



CLUB TORQUE.
Easter - April 2020



Hello Everybody.

Here We Are Again.

Hi everybody.

Well what is happening around us? Queuing for bread, milk and toilet rolls this hasn't been seen in this country since the Second World War (not that I remember that). Our dear daughter said "Mum, Dad I'll take you shopping early on Saturday morning, well next time she says that we will think again. Imagine the scene, Tesco's at Westwood Cross 0545 hrs. standing outside and we are being joined by more than 100 others! When the doors opened it was like a crazy no holds barred live performance of Supermarket Sweep (with no inflatable bonuses to be found)! Trolleys and people going around like mad angry ants, being knocked over, shoved, pushed and everybody seemed to be grabbing anything that was on the shelves, it seemed that they were taking it because it was there. WHY, WHY, WHY? We were totally shocked. How many jars of curry powder can you need? At least that goes someway to explaining why toilet rolls are in short supply! I realize this is making light of a very serious situation which we are all going through, which was explained to me as us feeling not in control of our lives, so by grabbing stuff in supermarkets makes us think we can gain back some control! Heed the advice and stay safe out there guys. (Written before the lock down).

Phil & Jules

Inside this Issue.

Olly words. Teds Ramblings. Jules story of JC and last year. A blog from John. Phil on Tim's Day 2020 and he's coming After You!

Chairman Olly.



Dog's on a very big log!

In these unprecedented times as Chairman of our club can everyone please stay safe and hopefully later in the year we can resume our meetings and events.

I'm so sorry for all of the events that have been cancelled, especially as I myself was looking forward to the start of the seasonal events.

I hope that being cooped up in your houses isn't making too many of you stir crazy, although a few of us did not need to be confined to our homes to be a bit crazy! Love you all...

I'm here if anyone needs me, don't hesitate to contact me personally or on social media if I can help I will.

Hope to see you all soon your chairman Olly.



Hi Everyone



He's home

Well it all started last June after having a new complete set of brake shoes etc. off to the Preston village show we went, they were a bit squeaky but we were told not to worry as this was quite normal until they have bedded in. Had a great time at the show meeting up with all our Landrover friends but the journey home is where it started to go wrong. We reached Park Lane near the square in Birchington 5 mins from home but when we put a foot on the brake pedal "OK don't panic, but no brakes!" now as all people who have one of these old boys will know that sometimes it takes more than one pump to get anything out of them but not this time! We shoot out into the main traffic joining the flow going to Canterbury (luckily for once a gap) as no stopping us this time at all, we managed to get behind the Church where we bumped to a stop. After getting it home in first gear we eventually discovered that the shoes had all snapped in half. These were all new and brought locally but we were told it was nothing to do with them! (won't be going there again). We did a couple of shows in our Renault Clio which wasn't really the same so after much trying and uttering words not found in any Bible my brother came over to help us who is a retired motor mechanic. He did what he could on the drive but as time went on the weather was against us so he persuaded us to let him take it away to his heated workshop where JC wore an old duvet as well during the winter. What next. Well while he was away on his holiday (for nearly four months) he found a lot of TLC was needed. Starting with the braking system, a completely new one front to back and left to right including a new servo. While doing this he discovered one problem we would never have seen, the new drums (bought from the same place) looked perfect on the outside but when he took them to a machinist they were slightly oval on the inside so probably explains why the shoes were destroyed. He asked us if he could carry on with what he found we said yes please! So also on the mending list were electrics, timing, tappets, new battery, fly screens in the vents, dash board overhaul wiper arms and blades, washer jets and a full service and customised sun visors which were reduced and recovered. So he is fit it to go now. **See you all out there soon Jules.**



John Clark / John The Drummer's Blog.

Hi members,

I assume you are largely stuck indoors, so luckily we have a club mag to read. Maybe if the loo roll crisis still exists we can print this

Anyway, on a serious note I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Scary and uncertain times for all ... so I suppose doing what we are told makes sense. Trying to write for a club mag when very little Landy or non-Landy things are going on is hard work, but here goes...

I am writing this on Tuesday 24th March. Just to pinpoint that moment in time, it is the day after Boris announced full UK lockdown (except for essential things, like exercise apparently?!). No longer can we gather in public places in groups of more than two ... unless from within the same household. With that in mind, does that mean we can self-isolate as family groups in our trucks and go for long drives, as long as we don't get out?

Children have been kicked out of school and most places of work have shut down. I know for sure I have to suspend my career but luckily I can still apply for delivery jobs to utilise my other passion in life (driving!). Kids and adults alike can experience boredom during this quiet time, so I personally recommend keeping your mind as active as possible. Read a book, or even write your own! Or perhaps learn a skill by watching some YouTube videos.

The strange irony is I've been too busy to update the website and Facebook page with all incoming events for the club. This was to be my job for this week, but now we are unsure which events are still going ahead. I will be in continuous contact with the committee regarding what meeting and events cancel as we receive confirmation, so keep an eye on all pages, and please feel free to check if unsure.

