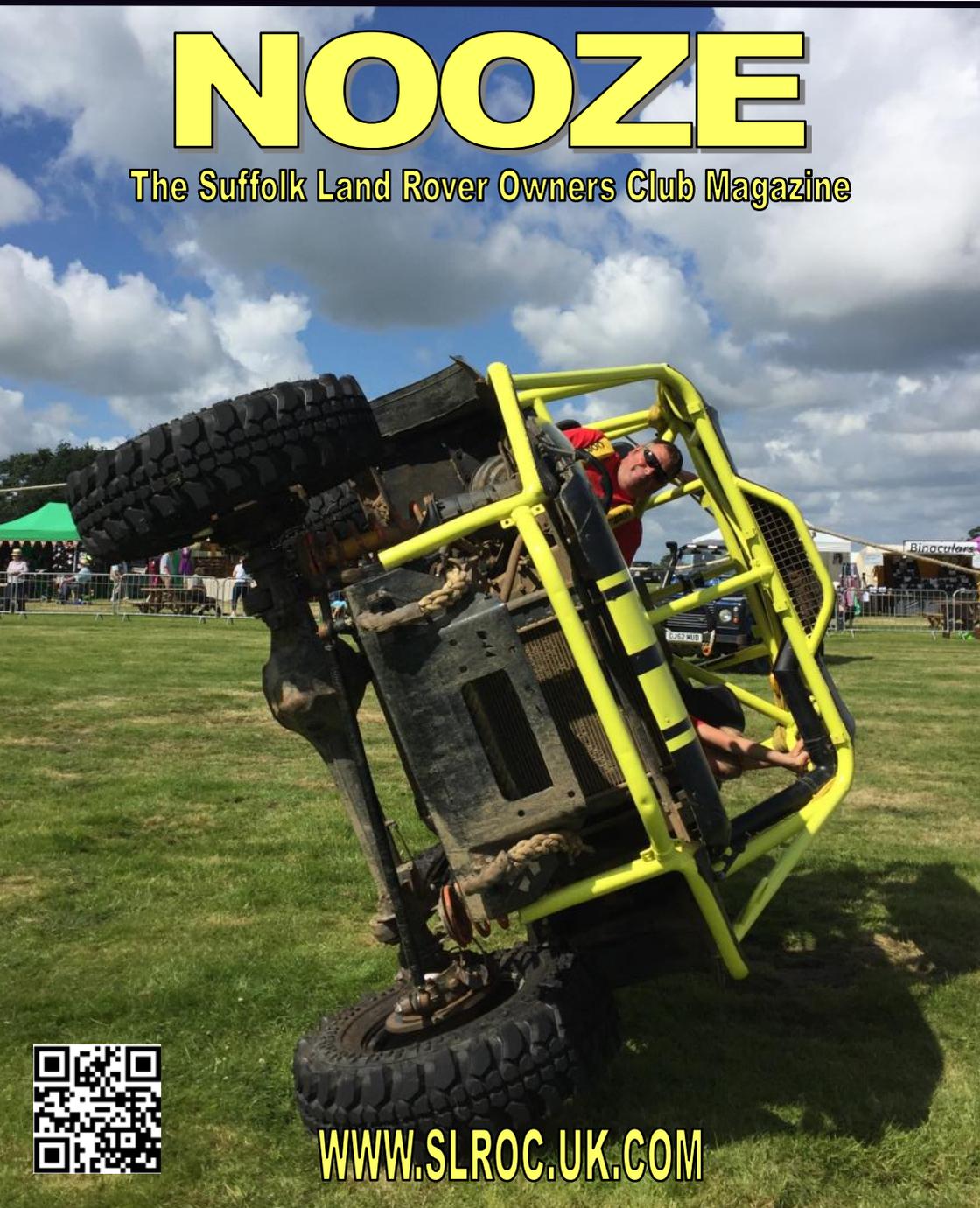




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Cover Picture

Chris testing the 'tipping point'
in the show ring at
Heveningham.

Nooze News!

Compiling Nooze gets more frenetic every month,
nothing on the doorstep for weeks at a time then
everything all at once! But hopefully it's now all
squeezed in and ready for you to read.

As you already know, it's show season and as well
as a full report from the Suffolk Show which has
been attended by the club for a number of years,
we also have a report and a preview from two
shows that are new to the club calendar and so far
have proved to beat all expectations we might have
had for them, a fantastic result!

