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***Club Night is the first Thursday of every month***  
We meet at ***The Greyhound Inn***, 25 Melton Road,  
Burton on the Wolds, LE12 5AG.

We meet ***from 7.30pm*** followed by the  
Chairman's input at 8.00pm

For further details see the club website [www.loughboroughlrc.co.uk](http://www.loughboroughlrc.co.uk)  
or contact Tim – details on committee members page.



# Timmy Talk

*OK, shift plus A, space bar and off we go...So as you can tell it's been (more than) a little while since I've had to put one of my brain dump/ramblings together so the old fingers are more than a little rusty. Even so let's see if I can cobble together something to inform/amuse/entertain you, the discerning reader of this fine publication, over the next few paragraphs.*

*As we're rapidly hurtling towards the end of the year you'll be pleased to hear that I won't be looking back on what the club has been up to in this issue as that's something which can be saved for the Spring Issue after we've handed out all those lovely awards at the AGM and I've got to spend many happy hours trawling Facebook trying to find the most incriminating pictures of the nominee's and the lucky recipient for the associated presentation (which I know, is the bit you look forward to with the most glee/nervousness). So what to look at instead? Spiraling fuel and running costs? Parts availability issues? Is there enough bacon to cover the jobs needed to get George and Jades trucks back on the road? Let's see....*

*Working on your truck is an inevitable fact of life because, well, it's a Land Rover and that's the way it is. There will always be something that needs doing, whether it's a blown bulb or a ball-joint it's probably safe to say that unless you're really lucky, most of our trucks are never-ending projects. Now some people might call this being a glutton for punishment but to me this is part of the appeal of the humble Land Rover. The majority of jobs can be completed using a (fairly) limited selection of tools and a degree of common sense but perhaps the big question is - for how long?*



# Timmy Talk - cont'd

*As time passes the supplies of Defenders (no, not the new one), Discoveries (when was the last time you saw a D1 in the wild) are going to dry up and the price of 'next-generation' Land Rovers such as Disco 3's, Range Rover Sports and Freelander 2's begin to come in to a range that may even be below that of the old guard, the question must be will these vehicles take over? I think there must be a certain inevitability to this, simply because the 'first generation' vehicles will transition from 'consumable' to 'collectable' and end up being treated the same way as early Series vehicles, only coming out for weekends and shows, probably on the back of a trailer, and probably being towed by a D3/4 or Range Rover Sport. And what of the humble tool kit to sort those 'on the drive' faults? Well, I suspect the 'Solihull Special Tool No.1' (or hammer if you must) will probably get relegated to 'Special Tool No.2' as the need for a laptop/diagnostic reader takes its place as the means to solve most problems. At this point there are two options, invest in the tools to talk to the various control units scattered around the vehicle or else out-source every repair job to someone who has. An investment in your toolkit is never a bad thing but maybe the toolkit of tomorrow will contain more than just spanners and sockets and more likely a multi-meter and laptop. Of course, you'll still need the hammer, even if it is to smash the laptop.*

*At this point it seems only right for me to wish you all a great Christmas and the very best for the New Year. As ever, we are hoping to make 2023 a better year for the club and maybe, just maybe, I can get the Series finished.*



