

Woolbridge 4x4 Weekender Hogcliff Bottom

30/31st July 2016

After a break of the weekend 4x4 and camping for the last few years, we thought there would be a bit more interest in the event. It seems as with all motor sports people have better things to do, as the organising had been done, we ran it regardless and luckily the regulars turned out.

Sam came back after several years absence driving, new member Ben Harvey's smart looking hybrid Range Rover, hopefully he will start giving John Tite a run for his money when he finds his feet trailing. After a feed from Alan during Saturday Jenny Tite turned up in the ice cream van, and yes it was sunny as well!!! She dished out massive ice creams even Alan struggled to finish his large ice cream. Everyone then lounged around till dark on the three sofas in the field helped with that!

Problem was everyone relaxed too much and didn't want to start the night trial. Seven drivers on the night trial meant we had time to run eight sections, finishing about two in the morning. The sections were slightly easier than normal as the dark would be the biggest challenge. It gave all the flash boys in their toys to actually use their led light bars for what they are designed for! And not lighting up Asda car park! And of course when you have a Shogun with no lights at all, a quick portable site light and bailer twine soon sorts the problem. Even with light sorted it's amazing how different sections are in the dark holes are invisible as the light shines over the top of them. You only know they are there when the vehicle lurches into them .

After the eight sections the drivers seemed to have enjoyed the experience, totally different from a day time trial.

Woolbridge 4x4 Night Trial 30/7/2016			
Simon Webb	35 pts	rtv	
Alan Lee	58 pts	rtv	
Sarah Kirby	25 pts	Rtv junior	1 st in class
Garry Morris	21	rtv	1 st o/a
John Kirby	27 pts	ccv	1 st in class
Sam Rufus	34 pts	ccv	
Ben Harvey	35 pts	ccv	

The Sunday morning saw a few more drivers turn up for the trial and ten started the event. I added three more sections with the night sections, so with eight to run there was lots of different terrain to contour. The three extra sections you would not want to drive in the dark! most didnt want to in the light!!!

First casualty was Bens hybrid the crackly cv joints, finally gave out putting an end to his day after trying their best with 2wd. My Shogun was gradually falling apart crackling cv's, two windows removed, rear door permanently fixed shut, complete brake failure repaired with g clamp, exhaust snapped clean in half and rear wheel nearly fell off!! Somehow finished the event, so as all good dads I blamed Sarah and told her no pocket money this year to pay for rebuild, result!!

Greame managed half a day in his xc90 Suzuki, you know the hairdressers favourite!

I think the pressure was too much, or he had a hot flush ,or perhaps he left Mrs Jones under the dryer, but at least it lived to run again, must collect up more hairdresser jokes for that one!

We managed thirteen sections and Paul Johnston had a cracking day and won first overall, well done to him. Well done to the other drivers who managed to finish after staying up half the night.

Thanks to Alan for feeding the masses, Garry Morris for his secretarial skills and Sharon who can count in the dark which must prove she doesn't use her fingers! For score keeping and all those who clear sections at the end.

John Kirby

Woolbridge 4x4 Day Trial 31/7/2016			
John Kirby	ccv	43 pts	2 nd in class
John Tite	ccv	23 pts	1 st in class
Sam Rufus	ccv	retired	
Ben Harvey	ccv	retired	
Greame Wills	ccv	tired	
Garry Morris	rtv	19 pts	1 st in class
Chris Brayshaw	rtv	56 pts	
Simon (jimmy) Webb	rtv	29 pts	2 nd in class
Jes Side	rtv	66 pts	
Paul Johnston	rtv	11 pts	1 st overall
Sarah Kirby	rtv	81 pts	1 st junior