



CLUB TORQUE.  
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*Hello Everybody.*

*Here We Are Again.*

*Hi everybody, hope you are all still safe and well?*

*Well where are we now, still keeping away from people with the strange little dance we have all adopted, I'm sure it is more like the hokey cokey, but these things must be done and at least with the news we can go out for a drive means we could get a Landrover fix which I'm sure like us you have all been missing.*

*Kids or no to kids, that is the question ?*

*Not wanting to get political but my school has not closed during these strange times only on the bank holidays, so I had to chuckle (I know not like me in the slightest!) when they said schools can reopen, I immediately thought what have I been doing for the past eight weeks, was it a dream after all ?*

*Although we all complain about children while working in a school and all look forward to the holidays, it is surprising how your whole thought process changes when they are not there, we miss them, oh hold on another dream moment.*

*Hopefully it will not be long until we can meet up again and still enjoy some summer (oh yes, that would mean no kids).*

*Take care, stay safe. Phil*

**Inside this Issue.**

**Olly words. Teds ramblings. Stephens fuel problems. New Luke's Tried & Trusted. Jules thoughts. Phil is still coming After You! and don't take your Landy for a Swim!**

## Chairman Olly.



### *Dog's on logs!*

In these troubled times, foremost I hope everyone is safe and well? I'm still working, so with the dogs I'm able to keep myself busy.

As you all might know I went over to the dark side and bought a cheap Freelander TD4, to be fair was not a bad car but the clutch went last week so I'm back to my trusty Disco TD5

I must admit I wasn't a big fan of the Disco, but as needs must with the grandchildren and the Disco 2 having 7 forward facing proper seat belts I bought one for Jenny, since owning it we have bought a second one for me which tows the caravan and takes the dogs and we keep Jenny's one nice for best. I have been impressed with all aspects of the Disco as it tows the caravan has air conditioning and on a run is bloody good on fuel, we did Cornwall last year loaded up with caravan on the back on half a tank of fuel so I'm covered.

Hopefully we can resume our meetings and events in the near future until then stay safe.

Hope to see you all soon.

Your chairman and FB early morning weather reporter, Olly.

*As this mag arrives most of you will know that one of our club dogs 'Holly the Collie' has sadly left us, she was a wonderful member and we all share Olly's loss. RIP Holly*



## OTTO TWANKER.

**Well hello my landy loving pals.**

Let's hope when you read this all is well in your garage, what a pain the virus is eh missing our friends and loved ones isn't easy but I know you are all sensible and are keeping your heads down! In the Otto household all is well so far, the lovely Irene and myself have managed not to throttle each other but it's been a bit hairy at times! Otto 2 has never been so clean even the plastic is gleaming and I can see my ugly mug in it, I've earned some serious brownie points for cleaning the boss's car but immediately lost em by walking around the house eating a freshly baked sausage roll (still hot!) Ouch ouch ouch and making a mess oh well! Why is it women turn to baking at times like this and then moan because you can't eat it all before it goes stale and then comment on the weight you're putting on (there's only so much lemon drizzle cake I can eat) oh and the cheese straws yummy. Ok I'll do a bit of garden maintenance then, the Wendy (summer) house 3 coats later.



Right time to be creative, repair the bird box bloody hell blue tit fly's out scared the living daylights out of me, forget that then put some flower seeds in trays and 2 weeks later thousands of em. I'm wandering around the garden finding homes for them all only for the darling cats to dig em up and poo amongst em Bahh!

Now I've run out of everything so off to B&Q's queuing out of the car park bugger that I'm off then, so I'm back home! Suppose the car could get another clean damn out of polish so I'll be joining the queue after all, ' so I'm leaning on a pallet at the end of the queue writing this message to you', my George Formby impersonation there! So from the back of a queue somewhere in Kent I wish you all happy Landying and please stay safe.

**Hope to see ya all soon OTTO TWANKER.**

## Stephen and the fuel problem.

Hello all hope you're keeping safe and well. Strange times at the moment I don't think there have ever been so many manicured gardens and shiny vehicles across the country.

How are your trucks coping with all this inactivity? I've put a solar trickle charger on Sarah and John's 90 and I try to use my Disco 300tdi once a week to do the "essential shop".

Talking of the Disco I thought I'd share my recent experience as something similar may affect you at some time, though hopefully not!



A couple of months ago the Disco suddenly developed a couple of unusual symptoms. My Disco is normally a very good starter, and runner, but now it would just about start and when it did, the idle was very rough. This rough idle improved slightly as the engine warmed up.

The other more worrying symptom was that the engine was slow to respond to the accelerator pedal. So pulling out at junctions, or on to roundabouts, became quite "interesting" due to a 2 or 3 second delay. On an incline the delay was about 5 seconds so the vehicle became virtually undriveable.

After several weeks of investigation including a specialist injection firm testing injectors and pump, both of which tested OK, I saw a post on a forum about the impact a dodgy batch of diesel can have. So on the off chance I replaced the fuel filter cleaned out the sedimenter (see photo) and drained as much of the old fuel out as possible. Then filled up with 82 litres of ESSO Premium (ouch!) and within 10 miles ALL symptoms had disappeared!

Anyway, the last fill-up immediately before all this started was at my local supermarket. Now I can't say 100% that it was this that caused the problem but I'm sure enough to know I'll only ever use branded fuels from now. I don't really use the Disco as my daily driver so a few extra quid per tank is, in my eyes at least, well worth it soon.

