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Cover Picture

Tracy Hannant Driving the
'Land Rowler' in the recent
Ladies Tyro trial at Newbourne.

Nooze News!

I'm sure having picked up Nooze and opened the front cover, you've already noticed that there's something different this month. Not noticed yet? can't put your finger on it? As with all things in life it pays to make changes and jiggle with the status quo every once in a while (and I don't mean put your old rock LP's on and dance around the living room). So this months experiment is the addition of a full colour print run for Nooze. Hopefully it won't be 'just for Christmas' but will be a permanent feature in the coming year. We're always striving to make cost effective improvements and this could be the first of many.

The December issue of Nooze is a quirky one to put together balancing the desire to cram in articles with the need to remind everyone about renewing membership and therefore including renewal forms etc. but all the stories that have been sent in and events that have happened will appear in Nooze as soon as there is space! A while back, I didn't imagine for a minute that I'd be putting content back a month, but there you go!

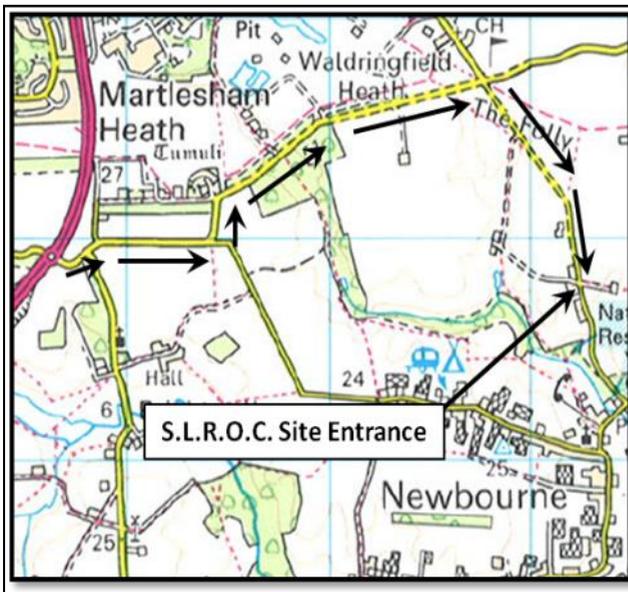
Next years calendar is also now available and whilst there are a few 'organiser' things to iron out, the dates are mostly set. As usual it's packed with driving days, shows and competitions and also has the odd mention of one or two non club events you might like to attend.

In this months issue we come to the end of a couple of ongoing stories, Graham's trip to Wiltshire gets the second and final part and there's the report from the last round of the Freelander championship from Demelza and Ian, I won't give the game away here as to how things finished, but I'm sure if you've not already heard, you'll want to jump in and get the news! Rob and Ally are still suffering from biting bugs in Africa and of course we'll still be following them in the new year. Finally, Sarah Berwick provides the report from the ladies tyro trial that was held in Newbourne - a great time was had by all!

So ends this years Nooze, thanks to everyone that provided articles we rely on everyone's input to make Nooze what it is and we were pleased to see various pieces make the national magazines through the year. Keep things coming in and have a great Christmas.

All the best... **Andy**

Directions to the Newbourne club site



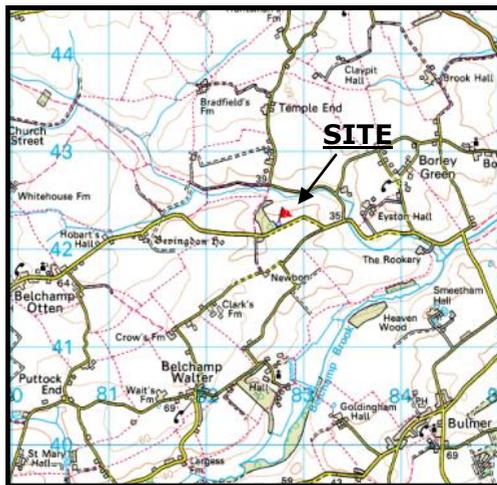
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

