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Chris Finbow putting 'Elliott'
through his paces on the recent
trip to Wales. Thanks to Hannah
Jeff for the photo.

Nooze News!

It seems like spring is here and winter, well what did happen to winter? I suppose it didn't really happen. No snow, no icy winds and no long drawn out cold period just lots of rain. Of course this also means that we're moving ahead with our programme of events and this month sees the start of the club show season further details of which are in this edition of Nooze.

Along with show information this month, there is a reminder of our camping guidelines, an introduction to 'Sage' a budding guide dog for the blind and keen Land Rover passenger, results of the most recent trials and the return of the word search. Regular articles of course include Rob and Ally's diary of their trip through Africa which is attracting interest from other Land Rover publications as it has featured in this month's issue of 'The Landy', and the last part of the trip across East Anglia undertaken last year.

There's also details of where to find the new club web site and forum which will be further developed over the coming weeks to give all the up to date information that people browsing for the club need to find.

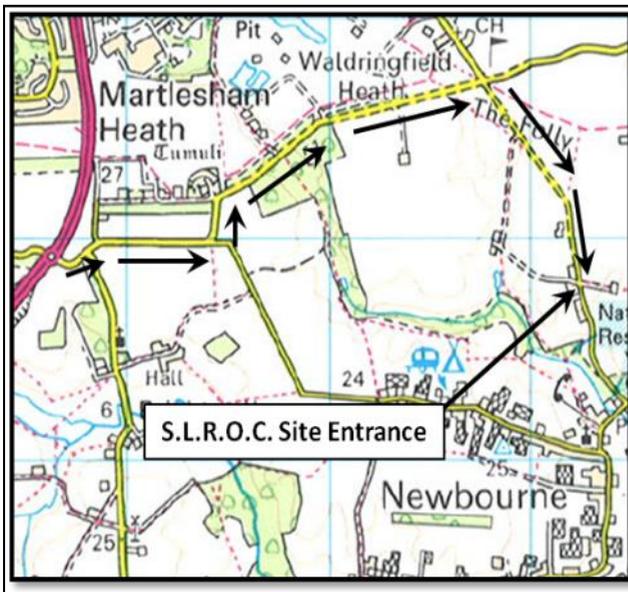
Keeping with the theme of up to date information, following the AGM, the list of club committee members and contacts has also been updated at the back of Nooze, please take a moment to see who's on the list and remember that everyone there gives their time and energy for free to help promote and keep the club running smoothly.

Of course things wouldn't be complete without a nudge for all of you out there who have a story to tell and would be happy to 'put it down on paper' and send it in to Nooze. We're always looking for new contributions and contributors.

Lastly another plug for the e-Nooze which can now be found on the new Web Site. Just like the web site this is also being developed further and it's becoming an 'interactive document'. When viewed electronically it links off to many other sources giving even more information. Early days yet, but something we're working on. So if you're ever in need of showing someone a little more about the club, send them to the web site and get them to read Nooze too.

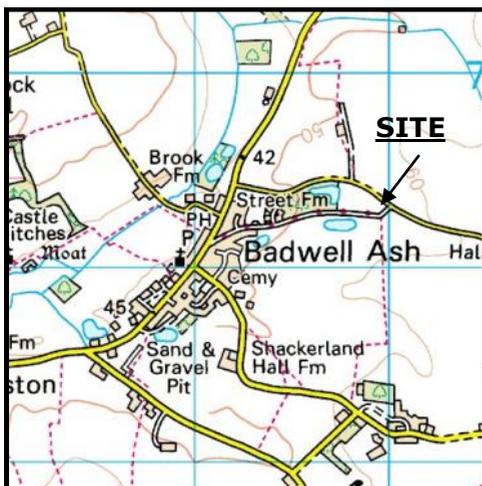
All the best... **Andy**

Directions to the Newbourne club site



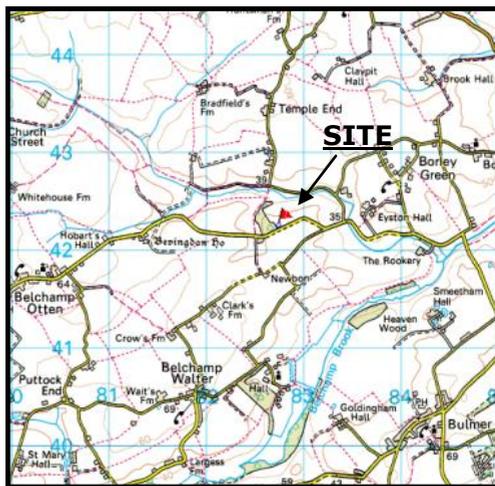
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

