



# G-WAC Notes

From the  
**Project Jay Preservation Group**



**A News Sheet for those who are interested  
in the factory registered G-WACs.**

## June 2022

Halfway through the year already, but we have had some good weather and leisurely weekends at shows. G526WAC has had several outings already this year, so I will be giving G478WAC, the V8, a run to the Classic Land Rover Gathering at Skillington on 2nd and 3rd of July.

## G180 WAC

When I purchased my G-WAC from A10 motors, Puckeridge nr Ware, Hertfordshire, I had no idea of the importance of its registration plate.

It was an extremely tidy four-wheel drive, only 80,000 miles on the clock, in smart Trocadero Red. Who would have thought thirty plus years on, this working vehicle is as good as the day I bought it?



Yes, it has had the usual steel areas renewed, inner and outer sills A and B pillar bases, rear arches and body to chassis mounts, all done in our workshops. The original 3·5 V8 has just been rebuilt. While the 3·5 is out, we have been running a 3·9 to keep it on the road. In my experience the 3·9 is one of the best Rover engines.

I have always been loyal to the Range Rover brand since the mid-1970s. My first carb P reg. model in Sahara Dust, with vinyl roof and full Webasto sunroof, I believe it is still working in the Peterborough area.

Our main day to day cars are a 4·6 P38 and an L322 straight six diesel, both cars on high mileages both going strong, the secret is 4,000 mile oil changes without fail.

So back to finding time to get the original 3·5 V8 back in the Classic red G-WAC.

Guy Butler-Henderson

## Events

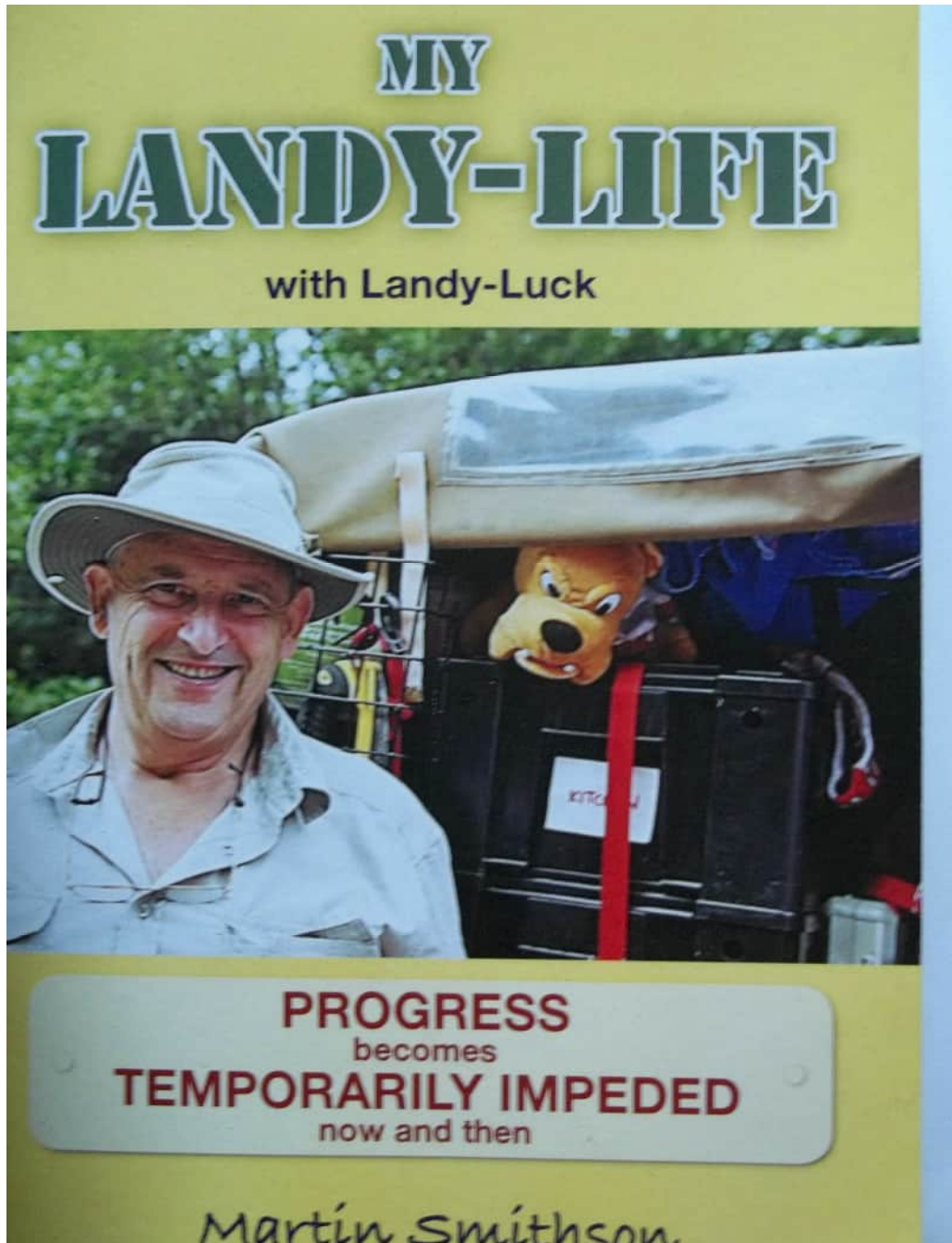
Showing our Jays at classic car shows is our hobby, and getting them to shows is part of the enjoyment. For the popular main Land Rover shows, we have space already booked for a club stand, but space at some smaller local shows have also been booked. The main shows are listed on our website, [www.pjpg.co.uk](http://www.pjpg.co.uk)