# The Clubs 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



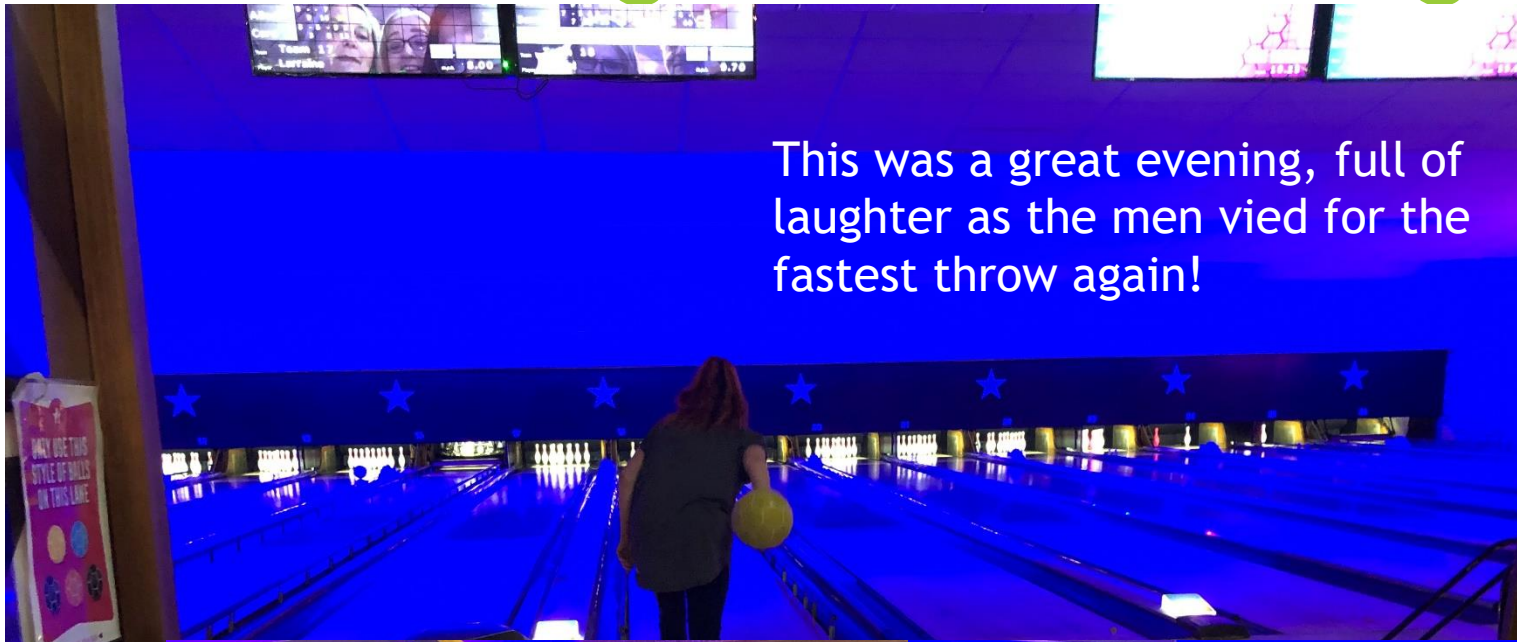
Yes, it was the clubs' 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 and the banner was made especially for us to take to the 2022 shows.

I am sure Tracey and Tim can tell you a lot more of the club history than I can, however suffice to say that the club is still thriving with a good group of active members.

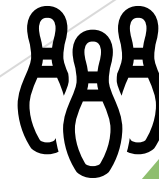
Please take a look at the club calendar for 2023 and hopefully you will be able to join us at one of the events. We always have a laugh no matter where we are, and cake usually makes an appearance sooner or later!



# Social Evening - Ten Pin Bowling



This was a great evening, full of laughter as the men vied for the fastest throw again!



# Beaumanor Show

So, with the winning cheers of the 'Best Club Stand 2021' still ringing in our ears, the hunt was on to make an early decision on the stand theme for 2022. Several suggestions such as Zombies, Halloween, Harvest festival were offered and debated, but a club member suggestion of Jungle expedition seemed to tick all the boxes (allows a common theme regardless of vehicle, allows an opportunity to 'dress up' the vehicles and gives plenty of scope for ideas/variations).

And so it started..... eBay costume purchases, Charity shop soft toy purchases, building of a log bridge, props, food and music all eventually part of the package for the day. So.... Bring on 24<sup>th</sup> July..... around 18 vehicles, and a new pitch in the main field. Now this was a new one for us as we have always been allocated the same spot just over the bridge (mainly due to the undulating nature of the ground!) but this year everything was being displayed in the main field. This had resulted in a lengthy, but sugar filled evening 2 nights previous (thanks Cox's Cakes & Bakes) trying to set out the pitch layout – all very technical with graph paper and everything!!!

As always, the turnout and effort that club member had gone to was phenomenal!! It is always amazing how people can come up with the ideas and put everything together so well – so a huge thank you to everyone involved. The pitch layout worked (thank you Dave E and Andy C – never doubted you for a second!!) and, personally, I think we had the most 'in your face', dynamic & interesting stand.



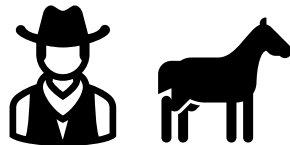
# Beaumanor Show - cont'd

Our position on the field naturally drew people in so footfall was better than previous years, The theme allowed for roof tents to be set up, for awnings to be used, for camo netting and fake campfires to be put in place. Roasted Crickets were on the menu, but were easily surpassed by the bacon, sausage & egg cobs and the burgers later - the catering was outstanding (thanks Mark & Charlie – please let us know in advance if you are doing this next year so we can do a whip around for cash)

We even had our own resident ride-on dinosaur (because you seen them ALL THE TIME on expeditions!!), which was happily, if aggressively, re-united with it's long lost Brummie relatives. Yes – we have finally found another vehicle club who are as mad as we are..... Thank you to the Midlands Mitsubishi 4x4 Club for reminding us that perhaps we are a little normal!!

