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Rob Last negotiating gates at
Badwell Ash in his Whitbread
trialer.

Nooze News!

The personal perspective is often the most enlightening when it comes to events and in this months issue we have that personal view of the tyro trial from earlier this year which was a personal trial that came good in so many ways for Becky Rout, and a personal 'day in the life' account of the Suffolk Show (although it's actually two days) from Matt Hurst. Both completely different, but both from a similar perspective.

We've also added in an article that was recently written for and published in 'The Landy' newspaper that goes into some of the understanding that we as a club use to organise shows in the way we do and what the club is able to get out of them.

Of course there's regular stuff too, Rob and Ally are getting ever closer to their destination and there is information about the Open Day coming up on August 7th.

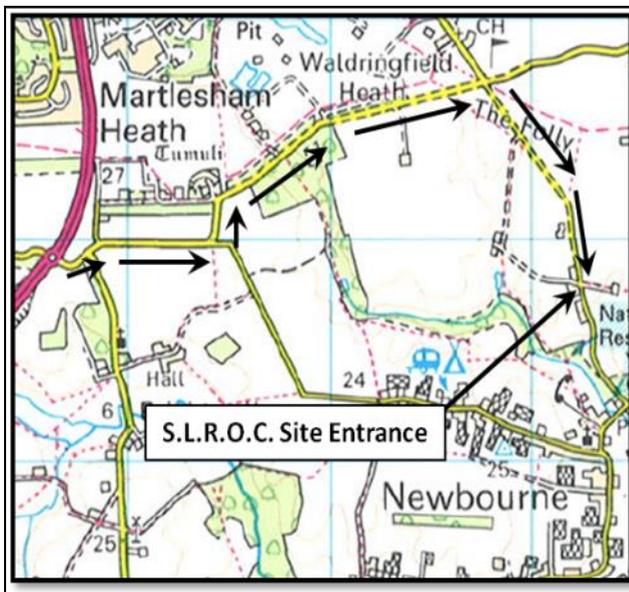
Returning to shows, we must say a resounding thanks to all involved so far throughout the show season. Whether it's turning up for a quiet day at Stonham or playing an important part in the most complex show of the year at the Suffolk Show. There have been many outstanding contributions so far ranging from young Abi offering her own bed to others in their 'hour of need' at the Suffolk Show to Rob coming all the way from Holland in his light weight to help at the Heveningham show and those that always help out everywhere like Russell, Tony and Graham to name but a few, to those that even making one show can be a great experience (there are far too many helpers to name here!) and those that put many hours of their own time into organising these events for the club, Tim, Chris and Rob again to name but a few. Everyone is needed and all help given in whatever way is very very gratefully received. It's great to see the difference it all makes at the end of the day.

That's it for now, enjoy the issue and keep the articles rolling in.

All the best...

Andy.

Directions to the Newbourne club site



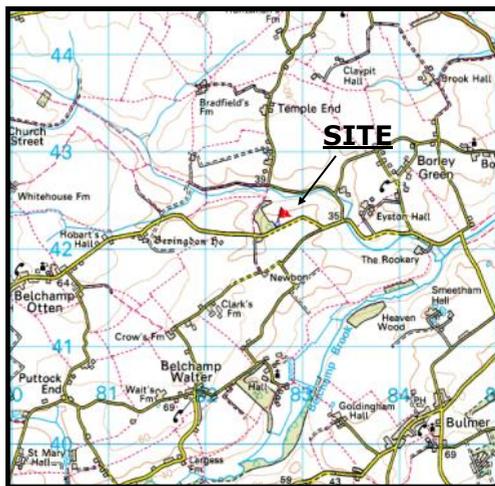
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

Badwell Ash



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Chat From the Chair

Shows, Shows, Shows! The Suffolk Show is all done and dusted for another year, and by the time you read this, Heavingingham Country Fair will also be over. The two biggest events in the show calendar, but by no means the be-all and end-all as there are so many other shows in the calendar too! Stonham, Palgrave and external shows like the LRO show at Peterborough also come into our calendar. However, it looks like this year we have two new candidates on the runway that could be just as interesting.