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Chat From the Chair

Well here we are, December, the end of another year! As always each year seems to pass so fast and we find ourselves looking back on what we've achieved over the past 12 months. In preparing to write this months 'Chat From The Chair' I've done just that and I have to say I wonder how we fitted it all in? We attended 7 shows, many of which were run by first time organisers, we gave hundreds of members of the public a little taste of the hobby we all love and in the process raised thousands of pounds for this years charities. We held 9 trials with almost every trial reaching double figure entries, with the tyro trials again topping the popularity charts. There were lots of new faces as well as plenty of first time winners. Our monthly members driving days have continued to be as popular as ever and it's been fantastic to see so many new faces joining the club and seeing what their Landy's can do. We saw the return of the clubs hugely successful Open Day which I think most people who were there agreed had the largest collection of club members in one place for many a year. This year also saw another first, as far as I'm aware we are the first Land Rover Club to have our own official "In-House" BORDA trainers, able to accredit members in skills such as Basic Off-Road Driving, Marshalling and Basic Winching skills. We now have double the number of marshals we had at the start of the year already trained up which is fantastic. On top of all of this were the camp-overs, maintenance days, informal green laning trips and much more. I think you'll agree that all-in-all it's been a pretty good year that we should all be proud of. Well done everyone.

So this brings us to our last event of the year, the hugely popular "Mince Pie Driving Day" and typically the clubs biggest gathering and hope that this year will be no different. We will again be having the superb Christmas buffet and bumper raffle, as well as inviting representatives from all of this years charities to come along, meet the members and be presented with a donation raised by the club members over the past year. As always the courses will all be open for those wanting their monthly off-road fix but driving is not a necessity, just come along and have a catch up with members old and new, all are welcome.

So that just leaves me to say on behalf of myself and the rest of the Committee, a huge Thank You to all club members and their families and friends for making 2014 such a successful year, the club really wouldn't be what it is without you and all the time you give.

Have a Merry Christmas and see you all on the 28th December.

Chris Finbow.

EVENTS PLANNER 2015

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>Org</u>
Jan 25 th	Driving day	Newbourne	A. Jeff
Feb 7th	Day into Night CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	T. Gant
Feb 8th	Tyro CCVT	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Feb 22 nd	Driving Day	Newbourne	M. Whitting
March 8th	Single Vehicle Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	D. Rolfe
March 15 th	Driving Day & AGM (12:30-1:30pm)	Newbourne	C. Finbow
March 29th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	D. Rolfe
April 18 th	1 st Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
April 19 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
May 16th	Novice Winch Trial & Camp Over	Newbourne	TBC
May 17 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	J. Smith
June 13 th	2 nd Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
June 14 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
July 25 th	3 rd Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
July 26 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Sept 6th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	M. Whitting
Sept 26th	Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	M. Whitting
Sept 27 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Oct 24th	"Ladies" Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Oct 25 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Nov 8th	CCVT	Snuggs Pit	TBC
Nov 22 nd	Children in Need Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Nov 29th	Single Vehicle Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	R. Lambourne
Dec 27 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers

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Final Events of 2014

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Dec 28 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers

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April 11 th – 12 th	Custom Car show	Stonham Barns	TR + RH
April 25 th – 26 th	Mid and West Suffolk Show	Stonham Barns	TR + RH
May 23 rd – 24 th	Land Rover Spring Adventure	Harrogate	N/A
May 27 th – 28 th	Suffolk Show	Trinity Park	C. Finbow
June 20 th – 21 st	Vintage Rally and County Fair	Goodrich Park	N. Warden
July 4 th – 5 th	Long Melford Show	Long Melford	TG + JO
July 11 th – 12 th	Country Fair, Wings & Wheels	Heveningham	R. Heather
31/7 - 2/8	Land Rover Fest	Billing	N/A
Aug 16 th	Classic Car Show	Stonham Barns	TR + RH
Sept 13 th	Club Open Day	Newbourne	H+C+A Jeff
Sept 19 th – 20 th	Henham Steam Rally	Henham Park	TBC
Sept 19 th – 20 th	LRO Show	Peterborough	C. Finbow

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 2015.