As usual – the show itself had some stunning vehicles. The Judges were happy to talk to us again and we were able to meet up with friends we haven't seen in a while. Our usual, happy go luck, lazy day at the show was not a disappointment.... Good food, good friends, good banter and many laughs, all things that make us what we are, and what brings us all together. The end result – unfortunately we were beaten AGAIN by the MG club..... HOW!!!!!!!!!! But who cares – we are all out to make this a fun show for us. Amazingly we do not need to sort out a theme for next year – it was decided at the show..... 2023 Beaumanor show theme will be:

WILD WEST / COWBOYS AND INDIANS



We..... well, we (the Landie club) are going to be Cowboys, as we have our devout Japanese 4x4 opponents who have agreed to be the Red Indians. Will there be a high noon Nerf shoot out? Will we be catapulting water bombs into each other's campsite? Will we be captured and scalped? Will the west be won?? Yee-hah.....





# Social Event - Clay Pigeon Shooting

Safety briefing first, then some shootin'



Need to get some practice in if we are going to be cowboys next year !!



# Ibstock Country Fair



A very good turnout as usual for this show as it's a very relaxing day



# Peterborough Show

It was a wet start...



... a messy Middle...



... and strong finish



# Peterborough Show - cont'd

Now for those of you who are slightly more 'academic'.

The prize for the longest time taken to GET to the show this years when to Andy, who took almost 4 hours to do the 33 mile route as he drove there via every available layby along the way. Due to still not quite sorting out the 'overheating' issue he had seen the week before. The prize for the wettest on arrival went to Keiran who found out Marks needs new seals.

In terms of the shows it was the normal turn of auto jumbles, mud plungers and 'high-end' additions. The show ring had an additional display this year to mark the passing of the Queen just days before. The stewards did finally manage to park everyone in a fashion to show E I I R. As usual the club was represented on the main arena as part of the club stand display, and the camera 'f&^\*' that is Andy was also part of the Call to Duty display, which clearly went down very well, until Andy realised she was now dirty. (Just how much time do you spend with Dave?). Unfortunately due to the events of Saturday night (Which will remain on Saturday night) and despite a reminder from Mr Chairman neither the firefly or the club made it to the show ring on the Sunday. However, I think its safe to say a good time was had by all over the weekend despite the wet start, muddy ring and the not so epic end.

As you surely know by now this years show was the last to be taking place at East of England show ground so I'll leave you all with... *"Good night drive safe, don't let the bed bugs bite and give us 3 rings when you get home" (if you have no idea what I'm on about you need to consider spending a night on a club stand).*



# Other Events - what busy bees we are!!



Wicked Hathern Fest



Club meet venue - nice food!



Marshalling at Prestwold



Actually planning the club stand layout for Beaumanor!



Marshalling for Remembrance Day



Marshalling the Charnwood Classic



Whitwick anniversary scout parade



# Christmas Dinner 2022 - at The Greyhound



This month we had our annual Christmas dinner. A lovely three course meal, ending with tea/coffee and mince pies courtesy of the Club. Many thanks to the pub staff, especially Tina, who did a fantastic job on the night.



# Firefly - Andy Cox

The firefly was built in 1970 on a 2b forward control chassis and bodied by HCB Angus. It was build for the MOD and assigned to the Army fire service and this one in particular was based out of Porton Down. Known for being one of the Ministry of defence's top secret research facility research into chemical weapons and deadly diseases.

Sold into private ownership in the 80s the firefly attended shows before being taken out of commission in 2006 where it was stripped of all of its fire fighting equipment and all of the paint removed from the body. It was in this state that I purchased it in February 2020. Originally with the plan of swopping some parts off it and selling it on. However only a month later and covid hitting forcing us into lockdown this became the perfect opportunity to recommission the vehicle. This involved a full front end strip down, bulkhead rebuild and the opportunity to fire up the engine for the first time in 16 years.