In terms of truck news, my 'Jenny' is doing fine, all bar two issues. She likes to create a funny noise, which we believe is the exhaust gasket around the engine bay. This will be replaced in the future when it becomes a real issue. She also had her fan belt re-tensioned the other week as the battery light was dimly glowing. This cured the issue (apart from one random moment when it came back), but now I seem to have the handbrake warning light, and the other light directly underneath this dimly glowing for no reason. Has anyone experienced this before?

While I try to locate the dim glow from my dash, let's all hang on to the dim glow of hope that Covid-19 will be over very soon, and the show season can commence as intended. Use your new found time wisely ... decorate your houses and polish your trucks. And above all; keep well, keep positive, and keep safe.

If you have any funny or uplifting news, please do post it through to Phil by email ready for the next mag. Hopefully by the time the next one gets released, we'll be well and truly back to normal.



OTTO TWANKER.



Hoppy
Easter!

Hi all my fellow Landy geeks.

As most of you know it was time for Otto to go to pastures greener and I now have a tidy 2003 Disco 2 which will no doubt be plenty of hassle for yours truly cleaning and maintaining. Otto will be a hard act to follow and I did shed a tear when he went to his new home silly old bugger that I am! Well this year is already shaping up to be a good one with a few suggestions of stuff to do from the members so the committee will have to start organising them. We plan to have some evening runs around the lanes hopefully ending up somewhere to take refreshments etc. Also we are looking for other venues to off road etc. as a variation is always good. One of our members has invited us to have a bbq at 'theirs' after a run out somewhere and we look forward to this. As I've said before we love your suggestions for social activities as this seems very popular and any articles for the club magazine would be most welcome as anything will do, projects on the truck or holidays and activities will be most welcome.

As I write this I hope you are all keeping well, this is a worrying thing going on but now is the ideal time to squander some money and TLC on your pride and joy. Perhaps a long overdue service or a good old polish up as we are approaching spring and it's nice enough to work outside a little more. Otto 2 is getting polished today after the jobs I can't get out of as stuck indoors with the boss (I bloody hate cleaning windows!) it seemed strange when my son popped around to give the boss her mums day prezzie and standing at a distance talking. We often moan about the younger generation but yesterday out of the blue phone rings and it's our 12 year old grandson just checking up on us and asking us to be careful because as he said (only got one pop and nanny) ah bless eh! We may still be able to do some club stuff if we are careful as we can self-isolate in our Landys and do a mystery run or something so keep an eye on the facebook page and we'll keep ya posted.

I bumped into an old friend the other day and he told me he had come into some inheritance money so bought a big house with land behind and has felt compelled to keep buying cars, so far 10! and another one ordered, he said he don't know what's going on but I do he's suffering from CAR OWNER VIRUS! Boom boom! With that awful joke I'm gonna leave you now so to all my mates in the club stay safe and don't panic Mr Mainwaring the British spirit will never be broken (yes coming dear, just been handed the windowleen DRAT!)

All the best OTTO TWANKER

Tim's Day 2020.

For Tim's day this year we decided to do something completely different, but at this point in time we should be sorting the details out! But with the current situation we all find ourselves in this has proved impossible.

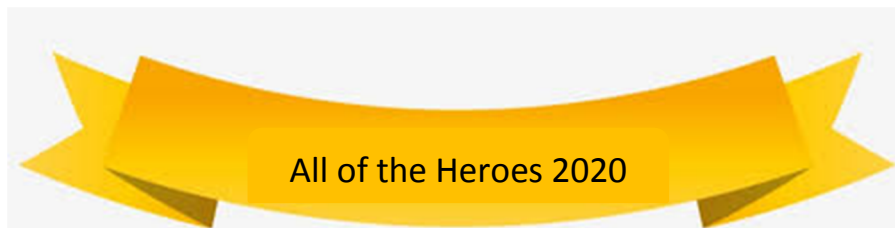
We had a family pow wow as to what we should do as we didn't want to just "do anything" as we felt that would not be in the spirit of the prize and not fitting to Tim's name and what he showed in life.

Therefore we have decided this year to still make an award but to a great number of people not just one! We will keep all of your votes that have been cast and add them to next year's voting.

So we as Tim's family have decided the winners of this year's Tim's Memorial Cup are: **All of the Heroes 2020.**

All of the Hero's that are risking their lives for us, Doctors, Nurses, Carers, Teachers, Delivery Drivers in fact everybody who is on the "front line" during the Covid 19 pandemic, just doing their job to who we must say a huge thank you.

We will get the trophy engraved to them which seems to be the way Tim carried out his life helping others.



When, Who, Why & What of Landrover Life.

When we brought back the Club mag we asked for your input which happened for the first few issues, however this has stopped! Now a mag without input from you is only blank paper, this edition consists of things from the committee only! Everybody you talk to seems to have a Landrover story inside them, even if they do not actually own one. Each story is personal and therefore unique. What is your story? and how did it start, where have you been and what have you done to your Landy, please share your story with others.

When I put this out originally I was so pleasantly surprised to get replies by return, so thank you to those who did this. I will be asking you! was my original plea.

Now I will be asking members of the club direct for their stories. It's not painful; it doesn't take long and let's face it we all have a bit of time on our hands at the moment. I really don't mind what it is; photos will enhance your tales.

Please email me at phil.letley@sky.com WhatsApp me on 07749771153, stick something on paper and post 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.

