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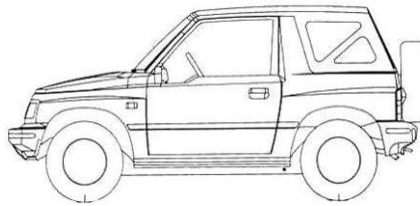
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Newsletter Edited by Bryan (Tonka)

Welcome to the Wessex Hillrunners off-road enthusiasts club newsletter. We are here to keep you up to date with the latest club events and show what members have been doing and give you something worth reading. If you have something to share please contact the editor or any of the committee who will try to squeeze your input in as soon as possible.

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There is topless and there is totally naked showing a nice chassis!!!

From The Chair

Hello everyone,

The year is passing by at a rather speedy rate and again we are coming up to Bovington and the Ladies Driving Challenge for Marie Curie.

We need you, the club members to be brave and volunteer your 4x4's for the day. You get to sit in the passenger seat and be chauffeured around an off road course by a succession of ladies, who in order to take part have to have raised a minimum of £100 sponsorship.

The more variety the better, it would be great if we could have a variety of different cars on offer rather than 9 Discoveries and a 90.

Speaking from experience the Saturday night camping is as much fun as the event itself.

And speaking of camping, the committee decided that instead of a free site day we would make the effort to do something a bit more special. The weekend of 2nd and 3rd July is going to be a weekend event based at Nellies Dell. Camping is available on the Friday and Saturday night and we hope to have green laning on Saturday and the usual play day on Sunday. I would love to see you there even if you only come along for a couple of hours as we are going to set up some silly games for the kids and grown ups and have a barbeque going for those who want to bring something to eat. Bring your kids along and come and have some fun.

Well that's it from me so see you there.

Richard

Steep Marsh 6th Feb 2011 by Max

Well what a long time ago this was an event in February and here is the write up in June!
For those of you who didn't know Steep Marsh was a brand new site for both us as a club and as a site to be used by 4x4 vehicles. At first there were doubts within the committee about its suitability, but we pressed ahead anyway so as to offer you the members something different. Personally, I think that it proved to be a success.

Those of you who did attend should remember that the weather really was against us – blustering winds and drizzle are never a good start to a day. Especially with our battered old club gazebo that put up a very strong fight against Mother Nature and lives to see another day and site! Then factor in the burger van getting stuck in the entrance (Nick's frelander to the rescue here!) and it really wasn't looking good... We were so unsure about the site that we insisted people went for a walk before paying to take a vehicle in – the takings were slim at first but after 2 or 3 vehicles ventured into the unknown things soon picked up and the smiles were growing.

The fun began though, when they wanted to leave the unknown and return for a nice warming cup of tea/coffee and a bite to eat... winches were deployed and inch by inch vehicles were dragged up out of the site carving somewhat large ruts as they did. As the day wore on these ruts reached a state from which they provided solid enough ground that vehicles could whizz up and down under their own power (apart from the Suzuki's that stormed up and down it from the off).

Reuben's method of laying out the punches was different – throwing them at any old tree and hoping for the best – but miraculously seemed to work! We even had a winner collecting more punches than anyone else (sorry Cal it wasn't you).



1 "Katy" Cal's Cherokee "Theobe" Nicks Frelander and "Percy" Mandy's 90
. 2 The punch card winners

Members Comments (as on the forum)

So overall I believe a great day was had by all and by the end of it I was bloody knackered from walking up and down those hills! They really were steep – we certainly know where the name comes from!
“cracking day and well done to all the helpers , can't wait to try this site when its a bit drier” Squeaky

“A most enjoyable day, well done and thanks to all the hard workers who made it possible....esp the guys who kept winning Katie out of the Brown Stuff!! A lot of fun making new trails and trying to find all the Devilishly placed punches!!!” Ratty 2103 (Cal)

“Many thanks to Reuben who organised the Steep Marsh off road event, & to all those who marshalled & helped out. I had a great time even though the Rav could not take part (always another time).”
WhildRhino (Paul)

The most radical conversion in the Club Land/Range Rover Hybrid



1, The chassis after range rover body was removed 2, The bonnet and radiator panel are a fibre glass kit to make a series 3 look like a defender. 3. The rear of chassis was chopped and modified to make a stronger rear crossmember.

Range rover, year of manufacture 1970, chassis number 35600098A

The vehicle was exported and returned to the UK in 1972 and given a the registration number CXC651 K.

The vehicle was converted in 1990 using the chassis, engine, transmission and axles from the range rover. The body is from a 1975 long wheel based land rover, shortened. It is now registered as a range rover van.

