



Invicta Landrover Club Kent

Monthly Meeting News.

07th June 2016.

Good evening to you all.



A Peeler, what part of the country first had a recognised Police force?
Now and then, Flatford Mill painted by who?

Whos very old crest is this?

From The
Chairman



Chairman Olly.

The show season's well underway with the highly enjoyable Preston School Fete being one of my personal favourites.

The Bucket and Spade run turned out a nightmare!!! But thank you to Jules and Phil for sitting with me, no thanks to the AA!

Hopefully my new truck will be delivered for some of the later shows.

Good to see so many new faces joining the club, largely thanks to John Clarke our recruitment officer. Keep the shows coming.

Your Chairman Olly x

(Yes a most fantastic sight is seeing "our John" running down the road on foot after Landrovers of all types, it should be an Olympic sport, and the club has the gold medallist) J&P.

Club Meeting News.

The Club meeting in May was attended by 38 members and friends at the Dog and Duck Pub Plucks Gutter, Olly opened the meeting at 2025hrs with a warm welcome to all.

- Olly said a few words on behalf of Tim's family.
Thank you to everybody who was able to attend Tim's Day on 22nd April, it was a fantastic send off for him, with so many of his friends there he would have been surprised so many attended but also very embarrassed. For those who could not make it thank you for your best wishes.
Approx. 200 people attended with about 25 Landrovers in convoy, led by a police escort, what a sight.
- Olly told everybody about the Bucket and Spade Run 2016 on Sunday 05th June starting at Beech Court Gardens Challock and finishing at Government Acre Ramsgate. See Phil for a form.
- If you need any other show forms or information about them see Jules or Phil.
- Steve Lutz sold raffle tickets and together we managed to raise £50 for the Air Ambulance, thank you.



35th Bucket & Spade Run - Challock Ramsgate 05th June.

Quex Park Weekend - Birchington 18th & 19th June.

Preston School Summer Fayre - Preston 19th June.

Cliftonville Show - Cliftonville 26th June.

River Country Fair – River Nr Dover 10th July.

Herne Bay Classic – Herne Bay 17th July.

Dover Classic – Dover 23rd July.

Club 1st Geo-Cache Day – 24th July.

Chilli Farm – Coldred Nr Dover 30th & 31st July.

Our Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 05th July 16 at 1930 – 2000hrs

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OTTO'S JOTTINGS.

Hi all, time to jot a few lines down, as you no doubt know the season for shows is now in full swing and some of our members have already attended some. When you read this the next show which is the Deal classic show will probably have been and gone. Otto is still poorly with a stomach upset (gearbox) but by the end of the month should be fixed and ready to go with a brand new reconditioned box the next thing that will need fixing will be my bank account (ouch!).

Welcome to the new members to our club may you enjoy many hours of land rover fun.

I hope you enjoyed your first experience of off road driving at Elham Organised by our Charlie for the members that are going to Salisbury Plain for the weekend in May and am sure you will enjoy the weekend which I can wholeheartedly recommend. If anyone would like to organise any events involving the club and its members please contact the committee and our chairman can announce it at the club meeting to get your thoughts on it, this is what our committee is for so that you can all know what is planned for us. As my role as the treasurer I do have the fun job of rounding up the subscriptions which are now overdue so anyone who hasn't paid up please do so asap as we don't want them dragging on for months which was the case last year, we are a non-profit making club and we only have limited resources available to pay for events etc. if you can't make the meetings you can always send a cheque through to Jules our secretary and she will issue your new membership card and make sure I get the funds. We are hoping to start doing a few evening club runs perhaps to a place of interest or just ending up at a cafe or a pub for a Landy themed gossip with mandatory banter of course we will keep you posted as to the dates etc. once it is organised we will try one and see how it goes! Please feel free to give a few suggestions regarding stuff as we are always open to ideas as to how to make our club as diverse as possible it doesn't have to be Landrover themed.

