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### **Cover Picture**

Extra camouflage. Tim just had  
to try his hand at drifting his  
110 at the Custom Car Show at  
Stonham Barns.

## **Nooze News!**

It's been a while, but this month is the first time in  
ages that there has been a good mix of articles  
sent through for inclusion in Nooze. I never did get  
to finish off 'Tales from Wales', but don't rest too  
easy just yet, there is still another episode in the  
wings and next week we're off on our travels again  
to the land of dragons and daffodils.

So what's between the covers this month, well of  
course all of you regular favourites including Rob  
and Ally travelling through Tanzania on their way  
to South Africa. Fred concludes his trip to the  
African continent with a great trip out on safari but  
a somewhat less than great trip back home. Still,  
all's well that ends well as the bard once wrote!

Fred also writes about the recent CCVT at Badwell  
Ash. It was a fantastic weekend for it, but not  
exactly the easiest trial ever set, a great challenge  
for quite a large field!

Having cleared the first hurdle of the show season  
at Stonham Barns (and with the next one rapidly  
coming up too), Chris gives us plenty of  
information and insight into the up coming Suffolk  
Show which is by far and away the busiest and  
most popular show that we attend during the year.

We would like to get a new regular feature going in  
Nooze to cover reviews of equipment, tools, bit and  
bobs and all the stuff you guys buy for your Land  
Rovers (or anything else that just makes our hobby  
that bit more enjoyable). 'Tried and Tested' opens  
with a review from Chris Finbow of a gadget we  
could all do with when we're getting dirty in the  
mud. Lets see if we can keep this one going too. If  
you've bought something and want to tell club  
members what you think of it, jot down a few  
paragraphs telling us why you like it and where we  
can all get one from and send it in with a picture  
for the next issue.

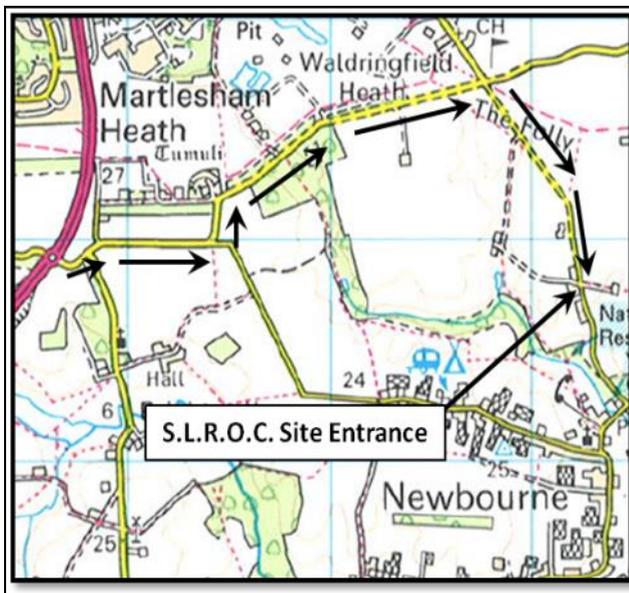
Finally, Cathy tells us a little bit about the clubs  
online social media presence and how you can get  
involved.

Well, that's about it for now, have a great month  
and keep the articles rolling in, who knows we  
might even be able to have a few bumper months  
with extra content!

All the best...

