

Muddy Duck

Welcome to Wales – Please drive Caerphilly!

by Carlo Faulds

Dylan Thomas, Charlotte Church, Richard Burton & Tom Jones share their origins in this small corner of Britain known as Camarthenshire, South Wales. We, of the ALRFC share much in common with them. Tom Jones is a Land Rover fanatic, apparently! The other three have been mega consumers of alcohol! In the case of H.M. (Her Mouthpiece) Charlotte Church it has become a religion!

You know when you're in Wales as all the place names have letters in the wrong order. Did that sign really say, "Please drive Caerphilly"?

The drive over was steady if a little slow. I was following Jeremy & Becky in my trusty Series 3, and Tim in his Defender followed me. Jeremy occasionally tried to relieve the boredom by snaking his trailer ensuring that I stayed awake! (Little did we know then just what he was practising for!)

By dinner that evening most of the participating ALRFC had arrived and we sat down to a marvellous home cooked meal. Later we sank onto the sumptuous sofas and discoursed in the warmth of the roaring fire.

Mark and Andy, having got a little lost, finally arrived and once over the shock of their 'boiler house' accommodation, joined our drinkathon whilst the kids settled down to an evening of 'GameBoy' by the fire.

By the time the stragglers (Sarah) arrived we were well on our way through the 130 can tally for that evening!

Road to nowhere

Saturday started with an ample 'filler-boots' Llanerchindda breakfast which was most welcome.

When I got to the car park the smell of Tdi, Td5 and V8 filled the air. As I tried to join in the chorus of engines I got the inevitable 'click, click' from my starter motor. In the end Mark pulled from the rear and it started!

With Jez as group leader we set off. The green laning started from Llanerchindda Farm and proceeded past Strata Florida (this section had 7 river crossings). It was a fabulous day – Wales is so scenic in the sunshine! The frost and ice made it more interesting. Jez and his Disco broke up any virgin ice in our path and subsequent vehicles ground it up further.



It was fairly quiet until the second group caught up with us. Nick and Matt in a roaring V8 Series seemed determined to create their own byway! We all parked up to watch

Nick attempt to fly over a river we had just carefully picked our way across, whereupon he became stuck midstream. His solution: Empty the river of water by revving his V8 to the max and spinning the rear wheel. This created a 20 foot fountain – an amazing spectacle!

At Strata Florida we headed up to the Elan Valley and along the edge of the vast reservoir which supplies places like Birmingham. We stopped for lunch on a sunny slope overlooking the reservoir.

The last leg was from the bottom of the dam wall towards Elan Village. This was only a short stretch but definitely the most testing as it was very rocky. We had to creep over each boulder. Every Landy in our group made it through!

It's a rollover!

That evening we returned to news of a rollover on the Llanerchindda off-road site involving Tim Kempster, Rob and Roy. (See account by Ash)

The meal served up that evening was highly appreciated by all. Stew and dumplings, baked vegetables, steam cake with custard.

The jokes and insults being hurled across the tables towards the rollover crew set the scene for the rest of the night.

Around the fire much hilarity ensued with Ash giving a pictorial display of the stricken Yellow Range Rover from every angle!



Tim Kempster and John Daley's banter and raucous laughter filled the room for most of that night! As the evening wore on the 'rollover' jokes just kept on coming. Just about everyone had a go, but just when we thought it was over, at the end of the evening, Gary Barber said "mind you don't roll out of bed Tim!"

Baskerville Hotel, Clyro

On Sunday, post breakfast, we all met up in the car park once again. Again a very frosty cold blue sky morning. I did not even bother attempting to use the starting handle immediately opting for Mark's offer of a pull start.

I left the motor running whilst I walked over to the far corner of the car park. There I was met by a panting white faced Jeremy who had, it seemed, attempted to set off. He could hardly speak but managed to say that he "had an accident... blocking road... and ...don't let anyone come down" or something.

Slippin' and Slidin'

—by Jeremy Price

"My plan for Sunday morning was to drive the Discovery and trailer down the hill then drive the Range Rover down and load it up at the bottom.

We loaded up at the farm and, as I was blocking the way, I decided to go down and wait for the others at the bottom. I looked at the hill and it seemed clear so I proceeded down. As I turned the bend I saw ice on the left hand side so moved across to the right, but further down the wheels started to slide. I was pumping the brakes like crazy but I was just getting faster and faster. All I could see

was the narrow bridge across the river getting closer and I wasn't going to make it round. Also, with the steep drop off the bridge, I realised that I had to do something to avoid going over – this is when I pulled the hand brake on and turned towards the hedge.

I really thought my number was up!

The Disco slid through the hedge and the trailer pushed the back end around, caught the rear tyre and seemed to lock everything together. We came to a stop. My heart was in my mouth! I know this is what everyone says afterwards but I really thought my number was up!



I jumped out of my stricken vehicle and ran up to the top of the hill to stop anyone else coming down. The first person I spoke to was Carlo. I was so shook up I had trouble getting the words out and was close to tears as I feared that I had written off my Discovery (I had not surveyed the vehicle for damage before leaving it). As ever our members sprang into action and the recovery was perfect. Once out we could do a proper check for damage and surprisingly it only damaged the driver's side front bumper end cap!"