CXC 651 K started it's new life as a pick up re-sprayed in blue. By 1992 it was changed to a hard top.

After many greenlaning trips and battle scars, it was hand painted nato green and later matt black.



4. The rear body panels were cut to keep the wheel arch in the right place. 5. The vehicle when first completed. 6. The rear view.

Named pretender 100 it has been used and abused ever since for off road sites and greenlaning from Yorkshire to France. It has also done many road miles as a family runabout and a tow car for holidays.

In 2003 CXC651K was transformed with a replacement engine and changed from a manual gear box to automatic transmission and fitting power-steering. In 2007, the bulkhead was replaced from a series 3 type to a 90/110. it now has a proper heater and better dash.



7. With the hard top fitted and in nato green 8. Later was changed to matt black. On holiday with my Daughter when she was 5 years old. She is now 21.
9. Stuck greenlaning. Yes it does happen to me.

In 2008, CXC 651 K was modified to become a marshal vehicle by adding a winch and fitting out with full recovery gear, adding 240V electrics to run cutting tools and fitted out with tool boxes first aid and fire equipment.



10. As it is now 21 years later.

From Colin.

If your vehicle is modified why not tell us what you've done to yours!



Don't try this with yours



Marie Curie

Ladies Driving Challenge Sun Sept 25th 2011

Gets better every year. Thanks (Tammy Drake, Weymouth)
An amazing experience. Thank you. (Laura Marsden, Dorchester)

Many thanks for the vehicles donated last year by Joe Joesbury, Patrick Manuel, Simon Blench, Karen and Jim Anderson, Andy Taylor, Phil Holder, Ian Rubie and Drew McCartney and we do hope some of them will be able to make it this year. This year we are looking for more vehicles/owners for this worthwhile cause. New faces always welcome. Last year £125,000 was raised for Marie Curie from these events.

All vehicles of any make and model of 4x4 can take part, manuals and automatics, but vehicles must have tax and MOT. The more variety the better.

If you haven't camped over night, turn up bright and early Sunday morning in time for registration with Marie Curie control and driver's briefing. All assemble at the 4x4 zone where at the appropriate time the ladies will start to arrive. One lady at a time will be escorted to and from your vehicle, for you to give brief instruction on the controls of your vehicle and then they are off for a quick circuit that Wessex has previously set out the day before. Remember – it is ladies' day and therefore they do the driving but you have control over where they drive. At the end of the morning session we have an hour for lunch and then prepare yourself for the onslaught of the afternoon session of much the same. Then it is time to pack up and make your way home.

Camping on site at Bovington camp on Saturday night - toilet only provided. Good laugh should be had with club atmosphere and the club barbeque.

Ladies, fancy taking part in the challenge itself? Details/forms/A4 posters available from Steve/Helen/Rueben. Picture yourself behind the wheel of some of the most unusual and challenging vehicles you'll ever dream of driving – anything from a double decker bus or a fire engine to an articulated truck or JCB. This year some of our members and their vehicles are pictured in the promotional flyer for the Ladies' Driving Challenge.

In previous years everyone who donated a vehicle received a limited edition commemorative polo shirt. **Free** breakfast and lunch vouchers! **Free** refreshments during sessions!

Just a few more comments that we received in our Comments Book (available for anyone to view). We think every lady driver signed the book and they all enjoyed the experience:-

Sports bra may be needed next time if the bumps get bigger!! (Sue Henstidge, Sherborne)

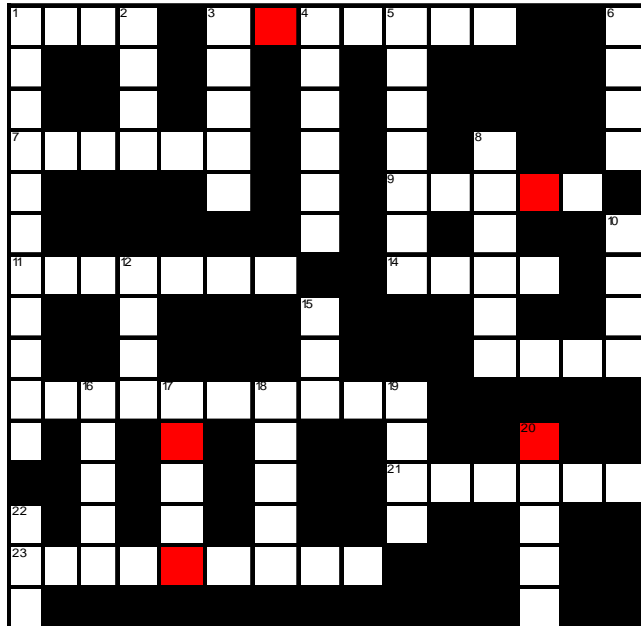
Super fun, I can't wait for next year. Thank you so much. (Jo Joyce, Bournemouth)