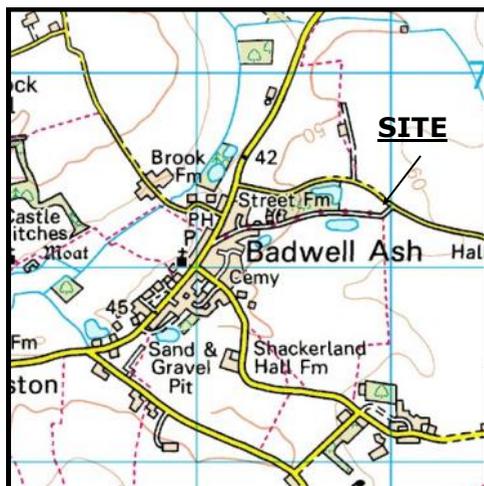
**Andy.**

# Directions to the Newbourne club site



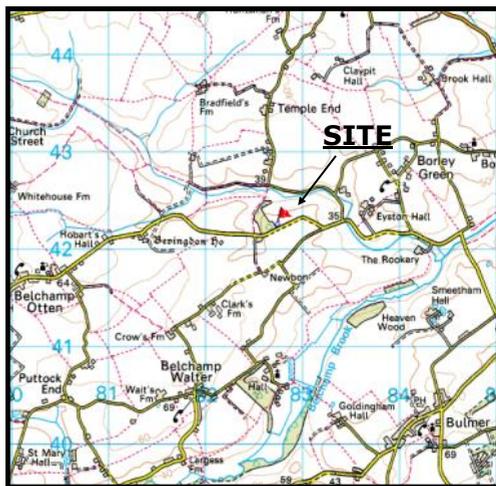
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

## Badwell Ash



OS sheet 155 grid ref TL 000 693

## Snugg's Pit



OS sheet 155 grid ref TL 826 421

## Chat From the Chair

For the committee at Suffolk Land Rover Owners, the new year always begins after the AGM in March. And just like after any other election, there are decisions to be made.

Firstly, after all the nominations, the committee chooses who will benefit from our fund raising efforts in the year. This year there were many great suggestions, but by a clear majority our main charity this year is Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue, often known as SULAR. SULAR is a voluntary organisation which is part of ALSAR (Association of Lowland Search and Rescue). They mainly search for vulnerable missing persons (known as mispers) and are normally called out by Suffolk Constabulary, but they also respond to calls from other search teams in neighbouring counties. You can find out more information at [sular.org.uk](http://sular.org.uk). Our secondary supported charity is the Suffolk Punch Trust. The Trust is dedicated not only to preserving the Suffolk Punch breed but also the skills of the people needed to handle these wonderful horses. Further information can be found at [suffolkpunchtrust.org](http://suffolkpunchtrust.org). Whilst being brief here, more information about these charities will be in Nooze in the coming months. The committee would like to thank all those that nominated charities and would like to say that for those who were not successful this time around, we'll hang on to the names for consideration next time around.

Again after an election, there's often a cabinet re-shuffle to move around and fill positions where people have changed jobs and gaps have appeared.

The first one to mention is that there's a split in the membership team! Nothing quite as drastic as it sounds, but more a recognition of the work that both Si and Jane Bareham have put into the committee over that last year. Si is an old hand at this and has kindly agreed to become Vice Chair once again for the club leaving Jane to step up to the plate as membership secretary, a roll that in reality both Si and Jane have been performing as a team for some time. So it's pretty much business as usual in memberships but with extra recognition for the brains behind the outfit - draw your own conclusions!

The next committee change is that Hannah is stepping down from the roll of Competition Secretary. After being on the committee for more than a year and a half, Hannah's increased workload of so many other things that are going on means that she's concentrating in different directions. This of course means that we are actively looking for a new Comp Sec...If you feel like that could be you, drop me a message and give you all the information you need to help you come on board!

There are also a couple of changes in non-committee posts, Chris Finbow, who can't seem to take his fingers totally out of the SLORC pie, will take up the roll of club shop. Dave Marriot has been a stalwart in this position for quite some time now, but a change in job means less time to help sorting out the needs of member purchases so Chris has stepped into the breach. Last but not least, Cathy Jeff has agreed to look after the social media side of our web presence giving her a proper excuse to look at facebook all the time. Thanks go to everyone who is helping look after your club.