The rescue of the tons of stricken jack-knifed metal and rubber was expertly performed by Chris's signalling to Ash and his winch (150ft up the hill). It was amazing to see how much power it had.

It was not all over for the winches as we were later to discover...

Run, Run, Runaway!

Mark, Andy and I were one of the first to arrive at the off-road site. We were shown the wood which is situated on the side of a hill and

were told we could go anywhere within the woodland.

We set off with Andy in front, Mark at the rear and me in the middle. We'd agreed to go straight up the steep way and set off. Mark turned off on a traverse slope. I went on behind Andy but got stuck near the top. Andy offered to reverse down to rescue but I declined and set the car into reverse and steered down.

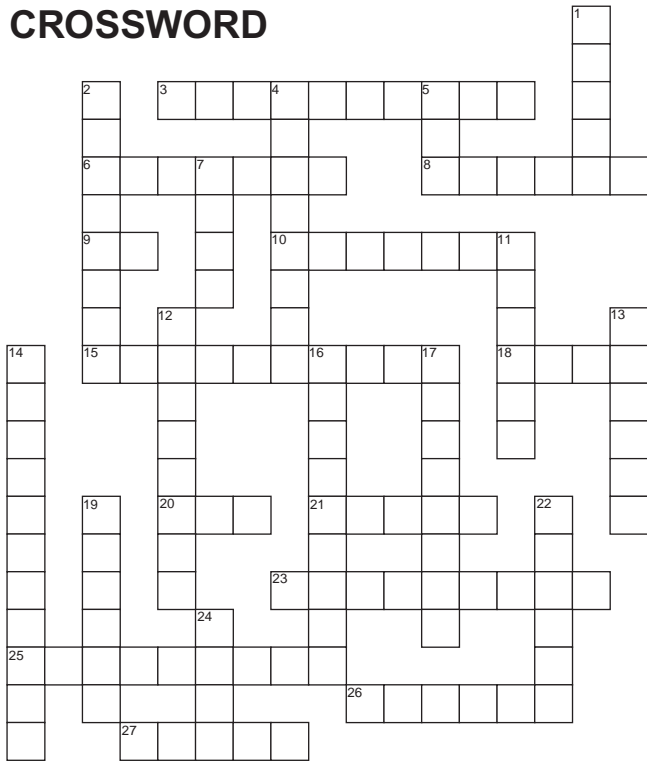
Later, I met the 101 and John Daley on a slightly flatter area just off the ruts. I parked up. We were trying to guide in those people who had not yet arrived at the location. My radio seemed to be broadcasting well so I stayed up there for awhile. Due to the dodgy starter motor I'd parked my car with the engine still running and handbrake on. We had all stood there for about 15 mins when suddenly I heard my door slam and turned around to see my car was heading downhill and back in the ruts. It gathered speed so quickly I could not catch it. I ran after it shouting at the top of my voice for anyone below to get out of the way. By the time it hit the bottom it must have been travelling at about 30–35 mph. At the foot of the hill it launched up a small bank and through wire fence and posts and ended up teetering on the edge. The drop on the other side was about 12–15 feet and my Series swayed forward. I jumped onto the back grab handles to stop it going over.

A rather shocked Jeremy with Range Rover and Disco was on the other side!



The recovery was performed by a combination of three ropes. One

CROSSWORD



Across:

- 3. Equals sixteen (4,2,4)
- 6. Big rubber band (3,4)
- 8. Engaged when carriage is on rocks (3,3)
- 9. Breathing as usual – Sodium (1,1)
- 10. Dirty wash! (3,4)
- 15. American farm dog? (5,5)
- 18. Need if you're on the pull! (4)
- 20. LR's favourite power plant (1,1,1)
- 21. Medallion man seen in this. (5)
- 23. Shield for dangly bits? (4,5)
- 25. Road for the inexperienced? (5,4)
- 26. Go round in USA when tired! (6)
- 27. Does the Queen knock it back?

Down:

- 1. Tree hugger used in rescue (5)
- 2. Protector (8)
- 4. Banana coloured Rangey's and dogs do this!
- 5. Usually found under a Land Rover (3)
- 7. LR Fanatics consume this (4)
- 11. Specialised in-bred mud plugger! (6)
- 12. Person who gives you the needle (8)
- 13. Four plus four plus five in front! (1,5)
- 14. No heavy metal (11)
- 16. Go too far – mechanism (9)
- 17. Your lunch is safe in this! (8)
- 19. A dubious honour from ALRFC!
- 22. The best Landy in the long run!
- 24. Champion component (4)

WORDSEARCH

- OFFROAD
- SERIES
- MUD
- CB
- TYRES
- LOW BOX
- OIL
- RUTS
- ROLLCAGE
- NASH
- PISTON
- LANDY
- CAMPING
- TDI

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Dates for your diary

2005

18 Dec Nash (dress up Landy's for Xmas)

2006

8 Jan Nash

11-12 Feb Green lane clearing

3-5 Mar Wales (Llannachinda) Jeremy & Tim 40th (All welcome need to know NOW!)

12 Mar Billing Weekend-Camping