Don't forget that this week we also have the club
open day and hopefully there will be a report from
that in next months Nooze.

Most of us know about the controversial problems
caused by unscrupulous users of green lanes who
seem only too happy to break all rules and
guidelines for their own pleasure, so how would
you approach your first green laning trip if you'd
been on the side of those trying to protect our
rights of way from these people. Graham White
gives us his insight into the difference it makes
when you do follow the rules correctly.

Watch out too for the notices for up coming events.
Of course there's the club open day, but there's
also the first trial of the new season at Badwell Ash
and information for the open day at the new
premises of 'BritCar' one of our biggest local Land
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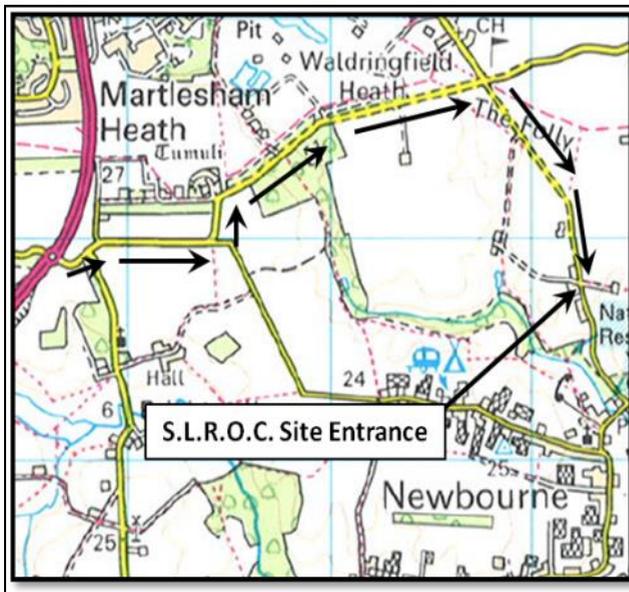
Of course there's the next instalment of Rob and
Ally's long road trip south who are now heading
through Zimbabwe and onto the border with
Botswana.

Remember there's always space to get your stories
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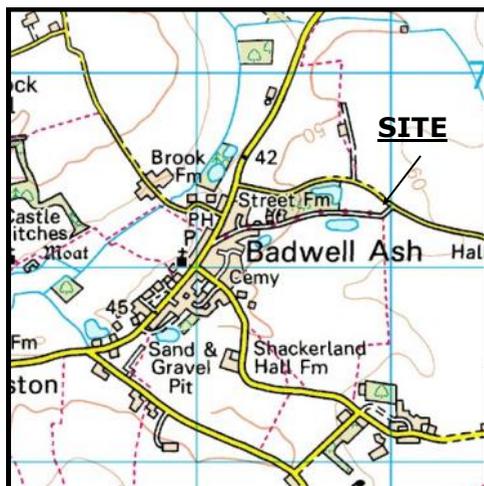
Andy.

Directions to the Newbourne club site



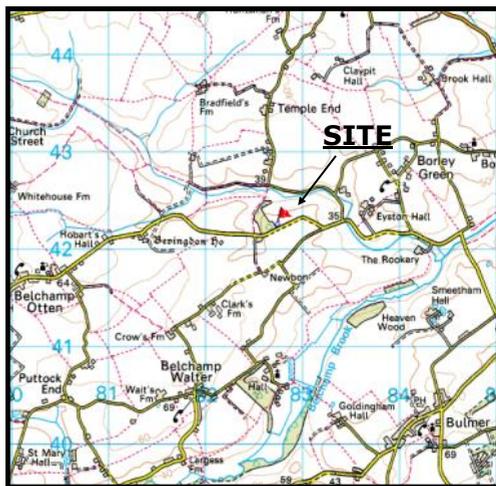
The club has its very own off-road driving site which we use monthly for weekend events, and competitions. The site is situated to the east of Ipswich, near to the village of Newbourne. Strict rules must be adhered to when using the site, to protect the safety of all users. Please keep your speed down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

The summer show season has it's ups and downs, fortunately mostly ups in our case and for those that enjoy attending these events whether it's to drive people around an off road course, help with loading or un-loading, signing people up in the marquee or any one of the many other tasks that need to be completed on the day the sense of teamwork is enjoyed by all that help. Sometimes there's even a sense of family when we're all pulling together and firing on all cylinders and it all comes together like a well oiled machine. The biggies like the Suffolk Show and Heveningham and the smaller events like Stonham Barns and Goodrich Park all have their own feel and we know what to expect and cut our cloth accordingly, but what about when something new comes along, how do you deal with a new show. Well this year is the year to find out with two completely new and unknowns coming onto our calendar at the Woodbridge Station Open Day at Rock Barracks and the Modern & Vintage Tractor Fair at the Suffolk Food Hall.