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>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>TBC</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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CCVT and Tyro Trials - still only **£15 Pre-Booked**

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### **Novice Winch trial 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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<u><b>When</b></u>	<u><b>Show</b></u>	<u><b>Where</b></u>	<u><b>CoC / Org</b></u>
30/4 - 1/5	Mid and West Suffolk Show	Stonham Barns	P. Corps/ T. Dyer
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

## **SLROC in the Media - Socially That Is!**

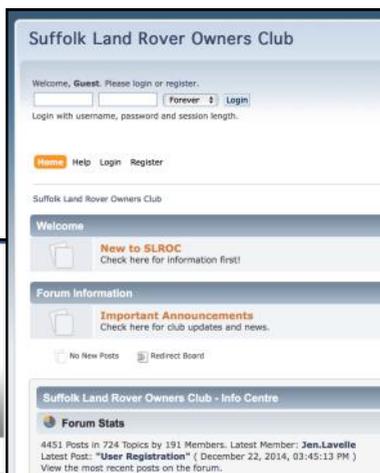
I'm not sure if everybody is aware that we have a Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club Facebook page which the public can see, here we post details of upcoming events and photographs from any events we have recently had.

We also have a Members only Facebook page which is as it says for members only, if you aren't a member of this page and would like to be, go to the page SLROC Official Members Group and request to join.

There is also a junior member's page for all our junior members, if you are a junior member and would like to join go to the page SLROC Juniors and request to join.

Another page to mention is the forum, forum.slroc.uk.com, which anybody can join. Here you can find details which include upcoming events, event pre-booking and you can also ask for help with any problems you are having with your Land Rover. If you would like to join the forum please email websec@slroc.uk.com with the username you would like to be known by so we can register you.

**Cathy Jeff.**



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## **2016 Suffolk Show**

The Suffolk Show is once again looming on the horizon (1st and 2nd June) and this will be the club's sixth year attending the show. This event is slightly different to the other shows we do and while the ultimate goal is the same it's a whole other level. Last year we gave more than three and a half thousand people an off-road experience ride round our course and raised a little short of ten thousand pounds. With all vehicles having to be in the show ground and on our stand by 7am, the show runs from 7:30am to 5:30pm each day, and we are rarely allowed to exit before 6pm. It's a very long day but ask anyone who has done it before, it's incredibly rewarding. As with last year we are right next to the main public entrance meaning the majority of the 45 thousand plus visitors that visit the show over the two days will have to walk right past our stand, Twice!

Over past years we have increased the number of vehicles we have on the stand, last year topping out at 25 each day. However it was felt that this is now the maximum the course can support with a max of 15 driving at any one time. Multi seater vehicles are always the preference for this event however we have always tried to get a wider selection of Solihull's finest as possible, plus a few of the more "Specialist" vehicles i.e. Challenge trucks / Tomcats / Buggies. These continue to be hugely popular and end up with their own line of customers.

There are a range of jobs that need undertaking over the course of the show, from manning the signing on desks, to teams for loading and unloading, marshals and of course drivers and their vehicles. Last year we had approx. 50 members helping out (plus junior members) over the 2 days. As in previous years we've asked for those helping to commit to two, 2 hour shifts on the day that they are helping out. The rest of the time you are free to enjoy the sights and sounds of the show. Of course if you wish to do more then, that's entirely up to you and always greatly appreciated.

We will again have access to the camping area 5 mins walk from the nearest access gate to our stand and will be available to arrive the day before the show and leave the day after giving plenty of time to set up and pack up.

All members are welcome and don't worry if you haven't been involved in this sort of event before. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please make contact by either replying to the "2016 Suffolk Show" post on the forum or by giving me a call or by dropping me an email.

As we get closer to the event I will be posting updates on the Forum with the attendance list, needs and any other information as the Suffolk Show team releases it. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this fantastic event.

Many thanks...

**Chris Finbow**

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Probably one of the most used bits of kit that I carry in the back of the Landy. When I first joined the club a number of the members had refillable water fire extinguishers and used them at the end of an event to clean brakes, lights, number plates, etc. These are great apart from having to re-pressurise them with a compressor each time you refill them (not a major issue if you have a compressor, just a bit of a faff).

