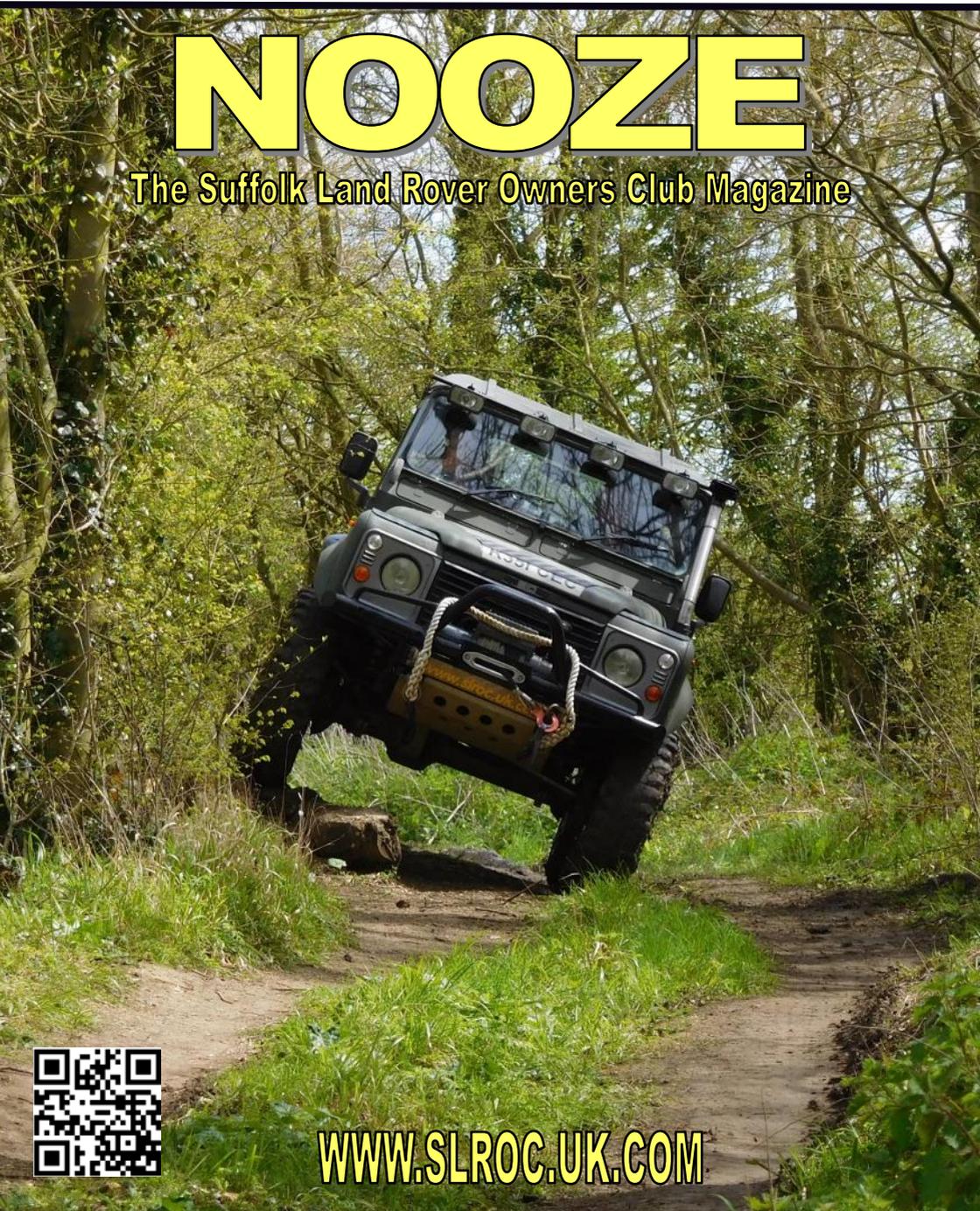




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### **Cover Picture**

Tony Neale negotiating the log  
side slope at Stonham Barns.

## **Nooze News!**

First things first...apologies for Nooze being so late this month! There's been so much going on since the last issue what with the show season being at it's height, a training day, a driving day, a weekend playing at Snuggs Pit and a small group of us taking a week out to have a 1000 mile round trip to Wales visiting some of the best green lanes in the country, it's been the busiest Land Roving month of the year so far!

