



Lee's G461WAC

G-WAC Notes

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



Lee's G302WAC

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I am having a few days away for a break from the PC, so I am early this month with only two pages, but will be back late September with a bumper report about the Peterborough show, and perhaps some words from Ian about his progress with the rebuild of G463WAC, and from Mark about his progress with my G478WAC.

Devon and Cornwall Section of the Discovery Owners Club report some changes for this year's party, www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk and I look forward to the trip to the south west in October.

Behind the plastic sills

The steel body sills are notorious for rusting, and one of the jobs that I did when cleaning and checking my latest acquisition, was to remove the plastic sills and give the metalwork a good wire brushing, and a coat or two of paint. Fortunately the sills had not rusted through!!

The plastic sills are not difficult to remove, a 10mm nut and bolt at the front and usually a self-tapper at the rear. The 7 or 10 'rivet-plastic' fittings (part number 79086L) can be removed by punching the round plastic pin through the rivet, but unfortunately the pins are then lost to the inside of the sill and cannot be retrieved for re-use.

There is a solution however. Drill a very small pilot hole in the end of the round plastic pin, insert a small self-tapper, and with a pair of pliers, give the tapper a sharp pull and the pin will come out together with the rivet.



Alternately, if you can't use the self-tapper method, raid the knitting box of your wife/girlfriend and steal a plastic knitting needle, size 5.5mm.

Cut the needle to lengths of 15mm, and you will have as many pins that you are likely to need for your fleet. (Unless you have as many Discos as Mark).

L270MCF. The Honda Crossroad

I have done as much to the Crossroad as I can just now, so she is away to Ripon 4x4 for some welding and pre-MoT check.

Gary collected her from my place with his trade plates. I followed with a tow rope, just in case she did not make it. She had been delivered to me by breakdown truck, and only driven up and down the drive a few times.

There was no need for me to have worried about her reliability,



Gary set off at such a pace that I could not keep up on the country roads to his place at Dalton.

There was a big grin on his face when I arrived, and he said that it was

the best 3.9i auto that he had driven.

I am relying on him, and sons, to patch her up so that I can take her to the Peterborough Land Rover Show.

James, and gardening

We moved to Warwick a few months ago and I thought that it was time to do a bit of gardening. I hate Cortaderia *selloana* (pampas grass) so decided to dig it up.

After a while, trying to dig into the now solid earth, it occurred to me that there was an easier way, and I do like it when I can mix gardening and Land Rovers.



If weeding was this much fun I would do it more often.

James

Discovery Birthday Party. Plymouth
20th – 21st October 2018

As many of you are aware, the Windy Ridge Eating House, Trerulefoot, closed its doors this year.

We have been working hard and have secured a new free venue to host the Saturday's events.

Have a look at their website.
<http://www.whitsandbayfort.co.uk/>
 Phone **01752 822597**

The new venue also has onsite camping/ caravan pitches and luxury lodges for hire. The pitch price is £10 per night with electric hook-up and use of the indoor swimming pool and hot showers. Also, being an old fort, it has loads of history for those that enjoy this.

The hall that we will be eating in is large and beautiful. We are sure you will all be very impressed with our choice.

Food wise it's a carvery, cooked by the locally famous Craig! The price is £8.95 per adult, and £3.95 for children. (veggie and vegan are same price, but we need to know your requirements in advance)

There will be simple menu items for children and those not wanting the roast. A huge selection of ice creams for those still hungry.

It is a prearranged price for us, so please book your accommodation directly with them, stating that you are coming for the Discovery Birthday Party.



Many thanks, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on The Hoe, Saturday 20th about 10.am.
<http://www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk/>

Tim & Team, at the Devon and Cornwall Section of the Discovery Owners Club.



526, home at last

On 10th August, JLR returned her from the 70 Years Celebration exhibition at Balmoral Castle.

Looking very shiny, and very clean inside, I think that the exhibits were valeted every week.



The MoT expired during the time she was away, so JLR delivered her to my regular repairer, Ripon 4x4, where preparation for test showed that a power steering pipe was leaking, (Roger Crathorne had warned me that during the loading onto the covered wagon, she was groaning a bit) and she needed a patch on the inner front wing.

She passed with just one advisory, for being 'heavily undersealed'

I look forward to taking her to the Peterborough Land Rover Show next month.

Other shows 2018

October

- 14th Ripon 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG. www.4x4sparesday.co.uk
- 20th - 21st Discovery Birthday Party. Plymouth Hoe. www.discoverybirthdayparty.co.uk
- 28th Malvern 4x4 & Vintage Spares Day. Wye Halls, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR, www.4x4sparesday.co.uk

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