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The Mansfield Freelanders
trailing at Snuggs Pit. Almost
at the tipping point, but not
quite!

Nooze News!

Hello and welcome to the April edition of Nooze. Inside there's information for the start of the show season, helpful advice for the beginning of the camping season at all of our sites and invitations to a number of upcoming events - particularly to the forthcoming novice winch trial at Newbourne of course. There's an introduction from the guys at Demand Engineering and a write up for the recent winch trial held at Snuggs Pit and of course Nooze wouldn't be Nooze at the moment without the next leg of Rob and Ally's trip across Africa.

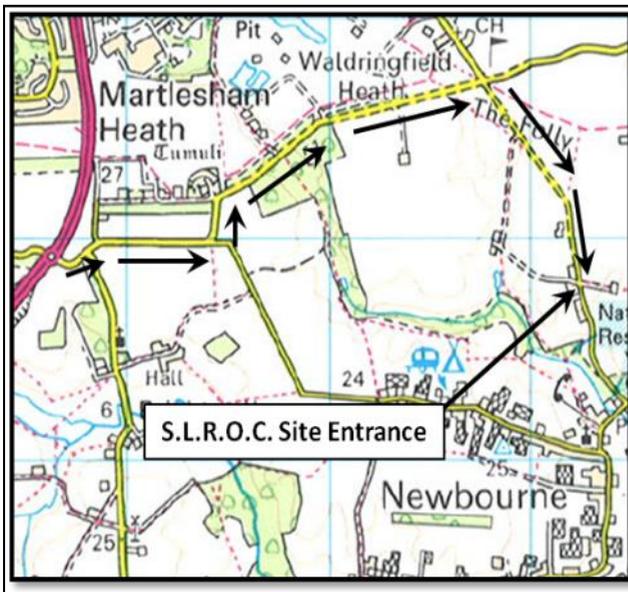
It's easy to list what's in Nooze when it's finished, but it's becoming more and more difficult to find things to put in it! I know, I know, moaning about never having content for Nooze is a drag, but it's no where near as bad as trying to put the magazine together with nothing to put in it! The punishment for no extra material next month will be endless droning about our exploits in Wales this easter - you've been warned!

Thanks to all those that came along to the AGM on the March driving day, whilst it was a busy day to present the last of the cheques to our 2014 chosen charities, Kirsten Alderson from Suffolk Family Carers had a very enjoyable if short visit and was able to sample what it's like to be driven around our courses. That leads nicely on to asking for nominations for our 2015 charities that we will be raising funds for throughout this years show season. All charity nominations should be sent to Jack Myers at secretary@slroc.uk.com and will be judged for inclusion by the club committee. Another item of business carried out at the AGM was the nominations for the club committee and the members new and old (and returning) are listed in the back of Nooze as usual.

With that I'll leave you to leaf through the pages and hopefully enjoy this months edition and maybe think about sending something in to be included in next months issue.

All the best... **Andy**

Directions to the Newbourne club site



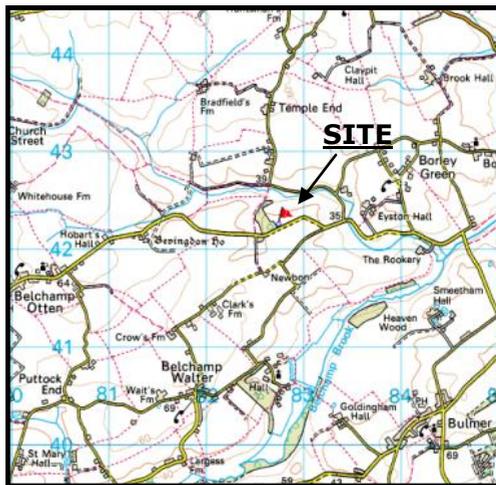
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down 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

April already! Where does the time go? It's a very busy month this month as April sees the start of another show season. I'm pleased to say that all of the shows that we attended last year have all been in contact and plans are being progressed for the clubs attendance, please keep an eye on the club forum for more details on each show nearer the time. A number of you have already put your names forward to help out but if you've never attended one of the clubs show events I would highly recommend it. There are loads of ways to get involved, not just driving, we need Marshalls, loaders and unloaders, people to meet and greet members of the public and get them signed on. So young or old come along, they are great social events plus most events have camping.