Speak with Chris about the Suffolk Show or Bob about Heveningham and you'll get some idea of the amount of time and effort that go into planning and preparing for these events, but where do you start for something new? Whilst the organisation of constructing a course and the logistics of getting equipment on site are obvious things to sort out, building relationships with the organiser to get them to agree to what we need is often where the hard work is done for months in advance. Meetings, agreements, insurances and risk assessments take a lot of time and this is where Tim has been focussing for the past few months with a small team of club members behind him.

Simple 'invites' from 23 Para and the Suffolk Food Hall have been turned into full on events. With a crack team, a course was built in a day in the shadow of the Orwell Bridge for the Tractor Fair and without knowing anything about what they were letting themselves in for, a 'family' of volunteers assembled at Rock Barracks to delight the people at the Open Day with off road rides over a course put together only two days before by the Army. I have to say, it was probably the best one day off site show I have ever attended and the amount of money raised was simply phenomenal. That leaves us only a month away from the Tractor Fair and if it goes anything like the Rock Barrack Open day, we're in for a cracker. Tim has fired in a report with more detail that you can see later in Nooze.

There has to be a 'but' though, and the one Show that hasn't been mentioned is of course the Club Open Day. Hopefully this copy of Nooze will get to you before Sunday Aug 7th, and I would urge all of you to come along and help make a great success for the club. Whether helping on the day or just coming down for a burger and a yarn with other members and the Landy loving public of Suffolk! Again, Cathy and her team have put a hell of a lot of effort into this and it would be great to see as many members there as possible!

Just before I finish, I need to mention that the trialling season is almost upon us starting with the usual antics at Badwell Ash on September 4th and followed by what I'm informed will be a 'proper beginners' tyro trial on September 24th at Newbourne...but more about that in next months Nooze! 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>
Sept 4th	CCVT	Badwell Ash	M. Whitting
Sept 24th	Tyro CCVT & Camp Over	Newbourne	S. Bareham
Sept 25 th	Driving Day	Newbourne	S. Bareham
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>
Aug 7 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	T. Alden
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 days 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 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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Suffolk Show 2016

So we're a few weeks on from Suffolk Show 2016 and looking at all the comments and feedback from club members, the Suffolk Show Team and from the public, I think that I can say with some confidence that it was another hugely successful show for the club.

I think it's fair to say that the good old British weather wasn't exactly playing ball this year, it was a stark contrast to last year's hot and dusty weather. In fairness the week before had been on the whole dry but the temperature had started to drop. Monday night saw a torrential down pour and come Tuesday's setup, coats and hats were the order of the day. As members arrived throughout the afternoon "Camp SLROC" started to grow. At 3pm the setup team swung into action and by 5pm we were all done. The course was manicured to perfection, all the water had been pumped out of the pit, the newly "beefed up" see-saw was in place at the top of the pit complete with its new latch mechanism, loading and unloading and queue lanes set and Marquee in place and nailed down with every peg and stake we could lay our hands on. I may have failed to mention it was blowing a gale and had been doing so for a couple of days. That evening we had already rescued a couple of large popup gazebos as they rolled past our stand and one of the large marquees on the other side of the show ground had up-sticks and landed on a caravan and horse lorry (luckily with no injuries). We all retired back to the campsite and most had an early night.

Show day number one, up early (too early) as members not camping started to arrive from 6am, by 6:45 the last of the vehicles were making their way into the show ground. I was glad to see the SLROC Marquee had made it through the night and we all set about getting the finishing touches done to the stand. Drivers and helpers briefing done by 7:45 and at 7:48 the first show-goers were loaded and off! At this point it's worth mentioning that while it wasn't raining it was cold windy and over cast. By 10am however, the rain had started. It rained steadily for about 2 hours and as those wanting a ride (and break from the wet and cold) kept coming the course was starting to take a beating. Even after the rain stopped the course continued to be a challenge and I was starting to have flashbacks of 2014. Much of the course was driving well but the base of the pit was holding about a foot of water and the climb up the big hill was becoming very slick and muddy. As always drivers adapted their driving to match conditions and we soldiered on, but by early afternoon we made the decision to make use of the digger (kindly donated by Ardent) and scrape the surface mud off the hill. With the course now back to its A1 condition the rest of the day passed without incidents and despite the overcast and chilly conditions the show-goers continued to flock to the stand.