Brill, brill, brill. Loved it. (Natalie Nash, Portland)

Great fun, excellent instructor. Thanks (Sue Rowe, Chandler's Ford)

Please contact Reuben or Steve/Helen for more details or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/events
Steve / Helen (membership secretary)

4x4 Crossword



By Steve and Helen (membership secretary)

Clues across

- 1 It receives one input and provides two outputs
- 3 Used to fasten or couple.
- 7 Land Rover design and engineering centre.
- 9 Rubber ring.
- 11 Tube to aid breathing.
- 14 A group of people organised for a common purpose
- 21 Launched in 1948.
- 23 Corrosion retardant

Clues Down

- 1 Serving to identify a particular problem.
- 2 Over a shallow area in river
- 3 Small piece of rock.
- 4 Something done or accomplished
- 5 Of, relating to or produced by motion
- 6 Byway open to all traffic which can be used by 4x4s.
- 8 Solid surface of the earth.
- 10 To force to assume a different direction.
- 12 Inclined surface or roadway.
- 15 Conversion.
- 16 Raised mass.
- 17 Arm found in distributor
- 18 Something used to conceal or obscure.
- 19 FE202.
- 20 Mechanical device that is used to pull
- 22 Semi liquid mixture.

Re-arrange the letters in the red squares to make a well known name.

Congratulations to Penny Holmes for being the first to post the correct answer to the Wordsearch in the last Newsletter.

Answers to the crossword will be published in the members only area of the forum. If you have any problems accessing the forum contact Steve Cowling.

Patrick's Country File

Patrick Manuel

For once we seem to be having a dry summer. The farmers may be having a tough time of it but the conditions are perfect for wandering down the leafy unclassified roads and byways that make up the greenlane network in Hampshire. Many of the lanes that suffer by use in the wet can now be driven without fear of damage so dig out the maps and plan an adventure. They are your lanes so get out and use them!

Patrick

Green Lane Maintenance Days

Saturday the 27th of February saw us returning to .Selborne 66, a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) just west of village of Selborne near Petersfield to do our bit for the Spring 2011 National Green Lane Day (NGLD). We had broken the back of the work last October but there was still a section at the south end of the lane that needed clearing. During the last session the weather had been foul and rained on us almost constantly, this time the lane clearance deities were obviously in better humour since the weather remained reasonable and we had the task finished by mid -afternoon.

Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time in return for the chance to get stung, scratched and muddy in the cause of green lane maintenance. Supporting the day, in alphabetic order were: Hants and Berks Land Rover Owners Club (HBLRO), Solent and District Land Rover Owners Club (SADLRC) and of course the Wessex Hillrunners.

The next maintenance day is Sunday the 30th of October. Look on the Forthcoming Events and Rights of Way pages of the Forum for details of what we are doing nearer the time.

Cradle Lane

Cradle Lane (SU 814396 to SU 815385) is a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) a mile or so north of Bordon. It runs through 3 parishes and consequently is formally known under the not so snappy handle of Headley 36, Kingsley 29 and Binstead 75. The lane is probably best known for its ford which crosses the River Slea. Unfortunately the attentions of the less reputable element of the green laning community had left it in a very poor state and the Council eventually put a TRO on the lane preventing use by motor vehicles and equestrians. Some £40,000 later the Council have restored the ford and resurfaced the lane from the river to the north end. The repair to the ford is very sound and makes use of dozens of concrete sleepers. I am in discussion with the Council and hope that the lane will be re-opened to motor vehicle at some stage in the future. The current idea is that it will be opened to motorcycles in 2012 and all vehicles in 2013. However if any further damage is caused by motor vehicles then it is likely that the lane will be closed to us permanently.



Before



After

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 Hampshire Area Rep for GLASS
 Wessex Hillrunners Rights of Way Officer

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Calendar of Events

Club meets are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The North Boarhunt Social Club, Trampers lane, North Boarhunt, PO17 6DD. Grid ref 603 110

2011 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Type
July 2/3 rd	Nellies dell Camping weekend	Fun off-road/ greenlane
July 14 th	Boarhunt social club	Club meet
Aug ?	Green lane event see forum	Green lanes
Aug 11 th	Boarhunt social club	Club meet
Aug 29 th	Gosporters show	Vehicle show static
Sep 8 th	Boarhunt social club	Club meet
Sep 24/25	Marie curie bovington	Charity event
Oct 9 th	Head down (new site)	Off road
Oct 13 th	Boarhunt social club	Club meet
Oct 23 rd	Titchfield carnival	Procession
Oct 29 th	Halloween	Off road scary
Nov 10 th	Boarhunt social club	Club meet

Forthcoming Events 2011:

June 12th: STEEP MARSH

After having visited this site earlier in the year we have decided to make a return after having given the ground time to dry out a little, (marsh by name, marsh by nature!) anyone who attended last time will vouch for the fact this sight is not for the timid with lots of trees and challenging terrain, this site has been organized at short notice due to the cancellation of the weekend at foxham 4x4, I will aim to be setting up something in the way of either a trial section or another punchcard at steep marsh this time around as it seemed to be well received last time!

