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### **Cover Picture**

Series-ous fun tackling  
everything in the mud at  
Newbourne.

## **Nooze News!**

Hmm...This is surreal, no longer have I got to worry about duplicating the content that Chris has passed over to me for 'Chat from the Chair' in 'Nooze news', it's more a case of a bit of extra space to say what's going on this month, but more of that in 'Chat from the Chair' later!

Normally I use these few paragraphs to talk about this months Nooze content and to ask (sometimes plead) for more stories about your own Land Rover exploits that can go between the covers in months to come. Of course we still need those stories, but this month I have an additional request. We need a new editor for Nooze. As you read on you'll spot that my club duties have increased leaving less time for me to compile Nooze every month and as such it would be great to find someone who can take over this part of the good ship SLROC! It's not that complicated really, but you'll need to be reasonably competent with computers and be able to work to a deadline (something I'm not very good at) that see's Nooze published every month. Of course it doesn't have to be an 'individual' it could be a team if that's the way you want to run it! If you want to know what's involved, drop me a line at the email address on the left or give me a call and I'll let you know exactly what goes into producing 'Nooze'.

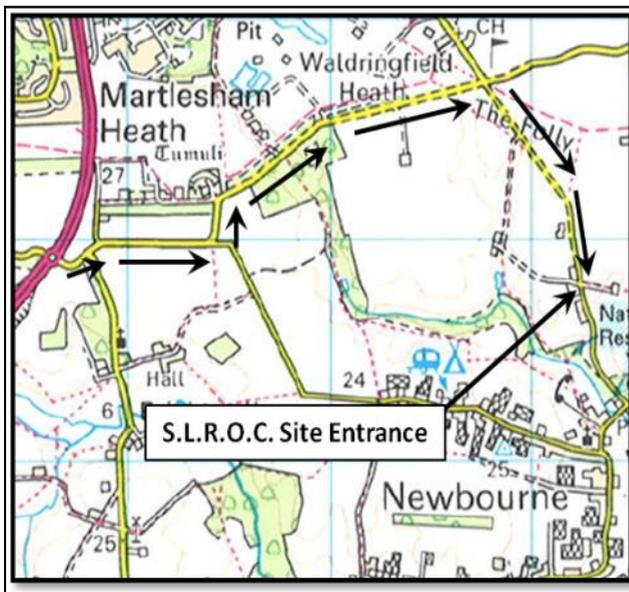
Back to the job in hand, this month as well as the regular features we have a report from the class 2 winners of the recent winch trial at Snuggs Pit - the class 1 winner is a serial non-write up giver ;-)) and it would appear that Africa as a destination for a holiday is proving as popular as ever and complimenting Rob and Ally's epic journey through the continent, Fred and Wendy are taking a break in South Africa visiting all the sites!

There's also information for those who wish to help out with the shows that we attend during the year, camping advice for any SLROC events and a small note about recovery etiquette at the Newbourne site.

All the best...

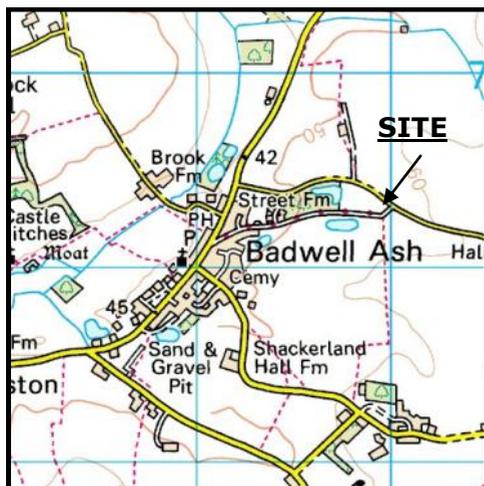
**Andy.**

# Directions to the Newbourne club site



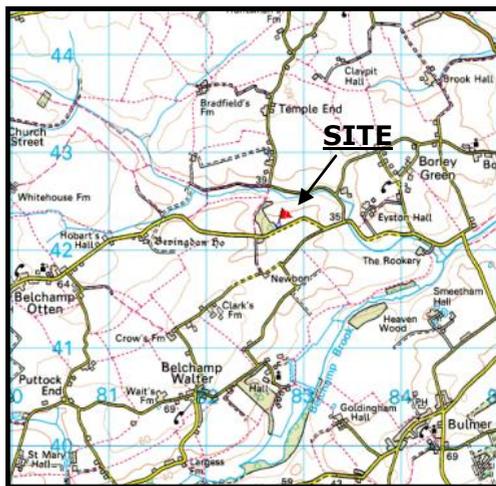
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