Rock Barracks are having their annual open day on Saturday July 30th and based on what the guys there saw of us at the Suffolk Show, we've been invited to attend and offer rides. The event will include military displays as well as re-enactors, local business and local museums. They are also hoping to attract a large number of historic vehicles as well. Whilst this event has come at short notice, we've got the army on side and if they can find the space they want to practice their earth moving skills and build us an off road course to remember so we can do our thing!

The Suffolk Food Hall just south of Ipswich and under the Orwell bridge have a vintage and modern tractor fair on August 27th. This charitable event is billed as a spectacular family fun day with local food & drink and over 50 vintage and modern tractors, rides and entertainment, live music, bouncy obstacles, the unique 'Rope Pull' and much more. We've already visited the site and it's VAST! Plans are underway to get a course built in time and the guys at the on site farm are helping us in any way they can.

Both events are short notice, but if they come off (and it's looking good so far) we are going to need all the regular help of drivers, loaders, unloaders and people to help in the marquee. These are great opportunities to explore for the club and we'll throw everything at them to try and make them a success. Look for announcements on the forum and on facebook for volunteering your precious time to help our chosen charities.

I also need to mention this years Novice Driver training day on July 23rd. Open to all who are just starting out with off road driving and those who have maybe dipped a toe in the water but want to learn more and fast track their abilities to become more proficient on the rough stuff. Our in house BORDA trainers will be running the course and if you're interested, get in touch with Pat Corps (details at the back of Nooze in the contacts section!).

Finally, a note of etiquette for the Newbourne site. it seems that at regular intervals visitors need reminding that the driveway from the road to the site is not exclusively ours, residents and their young children also use it and as such it has always had a 5mph speed limit on it. There have been a number of incidents recently where members have had to be reminded of that limit and as it says in the 'Important Info' section at the back of Nooze, "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". No one wants to get heavy handed, but this is a firm rule and we have to stick to it.

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>When</u>	<u>Club Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Org</u>
July 23 rd	3 rd Training Day (Novice Driver Training) & Camp Over	Newbourne	P. Corps
July 24 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	A. Jeff
Sept 4th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	M. Whitting
Sept 24th	Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	TBC
Sept 25 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Oct 22nd	"Ladies" Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Oct 23 rd	Driving Day	Newbourne	C. Finbow
Nov 6th	CCVT	Snuggs Pit	A. Cutting
Nov 20 th	Children in Need Driving Day	Newbourne	TBC
Nov 27th	Single Vehicle Winch Trial	Snuggs Pit	R. Lambourne
Dec 27 th	Mince Pie Driving Day	Newbourne	G. King

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<u>When</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>CoC / Org</u>
July 2 nd – 3 rd	Country Fair, Wings & Wheels	Heveningham	R. Heather
July 30 th – 31 st	Land Rover Fest	Billing	N/A
Aug 7 th th	Club Open Day	Newbourne	C+A Jeff
Aug 21 st	Classic Car Show	Stonham Barns	A. Jeff
Aug 27 th	Modern & Vintage Tractor Fair	Suffolk Food Hall	T. Alden
Sept 17 th – 18 th	Henham Steam Rally	Henham Park	R. Heather
Sept 17 th – 18 th	LRO Show	Peterborough	S. Bareham

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

This year's SLROC Open Day is only a couple of months away and as always we need your help!

Helpers: As ever we will be looking for helpers with the off-road rides just like normal shows, so drivers, loaders, unloaders and sign on are all needed, as well as a few marshals including for the see saw. We will also need car park marshals but everyone could be on a rota. The other side of the day that needs helpers are stalls that need running, these include a chocolate tombola, face painting, guess the amount of balloons in a car, refreshments etc. There will also be a children's lucky dip, a normal tombola and a raffle so any donations for these stalls would be gratefully received, you can bring any donations you have to a Driving Day or to the Open Day. We will also be having a static display as we did last year so if you would like your vehicle to be included please let us know what you will be bringing.

