



Pre-pro 5-door G513DHP

# G-WAC Notes

From the  
Project Jay Preservation Group

**A News sheet for those who are interested  
in the early Land Rover Discoverys**



Keith's D1, formerly G531DHP

## July 2015

With the weather being so good recently I have spent a lot of time in the garden, repairing broken fencing and generally tidying up the patio. (There's a misnomer if ever there was one, more like a blacksmith's yard than a patio)

I've dead headed a few bushes, and there is a tall leylandii that will be 'dead headed' soon, ready for the front room fire in the winter.

Our trip to the Billing Land Rover Fest is looming and the pre-pro will have to work hard this trip, Jack has fitted a tow bar and will tow his 465 with her, I dread to think what the fuel consumption will be down to.

If you are going to visit the show, we have been allocated stand S35, so pop along and say hello.

The insurance has just been renewed for the two pre-pros, with cover for any driver over 25 years old, subject to conditions of course. If we can recruit a few more enthusiasts, then getting them to shows now should not be a problem,

## G510 WAC

Last year I was lucky enough to buy back G510 WAC, which I used as a daily driver in the early 2000s, and then sold when the running costs became too high.

Sadly, it lost its original tailgate in the intervening years but otherwise it has survived well and it runs beautifully. It's now safe in dry storage and I hope to start the restoration in 2016.

There's a rumour on the Internet that 510 featured in a 1989 episode of Top Gear, being driven by Chris Goffey along the Ridgeway – does anyone happen to have a copy on VHS?

Mark

## Spare silencer and tailpipe.

Dr. Diether Hoffmann has found a home for the spare silencer, which he had on his shelf and was advertised in the May Notes.

Keith Daffern, from Bergerac in France, has now received it, and it will be fitted to his D1, registration number 3656 TW 24.

Keith's D1 was first registered by Land Rover in the UK as G531DHP, a registration number very close to our pre-pro.

## G469 WAC for sale

The 3.5 V8 engine has had a rebuild and is running well. Body in Windjammer blue and it has a full set of decals.



Now needs some TLC; sills need attention and petrol tank cradle replacing. No MoT, so will need collecting from Worcestershire.

I have lots of historical documents and some memorabilia.

Please contact me on 07813 790171, for more information.

Lee.

## Ripon Old Cars Classic Gathering at Ripon Racecourse. 26th July

It is always a good day out at this show, meeting old friends and greeting new ones.



The sun was shining and a very warm day to start. We could see the storm clouds approaching at about 3.30 pm - but not before Margaret and I had sampled a few ice creams.

The Land Rover 90-110 Club had a good stand on a steep banking, showing off their capabilities

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## Classic Car & Bike Show, plus Land Rover Display. Ripon Racecourse 30th August

The Yorkshire Section of the Discovery Owners Club has booked stand space for this event, where I hope to show 526 and the pre-pro, G513DHP.

Five extra car passes have been ordered, at £3.50, which includes two occupants and children per car.

Camping/caravanning is available on Saturday evening. Postcode HG4 1UG.

Ripon is 10 minutes walk from the racecourse, where the Hornblower sounds the horn each evening at 9.00 in the square, to 'Set the watch'.

For the energetic, a walk down the canal side, past the boat marina, is good exercise before settling down for a drink.

Tickets can be purchased from me on a 'first come first served' basis, or at the gate on Sunday for £6.00, £3.00 for children.

Roy.



## MG Northumbria's Classics in Corbridge. 5th July

We hadn't been to this show before, so when we had an invitation to join the North East 4x4 Club on their stand, we took the opportunity to sample their hospitality.

The trip of normally 88 miles was disrupted by the A1 improvements when we were redirected to the A19, still a pleasant trip as we always enjoy travelling north.

There were more than 700 classic vehicles at the show, which was run to raise money for charitable and good causes, and therefore making the MG Northumbria's Classics in



Corbridge at Tynedale Park, the biggest ever show in the north east.

The show had entertainment for all the family, including live music from two bands. There was a dog agility display, a fun dog show, flight simulator, archery and children's rides. A range of traders and charity stalls were busy all day.

## G631 WAC

Does anyone know the whereabouts of this one?

It does not appear on the DVLA site.



(Picture by Jonathan Stockwell)

## Forthcoming events

31st July–2nd August.

Billing Land Rover Fest. Great Billing. Northamptonshire. NN3 9DA.

We now have stand space for five cars at the show. Stand S35, subject to change of course.

16th August. Raby Castle Classic Vehicle Show. Staindrop. Co Durham. DL2 3AH

30th August. Ripon Autumn Classic Car Show. Ripon Racecourse. Ripon. North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG

19-20th September.

Land Rover Show 2015. East of England Showground. Peterborough. PE2 6XE.

We hope to book stand space for this show.

10-11th October

Plymouth Birthday Weekend. The annual return to the place where the Discovery was launched to the Press and Dealers in 1989. <http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk/>

**Current known owners of launch cars. @ July 2015**

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC	Jack Straw
G469WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Rob Stewart
G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G490WAC	Jon Chester
G494WAC	Mark Harrow
G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Mark Dixon
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G531WAC	Ashley Culling
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

**There were 86 cars registered on 01.10.89 from G451WAC to G537WAC, with the exception of G500WAC.**

**Other pre-production, and G-WACs**

B62COH & C60JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)	G347WAC (LR110)	Ron Boston
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G226EAC	Project Jay Preservation Group	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G513DHP	Project Jay Preservation Group	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G87 WAC (LR90)	Chris Simms	G410WAC	Alan Young
G97 WAC (LR90)	Ted Billington	G563WAC	David Spirrett
G279WAC	Neal	G584WAC (RR)	Sharon Paige
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews	G601WAC	Chris Lowe
G308WAC	Robin Gray	G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G310WAC	Mark Simpson	G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G611WAC	Jamie Menzies
G312WAC	Simon Purcell	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G314WAC	Owner not known	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G316WAC	David Cox	G635WAC	Alec Gatherer

**Other early cars**

G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G39 WJD	Bob Jolleys	G767NRH	David Ashburner
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G67 RYJ	Alan Mitchell	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G101GEL	Robert Hoskins	G907VYT	Alan Young
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	G923PUE	Nigel Burland
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G266BJU	Lee Haines	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H95 DBK	Dave Dorling
G412FSJ	Andrew Cameron	H367OBE	Dave Mummery
G441WPX	Mark Harrow	H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
G456AVT	A Burchel	J140OAC Ambulance	Neil Witt
G553OWD	J Herod	J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
G580PNU	Ian Rawligns	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G577GTY	Craig Pusey	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G628BKV	Alan Young	Formerly G531DHP	
G656RYB	Graham Welch	LA DC 502	Dr. Hofmann (Germany)
G711YRY	Derek Henman		

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