



# G-WAC Notes



A news Sheet for those who are interested in the factory registered G-WACs

## September 2024

The weather has been so bad this month that I have not spent much time on my Jays, Dan currently has three of them in his workshop for various jobs to be done.

G513DHP is with him for some welding to be done on the sills, I suppose it is getting ready for a body off restoration, but it will be ready and shiny for the NEC in November.

The Discovery Birthday Party will soon be with us, and some of the North East members have booked a holiday cottage for the weekend. Keep an eye on the website to book your evening meal.

### **Land Rover Discovery Birthday Weekend**

## Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show, National Exhibition Centre 8th to 10th November 2024

We are pleased to see that we have been allocated a stand at the November show, and there is space for three Jays.

Join us on stand 3-185 at the UK's premier classic motor event, the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show at the NEC Birmingham from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th November.

Club members, friends and followers can book tickets at [www.necclassicmotorshow.com](http://www.necclassicmotorshow.com) quoting our club code **CCCNOV877** to save £4 off single-day adult tickets or £2 off family, child or multi-day tickets. Book by 17th October and you'll help us earn additional benefits.

Ashley will be showing his Commercial, L882WDE. Dan will be showing his fully restored factory registered 200Tdi, G601BKV, and Roy will be showing his factory registered pre-pro 5-door with the 3.5i V8. G513DHP

It will be a good selection of Jays to show the public, a Commercial, a 3-door and a 5-door.

I am organising our stand, so if you would like to attend the show to help on the stand with me, please text/phone 07894 090514 or email me on [events@pjpg.co.uk](mailto:events@pjpg.co.uk).

Patrick

G610WAC

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## G486WAC

Work has started on my G486WAC, with the body removed from the chassis, this has flagged some issues with the chassis.



The garage recommends replacing the chassis for a new one. However, I am wary of this given the rarity of this vehicle

I am going to see what the impact is on cost and time to repair the original chassis rather than replacement

Craig Robertson



## Seen on Facebook

After getting her back from the body shop it quickly became obvious it needed more time in the garage.

Another six weeks later it came back with a new HD clutch, Ashcroft reconditioned the original gearbox, timing belt done, all new brake flexis replaced with new braided items, front exhaust, plus few other bits. A week using as a daily and it's easily the best Disco I've driven to date.



Replaced a window rail, upgraded the radio - much better and started removing the front bumper as while it was in the garage the body shop painted a new old stock genuine front bumper I bought.

Add all this to the work during the summer ( 4\*spring and shocks, 4\* pads, etc etc) and it's turned into some job.

Stuart Hughes

### **35th Discovery Birthday Party**

The party will take place on Saturday 19th October 2024 at the Mount Edgecumbe Estate, near Torpoint, Cornwall., PL10 1HZ, ANY type of Land Rover will be welcome to attend.

Meet up from 09.00 at the Maker Church car park (w3w///album.chefs.wink) to register and purchase plaques (£15 cash) and stickers (£5 cash) before a drive around the Deer Park (£10 cash donation to Mount Edgecumbe required). After this, the party will proceed to the Barn Pool car park to park up for the day.

There will be a coffee Defender there and there are also two cafe/restaurants on the estate and a pub just outside, or, you can bring your own snacks.

The attendees will re-convene at 18.00 at the Windy Ridge Restaurant, Trerulefoot, PL12 5BJ (w3w///spurred.trespass.typical) for a choice of roast dinners, including vegetarian and G.F options (prices from £7.50 - child's, to £18.75 - large!) Bookings for dinner must be made on the Birthday Facebook page.

After dinner there will be a draw for the raffle and an auction. Tickets will be on sale all day at £1 each. 100% of monies raised to go to this year's charities: CALM - Campaign Against Living Miserably - [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net) and Go Beyond (formerly Chicks) - [www.gobeyond.org.uk](http://www.gobeyond.org.uk).

On Sunday, there will be a drive out across Dartmoor, starting at 11.00 at Tesco Stores, Lee Mill, PL21 9PE (w3w///love.satellite.dumps). We can stop at Mortonhampstead with the option to visit the Motor Museum, before continuing to the Louis Tea Rooms in Cornwall for a Cream Tea. (Therefore, cream on top!)