Badwell Ash



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Snugg's Pit



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Chat From the Chair

Wow April already! Where has the first quarter of the year gone! However spring is well underway and we finally seem to be getting a break from the rain. The main event of last month was the clubs AGM, this year held at the club site during the lunch break of the driving day. We were blessed with glorious sunshine and it was fantastic to see such a good turnout of members, so my thanks to all those that came along and took part. As is custom, we voted on members to fill the vacant committee officer posts and also those willing to undertake the remaining committee roles, unlike previous years we had far more nominations than vacancies and so myself and the other officers have discussed and agreed those best suited to fill each committee post. The new committee can be found in its usual position at the back of Nooze and I'd like to thank all those for who we were not able to include, for putting themselves forward. As for future AGM's we would welcome your feedback on the change of time and date and see if this is maybe something we continue for future years.

March also saw my return to competitive trialling (I think since I took over as Comp Sec about four years ago!) The event was the away leg of the ongoing interclub trials we've been having with the Herts 4x4 club. While the site was wet, sticky and very slippery the weather was fantastic, the sections were challenging and the atmosphere was competitive but incredibly friendly. I had forgotten just how much I enjoyed the challenge of trials, and despite a few "school boy" errors was very happy with my 4th place. While Herts again retained the trophy it was by a narrow margin. My thanks to our hosts and Ian for setting up and running the event and I look forward to the next interclub later on in the year.

Amongst other things on my horizon for the coming month is starting to get things together for this year's Suffolk Show. Meetings with the Suffolk Show team have been extremely positive and discussions around changes to their entry rules (children under the age of 14 go free) could significantly increase the foot fall at our stand. So I'm currently working with the show team to look at if we can safely increase the number of vehicles we have on the course. As with previous years I'll be contacting all those who helped last year first, but will definitely be needing additional help. We have a range of tasks to undertake from manning the signing-on, loading and unloading, course marshalling and of course drivers and their vehicles. While the multi seater vehicles are preferred we always try to have as wide selection of Solihull's finest as possible including one or two of the clubs more specialist vehicles Trackers/Tomcats/buggies etc. If you'd like to put your name forward to help out in some way please drop me an email or alternatively go to the "Club Events" section on the Forum and lodge your interest in the "2014 Suffolk Show" thread.

This brings me neatly on to the New Website and Forum. www.slroc.uk.com is live and up and running, please have a read of the "Online Relaunch" article later on in Nooze for more info.

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 April 6th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	S. Foster
Sat April 19 th	Camp Over	Newbourne	N. Warden
Sun April 20 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	N. Warden
Sat May 17th	Novice Winch Trial & Camp Over	Newbourne	B. Welburn
Sun May 18 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	J. Smith
Sat June 14 th	1 st Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
Sun June 15 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	A. Jeff
Sat July 26 th	2 nd Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
Sun July 27 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers
Sun Aug 31st	CCVT	Badwell Ash	S. Foster
Sat Sep 27th	Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	D. Rogers
Sun Sept 28 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers
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	R. Lambourne
Dec 28 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers

*****Events requiring Pre-Booking are in bold type*****

Driving Days - Back to **£10*** for 2014!

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Fun Charity Sponsored Dog Walk - Sunday 6th April **Raising money for Kerry Greyhounds UK**

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For further info please contact Sue Edwards on 01728 832747 or email sedwards557@btinternet.com

Terry Gant - Suffolk Greyhound and Lurcher Support Group.

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

Entries in **bold type** are events where we will be giving offroad rides for our charities.

Your help is as always very much appreciated.

Cheque Presentation at Town 102

Along with the main an secondary charities that the club supports, it also donates smaller amounts to other charities nominated at the beginning of the year. Simon and Andy recently had the pleasure of going to the studios of Town 102 to hand over a cheque for £200 that will go towards helping local children.