But enough of all that fun and back down to business with Nooze. In this months issue The membership team have given us a write up full of facts figures and lots of things you probably just wouldn't ever guess about the membership of your club. Matt Hurst recounts the winch training day enjoyed by members new and old. Chris Finbow has sent in another product review for 'Tried and Tested', a section which has received a good trickle of interest and hopefully something that you guys out there would like to contribute to, it only takes a couple of paragraphs and a few pictures, go on, why not have a try! Cathy is beginning to sort out details for this years Club Open Day at Newbourne, there are a host of things that need dealing with to make this yet another successful day for your club. Ben Hall from SARS (last years main club charity) has dropped us a line giving us some insight as to where all the hard earned money that was donated will be going to and or course Rob and Ally move on through Africa into Mozambique in their colourful tale of their long road trip south.

One other mention is for the Auto Jumble to be held at Newbourne on June 12th (Driving Day) that is open to all members, more details on the club forum and on page 23 of Nooze.

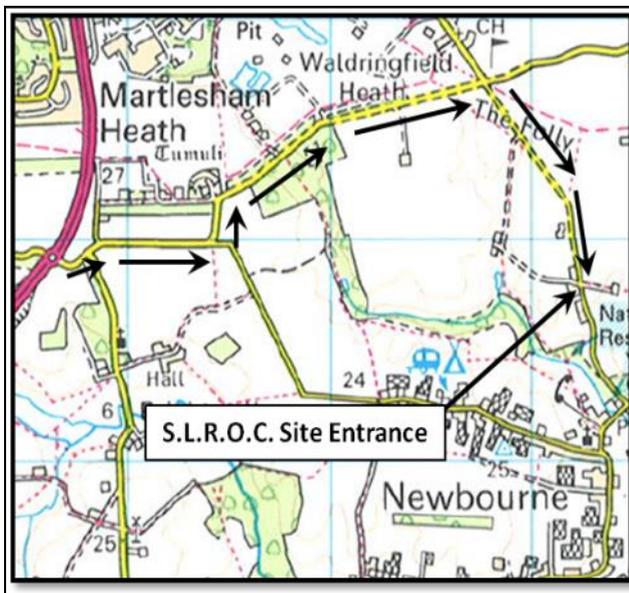
Hopefully next month will have a report on all the fun at the Suffolk Show, it might have been a bit cold and wet, but the whole team did a FANTASTIC job!

Until then,

All the best...

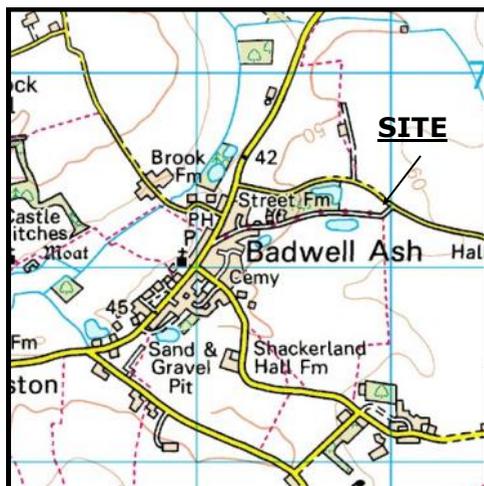
**Andy.**

# Directions to the Newbourne club site



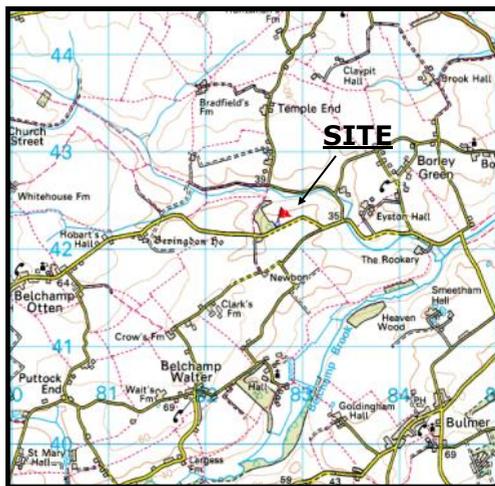
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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



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## Chat From the Chair

Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club is so many different things to many different people. Driving days, cross country vehicle trials, shows, sharing knowledge and helping others, winch trials, green laning and so much more. But probably one of the best things is the friendship and enjoyment that comes from all of the club activities. Having just returned from an annual dose of Welsh off road medicine I can certainly vouch for all of the above. If only Suffolk was a little bit closer it would be a regular trip that you couldn't get bored with, but alas once a year is as good as most of us can manage. At least closer to home there's also plenty of fun to be had and whilst it's pretty flat in these parts, the odd oasis like Newbourne, Snuggs, Badwell and other local sites make up for the other 11 months of the year.