- 17th July. Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 7TQ
- 24th July. Classic Car Gathering, Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG,
- 7th August. Lytham Hall, Ballam Rd, Lytham, Lancashire. FY8 4JX
- 14th August. Tynedale Park, Corbridge, Northumberland. NE45 5AY.
- 28th August. Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, North Yorkshire. HG4 1UG
- 29th August. Ripley Castle, Ripley, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG3 3EA
- 4th September. Hoghton Tower, Hoghton, Nr Preston, Lancashire. PR5 0SH

If you are a paid up member of the PJPG and would like to put your Jay on our club stand, please email me [berrypatrick22@gmail.com](mailto:berrypatrick22@gmail.com) or [events@pjpg.co.uk](mailto:events@pjpg.co.uk) or message/phone/text 07894 090 514

Patrick

## My Landy – Life, a book by Martin Smithson



Martin is a member of the PJPG and wrote a book some time ago about his experiences with his Land Rovers, he says *“These pages relate just a few of the many Land Rover ‘Experiences’ I have enjoyed over the years while living my Landy - Life from Heaven to Hell and beyond. As a young lad I was seduced by an old Series 1 Land Rover that sowed the Landyism seed that slowly matured and grew, Luring me to lead a wonderful Landy-Life and to enjoy many Land Rover ‘experiences’ along the way. Meet the Landy family, learn of my many dirty Landy affairs over the years and how Boudie, an ex-military Airportable Lightweight joined the family”.*

I have read the book, which is a graphic account of his experiences, and chapters such as ‘The French Disconnection’ and ‘Algeria/Tunisia border’ are a fascinating read.



Copies can be obtained online from Martin at £12.50

[www.mylandylife.co.uk](http://www.mylandylife.co.uk)

## G526WAC goes on holiday

526 is one of my collection of Jays and only comes out of storage occasionally for Land Rover and classic car shows. A holiday for Daphne and I was overdue, so we decided to have a few days away from home on the coast somewhere.

We have not been to the ALRC National for many years, but with the 2022 event being at the Bilsington Priory in Kent and the fact that the PJPG had recently been accepted as a member of the ALRC, we decided to combine the rally with a few days on the south coast.



With the Land Rover Legends show being on the weekend following the rally and all 'down South', we decided to have a few days holiday and combine the two shows.

The ALRC National event was preceded by a few days camping from the 28th May and the first day of the rally was Thursday 2nd June. We did not go down for the camping days before the event but started out on Wednesday 1st June as I did not fancy tackling the M25 in late afternoon Thursday after a journey of 200 miles from home.

The restful overnight stay was at Boxworth near Cambridge. The journey to Kent the next day via the M25 was not as stressful as expected. We arrived at the priory early afternoon Thursday to be greeted by PJPG members Janet and Michael New, who helped us erect the gazebo and flag. Charles Whitaker came to say hello.

The Land Rover trials and other competitions



were in full swing, but we took time away from the excitement to attend a Queen's Platinum Jubilee year tea party in the priory grounds.

Janet and Daphne spent a few hours to visit the priory on one day (not my scene) and had a very pleasant time.

At the rally we entered 526 in the Concours d'Elegance parade. She was awarded a shield to be returned next year and a plaque to keep.



After leaving the rally in Kent on Monday 6th June, we called to see my niece at Crawley Down for lunch, then on for our few days holiday at Bognor Regis.

We did not venture into the sea.



We headed to Thruxton race circuit on Friday for the Thruxton Historic event, which incorporated the Land Rover Legends show, where Dion and Oliver, Jon, Richard, Simon, and Tim and Haddow with five other Jays were there on our stand.

The stand layout was well organised with a good visual layout, and we were awarded a runner up trophy (highly commended) for the Best Club Display.



Janet and Michael invited us to stay at their home in Kimpton until Monday morning, then a night in Hereford with my sister and niece on Monday completed the holiday.

We arrived home on Tuesday, 14th June, after a very pleasant couple of weeks away from the PC. We put nearly 1,000 miles on G526WAC.

Roy and Daphne Preston.