I know there's a big debate to be had whether supermarket fuel is the same or inferior to branded. To be honest I'm really not sure as I've read so-called experts give opposing views on the subject. What do you think?

Anyway thought I'd share this with you all so keep safe and I hope to see us all together again.

## Tried & Trusted



Hi all, my name is Luke and welcome to my first instalment of 'Tried & Trusted' where I will be recommending tools and materials which I have used or discovered throughout my time working on Land Rovers. Firstly, a little about myself, I caught the bug very early on and got my first vehicle when I was 16, it was your typical farm abused Series 3 but with a little restoration work I had it back on the road by the time I'd passed my test at 17. Since then I have owned a number of Defenders and been wedged under them welding, changing transfer boxes etc. more times than I spent filling them up at the fuel station (so, quite a lot!). Now 25 I sadly had to say goodbye to my previous Defender late last year; however, I could never bare to part with my Series 3, so that is now receiving some well-deserved TLC, who knows maybe I'll do an article on that when it's 'eventually' all done!

I will be focusing on one particular item each month in the hope that I can provide you club members with some good advice, whether that'll be recommending a paint which has given that perfect finish or a tool which makes working on our pride and joy just that little bit easier. Please bear with me, I am by no means up to the standard of those Land Rover Owner International magazine wizzes but will try my best.

**Product:** Sealey AK446 Grease Gun

**Cost:** Around £20 on eBay

When attempting to see to the grease nipples on a Land Rover it can sometimes be a fiddly process, with some of them requiring the skills of a contortionist to gain access to. In particular the prop shaft grease points I have found to be just a little tricky, wedging yourself under the vehicle and after finally getting the prop to just the right angle you realise that you do not have enough space to work the pump handle. The use of ramps to elevate the vehicle makes this process much easier, but we do not all have ramps, or in my case cannot be bothered to dig them out from the back of the workshop just to do a 20-minute job. With the Sealey AK446 grease gun however it has made greasing prop shafts and other difficult to access grease points a breeze, the trigger handle design makes the unit more compact compared to a traditional grease gun whilst also allowing it to be operated with one hand. Additionally, paired with a flexible nozzle (Toolstation, around a fiver) it makes the unit much more versatile and means it can access almost any greasing point on a Land Rover.



**Verdict:** All in all a great bit of kit which is a real time and patience saver, also at around £20 it is excellent value for money!



Hi Everyone



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Hope you are all keeping well and staying safe?

We have been waiting for a relax in lockdown and now that we are allowed a bit more freedom and to go for a drive, we are thinking about taking the Landy out for a spin and enjoy a little bit of well-earned fun. Don't worry JC will be keeping his social distance from everybody or is that everyone will be social distancing themselves from him!

He is going to have a nice new cover soon as well.

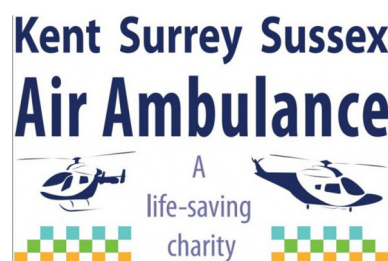
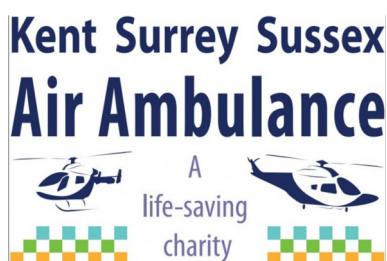
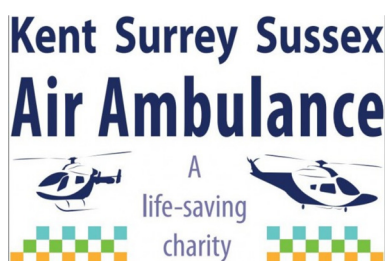
A warm welcome to our new members, some who we have not met yet and returning members who we haven't seen for some time.

Sadly as most of the shows have been cancelled, this could have been a great time to get together and share Landy stories and your projects (*please see below*) so we had been hoping to try and plan a large picnic at the Viking Ship at Pegwell Bay, but this will now have to be later in the summer we hope. So watch this space..

As we can't meet at the present time, please hang on to any raffle prizes for when we can, so that we can have big raffle as the Air Ambulance needs our donations now more than ever.

Please take care out there guys and girls.

See you all out there soon, cheers **Jules.**



## When, Who, Why & What of Landrover Life – I'm Coming After You!

Thank you to those of you who have sent in items for the mag, but please keep sending things to me.

Please email me at [phil.letley@sky.com](mailto:phil.letley@sky.com) WhatsApp me on 07749771153, stick something on paper and post it while you're on your daily exercise walk or just phone me/Jules and tell us the story and we will do the rest.

**Phil V-Chair.**

## The vehicle that can go anywhere, but perhaps not for a swim in the sea!

So with permission to go for a drive and a little bit of sun what do you do? Take your Landy for a swim in the sea... Obviously. Then what do you do? Doh get your mate to help you out of the soft sand by way of his van and what happens... Your mate gets stuck in the soft sand too.



I get stuck!



You get stuck!



The chuckle brothers rescue completed.

It's been said many times now, we are not just fighting Covid 19 but we are also fighting stupid, to which there will never be a cure.

**Phil V-Chair.**