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Camping Guidelines

This information is relevant to **all** SLROC events

Camp-overs provide for some great weekends at Newbourne, however we would ask that when you intend to stay over, you respect the following points.

- Campers should try to arrive at Newbourne no earlier than 5pm during the lighter months.
- No pitching of camping units without the presence of a committee member or appointed person.
- Please pitch in a tidy manner: we don't have the luxury of a large camping area so please pitch beside units already in place rather than in the middle of the camping area. We don't want to have to insist on 'pitching to a peg', but also be mindful that there has to be a 'safety margin' between units.
- Some events are very busy for campers so please don't say you're saving a space for a friend; turn up together to pitch or take your chances.
- Do you really need the large awning with not too much in it? At busy events if you can make do with just a porch awning or none at all it would help with congestion. However we are aware that families do need extra room so common sense is called for here.

For the comfort of all the members, the committee asks that at **all** camping events, please ensure that all generators are switched off by **9:30pm** unless they are rated below 60dB. Please also take note of where the fumes may be going if your generator is running as it's somewhat antisocial to fill up your neighbours camping unit with exhaust fumes.

Please remember that animals are not allowed in the clubhouse and should be kept under proper control at all times whilst on site.

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR ANIMAL AND DO NOT LEAVE FILLED POO BAGS AT THE SITE.

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE ALL THEIR LITTER HOME WITH THEM RATHER THAN FILLING UP THE BIN IN THE CLUBHOUSE WITH THEIR RUBBISH AND RECYCLING.

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2014 Show Season Start

April sees the start of our charity driving shows with the first two events coming in April and both at Stonham Barns. These two events will also double up as show training days for anyone wishing to learn more about how shows work with SLROC. So if you want to know more about setup, running or just helping out at these events, contact Chris or myself and come along to find out more.

So the events, the first is the Custom Car Show on the 12th -13th with camping available from Friday 11th, the second is the much larger and more busy Mid Suffolk Show on the 26th-27th, again camping will be available from Friday 25th.

As well as having our own area over in the corner of the showground where we offer offroad rides, we are often invited to join in with events and appear in the ring to help publicise what we're about and why we're there, so don't be surprised if you get the call up to be in the limelight!

Of course we couldn't operate at any of these events without volunteers and as ever we'll be looking for people to help with all sorts of tasks during the show not only drivers. Loaders and unloaders to help the public in and out of vehicles, marshals to ensure the day goes off safely and of course marquee staff to meet and greet those wanting to have a ride in vehicles which brings me back to drivers, of course we need drivers too!

For more information, please contact myself on 'events@slroc.uk.com' or Chris on 'chair@slroc.uk.com'. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Neil Warden Show co-ordinator.

Meet Sage

Hi everyone, my name is Simon Leppich, I live in Colchester and I'm an enthusiastic Land Rover owner and club member.

I am now on my second LR, my first was a late Discovery 1 and I now have a 1990 110, which started its life in service with the Stansted Airport Fire Brigade.

My wife Renata and I have recently become involved with Guide Dogs for the Blind and we are currently puppy walkers, looking after Sage a Golden Retriever/Labrador cross. We only keep Sage until he is a year old, when he will go off to the Guide Dogs for the Blind training school and then onto a blind owner when he is about 2 years old. He has

however become a firm part of the family and a keen Land Rover user. He adores going out with me, strapped into the passenger seat of the 110 and loves walking around the Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club off road site near Ipswich. He's not so keen on being strapped into the back of the Landy with the spare wheel and recovery gear however.



Simon Leppich.

A Prelude to Something Big - Final Part

Nothing could beat the events of the last few Norfolk lanes and fortunately having traveled the final leg across Suffolk a number of times already, the trip to the coast was going to be the easy bit. The original route ended at Lowestoft, it being the most easterly point of the country, but to top off the last day and have a 'treat' at the end, the Suffolk leg would see us travelling down the coast to our final destination.

