



MASTERFUL PERFORMANCE FROM CHRIS TITE

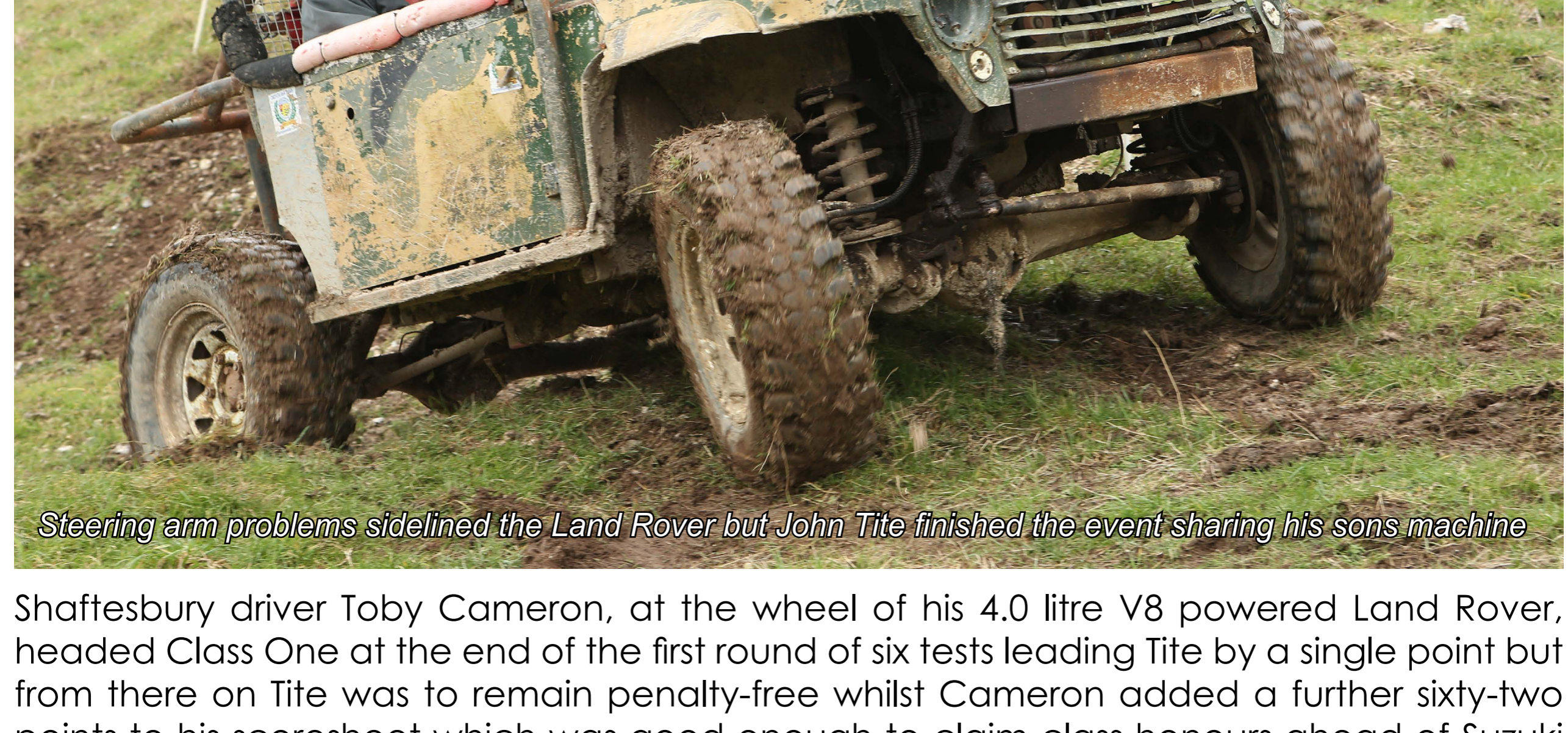
February 4X4 Trial Hogcliff Hill

Sunday February 16th 2025

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Having put his retirement, due to mechanical maladies, from the January event behind him Chris Tite alleviated his disappointment with a decisive victory at Hogcliff Hill in his 3.9 litre V8 powered Land Rover special. The Cerne Abbas driver, a previous Woolbridge Motor Club 4X4 champion, was unchallenged in an event which comprised eighteen sections only two of which cost Tite penalty points.