Camping: is available for this weekend but due to limited amounts of space the parking of caravans is going to have to be very neat so we can fit as many in as possible, and just for this weekend we would like to ask for no awnings please! This is just to be fair so that everyone who wants to camp can. Tents are welcome and may be asked to squish up a bit depending on how much space there is already taken when you arrive. If you would like to camp can you please let us know ahead of time and what you are bringing (eg. caravan/tent).

Vehicle movements: as the event runs from 10-4 all vehicles should be on site by, if not before 9:30am for scrutineering and getting into the relevant position before the site is opened to the public. Vehicles involved in a static display should also be on site by 9:30am. After this there will be no further vehicle movements apart from the off-road rides until the end of the day and no late entries or early leavers will be permitted. If you wish to leave half way through the day for any reason, or arrive late you will be asked to park in the public car parking area.

If you can help with this event please add your name on the forum or send an email to websec@slroc.uk.com.

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What An Experience!

For the first time at the age of 38, I have completed the Tyro Trial at Newbourne. So what, you might say? To me this is a huge step, to give you a brief overview of why this was the first time I have taken part, close your eyes and imagine someone has taken your keys away, or your Land Rover has broken down and you are stranded, how do you feel? That is how I have been all of my life as I have had epilepsy. Last year I decided to take an



enormous risk and try and put things to rights by having brain surgery. This was a stressful time for my family but they supported me as they could see that I was not happy. Luckily, everything went to plan and I certainly don't regret

having the operation. I now want to put my past behind me and look to the future. One life, Live it! So feeling safer to drive now I thought, why not go for the Tyro Trial. I spoke to Jono about it but you know what they say about partners teaching each other to drive! So I put a note on Facebook, asking if anyone would be willing to give me a lesson prior to the Tyro, bearing in mind that I had no experience at all.



We own two Land Rovers

ourselves, a Discovery and a Military Light Weight, but the Light Weight is quite heavy to steer as there is no power steering and the Discovery is also quite a 'beast' as it has got a roof rack and other equipment attached, that was the other problem finding an 'appropriate' Land Rover for an extremely 'novice' driver. I was so touched by the number of people who responded to my note on Facebook, it made me realize how much of a team SLROC really is. I had people offer to coach me in our vehicles, to offering their own, I cannot thank them enough.



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We decided that as a first time driver at such event that a Defender 90 would be the best option for me which is why Mark Hitchings was the lucky or unlucky, depending on which way you look at it, one who would be my 'side kick'! Mark kindly took me to Ellough Air field on Monday afternoon, prior to the event, where I learnt to use the clutch, brake and steering wheel. He stood out in the wind holding



poles for me to drive through so that I got the basics of steering the vehicle. My homework for the week was to practice with a plate, turning it but not crossing over my arms.

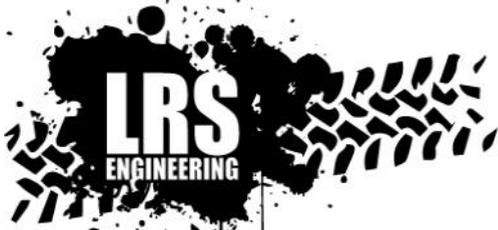
Sunday arrived, that was a totally different 'kettle of fish'! Getting steering wheels to turn quickly was not something that I had been focussing on! That was what the first course involved. My scores went down a bit after that. My best was a 1, which I am very proud of! I even had it in second gear for course 9 and got through some very slippery mud, I then got a 4 because I didn't follow



the signs. There is so much to remember whilst you are concentrating on driving! Which way to go is a good one! The best route to take, avoiding the posts. I thank all of the Marshalls for the patience that they have had with me today. Thank you to Mark. I hope to have another go so that I can achieve a better mark. That will be my next aim!

Becky Rout.





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My Suffolk Show Day

Brrrrrring...Brrrrrring... The piercing scream of the alarm breaks my peaceful slumber, but unlike normal work days where I usually reach for the snooze button and dream of an extra hour in bed, today I've no time to lose, and almost like a kid at Christmas I'm up and bouncing into my bright red SLROC t-shirt and looking forward to an extremely busy day ahead!!