On one of my occasional trips to Go Outdoors I came across this and at £15 it seemed silly not to give it a go. All I can say is its brilliant, it holds 8ltrs or

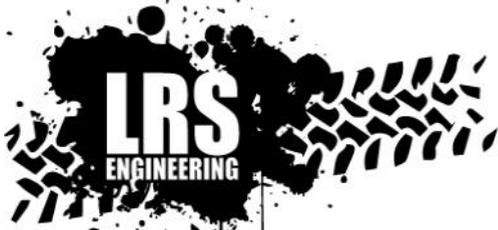


water (10 and 12ltr versions are available) gives good pressure and is refilled and ready to use in a couple of minutes. While it will never match the high pressure of the fire extinguishers it does get the job done. Comes with a brush, lance and sprayer attachment and has a decent length of hose. I did slightly modify one of the sprayer heads with a 2mm drill bit to give more holes and it now gives more of a shower type spray rather than a jet. I've even filled with hot water and used it as a shower!

It's been bashing around in the back of the Disco for a few years now and is really robust and is used most trips out whether it be cleaning brakes, washing hands, cleaning lights or just using as a cold water tap. It's even been used to fill up water balloons! Well worth £15 of your hard earned cash. Tried, tested and recommended.

### **Chris Finbow**

**ED says** - Have you got a favourite piece of kit that you'd like to tell us about? We'd like to keep 'Tried and Tested' going, there must be literally hundreds of products that we can share opinions amongst club members, it only takes a few paragraphs and a picture! Send reviews to [nooze@slroc.uk.com](mailto:nooze@slroc.uk.com)



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# South Africa for Birthday and Christmas

## **Continued from last month...**

We were first introduced to our game warden, Daniel, and transport, a Defender 110 fitted with a V6 engine and all terrain tyres. The ubiquitous safari-style raised, open-sided body sits directly on top of the standard rear tub and was designed to seat nine passengers. It proved to be ideal for the job providing a perfect platform for viewing and photography. As you would expect the 110 was completely suited to the task and afforded a comfortable ride even over some fairly steep inclines, rocky outcrops, and deep loose sand.



The reserve covers some 28sq ml (72 sq km) and has the appearance of the typical African open grassy plains on predominantly sandy soil but with large areas of dense bush and tall trees. The land is also very hilly in places rising to some 230mtrs (750ft) above the lower levels which afforded incredible views, but did require use of low range on many occasions on the loose sand and rock. A coloured printed sheet had been supplied giving details of the wildlife we could expect to see. This, I thought, was a great idea and so it proved to be as Daniel, who was incredibly knowledgeable on all matters concerning the local flora and fauna, was very fond of suddenly testing the group's knowledge of what animals and birds we saw along the way. The sheet gave us a quick reference so we didn't look too ignorant.

Daniel had told us when we first met him, that South Africa was experiencing a particularly hot and dry period and this was borne out by many of the watering holes having almost or completely dried out. It was for this reason that, disappointingly, we were unable to track any lions or leopards because, due to the heat, they had all retreated into the shady wooded areas. However we were able to see the other species of the 'big five'; white rhinoceros, which due to the severe risk of poaching had 24 hour warden protection; Cape buffalo; and the very majestic African elephant. One particularly inquisitive specimen walked right up to the Land Rover and touched it with its trunk. Daniel instructed us to just sit still and be quiet and all would be well. The elephant eyed us all up for a few seconds and then ambled off in front of us; he proceeded to walk slowly down the track preventing us from passing. You got the impression that he knew exactly what he was doing!



Other species we encountered included extremely elegant giraffe, two types of zebra, black-backed jackal and the incredibly comical warthog. Also seen in great numbers were antelope of all descriptions including kudu (the meat of which we had sampled earlier whilst we were in Cape Town), impala, hartebeest, eland, waterbuck, black wildebeest, the tiny duiker, blesbok, gemsbok and, of course, a national emblem of South Africa, the springbok. Occasionally we saw the very nervous vervet monkey up in the trees, ungulate and leopard tortoises walking across the tracks, and ostriches which are farmed quite prolifically in this area of the country for their meat and feathers. We had tried ostrich meat and found it a bit stringy and tough.