As before there are three ways to renew your membership:

- Complete the renewal form (copy enclosed) and post it with the appropriate fee to the membership secretary.
- Complete the Standing Order form (copy enclosed) and take/send it to your bank/building society. Please **Do Not** send it to the Membership Secretary, it's your instruction to your bank.
- 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 will expire 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 2015.

Also please note that any memberships not renewed by 31st January 2015 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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What I did on my holidays - Part 2

By Graham Loader age ...ahem.

Day 4-Wednesday. Deano took us up onto a lane above Wyllye and we headed across to Chitterne. Along the side of the track there's an airstrip and we could see a helicopter doing low level approaches.

Then we went across to Imber and did the other lanes we'd missed on Sunday. Coming out on the north edge via Tinhead Hill: Again these are all AWT's so don't come to any harm.

From here we went to Lavington and did a little road called The Clay, and it was here that we encountered probably the only 'anti' of the entire week. He was walking up the hill and had looked behind seeing our four vehicles. However he had no intention of moving off the track to allow us to pass so Deano dropped into lowbox and matched his walking speed leaving a good two or three cars gap. This must have displeased the gentleman as eventually he moved to the side and berated each of us as we passed! Back onto the ranges and we went from Urchfont Vedette, heading south before hooking a left to Netheravon. Dinner on this occasion was on Figheldean while the sounds of gunshots pervaded the otherwise stillness of the area. We were thankfully outside the red flags that fly on 'work days'.

At the end of this network we went along another lane beside Everleigh then more lanes to Collingbourne and then over Ingham Down. Most of the lanes we travelled were hard-gravelled making them quite sustainable to traffic. One that was fairly rutted but still hard bottomed was called Easton Clump and didn't seem to see a great deal of use. And so to our last two lanes of the day, Milton Hill and Bruce Field. A little wet but hard-bottomed again, but the bit which caught out one of our number was a short downhill section of chalk. Al had just started to follow Deano down as he said to watch the slippery slope only to see a 110 do a rally slide part way down before reacquiring the correct alignment!

Day 5-Thursday. Wayne & Christine swapped places as leaders with Deano & Joy for our last laning trip and Sue decided to stay at the campsite and chill. We were heading further afield this time with a jaunt into deepest Dorset. So we headed off to our start point at the western end of the Ox Drove via a stop off for fuel in Shaftesbury. The Ox Drove runs parallel with the Herepath which we'd done a few days earlier but we only did the first section and then dropped

downhill to Tollard Royal. It was while on the ridge that we spotted a lone Jeep, two-up and heading towards us. We all passed with a wave but Deano saw them waving rather enthusiastically and stopped, to find out it was SLROC member Rob Fraser and partner Sue! You meet the nicest people...

After a bit of natty navigation due to the Dorset Steam Fair we stopped for lunch on a lane on Bovington Heath just before Moreton ford.



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The V8 never missed a beat on the crossing and we tootled off to Corfe for the next lane past Rollington Farm.

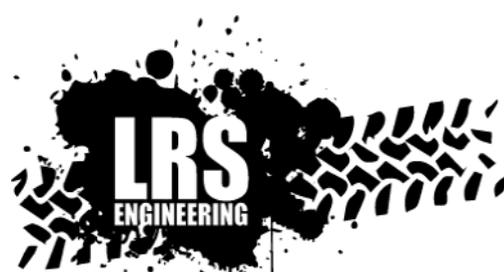
There's a lovely view of Poole Harbour as you look back and I reckon it would be good to drive south to north for the view. Then as we got to the top, we had a spectacular view of the ruins of Corfe Castle. Our next lane was a beauty according to Deano and indeed, the view was amazing from our lofty 650 foot viewpoint, although there was altogether too much sea and sky for my liking. After a coffee at the nearby car park we moved on, crossing Povington Hill atop the Tyneham ranges.