With the start of the Show season also means we have a bit of a break from trials, the first few months of 2015 has seen a fantastic selection of trials, last months was the winch trial at Snugg's which proved to be a tough event but was enjoyed by all. This month sees the CCV trial at Badwell Ash, a great venue to trial at and also spectate if you've not been before. Hannah Jeff is going to be taking over the Competition Secretary role and so if you would like to take part or are available to help out Marshalling or observing please make contact either via the Forum or at compsec@slroc.uk.com

While on the subject of committee roles, we had the Clubs AGM last month, again well attended and lovely to see so many members. There were a number of changes to the committee some moving roles as well as a number of new faces. The new committee can be found in its usual place at the back of Nooze, and I'd like to thank those volunteering their services for the year ahead. Also to those standing down, my thanks on behalf of all the members for all you have done over your time on the committee. You will also see that we still have a couple of vacancies, as always if you feel you would like to take on a role or just offer to help in any way, please contact any of the committee and they will be happy to discuss ways of getting involved.

The last bit I covered at the AGM was a final request for nominations for this year's chosen charities. We hope to discuss and agree this at the May's committee meeting, so now is your last chance to let us know about a charity you think deserving and would benefit from moneys raised by the members. As a rule of thumb we ask that the charities nominated are local to the area and in the past have included SERV (Suffolk & Cambridge), East Anglian Children's Hospital, Autism Anglia and Suffolk Family Carers to name a few. Nominations should be sent to secretary@slroc.uk.com and if we could ask for them to be in by the end of the month.

Finally from me for this month our new Off Road secretary Gareth King is planning a mini maintenance day for the 18th April. One of the key jobs to sort, is giving Terry's See Saw a fresh coat of paint, plus some general equipment maintenance, cutting back of trees and hedges and finishing the kids play area and fencing. All help is hugely appreciated so please make contact with Gareth if you are able to assist.

Happy Landrovering

Chris.

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>
April 18 th	1 st Training Day & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
April 19 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	P. Corps
May 16th	Novice Winch Trial & Camp Over	Newbourne	TBC
May 17 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
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	A. Cutting
Nov 22 nd	Children in Need Driving Day	Newbourne	H. Jeff
Nov 29th	Single Vehicle Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	R. Lambourne
Dec 27 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	D. Rogers

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

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Nooze Team

Over the next few months we'd like to expand the team that produces the Nooze Magazine. There are various jobs from collecting or creating stories and articles to editing the magazine down to what you see here. It's only editing that really needs any 'computer skills', the rest is mostly down to your own enthusiasm! New ideas are always welcome and moving Nooze forward is one of the most important parts of the job.

If you'd like to help or have any questions, send me an email at nooze@slroc.uk.com or call me on 07801 470055.

Andy

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April 11 th – 12 th	Custom Car show	Stonham Barns	M. Whitting
April 25 th – 26 th	Mid and West Suffolk Show	Stonham Barns	A. Jeff
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	TBA
Sept 13 th	Club Open Day	Newbourne	H+C+A Jeff
Sept 19 th – 20 th	Henham Steam Rally	Trinity Park	R. Heather
Sept 19 th – 20 th	LRO Show	Peterborough	C. Finbow

Suffolk Family Carers Come To Newbourne

The final cheque from our charity pot of 2014 was handed over to Kirsten Alderson, the CEO of Suffolk Family Carers at the March Driving Day. The cheque for £5500 was presented by club chairman Chris Finbow before the main proceedings of the AGM got underway, but Kirsten was able to 'hitch a ride' around the courses on site and managed to get an appreciation of how we go about raising funds and how enjoyable that can be for those that get to have a ride. As ever, the cheque handover is never the end of our relationship with a chosen charity and we will continue to try to help Suffolk Family Carers in whatever way possible.