July 2nd-3rd: NELLIES DELL FREE FUN WEEKEND

A return to Nellies dell for a fun camping weekend, we are aiming to have some laning for the Saturday around nellies dell followed by some fun and games back at the campsite, any suggestions for games to be played gratefully received! there will also be a barbeque available. On the Sunday the offroading will be FREE for all current Wessex members, we are aiming to have some off-road games to play as well! The only cost for the weekend will be the camping at £5 per unit per night

September 24th-25th : BOVINGTON MARIE CURIE WEEKEND (see page 7)

October 9th: HEAD DOWN

A new site to the club, this site is located just outside of Petersfield at the back of the queen Elizabeth country park and is very large, relatively little 4x4 usage as well, aiming to have either a punch card or trial day running alongside the play day.



A Wild Rhino in the mud



Club Site Rules When Off Roading

- **10 mph** speed limit on site, **5mph** in car park
- **No alcohol or drugs** (unless prescribed by a doctor or cleared by Committee) to be consumed when on site (spectators/drivers).
- **Follow instructions from Marshals and Officials** – they are there to help keep you and everybody else safe.
- **All loose items to be fastened down** (a high-lift jack, toolbox or even your flask of tea flying around can be lethal).
- **Check that you have adequate recovery points and ropes**, plus that your vehicle battery and fuel tank are securely fastened.
- **Kinetic Recovery Ropes are not permitted at any of our events.** These must not be used under any circumstances at any event run by us.
- **Winching Blankets must be used at all times whilst winching.** This includes the use of “Kevlar” or “dynema” style winch lines, minimum weight 2KG
- **Keep a safe distance** from other vehicles at all times.
- **When ascending or descending steep hills check that your way is clear** and allow plenty of room for vehicles already on slopes, always follow any direction signs on site, i.e. one-way routes.
- **Give way** to vehicles on steep slopes – you can stop, they can't.
- **Obey all signs posted by the club**, “no entries” and “one way” for example.
- **Be aware** of spectators (especially young children – they don't realise the danger) **YOU** are responsible for your family.
- **If you see a taped-off area please do not enter with a vehicle** – it may be for spectators, or the owner of the site does not want it driven on.
- **Keep** animals under control (all dogs must be on a lead).
- **Have fun, be safe** and if you see anything that gives you cause for concern speak to a Committee Member or Marshal who will deal with it.
- **No Bikes, Motor Bikes or Trikes** etc unless permission granted prior to event by the committee.
- **All vehicles must be roadworthy**, marshals or committee member's decision is final, and this includes brakes, handbrakes and tyres! All trailered vehicles will be inspected before taking part.
- **Seatbelts Must be worn at all times by all vehicle occupants, no exceptions for age related vehicles.**
- **You are responsible for your Passengers**, make sure they are safe, sitting on proper seats etc, if in doubt ask them to get out whilst you tackle that tricky manoeuvre.
- Everyone who enters the site must sign in at the gate.
- All drivers must produce a **Membership Card** (temporary cards available at a cost of £1).
- **Any child under 4 years old must be restrained** in an EU approved car seat.
- **All passengers under 16 years old must have a consent form** signed by their parent or guardian (these are available on the gate and on the Website).
- **All drivers must hold a Full Driving Licence.** We can permit drivers without a driving licence, minimum age 17 years old, if accompanied by a Committee approved competent 4x4 driver with a Full Drivers Licence. They must also request permission at least 24hrs prior to the event from Tim Taylor/Sandra Jerrim.
- **All drivers in any one vehicle must make themselves known on entry to the site.** We may ask you for a small fee to cover insurance cost per driver.
- **REMEMBER** what we do can be dangerous and fatal, **BE SAFE.**
- **The Committee members have the final word, you will be asked to leave any event if we feel the rules of the club are being broken or you are acting in an unsafe manner, this includes green lane events as well as club site days.**

Discounts for Member's and Services offered

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Stop Press Breaking News

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
When fish are in a school they sometimes take debate
A will is a dead giveaway.
A boiled egg is hard to beat.