On the 7th of May I and a few other members went on a trip to Le Touquet with the ROMMCC club and great fun it was too and not too costly either we only paid £22 return with P&O ferries and it was a lovely run down in super weather and driving through some of the pretty villages in France was delightful the D940 coast road is definitely the way to go maybe our club could do a trip like this have you any thoughts on this if you have let us know. I have sensational news our roving reporter from uuuuuuuuppp north Tonto is rumoured to be paying us a visit and may well attend the Chilli farm weekend so get your forms in folks for a chance to meet our Andy and hear about all things Landy from the northern climes! Well I think that's about all I can muster this month so keep the faith and love your Landy see ya soon.

OTTO.

Invicta Landrover Club is proud to support.

Kent Surrey Sussex



Air Ambulance

Classic Car Tax Discs



Since we no longer need to display a current tax disc in our vehicle, it is becoming more common to see 'the original' tax disc being displayed instead. It just so happens to be a beautiful finishing touch to a classic vehicle.

My truck now has a tax disc replica so close to the original, you can hardly tell the difference. The date, style of tax disc (believe me, there's been many over the years), the pricing, the handwriting ... even the stamp from Coventry is exact to how mine would have been on day one.

'Creative Tax Discs' is run by an individual who has made the history of tax discs his hobby. (Don't laugh ... we own Land Rovers!) His website has a complete history and in-depth study of tax discs (which can grab the attention of even the least interested) ... along with a few pages of picture jokes under the 'Contact & Terms' tab (which should make anyone smile).

For less than £12 (inc p&p), you can own your very own 'original' tax disc ... a perfect touch for an exhibiting vehicle. You even get the choice of it looking new, faded or completely wrecked!! Also, you are given a couple of copies so you can keep re-producing them yourself.

And don't worry if your truck isn't that old.

These are not just for the old classic vehicles ...



Jennifer's Restoration Story

(by John Clark)

Since July 2012, my wonderful truck has been demanding love ... more often than not mechanically speaking. I'm sure we all remember the stories of not being able to turn the steering wheel (which was the result of the old steering box disintegrating; only discovered after replacing the steering dampener and pump). And the time she had a complete lack of power and was belching black smoke (which was the result of her effectively running on 2 and a half cylinders; the injectors clogged with rust from the fuel tank, completely destroying my injectors, injector pump, fuel lift pump and filter). Not to mention the time the head gasket went, and the clutch, and the holey radiator, or how faulty gauges were telling me she was overheating when in fact she didn't even have a thermostat! And even in April 2016, a 'hunting' engine is suspected to be an air leak into the fuel system ...

The end of 2015 arrived and I decided it was time to look into the bubbles on the corner caps.



Confident in everyone telling me what a fine looking truck she was, I handed Jenny over to Gigglespin and asked them to take a look. Expecting a corner cap replacement, we were shocked when she was handed back with no work carried out, being told 'she is a write-off'. After some screaming and crying, we had a civilised chat about what was wrong and how to fix it. Turns out the bulkhead didn't look good, and on a nut-and-bolt inspection, nor were other bits. I couldn't let Jenny go, so work began ...

Late July (just before I returned to sea) I dropped her off again for work to begin the following month. The suggested October deadline and budget were soon to be doubled, as every time a piece was cut and removed, a large rust patch was discovered, making it impossible to weld on to.

The easy bits were done first ... 4 new suspension bushes, shocks and springs (which were the originals), new rear brakes and the front nearside outrigger repaired properly (after a previous owner's bodge job). Then the holey patch on the rear cross-member was cut out with a new section welded in.

Now time to tackle the main areas of concern, the bulkhead and patches on the chassis. The team at Gigglespin knew how much I wanted to keep Jenny original, so they agreed to save her original parts if they could. It is too painful to write in depth, so

Here is a list of what happened:

Bulk Head: Removed, shot blasted to bare metal, rust cut out and sections fabricated and welded on, foot-wells replaced, flame sprayed in zinc, primed and painted (with a perfect colour match).

Chassis: Centre cross-member cut out (which seemed to be made of fiberglass) and a new one galvanized and put in. The rolling chassis then blasted back to bare metal ... discovering all was fine there, despite a tide mark where she used to launch boats.