Whilst it's true to say that it can be difficult to string together a number of byways in a lot of Suffolk, coming along the coast between Kessingland and Aldeburgh is thankfully an exception to the rule. After driving down from our inadequate lunch stop at Beccles, we picked up the first byway near Wrentham and as one lane merges into another, taking great care around some of the dangerous entries off roads in the South Cove area we picked our way between Wangford and Reydon through some of the loveliest countryside Suffolk has to offer. Well that is until you go past the 'Land Fill' site near Wangford Common – always a vey 'fragrant' place – but at least it's a drivable route!

Popping out to the A12 just to skirt around the Blyth estuary at Blythburgh, We're soon back off the beaten track though missing out another of Bob's 'I seem to be stuck' byways that is now temporarily TRO'd, we soon come to two of my favorite Suffolk lanes, one through Westleton Heath that up until recently was oh so tight that it's good enough to make you cry as the violins screech down the side of your car. In complete contrast, the next lane through the leafy glade at Westleton Walks that is I am told used regularly by many locals as a cut through must be about the prettiest track through woodland in Suffolk.



On through Eastbridge and past the renowned Eels Foot Inn, the end of our days route takes us past the power station at Sizewell and into the final byways of the trip ending up in Thorpeness. For those that don't know (an I'll assume most in the Suffolk area do) Thorpeness is essentially the vision of one man, Stuart Ogilvie, who bought the entire area in 1910 and proceeded to build his private fantasy holiday village for his friends, colleagues and family to come and visit. Today it still has the 'holiday feel' to it and has about four times as many residents in the summer as it does the winter.



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By now, it was almost 'tea time' and after our failed lunch, this would be our real treat. After a brief stop for a photo shoot at 'The Scallop', we parked up outside 'The Famous Aldeburgh Chip Shop', not a sight you see everyday in Aldeburgh – seven off road prepared Land Rovers parked together in the high street, but was always the plan to call in here and we'd arrived bang on time. To be honest we were in the 'Golden Galleon' which is supposed to be the sister shop to the real Aldeburgh chip shop, but it didn't matter and with our chips bought, we moved off and formed up one last time on the road past the yacht club near the Martello tower to eat and mull over the weekend. The sun was going down but there was time for just a few more photos including the now infamous 'there's more of us than there should be' panorama!



Reflecting back, East Anglia clearly isn't Wales or the Pennines, but it still has something that makes a weekend out laning worthwhile. All in all, the route



covered was just shy of 190 miles and whilst there was a lot of road work in between the green, brown and sandy bits, it wasn't so much so as not to be able to call it 'A Coast To Coast Laning Weekend'. You've got to have a hobby and it helps if that includes great friends and this weekend ticked all the boxes.

Thanks have to go to all those that helped in organizing and that came along on the trip, Jay, Brian, Bob, Rae, James, Dave, Michael, Robert, Mark and Will. Whether it was helping with recce missions, taking photo's, pointing out routes, providing laughs along the way, helping with food, providing inspiration or just being mates, it was indeed a great trip. Or was it a prelude to something big, maybe next time!

If you want to see the route we took, the GPS track along with a bunch of information and pictures can be seen on the web here:

<http://adventures.garmin.com/en-US/by/andy-jeff/coast-to-coast-run-october-2013/>

Oh, and the stone I collected from Hunstanton beach, well the journey wouldn't be complete without adding it to those already on Aldeburgh beach would it!

Andy Jeff.

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1st	Sam Springett & Steve Turner	1195pts
2nd	James Oxford & Jono Rout	620pts
Class 2		
Position	Entrant	Points
1st	Tim Dyer & David Marriott	225pts
2nd	Adam Lambourne & Brian Welburn	150pts (RTD)

Interclub Trial 9th March 2014 - Results

Position	Entrant	Team	Points
1st	Tony Demetriou	Herts	18
2nd	Hannah Jeff	SLROC	31
3rd	Andy Cutting	SLROC	33
4th	Chris Finbow	SLROC	33
5th	Nick Sansom	Herts	34
6th	Martin Zelly	Herts	35
7th	Michael Whitting	SLROC	37
8th	Paul Quay	Herts	37
9th	Rob Ford	SLROC	38
10th	Rob Lynde	Herts	47
11th	Stu Badcock	Herts	RTD
12th	Phil Pring	Herts	RTD
13th	Richard Miller	SLROC	RTD