Tyneham is yet another abandoned village taken over by the MOD in 1943 although this one is accessible most weekends and all public holidays. Our next lane was Dagers Gate from which you can get some good views of Lulworth Cove. We popped onto the main road at Winfrith, site of the UK's civil nuclear reactor research & technology base, and headed for Weymouth. Traffic was horrendous as we headed towards town as it was rush hour, but we eventually made it through and headed for the coast at Abbotsbury and our 'last lane' of the day; a nice drive along the beach to West Bexington. It started as a tarmac lane to some holiday homes but soon turned into a rutted and very narrow and scratchy track. But driving along the top of the beach with the sea right there beside us, was unusual. Obviously Wayne, Al and Deano had driven this before, the previous October, but remember what I said about last lanes? As we got to the western end, less than 100 yds from tarmac, there was a distinct lack of forward momentum as the leading 110 started to run out of puff in the stones.

There was much surprise at this as on the last visit the vehicles had hardly noticed the loose shingle at all. A local fisherman who was watching proceedings supplied the answer to this puzzle: It seems that due to the winter storms the beach had to be rebuilt and for some inexplicable



reason, instead of using reject or large stone, they had put down natural 10mm pea shingle! It was like driving on marbles and probably the worst dressing they could have used! The council had even put signs up for walkers, stating that it would take longer to walk the track.



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We all got through in the end and made our way home, stopping off at a pub for a nice meal, just outside Shaftesbury.

Our final day was a free one so I had a little drive out, but Salisbury was very busy. We had a great last evening together and I said my goodbyes as I would be leaving



early in the morning. However the others didn't leave until seven the Saturday evening.

If you get the chance, Wiltshire is a great place for laning. The byways, especially on the SPTA (Salisbury Plain Training Area) are very well signed and in mostly excellent condition. There are fords, covered lanes (very covered in some cases), prehistoric monuments and vista's to amaze you, especially if you're a flatlander.

Graham Loader

Photos with thanks to Deano

Single vehicle winch challenge 14th December 2014 @ Snugg's Pit

Snugg's Pit is a heavily wooded site has much to offer drivers who enjoy powering up long hills and dodging between trees, there's also open areas of soil heaps and stream. With trees at every turn this is a fantastic venue for this type of winch event.

Each team will consist of two team members and one vehicle, the trial will be run in two classes "Class One" for trucks with multiple winches and additional traction aides and "Class Two" for vehicles with single front mounted winches and no additional traction aides.

Pre Booking for this event is via the Club Forum or compsec@slroc.uk.com . Remember pre-booking entrance fee £25 or Arrive and drive £30, please remember ALL competitors must be club members. (pre-booking closes 2 weeks prior to the event to allow time to arrange the event insurance)

Day will begin at 9am for Scrutineering, followed by a prompt 10 am start (no Late entries Sorry) and be prepared for a full day's winching aiming to finish at around 4pm.

Directions - See map page 2.

Freelander Challenge The Final Round

The trip to Wales for the last round was always going to be a long one. There was a lot was riding on this trip! We arrived at Walters Arena, to find very similar conditions to that which we had started the season on a wind farm. Luckily I paid very little attention to the weather forecast and my decision to pack the waterproofs and woolly hat was a great one.