Downstairs for a quick bowl of cereal by 05:15 (tactically laid out the night before, with spoon at the ready, and car keys beside).

Boots on, jacket on as it's pretty chilly outside – and as I'd completely forgotten my Mortgage application I'd better take a packed lunch as well (Have you seen how expensive it is at the Suffolk Show?!?) ☺

05:30 – In the trusty old Disco and ready for the off, Ropes and Bridle attached – I'm on-schedule...

05:50 – The note stuck to the inside of my windscreen reminded me to call into Sainsbury's petrol station and pick up a newspaper for Sheila before heading into Trinity Park – although I caught the staff on the hop, as they were not quite open yet – but thankfully the very nice lady there sorted me out with a paper, and wished me luck for the day ahead...

06:00 – Over to the camp-site and a few sleepy heads were starting to appear, huddled over a hot cup of coffee or tea – talk turned to the day ahead as more people started to arrive in an array of green-oval vehicles. The weather wasn't fantastic, but to be honest we just thanked our lucky stars that it wasn't as bad as the day before that saw thunderstorms and inches of rain in a matter of hours! – Always look on the bright side.

07:00 and we're over and inside the grounds, having formed 2 convoys from the campsite to the course area – things were a buzz as people hurried here and there, unzipping marquee sides, setting up the Burco boiler and TV stand and getting things ready for the punters that would soon be pouring through the entrance gates right beside the course.

To be honest the start of day 1 in terms of customers felt a little slow – I think many people were a little hesitant given the cold/windy weather and the threat of rain a little later in the day (And boy did it rain!!).

But slowly and surely they started to arrive!! – it seems to be the case that with our position right near the entrance/exit a lot of people choose to visit us first thing or last thing before heading home.



And it got busier and busier and busier – I think being one of the few large multi-seaters (along with Tim) able to take 6 passengers, our services were in constant demand as we typically see a lot of large family groups all wanting to travel round together.

Around 10:30 the heavens absolutely opened!! – you could see people scurrying to any tent/marquee for cover, suddenly becoming interested in buying some boots or a shirt – anyone

with a tent became instantly popular!

It didn't last long – maybe 20 mins or so – but what it did for us was to make things very slippery – and about a foot of water in the hole...Everyone was checked to ensure Diff Lock was being used, and advised to demonstrate extreme caution whilst the top layer of mud was so slippery. Things quite quickly dried out, and the addition of some nice sloshy mud in the hole was a welcome sight for many!

There was a very steady stream of customers all day long, and we had the usual rush around 4-5pm as people headed home after a busy day looking round all the great things the Suffolk Show has to offer.

And our profile at the show over the years has increased dramatically – many people we took around the course had either visited before, citing it as a highlight of previous years, or had heard about us from the social media and press coverage that we now receive.

To the extent that this year in fact we were visited by the Event VIP delegation, who were expertly taken around the course by Rob – successfully entertained without scaring the living daylights out of them, job done!

And Tim took Radio Suffolk around as well, who performed a live interview and in fact a video recording at the same time which you can see online.

End of day 1 and I, along with everyone else is totally knackered – back home, dinner and slouch in front of the TV... My wife kindly switches off the TV as my snoring starts to drown it out – I didn't even claim 'to be watching that' as I was sooo tired!



Day 2 was almost like Groundhog Day from Day 1, with the exception that the lady at the Petrol Station was expecting me, and had paper in hand ready for my arrival! Rob decided to wake everyone at the campsite with some morning song, and there was talk of an A&E visit overnight for Jeremy who like a true hero brushed it off as merely a 'flesh wound' and was back fighting fit and ready for another day! – There's no stopping the man! It was much brighter and warmer on day 2, and the day got off to a very busy start, with again a fantastic flow over the entire day.



Trip by trip, customer by customer the faces smiled, the children jumped with excitement, and the gasps and screams came thick and fast! Words such as 'Epic', 'Awesome', 'Made my day' 'Unbelievable' were to be heard almost constantly at the unloading area as we entertained and gave joy to so many people.