But there's no time to dwell as we're in the middle of show season and as ever there's lots to do at all the shows we attend. From the easy going days at Stonham Barns to the non-stop stream of customers at the Suffolk show. So much effort goes into all of these events that happen throughout the summer but behind the scenes it's a year round job of co-ordination and organisation that culminates in many of you guys turning up on the day and making every event a success. And every year it seems brings something new. This year, we've been invited to attend the vintage and modern tractor fair at the Suffolk Food Hall and whilst it's only a one day event, we will as ever need lots of help to get things off the ground and run successfully. If you want to get involved, go to the club forum and put your name down in the club events section.

One other show change that is being forced upon us is legislation around child seats in cars. No longer is a 'booster' adequate for most ages of children, you now need to provide the 'fully backed' version of a kids seat and whilst we've got plenty of boosters, we have no full car seats. If you have a full kids car seat that's been grown out of and is in good condition that you'd like to donate to the club for shows, drop me a line at [chair@slroc.uk.com](mailto:chair@slroc.uk.com) and we'll see what we can do to add it to our stock!

Of course no off road event can take place without marshals and the annual marshal training course is coming up on June 11th. If you are interested in becoming a marshal with the club contact Pat Corps at [safety@slroc.uk.com](mailto:safety@slroc.uk.com) to see if there are any last minute places left on the course. It's a great course packed with information and extra safety advice for all those situations you find yourself in when others need help off road.

One final note this month and extending on the 'fun' theme for your club, I'd like to ask what sort of events you'd like to see organised by the club over and above what we already do. If there's enough interest, maybe we can put some time to sorting things out. Perhaps a regular social at a local pub or a quiz night for members. In the past we've had 'treasure hunts' (sometimes known as navigation exercises), They take some putting together, but maybe that's right up your street and you'd love to set something up but need some help. There's lots of 'other activities' that could be looked into, if you have ideas drop us a line to [chair@slroc.uk.com](mailto:chair@slroc.uk.com) and we'll gauge interest and see if it's worth organising.

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>
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	S. Bareham
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\*\*\***

Driving Days - **£10\***

CCVT and Tyro Trials - still only **£15 Pre-Booked**

CCVT and Tyro Trial - Arrive & Drive (where permitted) **£20**

**\*Don't forget: It's only a fiver for each extra driver**

### **Club Open Day Sunday 7th August 10am-4pm**

Once again we need your help with this year's Open Day, as last year we will be looking for drivers, loaders, unloaders, sign on helpers and Marshals for the see-saw and car park as well as people to help run stalls. The static vehicle display has proved to be very popular so we will once again be looking for lots of your vehicles to take part.

There will also be a children's lucky dip, a tombola and a raffle so any donations for these stalls would be gratefully received, you can bring your donations either to a Driving Day or to the Open Day.

This event will run from 10am-4pm, therefore, all vehicles will need to be on site by 9.30am for scrutineering, no entry to the site can be permitted after this time. As there will be no vehicle movement throughout the day, except for off-road rides, all vehicles on site will be required to stay until the end of the day.

If you can help with this event please let us know on the forum or send an email to [websec@slroc.uk.com](mailto:websec@slroc.uk.com). More information and details will appear in next month's Nooze and on the forum. **Thanks, Cathy & Andy**

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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
Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Modern & Vintage Tractor Fair	Suffolk Food Hall	T. Alden
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

### **A Note From The Team at SARS**

Dear All,

I hope that 2016 is treating you well. I just wanted to update you on what we are doing with the fantastic sum of money that you raised for us last year.

As I mentioned at the time of the donation we were very keen to allocate it towards vehicle and kit costs.

Over the last few months we have been looking hard for a second vehicle for use by our teams (we only have one car for the team response at the moment).

Our group of car experts (keen paramedics) think they have found a good deal on a brand new Volvo which has been significantly discounted for us. We still need to do a bit of test driving etc., so I don't want to jump the gun but if everything is approved then we are hoping to purchase this in the next few months.

We are keen to put the £7500 you gave us towards this vehicle along with donations from other supporters. Whilst this leaves more to raise, I hope we can do this over the next few months or we will dip into our reserve as it is an essential purchase.

We would love to invite you guys along to come and see the car once it is ready, so I will be in touch later in the year.

Hope you have a fantastic year fundraising

Thanks...

**Ben Hall - SARS**

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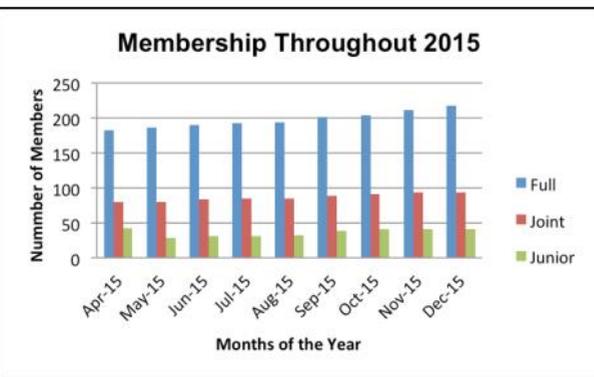
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# MEMBERS ONLY!!!