The course mostly suited us with plenty of long fast sections but there was one large deep water splash, which Ian was worried about. We started the first day of competition and were held on the course on 3 out of the first 4 runs resulting in nominal times and then there was long hold after an incident where a seatbelt had injured a co-drivers eye, who would have thought that a safety device could cause such a thing! We then became aware of a problem with the car, alternator failure that in turn meant the manual fan to cool the engine was not working 100%. The crew wouldn't let a little thing like this stop us running and in between runs were charging up spare batteries with Brians "Korean love juice" as he so proudly put it when we used his motor and jump leads to charge the Freelander!. By the end of day one we had a comfortable lead despite the problems and the championship was looking well within our grasp but as they say it's not over till the fat lady sings. We still had the alternator issue and the clutch was beginning to feel decidedly dodgy and still day two to contend with.

After a sleepless night worrying about the car and whether the campsite was going to disappear into the Welsh countryside we set about the first run of the day. To our horror but not unexpectedly the clutch went, we tried to continue but were thwarted by the engine over heating as it was working so much harder. With the fan not working at all, we had no choice but to retire on stage to save the car for Rally GB which was booked for 3 weeks time. We got towed back to the service area where the crew were keen for us to obtain a finish, all we had to do was get the car over the line 3 more times under its own steam to qualify. After much discussion and persuasion we managed to convince Ian to do so. We did even attempt one more full run but the car simply didn't have it left in it and yet again we were towed in.



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I went over to see our times and much to my complete surprise we had managed to hang on to 2nd place, which in turn gave us the championship. I'm still struggling to believe what has been achieved nearly 2 weeks after the event. Huge thanks must go to Ian for giving me the most amazing opportunity to co drive and to the crew who have dedicated weekends of their lives in inhospitable countryside in, at times, hideous weather. We are fortunate enough to have several great sponsors onboard and the organisers and other teams are incredibly welcoming and helpful. Anyone who has read this and is tempted to have a go, do it, you won't regret it!

At the start of the season as a rookie crew its hard to imagine the Freelander Challenge championship is ours and we are off to compete in the National at Rally GB any minute, just goes to show, you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it!



The Team: (Left to right) Brian Taylor (forward vision technician) Ben Brough (chief spanner man) Demelza Scoles (Co-Driver) & Ian Linford (Driver).

Demelza Scoles

Ed: On behalf of everybody that has followed the stories of Ian, Demelza and the team this year in Nooze, I'd like to offer our heartiest congratulations for winning the Freelander Challenge Championship. I'd also like to say a great thanks to Demelza for sending in the reports and pictures for every round, it's been great to follow your adventures each month!

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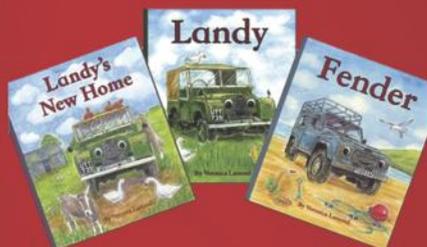
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Ladies Trial 25th October 2014

It all started in early September when I was talking to James Prentice about trialing and he offered me the use of his Discovery 'Mack' for the Ladies Trial. Having watched my daughter Amy drive in a few trials and having helped marshal many of them, I thought it was time to have a go! Having no experience of a trial from inside a vehicle, James mentioned he was entering the September Tyro so I suggested I was his co-driver. As you may remember from last month's write up Amy won the Junior section of the Tyro and James won the adult section. So the pressure would be on to retain 'Mack's' winning ways!

After a quick rendezvous for breakfast we arrived at a sunny but cool Newbourne. Mack passed the scrutineering without issue so it was onto a quick familiarisation drive around the access track, having never driven a Disco before!

The first section was over the white course, and having walked the section with James we sat in the queue and watched two Discos go through before us. When we set off, I completely forgot where we were going!! A few tight turns and I clipped gate 3 having already used my shunt, not bad for the first section.

Section two had a couple of axel wisters and finished over the pipes at the edge of the carpark, I think



most of Newbourne will have heard my delight in getting a clear on that section! The third section covered some of the white course and with a quick shunt another clear! My confidence was growing, until I heard the next section was in the woodland! I hadn't been down to the woodland course for a long time, I was relieved when we walked it that on the mini maintenance day Brian Welburn had been let loose with his chainsaw and along with other members had made the course drivable again. This said, it was still tight and with some weaving through the canes, I managed to get Mack over the bridge to turn down the hill and head to the last gate which was a difficult one in the bank, unfortunately I misjudged it and hit the cane with the bumper, next time I'll remember only one of Mack's front hubs needs to pass the gate!