And as I sat there in the queue waiting for the next customer to be loaded up it struck me – that was it! – That's what makes us just so unique and appealing to everyone.

EVERYONE is the key word there – we are something that EVERYONE can enjoy – and enjoy together as a family.

- I'd taken a 70 year old lady and her friend around the course that day – she proudly told me that it was her 70th Birthday that day, and that she was going to do something daring...
- I'd witnessed a man in the marquee asking if it was ok for his 9 month old boy he was cradling in his arms to join him – 'of course' came the reply 'we've got full child seats'
- I'd helped lift a disabled girl from her wheelchair into Chris's buggy earlier that day...

Damn!! – this is probably one of the ONLY things here, or in fact anywhere that ANYONE and EVERYONE can enjoy – no age, height restriction or disability can stop people enjoying what we do folks – and it brings joy to every single one of them.....

It goes without saying that the Suffolk Show is a massive team effort, and huge amounts of work are put in by a lot of people, but the smiles and happiness make it all worthwhile... **Matt Hurst**





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Show Time

There are so many things that members of an off-road club can join in with, green road trips, trials and social events to name but a few, but a big part of the year for the Suffolk Land Rover Owners Club is spent sharing the 4x4 passion with those that might not yet have come across our hobby by giving off road rides at country shows around their home county.



It's not just about sharing the fun though, there's a serious side to it as well and for everyone that gets to ride around in a club members Land Rover, a few quid is collected and put in the pot to be donated to charities at the end of the year.



It's a simple idea really, each year club members nominate worthy local charities that will benefit from all of those rides and hopefully at the same time as raising money, the club can also raise the profile for those local charitable organizations through radio publicity, people from the charity joining us on our club stand or simply a chat and a bit of name dropping in the car as we're driving around the various off road courses at the shows we go to

throughout our show season.

All the courses we drive are tame by most 4x4 site standards but the beauty is that to most people who haven't been off road, our 'tame' is their 'scream and shout' and as we go up seemingly impossible hills and down into car swallowing hollows, tip the cars into gravity defying side slopes (that one gets everybody) and drive over all sorts of man made obstacles including bumpy log bridges, ramps and an 'aim at the sky see-saw', we're having fun whilst our passengers think they are experiencing 'mild peril' in a Land Rover even though we're always 100% in control and safe. It's that roller coaster ride for just a few quid that people love.





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The biggest show of the year is the Suffolk Show at Trinity Park Ipswich where in just a couple of days we can give upwards of 3,500 rides and collect anything up to £10,000 for our nominated charities, ALL of which is passed straight on as none of the members involved claim for any expenses. After all if we weren't at a show giving rides, we'd only be down a green road somewhere or at a pay and play site having the same fun!



In 2015 we raised £13,500, the bulk of which is going towards helping the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) buy a new response vehicle as well as a number of smaller amounts that went to support other charities around the county. This year at the Suffolk Show even with downpours on day 1 and a cold and



blustery day 2, the guys managed to dig really deep and still raised £9,500 that this year will go towards helping the Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue team and the Suffolk Punch Trust.



If you're interested in helping at a show or just want to come along to say hello, have a look at the shows on page 5 and check the calendar to see if there's a show you can get to and come along – see you there!

Andy



26 Countries... 26000 miles... Zero Punctures! - Part 41

Day 232 20/7. Complexo Montes Nairucu, 13km NW of Nampula Mozambique 15°02.58'S 39°08.67'E. Miles today 121, Total Miles 21776

After stopping at the metropolis of Nampula to go to the bank and do some shopping, we continued on in search of somewhere to stop for the night. We spotted a road sign for a campsite 13km down a dusty track and thought we'd go check it out. Sure we glad, as it was a great find. Camping Montes Nairucu (€2.80 pp) is a huge place run by a lovely Portuguese family. The camping is right on a dam



with croaking frogs and huge rocky outcrops and the showers and loos were spotless with lovely hot water. Watch out for the scary spiders hiding in the shower curtains though!