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Running Up That Hill - Single Vehicle Winch Challenge 8/3/15 @ Snugg's Pit

In the first winch challenge of the year we visited Snuggs Pit near Sudbury for what turned out to be more than just your average winch event. Set out in the days leading up to the event, the taxing stages were to provide a reasonable challenge for seasoned campaigners and a few scratched heads for those with somewhat less capable vehicles.

Snuggs has always offered challenges due to the very nature of it's history and location, but over the last two or three years in particular has been further developed into an excellent location for running all types of off road events with almost every type of terrain imaginable apart from rocky outcrops!



So, on a chilly day bathed in early spring sunshine, competition got underway with the majority of teams choosing to stay out of the wetter, deeper sections and instead tackling the

pot holes, ditches and steep slopes at the south 'Pit' end. With marshals assigned to teams rather than sections, everyone was soon getting stuck in.

The Mansfield Frelander, having no snorkel, was destined to keep clear of the water all day but started by getting wedged between two trees at a precarious angle on the entrance to it's first section of the day. This turned out to be only the slightest of difficulties as it was soon properly into the section and on it's way to their first points managing to get both punches in that section. The



Mansfield team moved on to complete only one other section before the clutch began to feel the strain and the more achievable sections were done. Sometimes calling it a day whilst you can still drive home in a relatively unscathed way is the hard but right call to make.

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The other entrant with a Mansfield interest was going OK right up until the point just before the lunch break when a seemingly innocuous and steady drive out of a hole was greeted by an equally innocuous 'crack' sound. It proved to be one of the front CV joints that had blown but which one? Obviously not the one you choose to take apart and check first, which for a front CV joint is a bit of a pain! Needless to say Adam soon had it fixed and was out again after lunch trying his best (but thankfully failing) to break the other side.



They weren't the only team to suffer problems though. The David Roots Tomcat managed to snap a winch rope early on and later popped a tyre off its bead making the team that little bit more cautious after fitting the one and only spare and not wanting to drop back to a 'Three wheels on my wagon' situation. Where the Tomcat

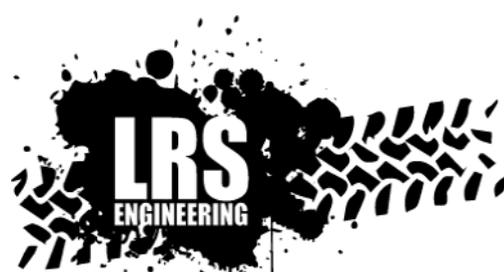
does come into it's own though is that it's relatively light and in sections where side slopes caused heart stopping moments for the Frelander, the Tomcat didn't really need the advantage of the extra winch to keep it upright although it still looked precarious to the onlooker.

There were other incidents (of course), including a winch rope breaking near the



top of a climb out of the pit resulting in a reasonably quick but thankfully safe reverse to the bottom ending up in the stinky swamp pool, James needing to be 'steadied' by an external line when in an extremely precarious position, Bugs needing to be careful when beached out in the stream section - he kept pointing out that he had to be careful as he was going on holiday in the same car the next week. Oh and Hannah managed to get a welly full of muddy water after sliding into the by now churned up stream.





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James did say that he didn't want to get his truck 'too dirty', but that was before he enrolled into the Chris Cole school of off road driving. Chris never known for being subtle with the throttle was James' winch bitch for the day and his influence clearly rubbed off resulting in a couple of daring manoeuvres involving what can only be described as 'launch control' much to the delight of the on looking crowd!



The 'Do or Die' (Rev and Clutch Dump) attitude worked well for James and Chris though as they ended up winning the event with Adam and Tim coming in a deserved second despite their earlier CV troubles.



The next winch event is the Novice Winch Challenge at Newbourne on May 16th, it's usually a little kinder to the entrants and is a great introduction to the world of winch challenges for those that want to dip their toe, but not their whole motor into the water!