The last section before lunch started in the middle of the yellow and finished with a climb up the hill onto the access track, another clear!! By this time the sun was shining and we all gathered at the club house for a bite to eat.

The sixth section started by the seesaw and went through the gorse, down onto the bottom of the black, this was a long section and for some reason I was nervous about this one! Following the long walk back to the start we watched Amy drive first, getting some ideas how to drive the section, after watching a few more drive the start we decided on the route we would take. We passed though the gorse without issue (not too many additional scratches) and entered the bottom of the black, this was the closest I came to clipping a tree and scored a 4.

Section seven was back on the top of the yellow, a short section but very tricky, again we watched a few drivers go through this section. Heidi descended into a hole with a tight left turn, didn't quite turn quick enough and put Elliot into the bank and broke his indicator lens (the same one she broke last year!) The driver before me got stuck in the hole and unfortunately damaged their passengers door, James told me not to worry as Mack has tree sliders so it should be fine! We got through the hole ok but we clipped cane 4 with the body roll while negotiating the not so little holes!

Lining up to begin section 8 was a challenge in its self! Once in position we managed to achieve another clear with an interesting finish almost laying back in the seat having hubbed the last gate in the bank. Section 9 began by the table top on the yellow, again while waiting the vehicle in front of me needed recovery. James told me to power on through the water and again when we get to the split, not knowing Rob Heather had been digging holes under the water on the maintenance day, they took me by surprise but with James encouraging me we ploughed on through again having a little lay down with the angle on the final gate, another clear! The last section finished with another good climb at the corner of the yellow and finished the day with a clear!

Not knowing how many points I had finished with we returned to the car park to await the results. I certainly did not expect to come anywhere near the winners so when the results were announced not to have heard my name mentioned by the time the top three were announced I was amazed to win with 12 points and two shunts - keeping Mack's winning record!

I thoroughly enjoyed the day, thanks firstly to James Prentice who not only lent me Mack to drive but for his help, advice and encouragement throughout the day. Thanks to Chris Finbow for setting up the trial and to the marshals all of whom helped the day run smoothly and without incident. Well done to all those who took part. Now to find me a Discovery!!



Sarah Berwick

Ladies Tyro Trial @ Newbourne, 25/10/14 - Results

1st	S. Berwick	12 + 2s	7th	H. Finbow	25 + 5s
2nd	N. Broadley	14 + 4s	8th	A. Berwick	28 + 2s
3rd	T. Hannant	15	9th	Charly Jeff	32
4th	A. Zyman	17 + 3s	10th	E. Johnson	43
5th	Cathy Jeff	17 + 4s	11th	H. Elson	44
6th	H. Jeff	21	12th	C. Best	49

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Day 126 5/4. Motel Delices Du Lac's, Lambarene, Gabon
0°41.30'S 10°13.13'E. Miles today 178, Total Miles 11684