Before we left the lodge we had been asked what our preference for a 'sundowner' was and our party members had all ordered what they preferred. Toward the end of the afternoon Daniel took us up onto one of the high points of the reserve which allowed us a fantastic view over the landscape and then got out a large cool-box. He then proceeded to employ an accessory that I had not come across on a Land Rover before. The centre section of the very necessary and substantial brush



guard fitted to the front hinged upwards to create a table top upon which he laid a table cloth and then displayed the various drinks we had ordered together with glasses. A very pleasant interlude then followed!

We returned to the Safari Lodge early in the evening to celebrate New Year's Eve. This took the form of a very elaborate 'braai' (BBQ) out in the open and then we moved to an adjacent area where we were able to sit around a large open wood fire to consume further quantities of alcohol and welcome in the new year appropriately, together with new-found international friends. Over the next two days we made three more forays into the game reserve and at one point a message came over the radio from another warden that the remains of a recent



lion 'kill' and gave an approximate location. Daniel immediately headed for this area and drove around looking for this in the hope that he would be able to spot some lions. He had been desperate to show these animals to us. We spent so long looking that night began to fall and the return journey was completed in the dark. And that's not easy off-road as anyone who has competed in a Day into Night Trial will testify.

All too soon the time to leave arrived and we reluctantly packed and drove to Port Elizabeth airport to start our journey home via Johannesburg, Frankfurt and Heathrow, or so we thought! Having returned the hire car and talked our way out of having to pay for the cost of a replacement windscreen, we went to check in for the flight with South African Airways. The booking staff informed us that the flight had been



'overbooked' and there were no further flights that day. No apology was ever given and the next five and a half hours were spent arguing with SAA staff in an attempt to resolve the problem. Eventually SAA gave us vouchers for a hotel room and agreed to pay for all meals and arranged for transport to the hotel. As you can imagine we made the most of the extra time spending the Saturday evening out in the town. A splendid meal was followed by a stroll around the town and watching very boisterous and noisy local families enjoying a night out as only Africans can. As our replacement flight was not until the early afternoon the next day we took advantage of the continued bright sunshine to spend the morning on the beach before returning to the airport. The flights were fairly uneventful except that the trip to Heathrow was via Zurich with Swissair instead of Frankfurt aboard Lufthansa.

South Africa is a country with many problems politically, economically and sociologically but is a beautiful and exciting place to visit. Dramatic mountain ranges give rise to spectacular produce in the fertile valleys along the garden



route and the scenery and beaches are just stunning. Also the people were extremely friendly, with ever-ready smiles which made us feel welcome, with the exception of South African Airways!! It is a place we would strongly recommend as a holiday destination and would return there without any hesitation.

**Fred James.**



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## The Big Splash at Badwell Ash CCV Trial - 3rd April 2016

The week prior to this event commenced with some incredibly rough weather with gale force winds, necessitating Land Rover use in clearing roads of fallen trees (any excuse, eh!). This continued throughout much of the week together with some heavy rain which did not bode well for the event scheduled for the



Sunday. However, by the time Sunday arrived there had been a complete weather reversal and the day dawned bright and clear, so we enjoyed warm sunshine during the whole day. So much so that I even overheard two competitors comparing how much they had 'caught the sun' on their arms!

The terrain at Badwell Ash is mostly sand and gravel with some large areas of water. The entry comprised nine CCV type trucks and six road-taxed vehicles. Michael had designed the sections, of necessity, to give the CCV drivers something of a challenge and had chosen a good mix of sections to test the fifteen competitors. Unfortunately this made them quite difficult for the standard trucks to cope with, as the results demonstrate very well. The CCV scores were all lower than the RTV's as they ranged from the winner, Rowley Hill, on 13 to the last CCV scoring 37. RTV scores were between 46 and 73, which says a lot



about the differences in the vehicle types and the skill used to mark out the sections. The last of these was particularly challenging as I think the clerk of the course looked for the deepest and muddiest water holes and just joined them up with pairs of canes!