If you remember last months 'Chat from the Chair' you'll recollect that Chris signed off as club chairman after serving for three years only leaving the AGM as one of his final 'official' duties. I vaguely remember a number of people saying you'll be alright mate, it's only three years and before you could say "nomination" I was the new guy in the hot seat with a three year mandate to help steer the good ship SLROC into the future!

For those of you that haven't met me, I'm Andy Jeff, Nooze editor for the last two and a bit years, the bloke with the Union Flag draped over his 90 in a kind of artistic way who seems to be at most club events getting involved in the best way I know how, giving it 100% -or- just chatting about Land Rovers. What else is there?

My first duty is to thank our outgoing chairman, Chris. I've seen that over the last three years a chairman's job is never done and it's often the case that like an iceberg, most people only see the 10% that's above the water line. It's the dedication and time given by the chairman and the committee that makes the club what it is and it's fair to say that Chris leaves the committee and the club in a pretty good state, raring to go and ready to continue with the success that SLROC has recently seen. One last 'Finbow thank you' that I must mention is to Heidi. Heidi has not only given Chris the free reign and the time to get on with the job of chairman, but has also made so many valuable contributions herself to the smooth running of the club and I'm grateful that clan Finbow has offered their continued support as I begin to pick up the reigns.

The second duty, as it seems is dictated by tradition, is to give a call out to anyone that would like to help with the running and steering of SLROC. The committee is a dedicated and hard working group of members who want to make a difference and give something back to the club. Always enthusiastic and full of ideas not only dealing with the mundane jobs needed to keep the club successful, but forging ahead and helping guide the club to where it's members want it to be! The committee always welcomes new members and if you have even a small amount of free time and want to make a difference to what is essentially you're club, either chat to an existing committee member or come along to a committee meeting to see how your club is run.

So it's April when the show season swings into action and there's been lots of meetings and preparation already happening behind the scenes which will hopefully make this the best year yet for our nominated charities. If you are new to the club and want to get involved you can contact Tim Alden (PR and show co-ordinator) or myself (contact details in the back of Nooze) and we'll do our best to get you sorted ready for the season!

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to all that voted for me and gave me the opportunity to take up the role of club chairman (I noted you all down in my little book) and I'd like to ask that if any members have ideas, suggestions or opinions that you'd like to chew over, drop me a line, call me up or stop me for a chat when you see me, I'd love to hear from you.

All the best...

**Andy.**

## **EVENTS PLANNER 2016**

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

<u><b>When</b></u>	<u><b>Club Event</b></u>	<u><b>Where</b></u>	<u><b>Org</b></u>
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>CCVT</b>	<b>Badwell Ash</b>	<b>M. Whitting</b>
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Training Day (Winch Training) & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	S. Bareham
<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Novice Winch Trial &amp; Camp Over</b>	<b>Newbourne</b>	<b>B. Welburn</b>
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Training Day (Marshal Training) & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Training Day (Novice Driver Training) & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CCVT</b>	<b>Badwell Ash</b>	<b>M. Whitting</b>
<b>Sept 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tyro CCVT &amp; Camp Over</b>	<b>Newbourne</b>	<b>H. Jeff</b>
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
<b>Oct 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>"Ladies" Tyro CCVT &amp; Camp Over</b>	<b>Newbourne</b>	<b>C. Finbow</b>
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Driving Day	Newbourne	C. Finbow
<b>Nov 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CCVT</b>	<b>Snuggs Pit</b>	<b>A. Cutting</b>
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
<b>Nov 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Single Vehicle Winch Trial</b>	<b>Snuggs Pit</b>	<b>R. Lambourne</b>
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	G. King

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

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## **E-Nooze, A Quick Plug**

Nooze in electronic form has been around for some time now and a number of members get their copy e-mailed out before the regular paper Nooze goes in the post. If you'd like to switch to E-Nooze or get E-Nooze as well as paper Nooze, or if you're a joint or junior member who would like Nooze e-mailed to you, send a request by e-mail to [nooze@slroc.uk.com](mailto:nooze@slroc.uk.com) and I'll add you to the list!