This performance saw him complete the event with eight penalties which would be added to a handicap of fifteen points due to the superior specification of his mount compared to his fellow competitors in Class One machinery which features individual braking and highly modified transmission differentials.



Steering arm problems sidelined the Land Rover but John Tite finished the event sharing his sons machine

Shaftesbury driver Toby Cameron, at the wheel of his 4.0 litre V8 powered Land Rover, headed Class One at the end of the first round of six tests leading Tite by a single point but from there on Tite was to remain penalty-free whilst Cameron added a further sixty-two points to his scoresheet which was good enough to claim class honours ahead of Suzuki driver Nigel Berisford with Tite securing the overall win.

Amongst the Class One competitors was Geoff Rushe from South West Area Trials with his single-seater four wheel drive special. Whilst the chassis is a tad on the large side a steerable rear axle made for an odd appearance as the driver threaded his way through the tests utilising the 3.2 litre V6 power plant which originally did service in an Izuzu Trooper.

A closer battle played out in Class Two (caged buggies of any wheelbase) involving John Kirby, Dave Butterfield and John Tite with the last mentioned leading the way through the early tests in his Land Rover whilst Butterfield, from Weymouth, led Kirby by a single point. However, the second series of tests saw Tite ship forty-one penalties letting his two adversaries back into contention as they fought out an intense battle which saw them on equal penalties ahead of the final run of six tests. Kirby carded the best performance on the run into the finish to claim the class victory at the wheel of his modified Land Rover eight points clear of Butterfield.



Greg Danks lands the Frankingeeep



John Kirby moved up the order as the day progressed

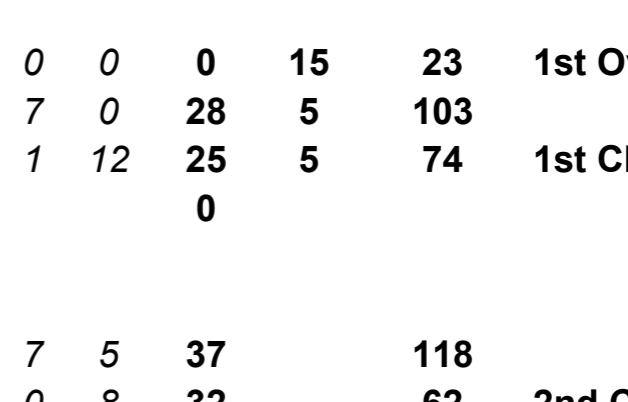


Geoff Rushe with his unusual four wheel steer machine



HOGCLIFF HILL

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DRIVER	RUN 1					RUN 2					RUN 3					Handicap		Position					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5		6	Pts	Total		
Class 1																							
1 Chris Tite	2	0	6	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	23	1st Overall
2 Nigel Berisford	4	4	9	10	6	2	35	7	5	3	3	7	10	35	0	5	8	8	7	0	28	5	103
3 Toby Cameron	3	0	1	1	0	2	7	8	4	10	10	4	1	37	1	1	8	2	1	12	25	5	74
4 Geoff Rushe	2	10	6	6	5	2	31	Retired					0							0			
Class 2a																							
5 Greg Danks	6	3	10	6	6	10	41	9	9	7	3	2	10	40	3	6	8	8	7	5	37		118
6 Dave Butterfield	2	1	1	1	2	2	9	8	4	4	2	2	1	21	2	6	8	8	0	8	32		62
7 John Kirby	2	1	1	3	2	1	10	8	0	8	3	1	0	20	5	1	8	8	1	1	24		54
8 John Tite	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	9	4	7	10	1	10	41	1	4	8	8	4	0	25		70



Nigel Berisford in his Suzuki flew the flag for EDORC (East Devon Off Road Club)



Toby Cameron secured Class 1 win with his 4.0 litre V8 engined Land Rover


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4X4 TRIAL
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Next Event - Sunday March 16th 2025 Winterborne Abbas



Dave Butterfield engaged in day-long battle with John Kirby