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Day one also seemed to be press day with Tim either continuously doing radio interviews or ushering press or TV crews around the course, fantastic coverage for the club. By 6pm the decision was made to close for the day and within 10 minutes the stand was closed up and prepped for day two and the convoy of green ovals headed back to camp for some much needed R&R.

I'd like to say once back at the campsite it was a case of food, socialising and an early night however, one of our members became unwell and to cut a long story short ended up with a dash to A&E. But all's well that ends well, everyone was eventually back and rested by the morning, I must say a big thanks to Neil from SALSAR for his 1st aid and transport services and to Russell, Sheila and Abby for hosting a couple of additional guests for the night. True "one big family" spirit!

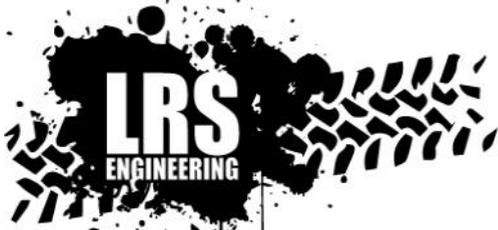
So dawned Day 2 – With the show team at full strength (if perhaps somewhat tired!) the convoy headed back to the show ground for take two. It was a much more relaxed start to the day with most of the prep work already done. Again briefing was completed by 7:45 and we were open for business. The weather was once again overcast, chilly and quite windy but this didn't seem to deter the public, who poured through the gates in their thousands.

The day progressed with a very steady flow of customers and the usual peaks at lunchtime and 5pm. But the well-oiled loading team meant people were barely waiting for more than a couple of minutes. The buggies continued to be popular with the more adventurous, often resulting in the formation of their own queue. The age range was as wide as ever and it was great to see a good number of those less able than most, taking a trip around, proving we are an attraction for all walks of life.

As another long day started to draw to a close the now annual "group" photo planning began. By 6pm we made the call to shut up shop and soon after started much, arm waving and gesturing getting all the vehicles lined up for the camera. Once again the photographer "Will" was stationed at the top of the helter-skelter and with radio coms to Coordinator Andy we were soon all ready. I think you'll agree it's another cracking photo and goes to show just what it takes (vehicles and bodies) to put this event on.



With the photos all done, the breakdown began and within no time at all the trailer was packed and we were all heading back to the camp site. Thankfully no medical emergencies this time around and after some food and a bit of social banter and goodbyes to those leaving that night it was off to bed for a well-earned rest.



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Friday morning was a more leisurely affair with the loading up of the See-Saw being the only remaining job left to clear the stand. This was undertaken with the usual efficiency and again many thanks to Simon Turner for delivering it back to Terry. As the Campsite slowly began to empty and members left for home I think we can call the Suffolk Show 2016 done and another huge success for the club, its members and this year's charity's.



Some facts and figures for this

year's show, Over 70 members manned the stand over the two days, with well over 3,000 members of the public taking a trip around, we had 33 different vehicles and all this hard work resulted in an amazing total of £9,650 to go towards this year's charity total. Considering the weather this is a fantastic amount.

Feedback after the show has been really positive with follow up press articles and great feedback from the Suffolk Show organisers. So we have some work to do on the course this winter but more on that another time, be sure to make a note in your 2017 diary for the 31st May and 1st June for next year's show.

A huge thank you to all that helped in whatever way, until next year. . . .

Cheers Chris

BRITCAR Open Day at New Premises

Our Friends at BRITCAR have moved to new premises in Ipswich. To celebrate they are having an open day on September 3rd between 11am and 4pm and we're all invited!

Also supporting BRITCAR on the day will be Sealey Power Tools, Hangar 53, Bearmach (who will be displaying a number of vehicles including an Evoque and their kitted out Defender) and hopefully Marshalls Land Rover and Britpart (again hopefully with their demo vehicle).