Day 233 21/7. Mission, Mocuba, Mozambique

16°51.71'S 36°57.03'E. Miles today 258, Total Miles 22034



A long day on the road driving, we stopped for the night at the very welcoming Mission in Mocuba. We settled in camping amongst the chaos of around 200 children from the surrounding villages been treated to a meal of porridge and various activities organised by some weird Brazilian missionaries, (man, I sure hope that is fancy dress!) Juan Alberto, who runs the place is a legend, he even gave us a room to use the loo.

Even though it was not the cleanest I have ever seen, I personally was truly grateful. We were later serenaded at sunset by the all 200 above mentioned children until their transport home arrived at which point they all raced off to climb in and it all went quiet.

Day 234 22/7. Zalala campsite, Zalala, nr Quelimane, Mozambique

17°52.32'S 37°07.33'E. Miles today 106, Total Miles 22140

We waited for Juan to return from church so we could give him our donation and say thank you. On the road again, we headed south to the huge beach of Zalala, lined with pine trees.

Being Sunday, the place was heaving and we bought 2kg of giant fresh prawns for €5 and cooked up a storm. Even with our hearty appetites, we came nowhere near finishing them. The only campsite open (€3.50pp) was a no-name, shady place with a bar and restaurant but infested with mutant mozzies.



**Day 235 23/7. Mphique Camp, 32km SW of Caia, Mozambique
18°04.40'S 35°12.14'E. Miles today 164, Total 22304**

We had a waypoint for a place called James Camp, also known as Mphique, where we hoped we could stop for the night and so crossed the Zambezi River on a somewhat more reliable ferry. I had to get out the car and was charged 3 cents and Rob was charged €2.80 for him and the car. Seems they are building a bridge, so not long now but it is Africa time, of course. As it turned out, they don't allow camping anymore at Mphique but they did have the most wonderful chalets available. It was only a little bit of out of our budget so we decided to stay anyway. We had the wonderful wholesome home cooked meal and a hot cup of tea in the most comfortable bed ever. Just what the doctor ordered!



**Day 236 24/7.
Chitengo Camp,
Gorongosa NP,
Mozambique
18°58.01'S 34°
21.07'E. Miles today
187, Total 22491**

We had been recommended to visit the Gorongosa National Park and wow, what a welcoming reception we received. €5.50 pp entry fee plus €5.50 for the car but you only pay once and can stay as long as you like. The

camping fee per night was €5pp but with free internet, a nice pool, free firewood and hot showers, what's the catch, you may ask? Aah, I see. There are actually no animals. In their defence, they are building the park up again and are slowly introducing some furry creatures. We made the best of it and witnessed what can only be described as "The Warthog Migration" and marvelled at the gorgeous landscapes.

**Day 237 25/7. Chitengo Camp, Gorongosa NP, Mozambique
18°58.01'S 34°21.07'E. Miles today 21, Total 22512**

Hurrah, it's Rob's birthday today, so we decided to stay another night in this peaceful spot and continue our quest for the elusive lions but our tranquillity was soon disrupted by the arrival of not one but two overland trucks, packed to the brim. 60 people, three toilets, three showers. This is not going to end well.



**Day 238 26/7. Casa Msika,
Lake Chicamba,
Mozambique**



**19°02.25'S 33°03.99'E. Miles today 115, Total
22327**

We are heading for Zimbabwe next, so after a bit of panic buying at the Shoprite in Chimoio, we just covered some miles today and stopped at the Msika Campsite on the dam. We chilled out for the afternoon, did some laundry followed by a rather grim dinner in the dark in their restaurant. Something about the battery for the generator being dead!

**Day 239 27/7. Mozambique - Zimbabwe border
19°00.37'S 32°43.03'E. Miles today ?, Total ???**

And so we drove towards Zimbabwe after much, "Are you sure, are you mad? Are you guys aware of the situation there right now? The countries is in economic meltdown, man." Oh well, let's go see for ourselves We still had a fair bit of Mozambican Meticaais left so

decided to drive back to Chimoio and spend it on a few extra food basics and fuel. While in the endless queue for diesel, a dude offered to change some money into Zim dollars for us.