And so we find ourselves back on the superb tarmac road towards the equator. Our GPS showed it to be right on a bend in the very twisty road (which was in a completely different spot to where their sign was, no doubt for safety reasons) We stopped in the hope of a mammoth photo session and a celebratory drink. However, as we opened the back door and turned around, there were about 50 school children storming at full speed towards us. Gah! Trust us to cross the middle of the earth at midday just as schools were closing. So one quick snap and we were off. We arrived in the beautiful riverside town of Lambarene and while looking for a bushcamp, we spotted a sign for Motel Delices Du Lac's. The Gabonese woman running the show was happy to let us camp on the tiny patch of grass for €3 each and insisted that we went to watch telly in the bar. She even picked some flowers for us and served us the coldest beers ever. It was unbelievably hot and the mozzies were out in full force so we ordered another beer and chilled out on her veranda. Just then, the chef arrived and seemed well chuffed that they actually had guests. I suggested to Rob that maybe we should eat something, purely to give him a reason for being here. He was delighted and scurried off to prepared a menu for us and gave a full tour of the restaurant. Rob settled for the Gazelle with Fried Plantain and I opted for Bush Pig with Boiled Cassava. He then brought us a mosquito coil and a bowl of chips. (yup, real crisps, oh my word, when last did we have those?) I should have suspected he was up to something, when he never actually went back into the kitchen once and our food was due to be ready in half an hour. I did notice one of the staff load a basket into the back of the car and drive off into town. Half an hour later, they were back and suddenly our dinner was ready. Still, it was delicious and very much enjoyed until we got the bill! Note to self: always check the prices first! Let's just say it was a little more than a days budget for us. I just hope that the sweet old pygmy woman in the village, who probably made it, got her fair share of the profits. After discovering that our camping spot was now overrun with very scary biting fire ants, we literally jumped into bed.



Day 127 6/4. Bush camp, abandoned auberge 7km north of Lambarene, Gabon 0°37.63'S 10°13.27'E. Miles today 16, Total Miles 11700

Awoke to find even more fire ants invading our car. They are very small and when they bite, which believe me, they do, it burns! With a whole day to kill, we decided to visit the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, as it houses a very special museum. Really worth it, in idyllic surroundings right on the river (as long as you ignore the bushmeat collection of freshly killed monkeys under the trees) A quick stop at the superfast and wonderfully cool internet café in town and we headed off in search of a bushcamp. The usual "spot a dirt track and dash up it" led to an old abandoned auberge on a hilltop with the most awesome views, complete with a few shady pagodas to sit under and hard ground for Dino with minimal ants. Perfect. But wow, it's warm. I guess it wouldn't be so bad if you didn't have to wear so many bloody clothes to ward off the biting things.



Just to put things into perspective: It's 45C and I am wearing long trousers, long sleeved sweatshirt, a headscarf, socks and hiking boots! A while later, a government official arrived and our first thought was "Oh no, here comes trouble! But actually, he was just looking for the security man and absolutely gobsmacked that we had driven all this way from England. He wished us a safe journey and sped off. Phew! A bit later, T and M arrived looking fantastic after their few days adventure in Cameroon and 3 days rest in Oyem. Not a bite or an itch between them. The joys of aircon I guess.



Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 8th October 2014

Attendees: Chris Finbow (Chair), Michael Whitting (Minutes), Andy Jeff, Pat Corps, Hannah Jeff, Alan Pole and David Rolfe.

Apologies: Dan Rogers, Andy Beevers, Neil Warden.

Notes from previous meetings:

Agreed, Excluding finance reports that are to be added. Proposer: **AJ** Seconded: **PC**.

Actions from previous meetings:

04-04-14 - AP to write article about the 'Life Saver' bottle for Nooze. - **Done**

05-04-14 - 02-05-14 - HJ to create 'Club in the media' and 'Chosen charities', 'useful links', 'SRR' and pages on the new website. And 'club advertisers' section on the forum. - **Ongoing**

02-06-14 - CF to organise a meeting with the Suffolk show organisers re: maintenance to the off road course. - **Ongoing**

01-08-2014 - CF or **AJ** to take the water meter reading. - **Done**

03-08-2014 - CF to purchase a combination padlock and key locker for the site. - **Done** (combination agreed)

05-08-2014 - AJ to phone Marshalls land rover re: the open day. - **Done**

01-09-2014 - MW to talk to **DR** re: Interclub trial. - **Done**

Membership

Current Members: 218 full, 99 joint, 37 junior members.

New members: 15 full, 3 joint, 2 junior.

Proposer: **CF**, Seconded: **AJ**

Finance - Report Requested.