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It was really fun to drive though, but I suspect that a certain 110 driver would tend to disagree as when he went slightly off-course and sunk almost up to the vehicle's waist line in the water. However, I have to say that I really enjoyed the competition and, because I'm writing this report, needless to say, I managed to win Class Two. The spirit of the event was brilliant with everyone helping each other out when necessary. So, on behalf of all the drivers, a very big thank you in particular to Michael and Andy for keeping things moving during what proved to be a very long event, and to all of the marshals for their sterling work throughout the day.



### Fred James

<b>Class 1</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Entrant</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1st</b>	Rowley Hill	13
<b>2nd</b>	Geoff Cooper	15
<b>3rd</b>	Chris Cole	18 + 2s
<b>4th</b>	Andy Broadley	19
<b>5th</b>	Rob Last	29
<b>6th</b>	Matt Baldwin	29 + 1s
<b>7th</b>	Nikki Broadley	30
<b>8th</b>	Tracey Hannett	32
<b>9th</b>	Chris Finbow	37
<b>Class 2</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Entrant</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1st</b>	Fred James	46
<b>2nd</b>	Aiden Grier	47
<b>3rd</b>	Buggs Eley	51 + 2s
<b>4th</b>	Phil Graham	63 + 2s
<b>5th</b>	Mark Hitchings	65
<b>6th</b>	Chris Allen	73
	Paul Hester	RTD

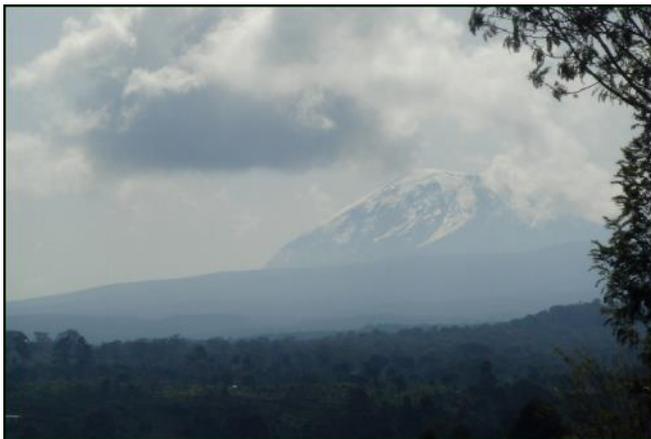
## 26 Countries... 26000 miles... Zero Punctures! - Part 39

**Day 214 2/7. Masai Camp, Arusha, Tanzania 3°23.08'S 36°43.20'E.  
Miles today 92, Total 19811**

A night sleeping on the decision but we've decided to give the Serengeti a miss. We'd much rather put that money towards making the rest of our trip as enjoyable as possible. We still have Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa to explore. It's raining and misty and cloudy, so the scenery would be disappointing. Back on the beautifully (for how long, I wonder?) tarred road, we aim for Arusha to pick up a few things (ok, mainly beer!) at the Shoprite. We set up camp at the Masai Camp, just outside of town, which was kinda cool. (€3.60pp) I very quickly made friends with the field kitchen chef who was making chapatis (flat tortilla like bread of which he very kindly gave us some to have with our curry tonight, complete with bananas we bought from the market stall outside.) The town of Arusha smells wonderfully of coffee and was quite a cool place actually. We wish we had spent more time here.