There will be a tombola, raffle and other games with all proceeds going to Parkinson's UK

Food and light refreshments will also be available between 12:30 and 2:30.



BRITCAR

New Events This Year

I am writing this the day after a very successful attendance at the 23 Parachute Regiment Open day at Rock Barracks.

This along with the Vintage Tractor Fair are new events that we had been invited to by the organisers after they had seen us out and about in 2015. Its a testament to our club and the way it is viewed within the county that organisers are seeking us out to be a part of their events, which of course allows us to raise more funds for charity but equally as important, meet new people and have great fun doing it.

So what happens behind the scenes?

Well, both these events have required a number of meetings on site with the organisers to decide where we would pitch the marquee and see saw for maximum effect and then explore what we could do in terms of a course.

Since both venues (as with most of the county) are fairly flat, both required some element of excavation. When it comes to moving earth around one might expect the Royal Engineers to have this sorted, however as luck would have it, half the regiment was on exercise further south and the plant at MoD Woodbridge was already pressed into service preparing the ground for some forthcoming tests with the new A400M Atlas aircraft. Despite these challenges the team at Rock Barracks performed magnificently and a course was carved out for us with only 18 hours to spare before the day. The route was long but varied - in fact its the longest course we have ever driven with a round trip taking 15 - 20 minutes and a length of 2.8 to 3.4 miles depending on how accurate your speedo was on the day! No-one ran out of fuel thankfully. As you will read elsewhere in Nooze this month, the Parachute regiment were very pleased to have us. With just 11 vehicles on the day we managed to raise £934 and as a thank you to the Regiment a proportion of those monies taken at the event will be sent to the stations own Woodbridge Soldiers Fund. This was not a pre-requisite of attending but we felt it to be the right thing to do by way of thanks.

Moving on to the Tractor Fair at the end of the month, again we have done some groundwork on site - this time it was entirely self supported and I would like to thank Brian and Gareth for helping out with equipment - ably assisted by Tom with his trusty shovel. I have since re-visited the site and it has bedded in well and there is even talk of retaining some features as a possible repeat venue in the future.



The Mayor of Woodbridge along for a ride!



Driving the Army prepared course at Rock Barracks.



Up and over the see-saw

Away from the site we also have to prepare the necessary paperwork, permits and marketing effort all of which is a true team effort. Of course on the evening before the event a small team help set up the marquee, fencing and see saw. Its an important point to note that we are always looking for volunteers to help move the club trailer before and after events as well.

Taking the 23 Para event as a benchmark it would be great if we can get at least 15 vehicles on site for the day in order that we have enough for the expected 5,000 visitors though the gate. If you are a veteran of these events or have never tried them please come on down to help out. We can't do it without the important roles around the marquee either, namely greeting members of the public, collecting monies, loading and unloading, manning the see saw, clerk of course as well as safety officer duties. As you man (and woman) the stand or drive around you meet so many interesting people and its a real treat to give adults and children alike an experience out of the normal daily routine.

Thank you once again to all that have helped at all our events.

Tim



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Date: 1 Aug 16

Dear Guests,

On behalf of the Commanding Officer of 23 Parachute Engineer Regiment I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who supported our open day this year. It was great to have such a variety of organisations involved in creating our largest open day to date and I appreciate you taking the time to help us deliver such a successful event.

The Regiment greatly values the strong links we have with the local community. At the ten year anniversary of our move to Suffolk it is promising to see these links as strong as ever. We are immensely privileged to be based in such a supportive community which was very apparent by the warm support we received while marching through the historic streets of Woodbridge.

This year is important for us as it also marks 300 years since the creation of our Corps of Royal Engineers as well as 75 years since the creation of airborne forces. We greatly enjoyed celebrating this with you and the thousands of the members of the public that came through our gates.

I hope that you enjoyed the day and were able to get an appreciation of all that we do as a Regiment. It would be great to see you back in a few years when we hold future events.

Steven M Neville RE
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Green Laning - A Personal View

Over the many years I have been a Ranger with the Peak District National Park I have developed a broad understanding of Public Rights of Way and some of the issues associated with them. I am a Ranger based at Edale where I have been involved with the various changes that have taken place with the widely known and some say notorious, Chapel Gate (SK1055 8398) and PinDale (SK1586 8230).