SV Winch Challenge - Results

1st	J. Oxford/C. Cole	705pts
2nd	A.Lambourne/T. Dyer	560pts
3rd	J. Bullen/D. Matthews	365pts
4th	J. Eley/K. Beal	300pts
5th	D. Roots/H. Jeff	270Pts
6th	D. Gillings/A. Julian	195pts

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 11th -12th with camping available from Friday 10th, the second is the much larger and more busy Mid and West Suffolk Show on the 25th-26th, again camping will be available from Friday 24th.

As well as having our own area over in the corner of the showground where we offer off-road 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!

"Non-Extreme / Novice" Winch trial **16th May 2014 @ Newbourne**

This event is primarily aimed at beginners with the more experienced amongst you welcome to join in but don't expect anything like a full challenge event. Teams will find a good selection of stages (approx 10) to learn and gain valuable experience giving a taste for some of the more challenging events that we organise throughout the year.

Marshalls will be on hand with advice and guidance for the less experienced. So there is no reason why you shouldn't come along and find out what that expensive bit of kit on your front bumper can do other than a bit of self recovery.

Pre-Booking for this event is via the Club Forum, or email compsec@slroc.uk.com Pre-booking will close 3 weeks prior to event to allow time to arrange the insurance. Entrance cost will be £25 per vehicle Day will begin at 9am for scrutineering with the trial starting at 10am aiming to finish at around 4pm. This will be a single-vehicle front mounted winch trial with one class across the board.

Spectators are of course more than welcome to come along and watch what is always a closely contested event!

Hannah Jeff

Exhausting work at Demand Engineering.

A number of members from SLROC have had the 'Demand - Longlife' experience, so when it came to needing a new, bespoke exhaust for Blaze the V8 '65 Series 2a, they seemed the obvious choice, and a fine job they did too! After chatting with the guys there, Bim kindly offered to explain what Demand are up to and where they are heading.

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A production system for Land Rovers on the jig table ready go with Dan.

There will also be a reduced cost 'in house' fitting service for the systems. "We're looking into arranging a deal with a couple of local hotels, so you can enjoy the Suffolk countryside (and our courtesy car) for a weekend, whilst we fit your exhaust for you" said Dan.

Of course, it's not only Land Rovers that the guys at Demand tackle and you can see many incarnations of their craft either at their workshop or on the internet. Keep an eye out for Demand Engineering Ltd's latest news on their website at www.demandengineering.co.uk or follow them on twitter@demandeng or see their facebook page, to view more of what they do.



A recent project manufacturing a complete exhaust including manifolds and silencers for Suffolk Jaguar's "C type"

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Members who assist with set up and are pitched for camping Thursday night get free camping.

Members who marshal on course for half day will get the other half day off-road for free. (as has always been the case). This can be extended to other volunteers on request.

If you have any further enquiries please consult your contact for this event, if further information is needed please contact me by email, events@brecklandlrc.com.

Thank you in advance, Danny, BLRC Event Co-Ordinator.

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After a conversation with a club member, we've had a call from a local charity who thought our members might like to hear their story and help them out. They are asking for help not only directly with their charity, but with a specific event below.

Station House Community Connections is a charitable community benefit society set up in 2013 to transform the disused Station House in Campsea Ashe into a new community amenity. With many original features reinstated, it will combine the strengths of its historical purpose and heritage, with services and facilities to support our rural communities.

We are seeking volunteers for the Station House Model Railway and Engineering Exhibition on 13th June. No previous experience required!

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Clarke & Simpson are holding a railwayana auction sale at 12 noon, alongside the exhibition, to include memorabilia, collectables & model railway items. Viewing Friday 12th June, 3-7pm and Saturday 13th from 9am. Closing date for entries 8th May 2015 (01728 621200).

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Hurrah, we finally made it into this tiny piece of Angola. The good tar continued into the town of Cabinda, quite a strange but huge town, with a strong Portuguese feel. We definitely stood out like sore thumbs and attracted huge

amounts of attention. With no idea of where the Catholic Mission was, we headed for a way point we had jotted down for a "sea front bushcamp", which turned out to be a very public car park, where locals were selling bunches of enormous



crabs and fresh fish engulfed in a halo of flies. After chatting to the crab seller in our now makeshift Portuguese, he showed us where the Catholics Mission was. It turned out to be a lovely place for our one day stay in Cabinda, bustling with activity with free and safe camping and the use of a somewhat mouldy smelling shower and loo.