An ostentatious title for what is just some statistics from our first year as membership secretary. From the information we have gathered over the 12 months in a behind the scenes role within the committee, mince pie driving day being the exception. As expected membership picks up pace around Christmas and New Year, this then quickly falls off to a steady trickle by the end of February. Even as we pen this article over the Easter break we are still receiving renewals for 2016, so it never really stops.

So below are some statistics and graphical representation showing peaks and troughs of membership numbers throughout 2015. Also geographical representation of the current membership has been illustrated.

Below is a chart of the 2015 membership which is approximately 351. The April



junior figures appear high this is due to dormant junior members still being on the system. This was adjusted for the May figures.

The club since opening its doors in 1994 has seen in the region of 2460 members go through its books (3 full A4 manuscript books with a fourth having just been started.)

These books contain all

members past present and expired from day one (8th December 1994). Interesting reading! Well it's no novel, but it's nice to see our longest serving member was right there at the start of SLROC Membership number 9, our illustrious president Ralph Lambourne followed closely by membership numbers 20 Simon Foster and 40 Andy Cutting (a former president). There was me thinking that I was a time served member with number 685 just a puppy then as it seems.



Moving on from long standing members the junior membership plays host to our younger members who we hope will become the SLROC of tomorrow. This year saw the graduation of 5 juniors reaching the dizzy heights of seventeen years of age (oh how I remember that!) Congratulation goes to Amy Berwick, Charly Jeff, Owen Oxford, Jasmine Perrott and Ben Seeley.

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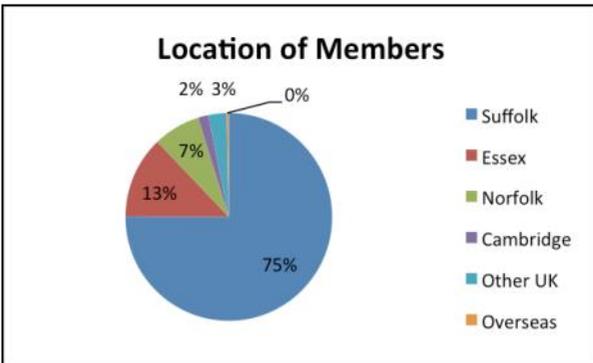
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I trust the aforementioned have been in touch with Pat Corps for your place on the novice training day

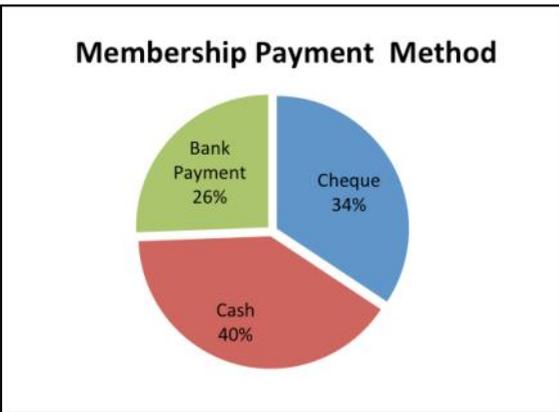
As a matter of interest we were keen to establish how far and wide the SLROC net is cast.

It comes as no surprise that Suffolk should take the largest percentage and that Essex and Norfolk follow on. It is also good to see "Our man in the Netherlands" makes up the overseas contingent. Dare it be said; we are an international club and have been since 2006?



The payment method data has been collected from this year alone as no records were previously kept. However it would be fair to say that the information is consistently within a few percent of previous years.

The last graph identifies how you all paid for your membership. The option of payment by bank transfer has been available for some five years now; and is by

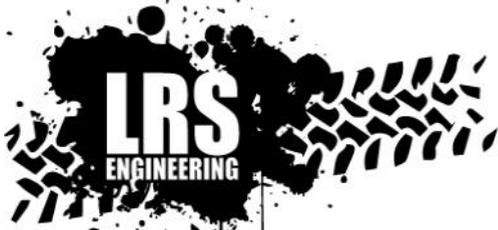


far the easiest way to renew your membership. Set up as a standing order to happen during December or January your renewal will happen automatically (no late renewal fees will be incurred). However it is your responsibility to read the Nooze bulletins leading up to renewal for any changes to membership fees as standing orders can only be amended by the bank account holder (i.e. YOU!) to reduce the problem experienced this year of underpayments.