**Andy**

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<b><u>When</u></b>	<b><u>Show</u></b>	<b><u>Where</u></b>	<b><u>CoC / Org</u></b>
April 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Custom Car show	Stonham Barns	A. Jeff
30/4 - 1/5	Mid and West Suffolk Show	Stonham Barns	A. Jeff
June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suffolk Show	Trinity Park	C. Finbow
June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vintage Rally and County Fair	Goodrich Park	N. Warden
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Country Fair, Wings & Wheels	Heveningham	R. Heather
July 30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Land Rover Fest	Billing	N/A
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Open Day	Newbourne	C+A Jeff
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Classic Car Show	Stonham Barns	A. Jeff
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Henham Steam Rally	Henham Park	R. Heather
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	LRO Show	Peterborough	S. Bareham

### **Recovery Etiquette at Newbourne**

The Black course at Newbourne has sections designed to be very challenging to drivers. Apart from the standard rules concerning recovery points and general condition of your vehicle, there are no hard and fast rules governing the equipment that a vehicle needs to have to enter the Black course. However, there are a few points that drivers should consider.

If there is a section of the Black where you are likely to need recovery, make sure that you know how you are going to get out. Is there a willing marshal? Do you have someone who will 'buddy up' and help you when you get stuck? Do you have the means to help yourself? Whilst a winch or waffle boards may be the answer, a different line could be all that's needed.

Be considerate to the marshals on the course. Primarily they are there for the safety of the drivers, and whilst some marshals are more than happy to help with recovery of vehicles, they shouldn't be taken for granted. After all, recovery equipment costs money and marshals are volunteers who are unpaid for their efforts. Needing recovery once is understandable. Getting stuck in the same place twice should be a lesson. Needing to rely on the goodness of others any more is taking advantage. There are alternative routes around the tricky sections, if you need to, use them.

These points are not rules but considerations. But as in all other off road driving, be responsible and think about how you will approach each situation before you get into it.

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## SV Winch Trial 28th Feb 2016 - Results

Knowing how tricky conditions can be at Snuggs Pit, it was good that the morning dawned dry, although there was a bitter wind, which luckily eased during the afternoon. Once scrutineering was over, we walked the course to see what challenges had been set for this event. Twenty sections had been devised, with either one or two stamps required in each section. As we only had a single winch, we could see that it would not be possible to get the second punches on all of the sections, but we knew that we were going to have fun trying!

As usual, the competition was divided into two classes ('vehicles with lockers and multiple winches' and 'vehicles with single front-mounted winches and no additional traction aids') and the challenge began just after 10am.

The sections varied in difficulty and teams could choose which sections to attempt. However, as usual, there was no time limit for each section. We began down at the bottom, in the mud and water, planning to get the wet

ones out of the way first, but, just into our first section, we snapped our rope!

So, that was game over on that section. Back to the pits to change the rope, and then we decided to forget the water for the time being, and went to the main pit. We were

getting round pretty well, with no penalty points, until, just before lunchtime, we snapped the rope again! During the lunch break, Dave very kindly spliced both ropes, so we were ready to continue, and this time returned to the water, where we successfully cleared these sections, with no penalty points.



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As is usually the case, the challenge was too much for some vehicles, with a few winches failing, a couple of rolls and the odd breakdown. However, some vehicles actually managed to complete every section.

As everyone gathered to hear the results, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that we had won our class. We would like to say a big thank you to the organising team, for a brilliant event, with some fantastic sections. Everyone taking part enjoyed themselves. Some sections were trickier than others, and a few were pretty extreme, but this did mean that, as is always the case at Snugg's Pit, there was challenge for all. We look forward to the next one!



