



Invicta Landrover Club Kent

Monthly Meeting News.

Tuesday 01st April 2014.

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all.



## **Club News.**

At our last Club meeting in March 32 members and friends attended at the Dog and Duck Pub Plucks Gutter, Shaun opened the meeting at 2015hrs with a warm welcome to all.

- Phil passed on apologies from Jules who had to deal with a medical family emergency so unable to attend this evening.
- Phil also told Shaun that he is still waiting for more photos for the calendar. Some members have sent in a lot, so giving plenty of choice of their truck, but not enough people have submitted entries yet to complete twelve months.
- With no other news Shaun started a music quiz on the “noughties”
- 2000 – 2010.
- Next month it will be a Landrover Quiz.

## **Dates For Your Calendar / Diary.**

**Our Next Meeting - will be on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> May 14, 1930 – 2000 hrs.**

**2014 Show Dates TBC.**

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## OTTO's Night Out!

Fancied something different, so when Charlie Thorn suggested a night run on Salisbury Plain I thought yep sounds good. Shaun was truckless so he jumped in with me (handy man to have sat next to ya) first stop Clacketts meet Andy and Janet, a quick coffee and off for some fun. Once again we were lucky with the weather as for a few days before we left there had been lots of the wet stuff that should make it interesting!

The bed and breakfast is in a 14th century house in a place called Pottern near Devises and is glorious, with views across the fields for miles. It is run by a retired army officer and his good lady and is a most welcoming place with big open hearths and Labradors and little Terriers to stroke and cuddle! We were cooked a lovely evening meal (you've got to try the homemade bread and butter pudding it's to die for.)

We set off at 5pm to meet the guide who was to show us the lanes to stop us wandering off onto firing ranges ect! Off we go first lane and its bloody dark; it is really weird when you have no light anywhere! There's lots of water and it's not long before you're going through water above your headlights, hope the door seals work! After about 2 hours we come across a strange sight, a guy dressed in a bright yellow squirrel suit with a parachute draped over his arm trying to get our attention. It turned out he was doing a night jump lost his sense of direction (bit like me) and ended up miles off course, being good citizens we picked him up and took him to a pub I bet he was quite a spectacle for the locals. Off we go again it's raining now and getting very sticky, I'm very glad to say that this time folks Ted was not the first one to get stuck (applause please), no it was one of the more capable trucks! Andy is doing really well as he is on worn road tyres but nothing fazed him, he did it all great. It is now about 9pm and it's still raining even more soggy so we all stop for a headlight clean as mine look like candle power by now, a welcome brew and a snack and a chin wag to compare our experiences. A few more lanes to do yet, this is hard on the arms as you are constantly correcting the trucks as the ruts are deep. The night still has more surprises as about midnight we come across a couple of lads who have got them stuck in deep water with no recovery point's winches or anything! It's a good thing we happened along, or they would have spent a long night stuck.

We dragged em out and left them to dry out and completed our last lane, we parted company with our guide who still had to drive back to Somerset bless him, we had a collection for him and at least paid his diesel for him as he does it all pretty much for nowt. Back at the lodgings and our host is waiting up for us, it's now nearly 2am so off to bed and no Shaun and I didn't share a double bed! We were greeted with a nice breakfast in the morning before paying our host a very reasonable £47.50 for a single room, I think about £80 for a double, and setting off for a few hours on the plain before setting off for home. After a great experience spent with great people, I can highly recommend this trip to anybody who loves they're laneing.

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## From The Editor.

Hello Everyone.

Well we are nearly there now, only two weeks to the first show of 2014 and if like me, you are rushing around getting tax discs, MOT's and giving final polishes to be ready.

Don't forget that now is the time that memberships start to come up for renewal, so check out with Ted to see when yours is due, if you are not sure.

We now have most of the year's show forms so see me or Phil for details.

Thank you and see you all soon Jules.

If anybody has any items that they would like to be considered for next month's magazine or anything shop related please see me (Jules) after tonight's meeting, or email / phone Phil on. phil.letley@sky.com / 07702 960644. Thanks as always to Mark & Ryan for their help.

## Your Reports.

Please let us have your reports of what you have been doing to your trucks, photos and comments so that we can include them in your magazine for others to enjoy.

It's doesn't take a lot of time to do a report, type it, write it or just give Jules your scribbling's and let us do the rest, you can do it.

## Club Shop.

Fleece Tops, Sweatshirt's, Hoddies and Polo Shirts with Club Logo (and option of your name on Shirts) made to order. Paper Rolls, Latex Gloves, and Kinetic Ropes / Strops (to order). Various Stickers large, med & small Club Logos for bonnets, doors and windows, WWW Address, Fire Extinguisher and First Aid. Custom made ones to order. All in stock or obtainable very quickly to order. See Phil / Jules.

## Web Site.

Please remember NOT to post personal details on web based sites. ( Phone numbers, addresses, Reg numbers or VIN's ) please PM somebody if this is necessary, and remember please consider what you put onto social media sites.

## An extract taken from a book

### “The Bluebird Years – Donald Campbell and the Pursuit of Speed”

“This, then, was the place and the people which awaited the return of Donald Campbell and his Bluebird. This their lake (Coniston) was to be the arena for a great new joust with the unknown.

Donald got ready for his journey north to follow Bluebird, already on her way, somewhere on the M6 motorway.

She travelled, swathed in blue plastic sheeting, on a vehicle belonging to Adams Brothers, of New Malden, who were always entrusted with her transport. She caused no trouble to the driver until, having left the A6 at Levens Bridge; she reached the village of Greenodd where her width and the narrowness of the roads began to cause him some embarrassment. Superintendent John Abbott, of the Lancashire Police, gave her an escort of police **Land Rovers** for the remainder of her journey”.

Donald Campbell loved Land Rovers, being the owner himself of a Series 1, which is on display in the local museum dedicated to the events and Campbell himself.



A Series I Land Rover lays a line of blue dye on the dry base of Lake Eyre in southern Australia. Donald Campbell would follow on his land-speed record attempt in a hydrofoil-shaped car known as the “Bluebird.”