We had absolutely no idea of the rate but as it was only €10, it was no real issue. We got heaps of Zim dollars back. Damn these zeros! Who knows? Absolutely no problems leaving the Mozambican side and so we approached the Zim border. Armed with full fuel tanks, heaps of food, a Lonely Planet from five years ago and a sense of humour, what could possibly go wrong?



Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 11th May 2016 – 8pm

Attendees – Gareth King, Jack Myers, Andy Jeff, Pat Corps, Si Bareham, Jane Bareham

Apologies - Tim Alden.

Notes from previous meeting

SB - 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. - **Done**

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 - **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. - **Done**

02 Mar 16 - **AJ** Checklist needed for opening and closing the cabin. - **Ongoing**

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

06 Apr 16 - **MW** sort charity donations for the 2015's Suffolk Show and Heveningham Hall. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **MW** sort outstanding IOPD payment - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **GK** Needs to buy plastic panels for the veranda. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **PC** Get posts etc. for a new fence round the club caravan. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **GK** to level out the white course to make it flatter. This will prevent damage to low mounted vehicles. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **AJ** pay Clappet's Plants for loan of mini digger. - **Done**

06 Apr 16 - **AJ** Put message out for someone to take on Nooze - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - **PC** Contacted Mark Stops to renew trainer training for PC, MH and DR to enable them to continue training club members. - **Done**

06 Apr 16 - **AJ** Brian Welburn needs reminder to set up next trial

Calendar Items - None

Membership

Total Membership 254

Made up of: Full 154, Joint 77, Junior 23

New Members - Thomas Reiley – Barham.

Finance Report - No Report

Club Site

GK - attend Saturday 14th May for site maintenance

GK - ordered blue rope for course marking and oil for generator

GK - put new site signs up during the maintenance day

GK - to contact builders merchant for replacement plastic sheeting that has blown off of the caravan's veranda

Website & Social Media

AJ - Website maintenance hand over still in progress

AJ - Facebook page's 'like' count is increasing

Nooze

AJ - Ordered 170 copies

Shows & Events

All - Discussion took place regarding safety and assigned jobs at shows

AJ - Need to sort club banner ready for shows

AJ - The roof of the marquee has split. Committee votes to replace the roof and have the old roof repaired for spares.

AJ - Children's car seats are required for shows to allow young passengers to be carried safely

AJ - Discussed club business cards and information cards for guests to take at shows. These will contain club information and event dates.

All - Committee discusses tractor show scheduled for August.

Public relations

AJ - Has had a phone call from an East Anglian Children's Hospice volunteer to request someone to participate in a radio interview, however there is currently nobody available on the day of the interview

Safety and Training

PC - Winch training went well.

PC - Marshall training going ahead. 12 people currently booked on the course.

AJ - Needs to provide a list of current marshals to **PC** and **SB**

PC - More winch trained marshals required. Possibility of additional winch training courses discussed. Alternatively, priority should be given to marshals without winch training.

Competitions

AJ - Winch trial cancelled due to lack of entrants

Correspondence - None

AJ - SARS have put their charity donations towards a new Volvo for their use.

IOPD - Nothing to report.

Chat from the chair discussion

Car seats for shows

Marshal training

Club social event to organise. Quiz?

Another scatter hunt?

Any other business - Nothing to report.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at Suffolk Show.

SLROC CLUB SHOP

Clothing, Stickers, etc

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

T-Shirt	£10.00
Polo Shirt	£13.00
Sweatshirt	£16.00
Hoodie	£16.00
Rugby Shirt	£24.50
Fleece	£20.00
Bomber Jacket	£32.00
Overalls	£34.00
Children's T-Shirt	£9.50
Children's Polo Shirt	£11.50
Children's Fleece	£19.50
Children's Polo Hoodie	£14.00
Children's Bomber Jacket	£29.00
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7M Rope	£35.00
9M Rope	£40.00
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'Jate' type Recovery Ring	£15 .00
Battery Clamp	£6.00
Rigger Gloves (1 pair)	£1.00

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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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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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