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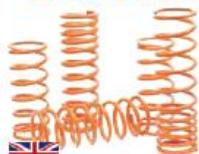


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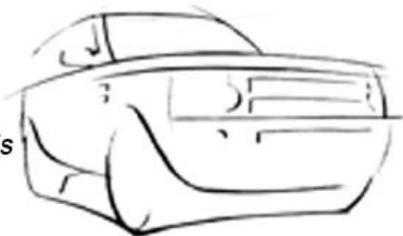
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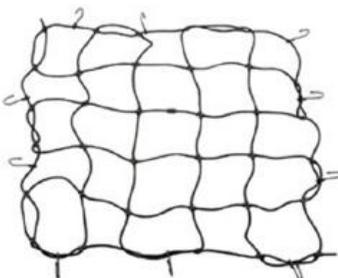
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Day Ninety One 1/3. Chez Alice, Nr. Lome, Togo 6°10.00'N 1°20.48'E. Miles today 86, Total Miles 8587

Ready for Togo, we trundled back along the sandy beach track, (with Rob still grinning and happily reminiscing about desert driving) and soon rejoined the now severely potholed "highway" to the border. This border crossing at Denu was a notably special one. Somehow, they managed to turn what is usually such a simple procedure into something oh so complicated, with various bits of scraps of paper that needed to be returned to the right official-looking (not!) person. Add to this numerous locals all yelling at you trying to be your guide/helper and you get the picture. It took us 3 hours to get through. Eventually, on an equally severely pot-holed road complete with some pretty scary driving styles, we were on our way to the capital of Lome, once known as the "Paris of Africa." Passing through this crazy city with thousands of mobylettes, we drove along the coast road past beautiful beaches with fisherman selling bunches of huge ruby red crabs tied together with string. We found our way to Chez Alice, a well-known overlanders haunt run by Swiss-Germans where you can camp for €1.50pp. There we met Tatjana and Michael, on their way to South Africa in a Mitsubishi L200. We sat chatting to them discussing various route options for the next few months, as they are a little apprehensive about Nigeria. Seeing as they have the Ecowas visa, they have decided to head north to Niger first and then will drop down into Nigeria from the north. We, on the other hand (wondering why we have no worries about Nigeria and perhaps we should have. Gulp!) are going to carry on as planned and drive straight to Nigeria, only avoiding Lagos and the south. Hopefully we'll all meet up in the capital, Abuja, where we hope to get the hard to come by visas for Angola. Despite the endless power cuts now so frequent in this part of Africa and hence the launch of their small and noisy

generator, Chez Alice do make an awesome Schnitzel with chips and they do a mean jug of iced tea! Not really African in the slightest but heck, there's only so much fufu a white man can eat you know.



Day Ninety Two 2/3. Hotel Le Geyser, Kpalime, Togo
6°55.26'N 0°37.18'E. Miles today 81, Total Miles 8668

After an incredibly hot night and sweating like pigs in plastic jogging suits, we made the decision to drive north in search of cooler climates and to see more of Togo. Had another scary drive out of town on the ring road but soon joined a surprisingly good road all the way to Kpalime, where we stopped at the Centre d'Artisanal to look at some woodcarvings and batiks. There we made the woodcarvers day, as we ended up buying a game of Bao, the popular game played all over Africa with the beads. I am sure it was his only sale of the day and he assured me it was made from Ebony but I have a sneaky suspicion there was a bit of shoe polish involved. Now, if only we can remember the rules that Uncle Ray had taught us! Closer to town and at the Hotel Geyser, we agreed on a reasonable price for camping and wedged Dino into the shady car-park under a mango tree. Chilling out by the exceptionally well-kept pool for the afternoon drinking ice-cold cokes has never felt this good. We took a wander into town on the hunt for the famous Fan ice-creams but alas, our mission was unsuccessful due to the endless power cuts here. Only those on the brink of melting into a runny goo were available. Hmmm, no thanks. With such a cool, breezy night ahead of us, we fell asleep to the sounds of numerous bats tucking into mangoes above.