Sides: (originally side-rails were to be protected with a coat of rust-converting paint) ... on both sides, approx. 50% of my C-posts, 30% of my B-posts, and the tops of my A-posts were rusted to nothing, along with both side rails and the box section under the middle seats. All of these are impossible to buy separately, so Gigglespin fabricated each of the above out of 3mm steel (instead of the original 1.6mm that Land Rover used) and galvanized them, used reinforcing rods down the posts to weld the new bits onto, and reassembled the vehicle. (The strength was in the roof rack, and fair to say protective paint may not have done the trick).

And finally: New front door hinges and under-windscreen 'fake hinges' replaced and painted. Inside the doors and inner-chassis pumped full of Waxoyl, and the outer-chassis and full underneath of the vehicle undersealed with Dinitrol (to be topped up every 5 years). Oh, and two new windscreen wiper arms!!

So yes, Jennifer has been rebuilt and parts replaced (taking only 5½ months and my entire life savings), but ultimately she is the same truck as she was over 24 years ago. Despite clutches and radiators that need to be replaced, she has the original chassis, bulkhead and panels (to our knowledge). The odd mechanical 'surprise' still occurs (like a hunting engine being the result of a failing injector pump), but that is just Landy charm and character. The next chapter in her life will be 4 new doors, which are 'a little flexible' to say the least, but as a whole, she is here to stay.

Thanks again to Gigglespin for their patience and persistence, and to my family and friends for the love and support ... and agreeing she *was* and *is* a truck worth saving.

And just in case anybody wants to see what a truck in pieces looks like ...



'This might be more than just new corner caps...'



'We can't weld new corner caps onto rust ...'



'... let's build a new section'



'Hang on lads, those A & B-posts might need attention'



'That's the shot blasting, Zinc spraying, new foot-wells and painting done'



'You were only meant to blow the Bloody doors off!!'



'And here's one we made earlier ... from 3mm steel'



'New side-rails and reinforced, A/B/C-posts fitted. Now where did this bit go?'



Hi Everyone.

Firstly a big welcome to all of the new members we have had join recently, secondly shows, shows, shows they are coming and going so fast this year or is that just me? Deal then Bucket and Spade then Quex and good weather for all of them, long may that continue. Thanks to all who have managed to come to them and thanks for the great time and company. A big thanks to our Ted for the last quiz and a bigger thanks for the new “Quizzers” trophy that he designed and made which was won by young Charlie on his first night with us. Ted with Phil W’s help have organized a Geo – Cache for the 24th July which promises to be great fun.

See you all out there soon Jules.



To fill spaces like this in your magazine.

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 / **07749 771153 (NEW NUMBER).**

Thanks as always to Mark, Ryan & Ted for their help.



Papa Smurf Said,
"The Club Shop is
Open"

Fleece Tops, Sweatshirt's, Hoddies (pull on and zipped) Polo Shirts, Base Ball Caps all with embroidered Club Logo and option of your name and picture of your truck in all sizes from kids upwards, made to order.

Various Stickers large, med & small Club Logos for bonnets, doors and windows, Club Web Address, Fire Extinguisher and First Aid and custom made ones to order. All in stock or obtainable very quickly, see Phil / Jules.



The latest Zipped or Pull on Hoddies with an embroidered picture of your truck on, just email a photo to Phil when you order. They can go on any garment. Simple!

Front Cover history pictures: The first recognised Police force was the Metropolitan force London, 19th June 1829. The crest belongs to Oxford University founded on 20th June 1214. Flatford Mill was painted by John Constable, who was born 11th June 1776.



Elham Valley 2016

It's time for our Summer Bash and again this year we will be holding it at the Elham site on.

Sunday 25th September from 1000hrs.

Will you be there? Please let us know **NOW!**

I/we will be there. (name/s).....

With Adults, and Children.

Any dietary requirements?

Please fill in and return to Olly, Ted, Jules or Phil.

Would you like to come to my 40th Birthday party?



As JC reaches his 40th Birthday we are thinking of holding a “party” on Sunday 04th September down by The Viking Ship Cliffsend at 1400hrs.

The party will be in the shape of a picnic, so bring your own food and drink and we can have a get together chat and a laugh in true Invicta Landrover Club style.

Like all things this will only work if you can make it, so please let me or Phil know so that we can get some planning done.

RSVP please.

Regards Jules.