**Day 215 3/7. Coffee Tree Campsite, Maranga, Tanzania 3°15.49'S 37°31.05'E. Miles today 77, Total Miles 19888**

We drove east this morning in the hope of a glimpse of the mighty Mount Kilimanjaro. It really was still very cloudy and I feared this search would be in vain. At the base, we pulled into the Coffee Tree Campsite, a small, very well maintained locally run place for \$8 pp. Just when we thought we would be on our own once again, a rather large bunch of very excited middle aged South Africans turned up, all on a months tour through Southern Africa. Seventeen of them, actually plus six cars. The owner of the only Landrover amongst them, a chap called Willie, was so excited to see us and naturally he and Rob spent the rest of the afternoon bonding and marvelling over the wonders of Landies. Rob and I then walked up to the gate of Kilimanjaro. Just getting to the gate was exhausting stuff, I tell you. Not a chance would we have actually been able to climb it. On the way down, Rob pipes up, "Quick honey, look to you right." There, covered in snow and peeking through the clouds was the majestic summit of Kilimanjaro. Yay! And we thought we were gonna have to settle for the picture on the beer bottles. Back at the campsite, the South Africans very kindly invited us for dinner and spoilt us rotten with garlic snails, grilled pork chops and mashed potatoes and lashings of beer. "Geesh, where did find pork chops?" I ask naively. "My girl, it's all brought with us from South Africa, jam-packed in our five freezers. We just don't trust this local stuff, you know!"



**Day 216 4/7. Kiboko Camp, Tanga, Tanzania**  
**5°03.92'S 39°06.95'E. Miles today 211,**  
**Total Miles 20099**

We waved farewell to Willie and the rest of the gang. "Well, honey, " says Rob "Guess this is it, we gotta start heading south now, we've got a wedding to get to." We pull the Michelin Map out and gasp in horror. "Well. We'd better get going, cos man, we're a long way from home!" And so we set off south on a more welcoming tar road and made a slight detour to the coastal town of Tanga. We pulled in to Kiboko Camp (€3pp) where we could camp under some trees (actually IN the trees until the staff very kindly offered to do a touch of gardening and cut back some branches.) A quick wander around the town and a fantastically cheap and super cold sundowner beer on the lawn of the very posh, Mkonge Hotel, and we headed back to the campsite for dinner. We met up with a couple of Dutch girls, who we had seen in Namibia, who are travelling the length of Africa in the Land Rover Ambulance with their dog. They suggested that tomorrow, being my birthday; we should stop off at Peponis Beach Resort, 30km down the road.



**Day 217 5/7. Peponi Beach Resort, 30km S of Tanga, Tanzania**  
**5°17.20'S 39°03.91'E. Miles today 20, Total Miles 20119**

Not the quickest 30km, we have ever travelled. The road is a little bumpy but Peponis is well worth the effort. A monstrous jungle like place, run by a South African family right on the beach and blessed with a great swimming pool. What a great place to spend a birthday.

**Day 218 6/7. Travellers Lodge, Bagamoyo, Tanzania**  
**6°26.03'S 38°54.23'E. Miles today 184, Total 20303**

Back on some more tar and then a pretty nasty little road towards the old German fort town of Bagamoyo. The only place open in town for camping was the Travellers Lodge. A surprisingly posh set up with a huge garden where you can pitch your tent (for a price though at €5pp) Arriving quite late, we opted for a wander along the beach to the port to check out the fish market where Sting Ray were the fish of the moment and to check out the boat



builders. After getting severely wet in a sudden downpour, we dried off in the bar with a few African peanuts and a couple of beers and a glimpse of Wimbledon on the telly.

**Day 219 7/7. Kipepeo Beach Village, S of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania  
6°51.09'S 39°21.71'E. Miles today 78, Total 20381**

We were up early to catch the morning sun for photos of the old town. Wow, loads of beautiful old buildings all sadly in a terrible state but with heaps of old Zanzibar-styled, wooden carved doors. Twenty-seven million photos later, we thought we should perhaps make a move on, as we had to get to Dar es Salaam and further today. After discovering that Dar has some horrendous traffic, we opted for a



self-discovered short cut through the back streets and drove on south for 10km or so to the beach resort of Kipepeo Village. (€3pp) We had heard it was terrible but quite frankly, we thought it was a great place. The huge beach is clean and perfect for swimming, flush loos, running water and the bar and restaurant were great.