If we don't see or hear from you until renewal time is due next January, take care in 2016 and enjoy your passion for Land Rovers

**Membership team**  
**Simon and Jane Bareham**

**Ed says:** It's worth noting that since this was written, the membership 'team' has slightly changed and is now headed up by Jane (not Si!).



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# Winch training 2016 - The Report

Question – do you know your SWL from your WLL? What about your MBL??

What load is put on an anchor point when recovering a 110 from sticky mud, up a 20% gradient and with a 90 degree angled pull using a snatch block??

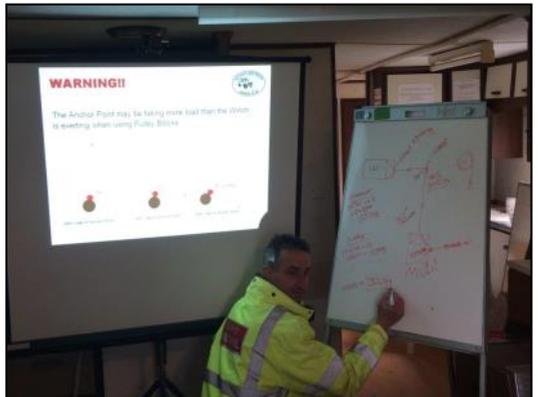
Whilst many will say 'oooh - quite a bit', or 'dunno mate' – that's not really a great answer if you're going to attempt a winch recovery with any degree of safety or certainty about the outcome!

Should you use a Rope, Strop or steel cable for this? – any idea why?

On Saturday 16th April, we had a full house of extremely eager attendees to the latest SLROC winching course, many of whom didn't fully know the answers to these questions either – yes for sure many had good experience of recoveries or using a winch – but as the day progressed, I think all would agree that they learned many new things, and understood much more about the various intricacies and technical elements of winching.

The day started in the classroom with a couple of hours of instructional PowerPoints and white board discussions, and whilst many of your hearts may sink (myself included!) at the mere mention of the word 'PowerPoint' – memories stirring of countless hours spent tortured with dull, pointless corporate slides – in fact this is refreshingly different when you're looking at a subject that's actually interesting for a change!!

During this session we had some great discussions around the many technical aspects of winching and vehicle recovery – looking at recovery equipment, the differences and pro's/con's of wire vs synthetic rope, and also looking at the important safety aspects of using a winch and associated equipment.



We also covered in some detail load ratings and how to calculate the load/strain put on a recovery point in different scenarios – ensuring that the equipment you are planning to use is up to the job!

Whilst it's not practical to sit there in the mud/rain with a calculator and spreadsheet working out loads and stress points – it is good to have an understanding of just what effect a small incline or a bit of sticky mud can have on the load being moved!

After all that grey matter exercise, it was time to re-fuel with an early lunch before heading out to the courses for the practical exercises.

Pat and I had setup 4 different scenarios out across the Black course and Winch hill – and with the great assistance of Tony, Russell and Tom we set about putting the students to the test...

First up was a whole group scenario with a basic straight line winch pull of a vehicle out of

the bomb hole – how hard can that be? – hmmm...

Well in fact not too difficult at all, but during the exercise everyone learned that there are many, many different things to keep in mind and pay attention to – including safety zones, roaming spectators, and treating 'live' winch lines with respect and not putting your 'manhood' at risk ;-)

This one safely put to bed, we split into 2 teams and attempted slightly more difficult scenarios that required a lot more thought and planning – angled pulls, capstan adjustable anchor points (how cool are those!!) and safely re-rigging half way through in order to work around obstacles.

Once complete, we switched over and everyone got a chance to undertake both scenarios...

The weather was good – no, not sunny and warm but overcast, and a little bit showery at times – after all, there's no point learning how to rig and winch in

'ideal' conditions – that's just not going to happen often in the UK now is it!!

But as my team finished the 2nd scenario, the heavens did start to open, so we decided it was the ideal time to head back to the hut for a cuppa...

Pat's team completed their exercise, and joined us back at base camp to warm up and refresh – then we had a quick debrief and discussion before heading out to the winch hill for the final team exercise of the day.





Now this one was interesting!! – again, a seemingly simple recovery of a vehicle with failed brakes on the ‘easier’ part of the winch hill.

But as things transpired it wasn’t that simple after all! – we demonstrated and saw in real life some of those things that you might read about in books, or are the things of myth and legend!

First off, the winch line was not long enough –

so extend it with a rope – what could possibly be wrong with that? We all watched with interest as the rope twisted and turned, and stretched and stretched and stretched – nope, that’s not going to work – and it’s not safe either!.... Re-think...