At these sites I have seen the extent of damage by 'off roaders' and have been involved with police activities to monitor these areas. Whilst the police checked the drivers and vehicles credentials I was involved with providing information as to where to find legitimate off road routes. So it was with some mixed feelings I 'swapped sides' to attend my first Green lane event.

Our rendezvous point was a car park on the outskirts of Sudbury. There were a number of vehicles taking part split into two groups. I was in a group of just five and as a newbie I was sandwiched between those more experienced. We set off and maintained ourselves in a small convoy to find our first green lane. As we turned off the Tarmac road we passed quite closely to a cottage where I could see the occupant watched our passing with what appeared to be some interest. I wondered what his thoughts were on this early Sunny Sunday morning. Were we welcome or were we invading his privacy? The lane we entered was somewhat overgrown so I was pleased that the passage of five Land Rovers was perhaps helping with keeping this particular lane accessible for all types of user. Our vehicles would clear a way through the over growing vegetation and our tyre tracks would certainly be more comfortable to walk along than the tracks of horses. We came to the end of the BOAT to rejoin and take the Tarmac to quickly arrive at our next BOAT. Our Leader had previously done his map work and identified a series of legitimate byways all within a similar area and confirmed there were no temporary restrictions in operation, then linked them together to create an enjoyable and legal outing.





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So the Green Lane outing continued, with some tracks overgrown requiring a keen eye to identify all manner of potential threats to the safe passage of our vehicles. Other parts there were wide open views of the beautiful Suffolk countryside, some of the byways were familiar to me as a walker which we were traversing only slightly quicker than walking pace. None of the routes were particularly demanding for a Land Rover taken with care, after all this was Suffolk not the Atlas Mountains. At one particular 'awkward' section when it came to my turn I questioned why I should follow the others, rather than drive to one side where other tracks showed evidence that some previous vehicles had taken an 'easier' route. It was quickly pointed out that that wasn't the official route and had I have chosen to take that 'easier' route would have made me no better than those I have experienced abusing the rights of way in the Peak District.

I enjoyed my first Green Lane trip not just because it was another enjoyable Land Rover experience but because I felt comfortable that it was done correctly. We didn't have any conflict with other users, we adhered to the GLASS code of practice, were legal at all times and we didn't cause damage with the exception of flattening rampant vegetation.

Graham White.

Cross Country Vehicle Trial - Badwell Ash **4th September 2015**

The ground is similar to Newbourne with soft sand and waterholes, but also a good selection of mud, axle twisters, clay banks and steep drops. It is an open site with virtually no trees so a good one for spectators. Remember pre-booking entrance fee £15 or Arrive and drive £20.

The day will begin at 9am for Scrutineering, followed by a prompt 10 am start (no late entries sorry) and you should be prepared for a full day's trialling aiming to finish at around 4pm.

Drivers need to be club members, but SLROC now operates a one day competition membership for £5 if you just want to join for the day. Co-drivers don't need to be club members!

Directions

Follow the A1088 north from the A14. About 1 mile through Norton, turn right to Stowlangtoft, Hunston & Badwell Ash. Once through Badwell Ash, turn right signposted Badwell Ash Green. The site entrance is about ½ mile on the right.

OS sheet 155 grid ref 000 693

You can pre-book now, just add your name on the forum or you can email compsec@slroc.uk.com

26 Countries... 26000 miles... Zero Punctures! - Part 42

Day 239 27/7. Drifters, 24km W of Mutare, Zimbabwe 18°55.79'S 32°29.94'E. Miles today 103, Total Miles 22730

Talk about bad timing. We managed to join the immigration queue at precisely the same time as about 200 Malawians, who were planning on making their way across Zimbabwe on route to South Africa in search of work. So, it was a long wait but they were very interesting and I was glad to be speaking English again. Watching them all squash into the back of a truck and head off into yonder, all they seemed to have with them were there pristine looking

passports. No shoes, no bags, nothing. Just passports. "What will you do when you get there?" I asked, "Oh, I don't know, building work or something?" But where will they stay? Whose gonna look after then, I



wondered? Rob told me to relax, he was sure they had it all sorted but I wasn't so sure. The first town we drove through was Mutare. On the surface it all looked rather grand. I am not sure what we were expecting but it all looked pretty normal to us. However, on closer inspection, the tell tale signs were there. Signs outside fuel stations stating "no petrol/no diesel" and long queues from the doorways of shops. Referring to our somewhat out of date guidebook, we headed for an "overlanders paradise" called Drifters, a few km away. The

