°14.61'W. Miles today 13, Total Miles 7921**

Valentines Day and what a view. Nice long walks on the beach and watched the fisherman haul in their morning's catch. It took them about 2 hours of pretty hard gruelling work and for such a small catch. Once, it was on the shore, they divided it up amongst those eagerly gathering. These included the most adorable little girl, who was trying to steal the small ones through a teeny little hole in the net and was casually hiding them in the front of her dress. We drove on to Cape Coast and stopped at the Oasis Restaurant, where we enjoyed the coldest coke so far right on the beach. They said we could camp in the courtyard. This of course meant squeezing Dino in through a line of washing or two but we had a lovely cool breezy spot under a palm tree. It is pretty close to the impressive Cape Coast Castle, which is well known for the imprisoning of slaves in appalling conditions. The guide is so dramatic, especially as he leads you through the Door of no Return! However, we did manage to 'return' and wandered into town in search of a successful internet thing. Guess what, no luck. I stopped at the Global Mamas shop on Commercial street, as had heard that they can offer Ghanaian Cookery Courses. Result, I have a 3-hour session booked for tomorrow morning and cannot wait.



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Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date 13th November 2013 – 8pm

Apologies:

Carl Robinson, Dan Rogers & Alan Scott

Attendees:

C. Finbow (Chair & Minutes), A. Beevers, A. Pole & S. Turner

Previous meeting Minutes:

July's meeting still outstanding to being agreed

Minutes from Octobers meeting

Actions from previous meeting

02-05-13 - AB to get quote for event t shirts when SR has emailed him the design. (embroiders cannot find logo, issue ongoing)

05-08-13 - CR to purchase new AVR for the generator. (on back order)

01-10-13 - Trailer to be emptied and took to Jono for the brake work. (CF discussed with Jono and this will happen in new year)

02-10-13 one of the new flagpoles is faulty and needs to be sent back as split, **AB** has invoice. (ongoing)

Membership

AP 239 Full members, 107 Joint members, Total membership of 348.

AP Commented that new members names used to be published each month in Nooze, all agreed this was a good idea, **AP** to forward list of new members names to Nooze team each month. (*NB names only*)

AP Raised the issue of printing membership cards for 2014, has looked into costs of new printing machine (Approx £700 new) **AP** to advise on cost of refurbished printer cost. **AB** to investigate costs of having a bulk print of cards (est 350 to 400). Way forward to be agreed at Dec meeting.

CF raised that Decembers Nooze usually has membership renewal advert and forms, **CF** to email copy of items to **AP** for confirmation of details ahead of going to print.

Finance Report

AB Monies in bank £9,352.00

AB All Rover Rescue payments now received (including ones from 2 years ago)

AB Public liability insurance to be renewed, AB has removed the sections that the IOPD now cover so cover now cost £1,200.00 (compared to £2,200 last year).

AB to email copies of certificates to **CF** for renewal if IOPD License

Club Site – Report from DR via CF

Replacement water heater for toilets now in place, **DR** is arranging with club member to complete the final connections from the boiler to the WC sinks and shower. Once this is done **AP** will commission boiler.

Completion of veranda canopy, **CF** hopes to spend a day at the site in the next few weeks to complete the cover in time for the Mince pie DD.

Website Issues

All Clarification on the procedure discussed, for removal of posts from the forum

Nooze

CF Printed 250 sent 240 (advertisers copies late being sent out, oversight by **CF**) Others that receive Nooze also discussed and agreed these will also be sent out ASAP. Therefore total sent 250 (NB will need to increase number printed for Decembers issue.)

CF Decembers Nooze coming together, Andy J. has said he would be happy to take on the Nooze committee post until AGM. Voted on and agreed by all. **CF** to contact Andy J.

Events

AP raised issue of CoC for the Children in need Driving Day

Mince pie driving day

CF to call to Maurine & Norman Southgate re: food for the event.

ST to contact this years charity's and invite them to the event.

AB to finalise charity fund total for December meeting for apportioning.

CF has started to collate the 2014 calendar but needs help with non club event dates.

CF tabled the idea of having a Show coordinator position on the committee and proposed Neil Warden as a candidate (following Neil's offering to help out with filling committee posts) Vote was taken and all agreed. **CF** to contact Neil Warden. Neil and **ST** to work together

CF raised the club AGM and the need to book the village hall. **CF** tabled idea to improve attendance by holding after a DD? Discussed other options **AP** suggested during the lunch break of the DD, **All** agreed this to be a good idea, Therefore AGM to be held on Sunday 16th March 2014 @ Newbourne club site between 12:30 and 1:30pm.

Public relations

ST Has approached BBC radio Suffolk and Town 102, re winter and possible bad weather, looking to promote a radio piece to champion Rover Rescue.

ST SERV are looking to buy a land rover and dedicate it to SLROC for all our charity work we have done them and wondered if we could help them source a vehicle. **CF** suggested they could write a short article for Nooze outlining what they need and what sort of budget they have and asking if any club members may know of a suitable vehicle. **ST** to contact SERV.

CF tabled that the "Potted history of the club" flyer is in need of updating plus we have run out of copies, **ST** to review, update and investigate costs.

ST We need to print some Business cards for handing out to the public at shows.

Competitions

CF Last event of the year, original day in nooze was wrong should be the 15th not the 8th **CF** to resolve.

Correspondence – None received

Club shop – No update on sales

DR Asked to raise the need for some stock to be held at club site

Rover Rescue

AGM to be held on 24th Nov, its requested that the SLROC committee have a full report from the AGM at the December committee meeting.

IOPD / Borda

CF Renewal of IOPD annual permit, expires 30th November, **CF** to review all documents, make contact with IOPD and confirm required information and cost.

Training – Declaration of interests – Pat Corps, Chris Finbow, Dan Rogers, Matt Hurst, Roger Berwick and Neil Warden. **All** discussed and voted that Pat Corps, Matt Hurst and Dan Rogers will be the three internal trainers funded but the club. **CF** to pass on details of the course to Pat Corps to take forward.

Pat Corps has also said he would be happy to take on the Safety officer Committee post, voted on and all agreed, **CF** to contact Pat Corps.

Any other business

ST asked where the Life Saver Bottle was? It was donated to the club with the view of a club member using and reviewing it, then it was planned to raffle it off at the mince pie DD.

Summary of new actions

01-11-13 AP to investigate card printer options.

02-11-13 AP to send copies of insurance certificates to **CF**

04-11-13 CF to call Maurine and Norman re MPDD refreshments

05-11-13 CF to make contact with new committee members

Meeting closed – 10:15pm

Date and venue of next meeting – 4th December 2013 @ Club site

New Members

We'd like to say welcome to those that have joined the club in the last month!

Haydn Scott
Martin Hole

Jason Bloomfield
Gareth King

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