OK – got the line extension sorted with a Strop instead this time – how much different is that?!? – Wow!

Now for securing of the vehicle and a re-rig in order to remove the strop once we got closer to the tree – Oh, hang on – we’ve just snookered ourselves as the snatch block has moved at a jaunty angle, we can’t move it as there’s load on the anchor point, we’ve run out of other ropes/equipment to re-rig and it’s nearly dinner time!!

It was a great exercise to demonstrate a number of things, and to see practically what happens if ‘too many cooks’ are involved – a really good example of many people having great ideas, none of which are wrong – but combined they don’t make the best result (like Hot Lamb Vindaloo drizzled over fresh Cream Profiteroles)

All in all, a really great day – Very enjoyable with a lot of laughs along the way, and everyone finishing the day much the wiser as to the safe use of that winch and bag of tricks that you carry around.





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## Tried and Tested

### **Sealey Auto Probe Plus 6-24V**

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**Cost:** RRP - £48 / but currently £19 from Amazon (April '16)

I bought this on a bit of a whim after seeing a friend using (the significantly more expensive!) PowerProbe and I have to say it's now a permanent fixture in the Land Rover toolkit. Basically it allows you to test circuits between 6v up to 24v not only for continuity but also to power up / bench test stuff. There's loads of blurb on the sales websites but some of the uses I have found for it, is things like testing spot lights prior to wiring up, fault finding lighting issues on trailer lights, powering up an electric window after the switch failed allowing me to close the window, finding bad earths, checking relays and fuses, the list goes on.

Now, I'm no electrician but with this I'm able to tackle more issues than ever before, and after 2 years of rolling around in the boot of the Disco it's pretty sturdy too. In the sales pitch they make a big deal about the led lights but they're not that much of a bonus to be honest, the probe comes with 4.5m of cable that connects to the vehicle battery and this allows you to get all round the vehicle with ease. Its one of those tools that you don't use for months but when you need it is a life saver. Ok its not a £150 Powerprobe but if bought for £20 its a no-brainer! Tried, tested and recommended.



**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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## 26 Countries... 26000 miles... Zero Punctures! - Part 40

**Day 225 13/7. Bush camp, just west of Quionga, Mozambique 10° 35.77'S 40°29.99'E. Miles today 59, Total Miles 21039**

I know people who have waited weeks for this ferry, so we pottedered down the dirt track towards the Rovuma River. Low and behold, there it was. One Mozambican ferry. How lucky are we? We were soon pounced upon by a number of inquisitive locals who began frantically shouting in a mix of Swahili and Portuguese and waving their arms about. In hindsight, I think they were trying to explain to us that we had to go back into town to fetch the captain. Eventually, one dude took pity on us and wandered off into town, returning with "one ferry captain." It turns out we were supposed to organise the ferry when we got to immigration but luckily there was another car who had already booked the ferry for today so we were in luck. The ramp onto this "baking sheet" was a little rough but they built it up with logs and sand ladders and all manner of debris and we embarked with no problems. Soon we



were on our way, a little slower than expected due to only one engine working. The ferry is \$30 per car, by the way. After a display of some excellent yachting skills (a mere three unsuccessful attempts at docking the thing) we finally tied up and faced an even steeper disembarkation. We gave it some juice and got up no problem, only to be faced with no road at all, only a huge cornfield. What followed was such a laugh with various people screaming conflicting directions at us telling us which way to go around this blinking cornfield. We eventually found our way round and onto the narrow sandy track, which was indeed the main road south. This led us to the immigration and customs hut, where after mastering the art of waiting, we were stamped in. It was getting quite late now, so we drove a bit further down this very narrow road and stopped for the night under a Cashew Nut Tree.

**Day 226 14/7. Pangane campsite, Pangane peninsular, Mozambique 11° 59.98'S 40°32.65'E. Miles today 195, Total Miles 21234**



After finding the bank in Praia de Mozambique closed, we were directed to an ATM next door. It was a bit confusing with yet another currency, so we picked a number with the most zeros and hoped for the best. We had been recommended to head south towards the beach and seafood haven of Pangane, along a sandy track. The simple but idyllic campsite (€4.30 pp) is right at the end. Sadly, we arrived too late for any seafood, only octopus. The

beach is right next to a village and the chief gets very funny about bikini clad travellers walking up and down the beach, so please respect their customs.