**Julian Eley (Bugsy) and Kevin Beal**

<b>Class 1</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Entrant</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1st</b>	S. Springett/	1950
<b>2nd</b>	C. Cole/M. Baldwin	1950
<b>3rd</b>	L. Tayler/F. Lambert	1700
<b>4th</b>	P.Bone/E. Glover	1090
<b>5th</b>	P. Norfolk/	950
<b>Class 2</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Entrant</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1st</b>	J. Eley/K. Beal	500
<b>2nd</b>	P. Graham/	300
<b>3rd</b>	M. Whitting/A. Jeff	RTD



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## South Africa for Birthday and Christmas

Just before Christmas Wendy reached a significant birthday, so we decided to celebrate the occasion with a holiday to South Africa. Now, I have no wish to attempt to compete with a certain long running and very entertaining puncture-less African odyssey, but we so enjoyed the experience that I would like to share some of the highlights with you. Especially as the finale involved using an example of Lode Lane's finest in its natural habitat. Well, what else would you expect to use in Africa?

We flew from Heathrow via Munich to Cape Town, picked up our hire car and took the road to Camps Bay where we were to stay for four nights. We had been warned that Table Mountain, one of our 'must see' items, is very often shrouded in mist and cloud (referred to as the 'table cloth') for days at a time. However, we could see it standing out clearly in the very hot sunshine and decided to head straight for it whilst visibility was clear and worry about finding our hotel later. The near-vertical cable car ride to the top was spectacular and, with its rotating carriage, offered unparalleled panoramic views across Cape Town and the Atlantic Ocean.



Also from this point there is a very clear view of the infamous Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for eighteen years. The following day we visited this forbidding place and learned about the soul-destroying conditions prisoners endured from guides who are themselves ex-inmates. A very grim story! That afternoon we went to False Bay. The beach here consists of miles of

very fine pure white sand but almost no people.

Next day a boat trip to Seal Island proved pretty exciting too, as the seas were very rough and there was some doubt as to whether it was safe to make the crossing at all. An extremely skilful helmsman was determined that we should get a close-up look at the thousands of seals which live on these rocky outcrops and fought some strong currents and heavy swell to achieve it. What health and safety?! Following this we made the trek as far south as it's possible to go in Africa, to visit Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope. This is the point at which the South Atlantic and Indian Ocean meets and the scenery is extremely dramatic and beautiful. It is also the home of some very comical and aggressive baboons who just love taking parked cars apart!



Boulders Bay was the next stop and this is the natural home of a huge colony of African penguins. We spent a good couple of hours just watching these fascinating and comical birds both in the water and on the beach.

The weather continued to be very hot and sunny so a trip north to the Western Cape was made to visit the West Coast National Park. This is a vast open nature reserve and home to an eclectic array of wildlife from several species of antelope and primates to very colourful birds including ostriches and wild tortoises.

We had been told that no trip to Cape Town would be complete without a visit to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. We were not disappointed!! Nestling under the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, this huge 36 hectare (90 acre) site is magnificent. It contains over 7000 indigenous South African plants. One exciting feature is the 'Boomslang' tree walk (named after the prolific local tree snake) which sinuously winds its way at canopy level among the large forested section of the gardens affording superb views of the bird life and the surrounding countryside across Cape Town and the ocean.

Our plan for the holiday was to travel from Cape Town along the 'Garden Route' staying at a number of locations along the way. So the following day we left Cape Town and headed for Franschoek to stay at a lavender farm

and spend the Christmas period. Call me old fashioned if you like but sitting out in the garden of a restaurant under a sunshade in glorious sunshine eating a traditional Christmas Dinner just seemed very wrong, extremely enjoyable, but weird. Our next destination was a town called Robertson. This route follows, and sometimes passes between, a range of dramatic steep sided mountains where the road has been carved out of the actual rock and in places includes unsupported overhangs under which you drive! Between these mountains and the sea there is a vast area of vineyards, all of which offer tours and wine tasting, fruit farms, wheat and canola fields which stretch for hundreds of kilometres. This extremely fertile land is fed by countless streams and rivers flowing from the hills. For me the stark contrast between grey towering backdrop of the mountains and the greens and yellows of the verdant cultivated crops has to be some of the most stunning scenery possible.



