



Invicta Landrover Club Kent

Monthly Meeting News.

Tuesday 04th November 2014.

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all.



Club Meeting News.

At our last Club meeting in October 40 members and friends attended at the Dog and Duck Pub Plucks Gutter, Ollie (Vice Chair) opened the meeting at 2010hrs with a warm welcome to all.

- To start the meeting Ollie welcomed two lots of new members.
- Thanks to all for attending the London 2 Brighton and explained why he arrived home at 0200hrs in the morning. (M25 need we say more!).
- Our next meeting in November will be our AGM and he advised the members that as of this moment nobody had let it be known their wish to stand for election, remaining committee prepared to stand again for the forthcoming year. Those interested in standing please let the club secretary know by Tuesday 14th October 2014.
- Andy & Janet have agreed to do a quiz after the AGM.
- The Christmas party for members and their families will be on Tuesday 16th December. Food will be supplied by the club but please buy your own drinks from the bar.
- Ollie informed the meeting to be careful when leaving their trucks as a Red 90 had been stolen from Hoath near Herne Bay last Monday night / Tuesday morning, after several have gone missing in Kent recently.

Dates For Your Calendar / Diary.

Christmas Party at the Dog & Duck on Tuesday 16th December 14 at 1930 – 2000 hrs.

Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 02nd December 14 at 1930 – 2000hrs.

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It Started Wet, and Then Got Wetter...

For the past 3 August bank holiday Mondays I have had to work, so given my new-found freedom I wasn't going to miss this show. Despite the weather warning in place for heavy rain, my sister and I both optimistically wore shorts. We even took the liberty of packing the sun cream (on account we even get burnt watching the TV!). How bad could the weather be on the Leas? – A tall cliff top exposed to the elements along the Folkestone coast line...

We had arranged to meet the Dowling family at junction 8 of the M20, so we could convoy to the show ready for the 9am start. On leaving the services we found a boy-racer who decided 80mph around a wet roundabout would be the ideal way to start his day. Of course, I doubt the noisy sideways skid and parking his car on the fence (dangling off the bridge) was part of the thrill plan. Not to worry, his choice [fool], we had a show to attend!

On arrival we were greeted by just 4 trucks parked facing the Grand Hotel, on the little strip of grass at the edge of the cliff. It was quite fun reversing onto the bank and judging getting a 110's nose in line with a 90's nose, while still remembering not to drop the back wheels over the edge (it always looks worse from within the truck). Olly soon informed us he had been there since 8am [eager], but many more of the club filtered in soon after. (It turns out the slightest gradient on wet grass can cause wheel spin for a series 3 if not put into 4wd/low ratio, but we won't mention names).



(“When reversing, please mind the gap between the car show and crashing waves below”)

Although about 350 exhibitors had applied and been printed in the brochure, the bad weather may have put many people off. There was also the Sandwich show on that day, providing competition for both exhibitors and visitors. In the end, only about 100 cars attended, and 9 of those were from our club (including some less common faces to the humble classic car shows, which was nice to see). Ted did come along, but thumbed a lift with the Chalk's since his engine has decided it doesn't want all four pistons to work.

Despite being told to arrive by 9am, many were still turning up gone 10am. However, the organisers were just grateful some people were turning up; as even at that early hour, for every car that arrived another one was leaving! We were keeping a close eye out for the angry Frenchman in his Ferrari (of whom Olly stole the “people's choice” award from last year), but he never turned up!

The application forms may have been taken a little too seriously for the brochure listing. Along with the disco estates, defender commercials and defender station wagons, my body type of “rusty” was directly quoted. Even so, my “1992 Land Rover Defender rusty” looked quite at home.

The club’s gazebo offered some resistance to the rain, but very little to the wind, so we spent the vast majority of the show huddled together like penguins. This was of course except for Jasmine and Lauren, and Phil and Jules, who decided to keep dry in their own trucks (although in the Letley’s case, being outside may have been a dryer option).

By this stage Lorna had changed into her leggings – still no sun cream needed – leaving just Ted and I looking like idiots in our shorts!! The only thing keeping us sane was watching other wet people walking up and down seeing the displays, and laughing at the tent of French people opposite us (huddled even closer as they put double the people in half the tent space). I only left the tent once to see one vehicle of interest, a black 90 defender (just a couple of years old) that wasn’t even a display. Of course, they now have a membership form to fill in (and showed some promising signs of meeting us again).

Finally enough was enough. The Letley’s weren’t the only Smurfs in the club!! Even the ice cream van had driven off!! Time for something hot to eat. And due to the usual high prices of a hotel, we hit the road early in search for salvation. The majority of us set off in convoy ... while I was looking for my keys which Lorna had kindly hidden in the back of my truck without telling me before jumping in with Olly (thank goodness for CB, otherwise I would still be there!!)

Whilst in Olly’s truck, Lorna had noticed Jess and Holly watching the rear wiper blade, which amused her more than it should have done. We eventually came across a Beefeater just past Dover, so went in to find a crowded restaurant (although at least it was dry and warm – if it wasn’t for our sodden clothes). We were told it may be an hour before we could sit down to eat, so the 11 of us sat on separate tables around the bar, whilst Olly went dog walking up on the hills. Not long after, a couple of tables in the bar became free, so we re-arranged the tables and were ready to order (making Olly run back down the hill).

The hot food was a life saver, and we finally left there at 4pm (the expected time of the show to finish). The convoy home shouldn’t take too long ... if I had turned right and headed home with the other trucks rather than turning left and following Olly towards Deal!! Still, at the Whitfield’s roundabout, I set the satnav for shortest route, said goodbye to Olly, and took some lovely country lanes home (taking a further hour in damp clothes)..

No weather can spoil the fun of a Landy group ... although I am hoping for nicer weather at the Quex Park camping show!!

From The Editor.

Hello Everyone.

What a great turn out and time was had by all at this year's London 2 Brighton, the weather was like summer and even after some of us got "lost" and then "separated" on route we all ended up in the right place on Madeira Drive.

The last two major events of the year will be our AGM (tonight) and our Christmas party at the Dog & Duck on 16th December and then the big day of the year!

See you all out there soon Jules.

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, go on you can do it.

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.

Club Shop.

Fleece Tops, Sweatshirt's, Hoddies and Polo Shirts, Base Ball Caps 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.

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