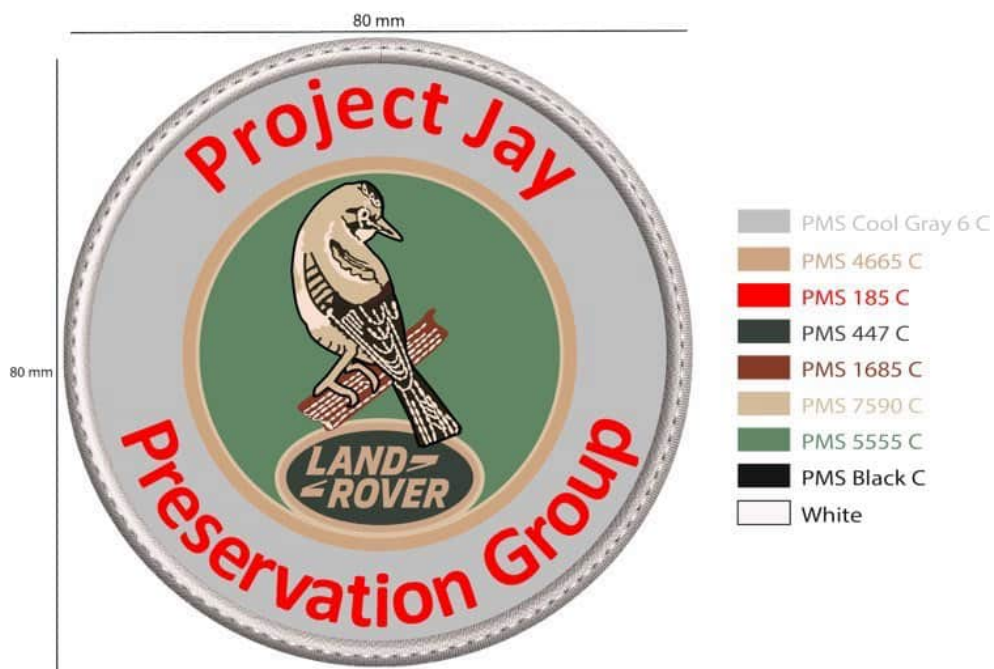
A green laning trip on the Friday 18th is being planned.

Camping for the weekend is available at Hawkins Battery Holiday Park PL10 1JB (w3w///cooks.age.suffice) for £22 per night [www.hawkinsbatteryholidaypark.co.uk](http://www.hawkinsbatteryholidaypark.co.uk) or phone Kev on 01752 823234 and mention Discovery Birthday Party.

Further details can be seen on Facebook. **Land Rover Discovery Birthday Weekend**  
**Tim**

### **Sew-on badges**

We are pleased to tell you that the cloth badges are now available, at £4.00 each, plus post and packing. Daphne will take them to Plymouth, and the NEC or can be ordered by emailing her on [shop@](mailto:shop@).



## **FB.346.CG**

Thanks for letting me join this merry band of people, I've just bought this beauty. It's a 93. 200Tdi County Rider. L/H drive, showing 180,000 km on the clock.

First registered in Andorra, then to the Isle of Man and back to south of France for 25 years.. I live near Limoges in France.



I drove her back 300km the other day and she was getting hot. Temp gauge running at 3/4 and red light flashing on. I've checked the fan, coolant, now I guess it's either radiator, thermostat or sender.

This Land Rover is first for me. I was after a Defender, but they all seem too pricey.  
Martin E Horwood

## **Land Rover S1 Restoration Mathewsons: Bangers and Cash**

I watched the Bangers and Cash TV crew restoration by Booler. about £9,000 on new parts and £58,000 labour. Bought for just under £10,000 and best offer accepted was a mere £40,000.

Spread over 18 months, I think. How on earth did they clock up 580 hours in a workshop assuming a premium hourly rate of £100? They (Booler) wasted time – and money - sand-blasting a chassis that was clearly scrap with endless previous bad welding patches. New chassis. Fitted new bulkhead. Chassis and bulkhead should have been around £5,000 max – leaves £14,000 for other “parts” which included new front seating - new hood frame - new hood - new windscreen.

Did not overhaul engine – not clear about gearbox/clutch. For some reason they fitted incorrect rear parabolic springs giving a stupidly high rear end ride height – but looked as if normal leaf fronts fitted.

I have always been suspicious about this programme dealing with restoration work. The last “nut and bolt” job I prepared was a 109 1984 ex-MoD 24V – and I was very happy to sell at £7,000. It was then featured in a full LRO article. (about 10 years ago).

In the 1990s we were paying about £400 for clean ex-MoD S3 vehicles including lightweights, and selling on after basic refurbishment, including a respray in Mod Green (not NATO Green as many think: different colours) for around £1,500.

The final batch of 109 vehicles were £100 each in batches of 10. How times change.

Roger

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