Moving on to 'The Lodge on the Lake' near Wilderness three days were spent visiting the beautiful coast with its miles of unspoiled clean sandy beaches, lapped by the warm Indian Ocean. The local town of Knysna surrounded by many large lakes is very vibrant and colourful with its many African arts and craft shops. Wendy made several purchases here! We also visited a wildlife sanctuary which specialised in big cats followed by Monkeyland, which included a guided tour, and Birds of Eden where we saw a fantastic display of some of the most brightly coloured and beautiful birds imaginable. However, the most exciting visit was to an elephant sanctuary which gave us the opportunity to get up really close and personal to the magnificent creatures and to touch and hand feed them. A truly sublime experience! We also managed to find a few off-road tracks which were marked on the map as 'the seven passes road'. These turned out to be mainly gravel roads with very corrugated surfaces and occasional washed out gullies which in a road going two-wheel drive 1.6l Honda needed some careful negotiating. We did manage to crack the windscreen which I believe was down to excess body flexing. It started off quite small but gradually extended right across from the bottom of the glass to the top during the next few



days.

We then moved on via Plettenberg Bay, Natures Valley and Port Elizabeth, more of which later, to our last scheduled stop, Amakhala Game Reserve. We arrived at Safari Lodge about mid-day and within a couple of hours had been shown our accommodation and served lunch by extremely friendly, helpful and ever-smiling staff and were on our first trip out into the game reserve.

**Fred James.**

More from Fred next month in the concluding part of their South African holiday adventure!





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## **2016 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 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> with camping available from Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, the second is the much larger and more busy Mid and West Suffolk Show on April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, again camping will be available from Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

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** **14th May 2016 @ 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](mailto:compsec@slroc.uk.com) Pre-booking will close 2 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!



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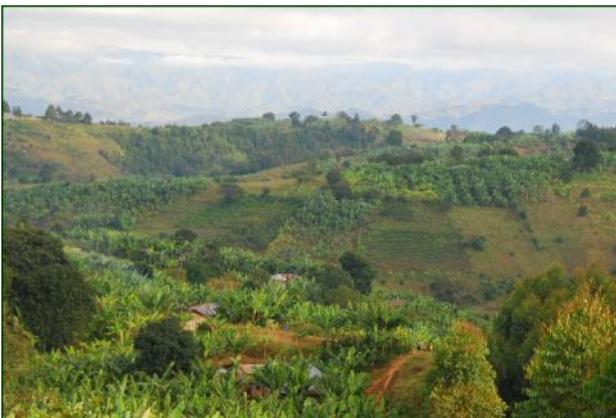
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## 26 Countries... 26000 miles... Zero Punctures! - Part 38

**Day 208 26/6. Lutengo Morovain Center, 7km SW of Tukuyu, Tanzania  
9°20.65'S 33°37.62'E. Miles today 109, Total Miles 19046**

We forgot to mention in the Malawi update to look out for the dried mice lollipops they sell on the side of the road. Bulk purchases are available with ten on a stick if you fancy. Yucky. We crossed the border with minimal (!) fuss and the scenery on entering Tanzania certainly lifted our spirits. It was stunning. Miles of rolling hills with tea and banana plantations everywhere. We reached Tukuyu and trundled off



down a bumpy dirt track to the Lutengano Centre, where we heard you could camp. It turned out to be a school, with a few rooms and a nice flat patch of grass for camping. Needless to say, we were soon pounced upon by a number of small children, all very curious on the workings of the inside of a Mzungu's (White man's) Landrover. We later realised that our camping spot also doubles as their soccer pitch but that didn't bother the kids. They just simply performed their Beckham/Ronaldo moves around us. Elizabeth, who runs the joint, is so kind and gave us a room that we could shower in and use the loo. All this for Tsh 1750 each (€1.10) A wonderfully peaceful and quiet night.