Day Ninety Three 3/3. Hotel Abuta, Badou, Togo
7°35.13'N 0°36.33'E. Miles today 100, Total Miles 8768

After scraping the various bits of bat poo off the tent, we had a lazy morning by the pool. Drove further north on a very windy gravel road passed Adeta and up to the monastery where we bought some locally grown coffee and biscuits with cocoa, hand made by the monks. Had we bought those biscuits at Tesco's three months ago, they would have been given to the neighbour's dog. Now, we thought they were bloody lovely! You can camp at the monastery and it is a wonderfully peaceful spot under some weird trees with even weirder monstrous fruit but it was still early so we decided to explore a bit further towards Badou on another pretty nasty road. Having said that, I am sure I am gonna be longing for roads this good soon. Wow, the scenery was amazing with mango, banana, avocado, paw-paw, cocoa and coffee trees and plants everywhere. With whole villages jumping up to wave and the children now shouting "yovos" (white man!) at us. The 80km stretch took us four hours and we arrived in Badou quite late and tired. We camped in the car-park of Hotel Abuta (hmm...sense a pattern here....this could be a good name for the book...."Bugs, Bowels and Car Parks of Africa") for €3pp and headed straight to the bar. The evening's entertainment

was an old Celine Dion video, which was bad enough even without the lip-sync being out. We wandered into town and found a cool little bar and got quietly drunk on some ice-cold beers. Back at the car, we realised that the car-park was also actually the main road from town into the next village so naturally spent the rest of the evening entertaining all the locals passing by with what is now commonly known as "Tourist TV"



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Day Ninety Four 4/3. Chez Alice, Nr Lome, Togo
6°10.00'N 1°20.48'E. Miles today 173, Total Miles 8941

Made our way back south towards Lome via the old German colonial town of Atakpame, with the most beautiful, yet rundown, buildings. I would so have love to seen this part of Africa in colonial times. It really is such a pity that such beautiful buildings have been left to ruin. We headed back to Chez Alice for more schnitzels and cheap camping. Tatjana and Michael were still there, they had tried to leave but oh, the cold beers and the cool fans. Luxury. Sat chatting to a Canadian woman who was here investigating phosphate contamination in West Africa. Very interesting woman and good conversation.

Day Ninety Five 5/3. Chez Alice, Nr Lome, Togo
6°10.00'N 1°20.48'E. Miles today 0, Total Miles 8941

With the temperatures hitting the high 30's and both of us feeling a little tired, we decided to stay at Chez Alice one more day and relax under the thatch with the roof fans and the cute, yet flea-infested dogs being my new best friends. Lots of website writing and ice tea drinking....oh and more schnitzels! We met Leticia from Ghana who very patiently taught us the rules to Bao! Rob (oh how I love him) has installed two small fans in our tent, which makes all the difference!

Day Ninety Six 6/3. Auberge du Lac, Lake Togo, Togo
6°13.00'N 1°27.00'E. Miles today 48, Total Miles 8989

Today's the day! Gotta get outta here or I fear we'll never leave. Stopped at the supermarket in town for a few provisions. By the way, the Champion across the road from the recommended Marox is heaps better and cheaper. There's a good veg market outside and I was looking for some plantain but alas, they never had any. About half an hour later, the young woman had



tracked me down and presented me with 4 perfect ones. How far she had walked to find those plantains and how she found me, I have no idea. Amazing what they will do here just to make a living. Drove towards Benin, passing more crab sellers and stopped for the night on the shore of Lake Togo. Auberge du Lac let us camp for €1.50pp and is a super spot but does come complete with a good dose of mosquitoes. The lake is popular for watersports but the boats available for were pretty scary and certainly not quite up to Rob's and local Sailing Club standards, so we just swam loads and played endless games of Bao. Tomorrow we are off to Benin, the real voodoo centre of Africa!

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Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date 5th February 2014 8pm

Attendees

C Finbow (chair), A Pole (minutes), S Turner, N Warden, A Jeff.

Apologies

D Rogers, A Beevers.

Unavailable

A Scott, Pat Corps

Previous Meeting Minutes

Agreed.