Club Site - DR via MW

Courses need cutting back of the brambles and overgrown vegetation I have put a thread on the forum regarding this and have a date for the 19/10/14 to which I have 5 or 6 people which are going to attend to help out.

We need another 50 wooden fence posts to replace the old rotten/broken ones around the site and also could do with 500m of BT draw cord.

Myself & Andy Jeff had a walk around the site last driving day and came up with the minimum signs we need, 2x private property signs either side of the woodland footpath, Caution deep excavation sign to replace the broken one, 2x new entrance signs for the start of the drive.

CF the site fire extinguishers are due for their yearly check soon.

CF we also need to purchase 2x '5mph' signs for the driveway.

Website and Social Media

HJ Facebook, Twitter and the forum are all running fine.

HJ No pictures have been sent in for either the Sept Tyro or the Open day. **CF** suggested putting a post on the forum asking people to send in their pictures for the club website.

Nooze

AJ Ordered: 250 (239 received)
Posted: 214 (new members to go out separately)
Delivered by hand: 2
Emailed: 31

AJ has been contacted by Breckland LROC re: a newsletter exchange that used to occur in the past and they would like to start again. All agreed that this was a good idea.

AJ Adrian Flux has expressed an interest in advertising in Nooze and possibly offering a discount to members.

Shows and Events

HJ to organise the CIN driving day

CF next year's events calendar needs to be created

Open Day

There was a very good turnout from both members and the public.

The bouncy castle did not attend due to a double booking.

HJ, CJ and **AJ** have agreed to be organisers for next year's open day.

£1300 was raised for the club in total.

A special thank you goes to Jay Smith for volunteering his vehicle for the winching experience raffle.

Public Relations

None

Safety and Training

PC requires the card printer so that he can send out the new marshal cards.

Competitions

Dave R to organise setting the CCVT or organise for someone to set the trial.

MW Tyro trial was successful with 18 entrants in total.

Dave R Ladies tyro permit received.

CF we need more rope for the winch event punches.

It was decided that due to the lateness in the year, that there would not be a return match for the interclub trial.

Correspondence

Vice Chair: Suffolk Family Carers have been in contact re: their end of campaign bus pull. They have asked if we would be able to supply some equipment that they could use to pull the bus with. All agreed this would be fine and **AJ** said he would attend to ensure it is used properly.

Web sec: The wildlife trust have been in contact requesting use of the site driveway to access the area of woodland to the left of the club site (when heading into the site). All agreed that this was ok, provided that the land owner is happy for this to happen.

IOPD

CF the insurance will require renewing soon.

Club Shop

David Marriott is now running the club shop.

Sales to date: £539.00

Rover Rescue

AGM is to be held on 13th October 2014

AoB

None

Summary of new actions

01-10-2014 – **PC** to purchase 100 posts for the courses.

02-10-2014 – **AJ** to get quotes for the signs that are required for the club site.

03-10-2014 – **PC** to contact companies re: the fire extinguisher testing.

04-10-2014 – **AP** to send the card printer to **PC** for marshal card printing.

05-10-2014 – **CF/AJ** to create the 2015 events calendar.

06-10-2014 – **CF** to look into getting string for winch event punches.

07-10-2014 – **CF** to contact **JB** re: interclub trial in March.

Meeting closed 10:30pm

Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at the club site.

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If you have any mail you wish to pass on to a Committee Member then it can be sent via any of the published addresses above. The Committee also respects the privacy of each and every Club member, and to that end, we do not give out details of Club members to any other organisation.

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On entering the access lane to the site, please adhere to the **5mph** speed limit. Failure to do so, may result in removal from the site with no refund of fees.

If only watching or socialising, please turn right to park in the rear car park. Do not park in the main car park or proceed to signing-on/scrutineering.

Trailers to be parked in designated area in main parking area.

If taking part in the event please stop at the signing-on hut first:

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