**Day 209 27/6. The Old Farm House, 50km SW of Iringa, Tanzania  
8°08.75'S 35°24.77'E. Miles today 201, Total Miles 19247**

Awoke to the beautiful sounds of the resident, harmonious choir singing. We continued back along the tar road north, watching the scenery change from such lushness to forests of pine trees. About 50km before Iringa, we reached The Old Farmhouse. (€ 2.60pp) Basically, an old farm homestead that they have turned into camping and chalets. For a bit of retail therapy, you can buy all manner of fresh meat and vegetables from their "shop" which is actually just a shelf at reception. The tiny thatch bar looked very inviting to sample the monster size Tanzanian beers of Safari and Kilimanjaro. Don't miss their wonderful chocolate brownies and Amarula Hot Chocolates as a nightcap in the bar. Awesome.

**Day 210 28/6. Riverside Campsite, 13km E of Iringa, Tanzania  
7°47.85'S 35°47.77'E. Miles today 44, Total 19291**

We had great hopes for Iringa, as we had read there was a Cash and Carry there and our supplies were looking a little dismal. Ha ha...Lonely Planet, bless your soul! What a laugh, it turned out to be a tiny hole with a few dusty shelves sporting a sprinkling of even dustier tinned goods. We made a careful selection of two tins of tomatoes and headed to the covered market, which was amazing. After realising that "Karibou" actually means "Welcome" rather than "a type of fruit" I thought they were all selling, we soon got the hang of things.

Yup, we are definitely back in the real Africa. Made our way back to the car, carrying our vegetables in my upturned skirt and found that some small Tanzanian boy had taken the liberty of washing the Landy. Oh, no, not again. Rob promptly told him, that No, he was not going to pay him and that he must learn to ask next time. "Besides", he grumbled, " I like it dirty!" After driving a bit further and not really in much of a hurry, we pulled into the Riverside Campsite (€3pp) which was a surprisingly lovely spot down a dirt track on a river. In fact, we discovered later, it was a Swahili Language and Cultural Learning Centre, which explained the big group of barefooted Americans all looking very silly trying to master the art of carrying their towers of pristine white fluffy towels on their heads.

**Day 211 29/6. Bush camp, 30km S of Dodoma, Tanzania  
6°26.66'S 35°47.89'E. Miles today 141, Total 19432**

We headed towards the Serengeti and to save on fuel costs, we decided to take the back dirt roads up to Dodoma, which after an initial fear that we were going to have a repeat of Angola, wasn't all that bad. Besides, it was good to get away from all the trucks and we were blessed with endless Savannah and Masai everywhere, wrapped in the traditional red shukas and herding their cattle. We stopped for our first bush camp in ages, brushed



up on some Swahili and watched the sunset over the Acacia trees.

**Day 212 30/6. Bush camp, 10km N of Kondoa, Tanzania  
4°50.19'S 35°47.73'E. Miles today 123, Total 19555**

Ignore everything I said about the road. It turned out to be bloody awful. Not impassable, just deep corrugations and very uncomfortable. Poor Dino, he was just not that happy and shaking himself to pieces. Stopped in the metropolis (not!) of Dodoma and whilst filling up with fuel, my prying eyes could just about make out an advertisement above this shop nearby that looked remarkably like the word sausage. A quick session with binoculars (how sad am I?) and RESULT....sausages! Quite a pricey shop, as it was all mostly imported from



South Africa but well stocked. He also told us where the bakery was to buy fresh bread and eggs and we highly recommend the super speedy internet café across the street from the fuel station. It just shows that you have to be back in real Africa to get good internet connection.

Back on the nasty road for the rest of the afternoon and found a great bushcamp with an even better view. A few Masai wandered by, a little dumbfounded perhaps at our shocking attempts of the "Habaris and Shikamoos" of at the Swahili language.