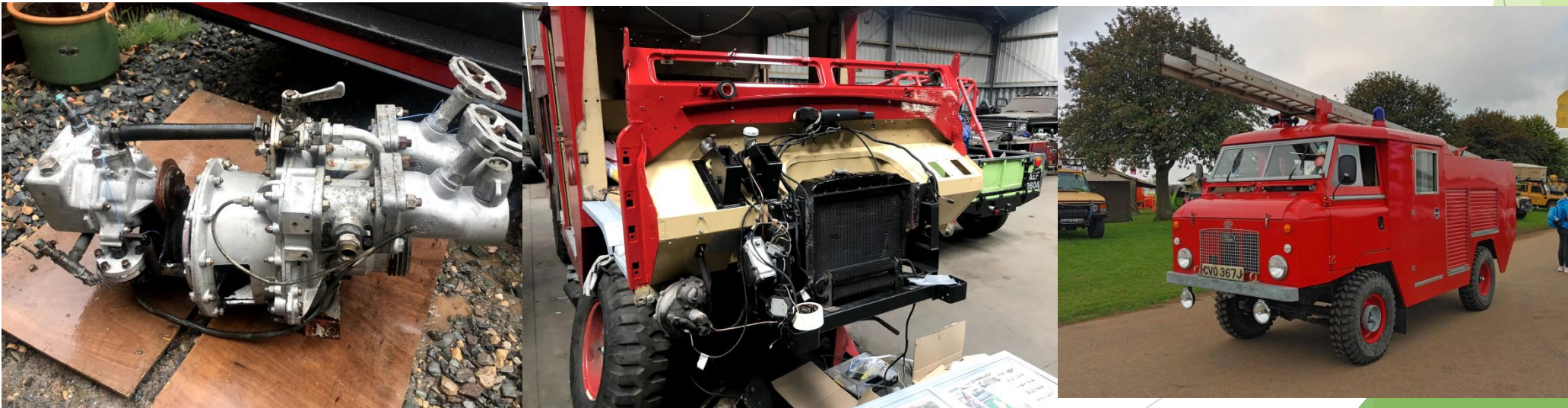


# Firefly - cont'd

The whole braking system was rebuilt along with a replacement fuel tank and all new fuel lines. Then onto many many hours of painting. In October 2020 the firefly got shelved and stored at work as I finally received approval to build my garage at home.

Finally this year I decided it was time to continue with the build with the aim to get it on the road and out to some shows towards the end of the year.

The water tank and pump was installed along with ladder racks, rebuilt beacons and two tones. The front doors were rebuilt with new tops and replacement skins that had to be modified to fit the 2b door frames. Unfortunately the attempt to get the firefly to leafers at t'pit in Stoke on Trent was far from a successful run out with having cooling issues but eventually getting it working and to one of the Stonehurst car meets and the last lro show at Peterborough showground.





# Mags Mumbles

Well, as some of you will know, Dave and I haven't had the best of years!

Main problem - car trouble. No, not the landys amazingly enough, but our Ford Kuga. Now it's a nice car, bought to tow our caravan (yes I know, landys do that too!) but daughter had a go at us for using "old" cars to go on holiday with, "What happens if it breaks down?" she said. Ha ha!

Well it broke down - the Kuga that is, several times with the same fault (once when we were on holiday) and bang goes our RAC membership - on the blacklist for calling them out too many times with the same fault.

So, as the Ford garage was useless, we involved Ford Customer Care (Sebastian was a star) and we finally have it back working - hooray!! Apparently we broke Sebastian's record for the longest time to fix a fault - 216 days.

Remedy - new battery twice, new dashboard, at least three different wiring harnesses, new door locking mechanism, body control unit, engine control unit.....guess they just didn't know where the fault was. Monday morning or Friday afternoon car?

And in the meantime, and while we were on holiday in a hotel, Dave goes down with shingles. Here's hoping 2023 is a better year and we can get back to joining in club activities.



A close-up photograph of a fluffy dog, likely a Shetland Sheepdog, lying on its side on a patch of green grass. The dog has a mix of brown, black, and white fur. It is wearing a black collar with a silver reflective strip. The background is a soft-focus green field.

