



Invicta Landrover Club Kent

Monthly Meeting News.

Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all.

### Chairman's Comment.

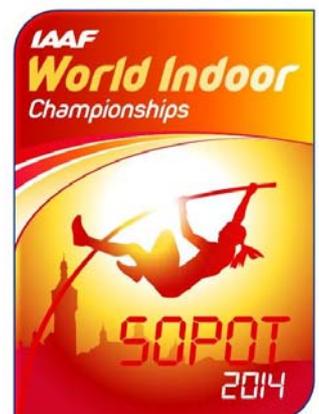
Hi All. It's time again as reminded twice by Phil to write some words for the mag. So I looked for some inspiration on the club web site, well apart from Ted and Andy doing some nice up grades on their trucks that was it! Glad to see some are using the site as well as improving their trucks for the next adventure!

I have lost count now of how many years I have been Chairman, and seen quite a few changes in the club as well as being to some great shows and trips including Wales, but now I think it's time for change. I have enjoyed doing it and had a laugh with many of you. A new Chairman will bring a fresh change and hopefully keep the club moving forward with all the new members.

I will run the club until November unless there is someone who would like to step up and be voted in now. Thank you all for the last few years! Shaun.



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## **Club News.**

At our last Club meeting in February 35 members and friends attended at the Dog and Duck Pub Plucks Gutter, Shaun opened the meeting at 2015hrs with a warm welcome to all.

- Shaun reminded everybody that Phil still needs photos of your trucks so that there is a choice for this year's club calendar. Please email them to him.
- Shaun told the meeting that there will not be a Manston show this year as the airport has had a change of ownership since last year's show.
- We are now getting show forms in, Jules has some with her tonight, see her for more details.
- Andy has the web site now up and running, please see him if you are having any problems with it.
- Mark has cleaned up the forum; any problems with this please see him.
- Shaun then started a music quiz as there was no more club news.

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

Sandwich. Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Cobweb Rally. Sun 04<sup>th</sup> May.

Deal. Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Bucket & Spade Run. Sun 01<sup>st</sup> June.

Preston School Fayre. Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Herne Bay. Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

River Country Fayre. Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Chilli Farm. Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Dover. Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Whitstable. Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Deal Fun Day. (New Date) Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Quex Park. Sat 06<sup>th</sup> & Sun 07<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Our Next Meeting - will be on Tuesday 01<sup>st</sup> April 14, 1930 – 2000 hrs.**

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## From The Editor.

Hello Everyone.

Spring is with us at last, now is the time to get those Landys out of storage and dust off the cobwebs. (Unless you have been out playing in them during the winter months? In which case they might need cleaning!) I now have lots of show forms so if you would like any please let me know.

I know that you will be sorry to hear that Shaun our chairman is planning to step down at our AGM in November, I know that we will miss him leading us, so I wish to be the first to say thank you to him for all of his hard work that he has done on behalf of the club over the years.

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.

# CUMBRIA OR BUST!!!!

Well after a few stops to allow my buttocks to retain their standard profile I have arrived in Silloth, Cumbria. It has seemed a long time coming.....

We'd booked a week's holiday in the Lake District, it was our friends wedding at Troutbeck and we figured we may as well make a holiday out of it since the lakes are our favourite part of the country. A few weeks before we were due to go up for the wedding Suzanne landed me with the bombshell that there was a job advertised at the hospital in Carlisle, and the interview date was during the week of our holiday. It seemed fate was conspiring. We'd always agreed if the possibility to be near the lakes presented itself then we'd go for it. So we went to a lovely wedding, had a mooch around at houses in the area, took Suzanne to her interview. Then it got serious, an hour after her interview, she was offered the job! The hard bit was always going to be leaving our friends and family in the south.

The Invicta crew had sprung a surprise party on me at the Dog and Duck at my last monthly club meeting. Shaun had suggested that I take the meeting as I hadn't done so in the time I'd been vice chairman, I thought no more of it. Ted, who'd definitely been on a deceitful 'bogus journey', picked me up at the appointed time and we made our way to the pub. At the bar I ordered our drinks and my dinner, the lady serving looked a little horrified but as I get that reaction fairly often I didn't think anything of it. We mooched into the meeting room and had a chinwag with those who'd arrived. Presently my steak and kidney pud arrived. Salivating as I picked up my knife and fork there was a tap on my shoulder..... I looked up to see my son, daughter, wife and ex-mate Paul Kistruck grinning with conspiratorial glee, as I looked around I could see other faces with knowing looks on them.....I'd been had! As 8 pm approached it seemed as though every club member had arrived, presumably to make sure I was actually leaving. I started the meeting, on time, and ran through the upcoming shows and such. When I'd finished Shaun presented me with a great picture, which is hanging in my study/man cave, together with a life membership certificate and a card which everyone had written messages in. I was then ushered into the other room where Nicky had organised a spread and Clare had been tasked with producing cake. We had a great time but it was hard knowing that it wouldn't be long before we'd be leaving you all.

As our moving date loomed I managed to go to a last Invicta club event at Chilli Farm.



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It took some doing to tear myself away but eventually I had to go so after final fond farewells I snuck out of the exit and back to some final packing.

Three days later the day of the big move arrived. Several hours of lorry loading, cleaning and stress filled franticness ensued. Finally the hour of departure arrived, so loaded up and ready to roll we set off. I managed half the trip, as far as the mother in laws at Chesterfield, fully topless.



I'd wanted to do the whole trip with the top off but my wife told me I was an idiot so as it was starting to rain I bowed to her superior knowledge. She was in her own car with the kids, fish and dog. Roxy the chocolate lab had decided 400 miles in the S1 with no roof was less appealing than 400 miles in mum's car!

The series one performed faultlessly and I thoroughly enjoyed the journey, the longest I've made in a series Land Rover since I left Africa, I got loads of waves, toots and thumbs up on the way too.

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At one point Suzanne thought I was going to get pulled over by the police on the motorway as a patrol car drove along beside me for a while but it turned out they were taking pictures. I had phoned the Land Rover dealers in Carlisle a few days before and they had kindly said I could park on their forecourt while we went to the estate agent in the city as I had my Sankey trailer and didn't know where I'd be able to park. After we'd picked the keys up for the new house we travelled the last 25 miles to the coast to meet the removal truck.

So now our new life in Cumbria begins.....if I can get the kids off the beach to unpack their toys.

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