**Day 213 1/7. Kudu Campite, Karatu, Tanzania 3°20.92'S 35°40.15'E. Miles today 164, Total 19719**



Word had spread that the white man was in town, as we had a few more visits from Masai cattle herders this morning. We were soon back on the bumpy road, which was just awful. Every now and then we spotted a side donkey track to escape to for a few kilometres, which helped regain our sanity levels. We eventually reached the tar section just before the turn off for the Ngorogoro and Serengeti Parks. Wow, not only a change in road condition but a massive change in scenery. Endless flat plains of Savannah, with Masai everywhere and the women all adorned in the brass and bead jewellery. Stretched earlobes, the works! Having decided to spend the night just outside the park in the town of Kasutu, we thought we'd just drive up to the Serengeti Park gate to check the entry prices. We knew they would be high but holy smoke...nothing prepared us for this: To get to the Serengeti Park, we had to pay to drive through the Ngorogoro Conservation Area and then pay to drive back again. With \$50 pp per day for each park and another \$40 for the car PLUS, wait for it, \$200 to actually go to the Crater, we were faced with a bill of nearly \$800. And that's not including accommodation. This was an additional minimal \$20 pp for a very basic campsite with little or no facilities. Phew, we needed think about this for a minute, so headed back to Kasutu and set up camp at the Kudu Campsite (€3.75 pp) and came to the decision to head to the bar to think things over. The thing is, we have seen so many amazing animals already and apart from the awesome scenery, we just wonder if it's worth the money. The evening was



spent having a laugh with a bunch of overlanders and were treated to some Tanzanians performing very cool traditional African dancing. Man, just how do they shake their booty like that? We were all invited to join in, which proved to be a great laugh. With our spirits lifted, we decide to sleep on the decision of the Serengeti. Let's see what the African morning brings.....

# **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 pets are not allowed in the clubhouse and should be kept under proper control at all times whilst on site.

**PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR PET 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 3rd February 2015 – 8pm**

**Attendees** – Gareth King, Jack Myers (Minutes), Si Bareham, Michael Whitting, Andy Jeff, Chris Finbow (Chair), Pat Corps, Hannah Jeff.

**Apologies** - Tim Alden.

## **Notes from previous meeting**

**SB** - Proposed

**HJ** - Seconded

## **Actions from this and previous meetings**

**05 Aug 15 - GK** - Site signs need amending/replacing - **Ongoing**

**02 Sep 15 - GK** - Organise another maintenance day. - **Booked 13/14 Feb.**

**04 Nov 15** - New club shirts required **CF** organising.

**02 Dec 15 - CF** to confirm MPDD Catering. - **Done**

**02 Dec 15 - SB** to send membership list to **TA** for email addresses. - **Done**

**02 Dec 15 - HJ** MSA calendar needs populating - **Done**

**02 Dec 15 - TA** to source club stickers as replacements. - **Ongoing**

**06 Jan 16 - CF** - sorting out IOPD payment details as payment is due. - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - JM** - chase factory trip short fall. - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - MW** - send advertising invoices. - **Ongoing**

**06 Jan 16 - AJ** - Chase Extreme 4x4 invoice. - **Ongoing**

**06 Jan 16 - MW** to make up 'charges' sheet for sign on hut. - **Ongoing**

**06 Jan 16 - SB** - Send up to date members list to AJ for Nooze order. - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - CF** to buy new lock for front chain. - **Ongoing**

**06 Jan 16 - HJ** - bring one MSA book up to site - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - HJ** - ensure supplementary regulation are up to date as per new MSA handbook. - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - AJ** - get back to club member regarding 'charity rides'. - **Done**

**06 Jan 16 - PC** - call BORDA to find out what is acceptable on these vehicles. - **Done**

**Calendar Items** - None

## **Membership**

Total Membership: 225

Made up of: Full 140, Joint 64, Junior 21

## **Finance Report**

£10936.57 bank, £85.59 remaining from Factory Tour, £1897.33 remaining charity money (£1000 for Suffolk Show and £896.33 for Henham), £8953.65 is clubs money.