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Day 135 14/4. Cabinda-DRC (Zaire) border
5°44.51'N 12°17.74'E. Miles today ?, Total Miles ???

And so we enter Zaire today. Another day, another country, another border crossing. The road was good all the way to the border. A small amount of confusion on the Angolan immigration side as after filling in some silly forms and waiting for them to make various phonecalls, I suspected something was up.



S o m e clarification was needed as to whether we were leaving or in fact entering? Does that ever happen at Heathrow? "Um, just checking but we are actually leaving not entering the country. You see here is my

entry stamp already right next to the visa. Now, we just need the exit stamp." After a short wait for them to find an all important inkpad, we were stamped out and on our way to Zaire.

Day 135 14/4. Bush camp, in village on road from Boma to Tshela, DRC
5°42.38'S 13°01.07'E. Miles today 209, Total Miles 11220

I like this place already. Slow, yet organised officials and with a sense of humour. We managed to change a few dollars for a good rate and were soon on the "road" again. Now, Rob is smiling. The road was indeed terrible but great fun. Deep muddy sections and yes, we got stuck once or twice but nothing too serious, just minimal digging. Just passed the hectic town of Boma, we must have taken a wrong turn, as we found ourselves heading north deep into the jungle. our new GPS is already earning its keep!





By now it was getting dark and so we stopped at the next village and asked if we could camp there. They were delighted, if not honoured to have us as guests but did not hesitate to crowd round for ages to see what these white folk were up to. Kinda hard when you urgently need a pee.

Day 136 15/4. DRC-Angola border
5°51.73'S 13°26.15'E. Miles today ?, Total Miles ???

We woke up bleary eyed, as our quiet little village turned into a major transport hub at night, with many, many trucks coming and going, with of course a slight detour to circle the white folk in the Landrover. At 6am we were surrounded by wide-eyed villagers all completely gobsmacked when Rob made me a cuppa. We gave our hosts some candles and cigarettes and after a quick photo session, were on our way on the right road towards Matadi. Just as we were overtaking a huge lorry, one of the passengers handed us a gift. Some weird sausage shaped thing wrapped in a palm leaf. It turned out to be some prized fermented maize stodgy thing, which is seen as a delight here. It was pretty grim so we gave it to the chaps filling in the potholes. They were delighted! We soon reached The Congo River and the view that greeted us was an impressive site. It's normally highly illegal to photograph the river and bridges here but we sneakily took a few photos. The town of Matadi across the way was huge but quite beautiful and can only be reached by crossing the very new and shiny bridge. Wow, only 2 days here and we would both love to return one day but for now, we need keep heading south before our Angolan visas expire. No problems in leaving Zaire, again the officials making funny jokes and the chance to spend the last of our Congolese Francs. Munching on some very yummy bbq pork kebabs and a couple of cold cokes, we approach the Angolan border post. The rain clouds above are black and already we can feel the drop in temperature. Hurrah!



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.**

Thank you for your kind consideration when you are camping and we hope you have a great time whilst at camp-over events.

Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 4th February 2015

Apologies: Dan Rogers, Neil Warden, Alan Pole

Attendees: Chris Finbow (chair), Michael Whitting (minutes), Andy Jeff, Hannah Jeff, Andy Beavers, Pat Corps

Notes from previous meeting

Proposer: Pat Corps

Seconded: Andy Beavers

Actions from previous meeting

05-04-14 – 03-12-14 - HJ to create 'Club in the media' and 'Chosen charities', 'useful links' pages on the new website and update website galleries. - **Ongoing**

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

- **Ongoing – awaiting reply**

01-01-2015 - CF to contact Suffolk show organisers re: who cheque needs to be made payable to and re: course maintenance. - **Ongoing**

03-01-2015 – CF to contact **DM** re: monthly club shop reports. - **Ongoing**

05-01-2015 – AP to bring the Life Saver bottle to the next committee meeting.
- **Ongoing**

Membership AP via CF

147 Full members

62 Joint members

Finance

AB £10,554.15 in the bank, including charity funds.