# 'Normal' Rattler Stuff

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# Dates For The Diary 2023

EVENTS 2023	Location	Date	Type
Updated: 11/12/22			
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	5th January	AGM & Awards
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	2nd Feb	Meet
4x4 Spares & Vintage day	Malvern Showground	5th Feb	Show
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	2nd March	Meet
Club Social	TBC	4th March TBC	Social
LOROS Tower Run	St George's Tower, Leicester	25th March TBC	Charity event
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	6th April	Meet
4x4 Spares & Vintage day	Newbury Showground	2nd April	Show
4x4 Spares & Vintage day	Rutland Showground	23rd April	Show
Land Rover 75th Anniversary Show	Market Harborough Showground	29/30th April	Show
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	4th May	Meet
Gaydon Land Rover Show	British Motor Museum, Gaydon	6-7th May	Show
Pretty Muddy Set up	Prestwold Hall	6th May	Charity event
Prestwold Pretty Muddy	Prestwold Hall	7th May	Charity event
Land Rover Monthly Live	Malvern Showground	20/21st May May	New Show
CRUK Loughborough 5K RfL	Loughborough Town Centre	28th May TBC	Charity event
Green Laning & Social Weekend	TBC	26-28th May TBC	Social
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	1st June	Meet
Land Rover Legends	Thrupton	TBC	Show
Loughborough Car Show	Loughborough Town Centre	18th June TBC	Show with stand
Billing Off Road Show	Northampton	1/2nd July	Show
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	6th July	Meet
CRUK Leics 5k/10k RFL	Victoria Park, Leicester	9th July	Charity event
Land Rover Social	South Of England Showground	23-24th July	Show
Beaumanor Hall Classic Car show	Beaumanor Hall	23rd July - TBC	Show with stand
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	3rd August	Meet
Wicked Hathern Festival	Hathern	12-13th August TBC	Car Parking duties
Ibstock Country Fair	Ibstock	20th August	Show with stand
Leafers at t' Pit	Apedale Valley Light Rway, Chesterton	26/27th August	Day event
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	7th Sept	Meet
LRO Show	TBC	TBC	Show with stand
4x4 Spares & Vintage day	Newbury Showground	1st October	Show
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	5th October	Meet
4x4 Spares & Vintage day	Malvern Showground	29th October	Show
Leicester SHINE night walk	De Montford University	21st October 2023	Charity event
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	2nd November	Meet
Hathern Fireworks	Hathern	4th November	Car Parking duties
Remembrance Parades	Various (as required)	12th November	Road marshal support
Great British Land Rover Show	Stoneleigh	TBC	Show
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	7th December	Meet
Christmas Dinner	TBC	9th December	Social
Hathern Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter & St Pauls Church, Hathern	9-11th December	Club themed Tree on display
Christmas Green Lane outing	TBC	Between XMAS and NY	Green Laning
Club night	The Greyhound - BotW	4th January 2024	AGM & Awards



# Merchandise Price List

## Loughborough Land Rover Club Merchandise - prices are for guidance

Description	Available Sizes	Page Number	Item Code	Guide Price (£)
Mens T-Shirt	S - 5XL	109	GD001	£ 8.00
Ladies T-Shirt	S - 2XL	109	GD072	£ 8.00
Childrens T-Shirt	XS - XL	451	GD05B/GD01B	£ 5.00
Mens Polo Shirt	S - 2XL	2	GD038	£ 13.00
Ladies Polo Shirt	S - 2XL	2	GD047	£ 13.00
Childrens Polo Shirt	S - XL	451	GD40B	£ 8.50
Adult Hooded Sweatshirt	S - 2XL	181	JH003	£ 22.00
Childrens Hooded Sweatshirt	26" - 34"	421	JH03J	£ 12.50
Unisex Waterproof Fleece	S - 3XL	710	RG112	£ 45.00
Mens Full Zip Fleece	S - 4XL	712	RG188	£ 20.00
Ladies Full Zip Fleece	S - 2XL	712	RG190	£ 20.00
Half Zip Fleece	S - 3XL	714	RG120	£ 20.00
Mens Fleece Body Warmer	S - 2XL	714	RG182	£ 20.00
Ladies Fleece Body Warmer	S - 2XL	714	RG184	£ 20.00
Mens Dover Jacket	XXS - 5XL	802	RG045	£ 36.00
Womens Dover Jacket	S - 2XL	803	RG345	£ 36.00
Mens Soft Shell Jacket	S - 5XL	732	RG150	£ 36.00
Womens Soft Shell Jacket	6 - 22	732	RG151	£ 36.00
Knitted Thinsulate Hat	One Size	857	RC31X	£ 5.00
Grand Prix Cap	One Size	846	BC159	£ 6.50

Many other products are also available so if you are looking for something specific, or just a little different, please just ask to view the catalogue.

Please note only merchandise ordered through the club from the catalogue provided may bear the official Loughborough Land Rover logo



# Friends of the Club

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[www.adrianflux.co.uk/4x4](http://www.adrianflux.co.uk/4x4)

Offers up to 15% discount for club members

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5% Club discount off online parts & accessories orders.

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