Actions From Previous Meeting

Broken flag pole to be returned AB has receipt – ongoing

CF to contact SR re: shop – ongoing

CF has drafted letter to DH and forwarded to AP to send from Secretary's account – done

CF/DR to get site generator serviced – done

DR to get cost of solar panels – ongoing

CF to arrange for water bottle to be tested by another member – ongoing

CF/PC to sort out paper work for BORDA and IOPD – ongoing

CF to arrange with NW transport for play equipment – ongoing

CF to investigate leak to roof on old clubhouse – ongoing

CF to investigate leak to roof of new clubhouse – ongoing

AJ to contact IC re: updating website – ongoing

ST to send AJ name of contact for Suffolk Show – done

ST to send club logo and photos to Suffolk Show – done

CF to and ST copy of article sent to LRO – done

AJ to obtain quote for stickers, cards and flyers – done

NW to find out cost of extra filming equipment – done

Membership

AP 163 full members 75 joint members

1 new full members and 2 new joint members

Finance Report

AB not present so no up to date report

Club Site

Course held up well, apart from a couple of soft areas that may need looking at.
New posts now purchased.

Site generator has now been serviced and repaired.

AP suggested hook ups for campers on camp overs, CF said DR was already looking at the possibility.

PC to construct notice board.

See saw to be overhauled and re-painted.

Website/Forum

letter to DH re: administration rights has been sent.
Email from DH acknowledging receipt of letter and will reply ASAP.
AJ queried why he is listed on Forum as "Committee".
All committee members to be made moderators if agreement is reached.

Nooze

AJ 275 ordered
35 given out by hand 146 posted
10 sent via e mail
25 complementary sent, 19 hard copies, 6 emailed
PDF version sent to show organisers.

Events

NW has been in contact with Goodridge Park (ex EYE show ground) show organisers re: possible new show to be held in June.
Helmets and Handlebars at Stonham Barnes – Cancelled
Possibility of some shows where driving is not possible , club to have stand to promote our activities and charity fund raising.
Stand could be manned by SLROC or SRR.
Open day at Newbourne – possibilities discussed no date as yet set.

Public Relations

Pictures and logos sent to Suffolk Show.
ST asking if any photos exist of SERV receiving their cheque
AP to put request on forum for any pictures members may have taken, if not staged photo shoot to be arranged.
ST and AJ went to Town 102 for photo shoot of cheque presentation to them.
ST has been in contact with organisers for LRO show at Peterborough, they will be in contact with him in due course re: club presence at show.

Safety & Training

No updated report as PC not in attendance.
CF stated no dates yet arranged for proposed trainers to go on their training course.

Competitions

Day into night trail, 10 competitors took part, good trial enjoyed by all, thank you to Terry and team for organizing.
TYRO trial lots of new faces, 3 classes run, total of 14 entrants.
Night winch trial to be run by RL, post to be put on Forum.

Correspondence

CF to reply to CR re: email received re: Novembers meeting.
AP received email from ex member who asked if they can sell their Landrover through Club website and/or Nooze.
ST has heard from member asking for pictures of his dog to be printed in Nooze,
AJ said ok, if put with an article for print.
ST/AJ to contact and arrange.

Club Shop

Total sales £52.00

Possible keeping items on site for sale still under discussion.

SRR

AS not in attendance at meeting so no report.

Any Other Business

AJ has obtain quote for a thousand sheets of stickers at a cost of £307.00+VAT, leaflets at £171.00+VAT per thousand and Business cards at £48.00 plus VAT per thousand.

Day membership as proposed by CF discussed but NOT implemented as not in line with club policy.

Still looking for other charity nominations that can be put forward to committee for consideration.

ST suggested giving small donation to local radio stations charities to help increase club profile.

CF suggested an agenda to be sent to all committee members prior to committee meetings.

Nominations for committee posts to be received in Secretaries account minimum 14 days prior to AGM.

Two Marquees to be erected prior to AGM if necessary.

Summary of new Actions

AP to try and find contact details for IC and send to AJ.

CF to send ST risk assessment for Suffolk Show.

AP to put on forum request for cheque presentation.

Committee to vote on purchase of cards, flyers etc:

CF to reply to CR re: November committee meeting (to send to AP via Secretaries account).

Trailer to be collected from Jono.

CF to update site map.

Meeting closed 22.30

Next meeting to be arranged.

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