caretaker was delighted to see us and after some emergency gardening, showed us a place to camp beneath some trees. We worked it out that on our exchange rate that it would cost us 30 euro CENTS each to camp here. He gave us a room to use the shower and loo (ok, the loo wasn't actually working but hey, the thought was there) They had a small pool with icy water and we splashed about and enjoyed the last of the day's sun. Just as



we were cracking the first beer, the owners of the camp came walking past and stopped dead in their tracks when they saw us. " Oh my goodness darling. Look!" she says to her husband, "Real travellers! Wow, we haven't had any of them for a while. Goodness, are you ok, are you comfortable?" We assured them we were just fine and spent the evening having a good old laugh about Mr Mugabe's antics.

Day 240 28/7. The Rocks, Harare, Zimbabwe
17°52.71'S 31°03.86'E. Miles today 189, Total Miles 22919

The Eastern Highlands were looming around us and we so wanted to explore this region but with no diesel available anywhere, we could only go as far as our fuel range would allow us. My mom was born here in Harare and her and my dad lived here for a while before moving to South Africa. We spent some time here as children on holiday. All I remember were the enormous mangoes and avocado pears. Reaching Harare, we drove around



looking for yet another "overlanders paradise" called The Rocks. Clearly looking a little out of place and lost, we were followed by a lovely man called Mr Russell, who showed us the way but explained that unless they were expecting you, the campsite wasn't open. He invited us in to the clubhouse next door for a drink, which was a bizarre experience. A dingy expat hangout filled with old Rhodesians eating steak and drinking whiskey. Mr. Russell was very kind and organised our nights camping for us, while feeding us some biltong. We had to pay in foreign currency for this one, which was \$5pp and actually quite a nice place, just a little deserted and I am sure there was something living in the pool. We decided to go and try and find my parents old house and with much help from the locals and random text messages from my dad, we found it. No. 9 Tweed Road. A cute little house in a very posh area. Beautiful tree lined avenues surrounded it, with immaculately maintained houses. But no sign of life other than the odd local wandering past intrigued by our obvious loitering. After taking heaps of photos for my dad, we headed back to our "paradise" to chill out.

Day 241 29/7. Antelope Park camp, 8km S of Gweru, Zimbabwe
19°30.41'S 29°43.23'E. Miles today 182, Total 23101

Mr Mugabe, bless his soul, has ordered shopkeepers to halve their prices and in response they have taken most of their stock off the shelves. He then passed a law that states "No empty shelves!" so they have taken to lining the shelves with rows of Cornflake boxes (something which doesn't appear to sell well



here?) There is also a severe shortage of basic commodities like bread, oil, sugar, soap, candles and matches. Not all that helpful with the endless power cuts. Leaving Harare, we had heard that The Antelope Game Park was a nice place to camp and wow, what a shock we got. A fully operational game farm and campsite abundant with food, electricity, hot water and loads of tourists. We were so overwhelmed by their hospitality here, we booked ourselves in and went on an hours bush walk with a group of lions. Interestingly, our only means of defence was a rather flimsy looking stick. Should the lions get aggressive, we were simply instructed to "Do not run, just point the stick at the lion and shout - No!" Hmmmm...yeah, right. Let's hope we don't get to test that theory.

Day 242 30/7. Municipal Campsite, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
20°09.56'S 28°35.64'E. Miles today 117, Total 23218

If you didn't know what Zimbabwe was like before and you just drove through, you would wonder what all the fuss was about, as everything appears normal. But it's weird here. It's so different to the rest of Africa. Nobody lives in the countryside. It's empty. Yet, the towns are buzzing. There's also very little traffic on the road but I guess that's because there's no fuel at the moment. We spent a long day driving covering some miles and we ended up in Bulawayo, in their municipal campsite. In it's heyday, I bet it was lovely but sadly,



now it looked a little tired. We wandered round the town a bit, which seemed calm and fully functional. Although plenty more Cornflakes boxes on display. I'm sure glad we stocked up on food beforehand. A quite night followed, wishing we had more access to fuel to explore more of this country and find out what the hell is really going here!

Day 243 31/7. Zimbabwe to Botswana border, Zimbabwe
20°32.37'S 27°44.38'E. Miles today ?, Total ???