**Day 227 15/7. Russels Place, Pemba, Mozambique 12°57.96'S 40°34.03'E. Miles today 158, Total 21392**

We got up and early, put on all our clothes on and went for a long walk along the beach to check out the morning's catch and the boat building action along the shore. Wanting to reach Pemba, we tried to take the coastal track south but had to turn back as the trees were just too low and the overhead branches were smashing into and scratching the life out of our roof tent. So we ended up taking the wonderfully tar road all the way to Pemba. We checked into the famous "Russell's Place" for €4.30pp. It was a bit shabby but actually very cool. Besides, it was live band and pizza night tonight, so Rob wasn't going anywhere. And they have these awesome bucket showers with a constant hot bucket and a cold one in each shower. After lots of cold local beer and yummy pizzas, we met two very funny guys from SA on a Cape to Cairo journey. They had only been on the road for two weeks but had some hilarious adventures so far.



**Day 228 16/7. Russels Place, Pemba, Mozambique 12°57.96'S 40°34.03'E. Miles today 19, Total 21411**

After a quick visit to town to do the usual internet, market and beer stock run, we had a very yummy lunch of grilled prawns and squid at the Pemba Dolphin. We were both in the mood for one of those long boozy lunches and tried to buy a bottle of wine but alas, they didn't have any! So we headed back to Russell's and watched a presentation on sustainable forestry in Mozambique, which was very interesting. Early to bed after somehow managing to find room in our tummies to tuck into their evening buffet, which was a delicious spread of local fare, including matapa. (cassava leaves with peanuts and coconut.)

**Day 229 17/7. Casuarina Camping, Ilha de Mozambique, Mozambique 15°02.53'S 40°41.72'E. Miles today 244, Total 21655**

We continued south on the good tar road all the way to Ihla de Mozambique, where we stopped just before the bridge. There is a new 2500kg weight limit to cross to the island (but not really enforced though.) and we camped at Casuarina Camping (€2.60 pp) which is a sweet little place right on the waters edge. They really need the business, so try and stay there if you can. There is a small bar and she can whip up some seafood for you if you like. It's a 3km walk across the bridge onto the island, so thought we'd leave it until tomorrow. Spent the evening chatting to our Dutch neighbours, Enzo and Marion, travelling around Africa in the trusty old Landy complete with an enormous and very boisterous German Shepherd, answering to the name of Rex!



**Day 230 18/7. Casuarina Camping, Ilha de Mozambique, Mozambique  
15°02.53'S 40°41.72'E. Miles today 0, Total 21655**

We crossed the bridge to find wonderful old buildings. After a zillion photos, we walked right to the end and visited the old Fort (€2.80 pp) The oldest fort still standing in Sub Saharan Africa, which was cool but sadly very run down. Also, look out for the chapel of Nossa Senhora, which is actually the oldest European building in the Southern Hemisphere. The island is not nearly as touristy as we imagined but there does appear to be a lot of European



money being thrown at it, with a number of restoration projects going on, turning these beautiful old buildings into restaurants, boutiques and hotels. We settled on Anchoro d'Ouro which, incidentally makes the most awesome custard muffins. Stayed for lunch and had the special of Peixe con Batatas (Grilled Fish with Fried Potatoes), which was absolutely gorgeous. We also visited the Palace and Chapel of Sao Paulo, which was immaculately restored into a museum and

well worth a tour. Most of the furniture originally came from Goa and is magnificent and superbly looked after. Back at the campsite, some new travellers had joined our party. Tom and Lisa, who were backpacking around Africa. We stayed up late talking to them, laughing until we cried. Man, am I glad we don't have to do public transport! Their experience on the Illala Ferry in Malawi alone was enough to keep me laughing till next year!



**Day 231 19/7. Casuarina Camping, Ilha de Mozambique, Mozambique  
15°02.53'S 40°41.72'E. Miles today 0, Total 21655**

Enzo and Marion have very kindly offered to give Tom and Lisa a ride up to Pemba in the back of their Landy. Rex, the enormous German Shepherd, much to his distaste, has been booted out of his usual place of abode and has to spend the next seven hours (their old landy isn't particularly speedy) on Marion's lap in the front seat. I wish them well. We decided to spend the day chilling out here and Rob used the time to do a gearbox oil change and tried to fix our blown turbo hose...apparently nothing that a bit of duct tape and hose clips can't sort out!