AB Advertising fee for one of the Nooze Advertisers has not been paid and the advert now needs to be removed.

AJ has had contact from Suffolk Family Carers re: Charity Cheque hand over and is currently waiting for a reply from them to organise a cheque hand over.

Club Site – DR's report

With regard to the problem areas I highlighted last month I managed to sort 4 of them by hand on the Saturday before the last driving day, although they are now all needing attention again (with the exception of the end of the mud run as this was reversed and worked well with the vehicles compacting it may be worth keeping this area only reversed for February DD) as the start of the yellow became impassable just after lunch and had to be shut. The rest of the courses are holding up well and not giving too many problems.

Website & Social Media

HJ Facebook and Twitter are all running ok.

The rules statement for the forum was discussed and the committee have agreed on the statement that will be in place in future.

AJ Website domain names are up for renewal. All agreed fine to renew the domains.

Nooze

AJ 170 ordered, 160 posted, 29 emailed

AJ New printer is working well.

The committee have made the decision to continue to use these printers for the foreseeable future.

Shows & Events – No report

CF Heveningham has been in contact and the organising is due to begin soon.

CF email received from Breckland LROC inviting the club to an event that they are holding called "Dirty Weekend" on 6th and 7th June. **CF** has requested more information from the Breckland contact and is awaiting reply.

Public relations – No report

AJ an article has been published about the CIN DD in the LRM magazine.

Safety and Training

PC needs to take previous event marshal sign on sheets, to get a list of the no. of events that each marshal has done.

Competitions

CF large numbers of competitors have pre-booked for both the Day into night and the following Tyro trials.

HJ suggested whether as of next year the day into night trial could start at 2pm instead of 1pm as there are a few members that are not able to make this time due to work commitments that would like to enter.

Correspondence

AJ email received from Demand Engineering re: Exhaust clinic event that they would be holding. **AJ** has emailed them back to find out more information and will put on the club advertisers section of the forum.

Club shop – No report

Any other business

AJ 24 years of LR Magazines have been received as a donation and are now in the rear clubhouse.

AJ had a conversation with **RL** re: the reinstated forum post. And about that the committee should have a form of getting information to members more clearly. All agreed that the Chat from the chair is the best place to do this and in future the Chat from the chair will be an agenda item for discussion.

Summary of new actions

01-02-2015 – **AJ** to remove unpaid advert from Nooze.

02-02-2015 – **AJ** to pass Suffolk Family carers contact to **AB**.

03-02-2015 – **MW** to add 'Chat from the chair' to meeting agendas for future.

04-02-2015 – **PC** to collect the Marshal sign on sheets from previous events.

Meeting closed 10:04pm

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 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.

Important Information

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:

For insurance purposes, membership cards **must** be available for inspection at **any** club driving event, if requested. Only members holding a full UK driving licence* and who have **signed on**, may drive at any club event. *With the exception of 'Tyro Trials' where Supplementary Regulations may allow drivers of 13 years and upwards.

Then continue to scrutineering: **All** vehicles must be scrutineered prior to driving onto the courses. Minimum requirements for recovery points are two-points at the front with bridle, and manufacturer's tow hitch at the rear or two 'Jates' and bridle. Please fit bridle before scrutineering.

Seat belts (inc. lap-belts) must be fitted and worn by all occupants.

(No belt, no ride. This is for your own safety).

Once signed-on and scrutineered, you may continue to the parking area.

All loose items must be removed from the vehicle before going on the courses. Vehicles will be checked for these items and stickers.

15 mph site speed limit

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Children (under 16's) remain the sole responsibility of parents/carers at all times. Children must wear a Hi-Viz vest whilst outside a vehicle in all areas. Children must be accompanied by an adult in all active vehicle movement areas.

Dogs must be kept on leads and under proper control at all times.

It is the responsibility of the owner to clear up after your dog(s).

Do not drive roped-off areas.

Do not remove ropes or posts unless instructed by a Marshal.

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