We drove towards the Botswana border with many other Zimbabweans all wanting to do some cross border shopping and re-fueling. We stopped at the Natale Ruins. They were pretty impressive actually and on the way down, I chatted to the guard about the situation here. He told me that yesterday he went into town to buy some soap but there was none to be found. He and his wife were washing themselves with Surf, an abrasive clothes washing powder. I was horrified so dug around in our boxes to find a couple of bars of soap to give to him. He was SO excited and ran off to show his wife. Absolutely no problems leaving the Zimbabwe border, in fact we were told that now that our carnet was stamped, "We could be on our merry little way." So long, Mr Mugabe and thanks for all the Cornflakes!



Summary of SLROC Committee Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 1st June 2016 – 8pm

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

Notes from previous meeting

AJ - Proposed

TA - Seconded

Actions from this and previous meetings

05 Aug 15 - GK - Site signs need amending/replacing - **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. - **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 - TA handle tractor show we have been invited to. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - MW Sort outstanding IOPD payment - **Done**

06 Apr 16 - GK Needs to buy replacement plastic panels for the veranda. Wind has blown some off. - **Ongoing**

06 Apr 16 - 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. - **Ongoing**

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

06 Apr 16 - AJ BW needs reminder to set up next trial - **Done (Trial Cancelled)**

11 May 16 - GK to attend Saturday 14th for site maintenance - **Done**

11 May 16 - GK has ordered blue rope and oil for generator - **Done**

11 May 16 - GK will put new site signs up during the maintenance - **Done**

11 May 16 - AJ Need to sort banner ready for shows - **Done**

11 May 16 - AJ Discussed club business cards and information cards for guests to take at shows. - **Done**

11 May 16 - PC More winch trained marshals required. Possibility of additional winch training courses discussed. Alternatively, priority should be given to marshals without winch training. - **Done**

1 June 16 - TA Talk to Stonham Barns regarding course maintenance/modification - **Ongoing**

Calendar Items - None

Membership

Total Membership 250

Made up of: Full 150, Joint 76, Junior 24

New Members

James Harvey – Sudbury

Michael & Henry Pence – Leiston

Proposed & Seconded **AJ/GK**

Finance Report

£9269.87 in the bank (extra £512 to be banked)

£7431.95 is the club's money

Show T shirt invoice has been paid

PC needs reimbursing for carbon monoxide alarm

CF has Suffolk Show expenses that need paying

Club Site

All - Discussion took place regarding course changes. Brambles need cutting back on White course which needs to be cleared and levelled in preparation for use during the open day. A maintenance day needs scheduling.

GK and **AJ** suggest 5MPH speed limit sign at the entrance. This should stop people speeding up the drive.

GK has purchased a new bin for the caravan.

Website & Social Media

AJ Likes increasing for Facebook page

TA SLROC has had lots of retweets on Twitter due to Suffolk Show publicity.

Nooze

AJ Ordered 170 copies

PC Novice driver training reminder needed in Nooze

Shows & Events

Next show at Palgrave. Need more people to attend. Messages have been put on Facebook and Forum, but have had limited response. May be cancelled if there are insufficient people to support it. Additional Facebook message will be posted to ask for assistance.

Tractor show is currently being organised by **TA**. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Public Relations

PR going well, **TA** was on Suffolk Radio for an interview.

TA has contacts with the radio/media for future reference.

TA has been spoken to by a reporter from the Suffolk magazine. SLROC will have an article featured in it.

Safety and Training

Suffolk Show went well. Marshalling and loading/unloading worked well. Lessons learned from last show have been implemented and have improved the process of running the off road course.

Drivers drove safely with only a couple of warnings given. No major incidents!

Competitions - Nothing to report

Correspondence - None

IOPD - Nothing to report.

Any other business - Nothing to report.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at Club Site.

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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www.slroc.uk.com Sticker (Black, Orange, Silver, Yellow, Red, Blue & White)	£2.00
Cap Light	£3.00
Childs Hi-Viz Vest	£2.50

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Recovery Gear

2M Bridle	£21.00
5M Rope	£30.00
7M Rope	£35.00
9M Rope	£40.00
Bow Shackle	£8.00
'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:

Chris Finbow: 07771 588298 - Email: clubshop@slroc.uk.com

Please get in touch if you wish to collect items from a Show.
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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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