# 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, Jane Bareham, Gareth King.

**Apologies** - Tim Alden.

## **Notes from previous meeting**

**AJ** - Proposed

**PC** - 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** - **AJ** to buy new lock for front chain. - **Ongoing**

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

**03 Feb 16** - **SB** Need replacement benches. - **Done**

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

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

**02 Mar 16** - Need more sugar for kitchen as we are running low. - **Ongoing**

**02 Mar 16** - Replacement benches are being investigated, along with paving slabs to prevent them sinking. - **Done**

**02 Mar 16** - **AJ** Checklist needed for opening and closing the cabin. Gas and water need turning off upon leaving the building. - **Ongoing**

**02 Mar 16** - **JM** to send email out for factory experience article writers - **Done**

**02 Mar 16** - **CF** Spoken to Suffolk Show. They want information about SLROC for an article. - **Done**

**02 Mar 16** - Members Autojumble. Put post on forum and Facebook. Section off some of the site for stalls. - **JM** organising - **Done**

**02 Mar 16** - **HJ** to update competitions on MSA calendar. - **Done**

**02 Mar 16** - **TA** Possible tractor show we have been invited to. - **Ongoing**

**02 Mar 16** - Keep list of charities to be considered for next year. Send message to explain that charities that weren't picked will be kept on record for next year. - **Ongoing**

## **Calendar Items**

### **Membership**

Total Membership 253

Made up of: Full 154, Joint 76, Junior 23

New Members - Blair & Jennifer Lavelle - Woodbridge, Andy, Kirsten, Pelham Etherington - Melton.

### **Finance Report**

£10329.82 in the bank

£1897.33 charity money

**MW** - Now dealing with outstanding 2015 charity donations.

**MW** - Sorting outstanding IOPD payment

**CF** - arranging for new club T shirts

**CF** - arranging a new trial permit.

### **Club Site**

**GK** - White course has been cleared

**AJ** - Need to buy replacement plastic panels for the veranda. Wind has blown some off. **GK** to repair.

**PC** can get posts for a new fence round the club caravan. 19 posts and 36 panels. 3 gates with closing mechanisms to be purchased. £290 for all materials.

**GK** to level out the white course to make it flatter. This will prevent damage to low mounted standard vehicles.

**AJ** to pay £100 to Richard Wellham from Clappet's Plants for loan of mini digger.

### **Website & Social Media**

**AJ** - Website maintenance hand over in progress

**AJ** - **CJ** is in charge of Facebook and is posting regularly.

**AJ** - **TA** is maintaining the Twitter page.

**AJ** - **DR** still able to maintain the forum.

### **Nooze**

**AJ** - Ordered 160 copies

**AJ** - Put message out for someone to take on Nooze

**AJ** - The Landy newspaper editor wants another advert in Nooze

### **Shows & Events**

**AJ** - Show trailer needs towing to Stonham Barns

**AJ** - Stonham Barns course needs maintenance.

**AJ** - Need somewhere to store trailer at or near Stonham Barns

**AJ** - Next show is the Mid Suffolk Show - 30th April and 1st May - need help for this show from members. CoC, marshalls, loaders, unloaders, drivers etc required.

**PC** - **TA** has contacted **PC** regarding loading and unloading. Need to be 13 or older for young members to help.

**JM**, **PC** and **AJ** discuss use of booster seats in vehicles for young passengers at shows. Safety has been discussed and will be included in driver's briefs at shows.

**SB** - Need to ensure that young members and children have a high visibility vest while they are on courses.

**Public relations** - None

### **Safety and Training**

**PC** - Winch training planned. 10 people booked on course.

**PC** - Marshall training planned. 12 booked on course so far.

**PC** - Contacted Mark Stops to renew trainer training for Pat Corps, Matt Hurst and Dan Rogers to enable them to continue training club members.

### **Competitions**

**AJ** - **MW** has successfully set up and run the last trial.

**AJ** - Need to have more vehicles available to recover stuck vehicles at competitions and events.

**AJ** - **BW** needs reminder to set up next trial

**Correspondence** - None

**Club shop** - None

**IOPD** - None.

### **Chat from the chair discussion**

Include charity information

Need members to help with various roles at shows.

Suggest about requiring someone to tow trailer.

Need to inform people about updated committee positions.

### **Any other business**

**HJ** has resigned from the committee

**AJ** - Temporary competition organiser has been found to fill position.

**AJ** - Vacancy for a Vice Chairman in the committee.

**SB** to become acting Vice Chairman. **PC** proposes, **GK** seconds.

Jane Bareham to become membership secretary. **AJ** proposes, **PC** seconds.

**Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at the club site.**

## **Auto Jumble June 12th Newbourne**

After a suggestion made by a club member and a discussion by the committee, we have decided to host an Auto Jumble for club members to bring their unwanted Land Rover parts, accessories and off road related items to sell. Handy for items too big to post!

We will section off part of the site next to the club house for stalls.

The auto jumble will be held on the 12 June driving day at the Newbourne site.

Private sales only. No commercial stalls please!

# **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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## 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**

Please get in touch if you wish to collect items from a Show.  
Items will soon be featured on our web site at **www.slroc.uk.com**



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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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