**CF** - Waiting for IOPD payment details.

**MW** - Old club account needs money transferring out and account closing.

**SB** - Need to contact club members regarding odd membership fee payment.

**MW** - Adrian Flux has now paid invoice for Nooze advert.

**HF** will do breakdown of MPDD money for the AGM.

### **Club Site**

White course needs smoothing out as ruts are getting deep **GK**

Generator needs some spare oil purchased for it **GK**

Stonham Barns needs some course maintenance

Need some more toilet supplies for club toilets

Need some replacement benches as our current ones are deteriorating. **SB**

### **Website & Social Media**

**HJ** - Member only web resources have been updated as per membership list.

**AJ** - Someone has come forward to take on the updating of the club web site.

### **Nooze**

**160** ordered reflecting the new year renewals.

**AJ** - As ever need articles.

### **Shows & Events**

**TA** - Club Trailer checked. The search continues for a replacement, however the current trailer should last for another year.

**MW** - to order marquee corner feet

**TA** - Order new club banners, including info about the club and where the donated money goes to.

### **Public relations**

**TA** has done a radio interview.

### **Safety and Training**

**PC** - Four people booked for Winch training so far.

**PC** - Five people booked for Marshal training.

**PC** - One person booked for novice driver training.

**PC** - Newer vehicles are being investigated regarding recovery equipment fitted to the vehicles.

### **Competitions**

**HJ** - 14 people booked for day into night trial.

**HJ** - 10 people booked for tyro trial.

### **Correspondence**

**JM** - to compile list of nominated charities from emails etc.

**JM** - Put information about Essex club Easter event on forum/Facebook.

**JM** - email has been received asking about day competition memberships.

Discussion was had and basic rules discussed and voted upon and accepted. **HJ**

- proposed, **GK** - second.

**Club shop** - None.

**IOPD** - None.

**Chat from the chair discussion** - None

### **Any other business**

**CF** - AGM in March, need to collate nominations for committee.

**JM** - Charities need to be discussed at next meeting for announcement at AGM.

**Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at the club site.**

# **SLROC CLUB SHOP**

## **Clothing, Stickers, etc**

**All clothing is available to order in a range of sizes and colours,  
just ask!**

<b>T-Shirt</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>£13.00</b>
<b>Sweatshirt</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Hoodie</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Rugby Shirt</b>	<b>£24.50</b>
<b>Fleece</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Bomber Jacket</b>	<b>£32.00</b>
<b>Overalls</b>	<b>£34.00</b>
<b>Children's T-Shirt</b>	<b>£9.50</b>
<b>Children's Polo Shirt</b>	<b>£11.50</b>
<b>Children's Fleece</b>	<b>£19.50</b>
<b>Children's Polo Hoodie</b>	<b>£14.00</b>
<b>Children's Bomber Jacket</b>	<b>£29.00</b>
<b>Baseball Cap</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Embroidered Hat</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Door / Panel Sticker</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>Small Sticker</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
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<b>www.slroc.uk.com Sticker (Black, Orange, Silver, Yellow, Red, Blue &amp; White)</b>	<b>£2.00</b>
<b>Cap Light</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Childs Hi-Viz Vest</b>	<b>£2.50</b>

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# SLROC CLUB SHOP

## Recovery Gear

<b>2M Bridle</b>	<b>£21.00</b>
<b>5M Rope</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>7M Rope</b>	<b>£35.00</b>
<b>9M Rope</b>	<b>£40.00</b>
<b>Bow Shackle</b>	<b>£8.00</b>
<b>'Jate' type Recovery Ring</b>	<b>£15 .00</b>
<b>Battery Clamp</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
<b>Rigger Gloves (1 pair)</b>	<b>£1.00</b>

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The Club Shop is at most events, and items are also available from:

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**Please note:** Some of the Committee Members have requested that details of their addresses are not published within the newsletter for personal reasons. Please do not let this put you off contacting any of the Committee, they will be only too glad to receive phone calls (as long as they are at a reasonable time of day, say **no later than 9:30pm**).

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**

No driving along the footpath at the bottom of the site, except at the designated crossing point for access to and from the Woodland Course.

**All recoveries under the supervision, and at the discretion of a Marshal. All facets of winching operations may only be carried out by persons aged 18 and over, including rigging.**

**Pedestrians must not walk on the courses, only the access roads- this is for your own safety.**

**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.**

Strictly no drinking and driving. No motorcycles or quad bikes.

No tractor, Implement or overly-aggressive treaded tyres.

Please take all your litter home with you.

**The Marshal's decision is final**

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