**Day 220 8/7. Kipepeo Beach Village, S of Dar ES, Tanzania  
6°51.09'S 39°21.71'E. Miles today 0, Total 20381**

We were planning on leaving this morning and just popped over to our South African neighbours who had driven up from Mozambique to ask them a few questions. Well, three hours later we were still talking to them, so decided to join them, make a day of it and enjoy this great place. Rob was delighted he had some real men to talk to about trucks and Landrovers and of course us girls talked about dresses. Had a braai with some chewy steaks (I am now starting to believe the guys with the five freezers filled with South African meat.) We have a long day tomorrow as we have decided to drive to our Serengeti substitute, The Selous Game Reserve, some 200km away on a supposedly terrible road.



# **Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.**

**Date: Wednesday 2nd March 2016 – 8pm**

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

**Apologies** - Tim Alden.

## **Notes from previous meeting**

**CF** - Proposed

**AJ** - Seconded

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

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

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

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

**06 Jan 16 - MW** - send advertising invoice to Hill Crest for end of 2015. - **Done**

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

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

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

**03 Feb 16 - CF** Waiting for IOPD Details - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - MW** Old club account needs closing. - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - SB** Contact Jane Storey regarding membership fee. - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - HF** will do breakdown of MPDD money for the AGM. - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - GK** White course needs smoothing out - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - GK** Generator needs some spare oil purchased for it - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - Stonham Barns** needs some course maintenance - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - Need** some more toilet roll for club toilets - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - SB** Need some replacement benches - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - MW** to order marquee corner feet - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - TA** Order new club banners, including info about the club and where the donated money goes to. - **Ongoing**

**03 Feb 16 - JM** to go through email to find charity nominations. - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - JM** Put information about Essex club Easter event on web - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - HJ** Investigate day memberships - **Done**

**03 Feb 16 - Charity Nominations** - **Done**

## **Calendar Items**

Agree Charities for this year

Site payments, sent and cashed.

Info for the shows

## **Membership**

Total Membership 244

Made up of: Full 150, Joint 71, Junior 23

New Members - Tim Shorten, Redgrave

Underpayment letter 2 should have gone out with March Nooze.

## **Finance Report**

£10106.65 in the bank

£1897.33 is charity residual funds

MSA Permits have been paid  
Rent cheques cashed  
Nooze invoices sent - Extreme 4x4 is not renewing  
IOPD details received

### **Club Site**

Maintenance day went well.  
Need supplies for kitchen as we are running low.  
Check weather forecast before AGM. Might need gazebo if weather is bad.  
Replacement benches are being investigated, along with paving slabs to prevent them sinking.  
More marker posts are required to replace damaged ones.  
Checklist needed for opening and closing the cabin. Gas and water need turning off upon leaving the site.

### **Website & Social Media**

Web site still needs to be handed over  
Cathy Jeff will be maintaining Facebook pages

### **Nooze**

**160** ordered.  
**AJ** - As ever need articles.

### **Shows & Events**

T-shirts ordered. Red with white logo chosen for replacement colours.  
Stonham Barns contacted regarding upcoming shows.  
Suffolk Show contacted, they want information about SLROC for an article.  
Members Autojumble. Put post on forum and Facebook. Section off some of the site for stalls. - **JM** organising.

**Public relations** - None

### **Safety and Training**

Winch and marshal training booked for next year.

### **Competitions**

Next competition is at Badwell Ash. **MW** organising.  
**HJ** to update competitions on MSA calendar.  
Look into possibility of organising another winch trial?

**Correspondence** - None

### **Club shop**

**CF** to take over club shop.

**IOPD** - None.

**Chat from the chair discussion** - None

### **Any other business**

**TA** We have been invited to a tractor show.  
**MW** finalised club accounts. **AJ** proposed **CF** seconds.

**Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 6th April 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>
<b>Window Sticker</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
<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:

**Dave Marriott: 07891 917056 - Email: clubshop@slroc.uk.com**

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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**

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.

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