



Series 2 Club

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East Midlands Area Round-up, 2018

Firstly, a very warm welcome to everyone, especially our new members who joined in 2018. We had a busy calendar of events in 2018, and as the year draws to close, I wanted to reflect on some of the highlights.

In January, 34 came out in 15 Land Rovers from Northants, Cambs, Rutland, Leics, Notts, Lincs, Oxon and Yorks. We drove 50 miles of scenic and green-lanes, followed by a Sunday pub-lunch in Buckminster and Sproxtton.

In February a smaller group scouted some of our lesser known green-lanes in the south of the area, venturing from Rutland, through Leicestershire and into Northants.



On a particularly bitter and snowy day in March, 25 of us in 12 Series Land Rovers took a scenic drive and green lane run from Uppingham over to Foxton Locks, with most stopping to warm up and have Sunday lunch at the The Bell in Gumley.

In April, we accepted an invitation to take part in the Army's open day for Land Rovers at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks' off-road course. A really fun day out which really tested the Series Land Rovers' capabilities. None failed, though some took a little while to fully recover their brakes after the water and mud sections of the



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course. Bacon butties, teas and coffees were provided by the Army, with all proceeds helping to support the Army Benevolent Fund.



Area pub meets were arranged monthly, by Alex Thorpe at The Lincolnshire Otter, Gainsborough (DN211QT) and myself at Edith Weston, Rutland Water (LE158EZ) throughout the year (with the Rutland meet switching to the monthly Greatham Classic Car Gathering from May – September).

In June, Club members were joined by other Series Land Rover owners at the 'Steam on Rutland Water' Show, which was an enjoyable camping weekend / day-trip out.



The Series 2 Club Rally took place 2-5 August around Rutland Water, attracting 191 people in 105 Land Rovers from all over UK, France and Switzerland to come along. Thanks to the generosity of companies (local and national),

our raffle raised almost GBP 946 for the East Midlands Air Ambulance, and blessed with good weather, there was plenty to occupy everyone. The E.Mids team put together a great Rally.



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In November, 45 came along to Uppingham for our annual 'Thanksgiving for Land Rovers' event in 21 Series Land Rovers (mainly SII variants) and 1 Defender, joining from Yorks, Lincs, Leics, Northants, Notts, Cambs and Rutland.



After splitting into small groups and staggering our departure times and heading out in different directions, we drove 52 scenic miles, which included 14 non-damaging green lanes and through 7 fords in Rutland, Leics and Northants. We rejoined 4 hours later in a large car-park on the edge of Rutland's Eyebrook Reservoir to enjoy homemade pumpkin soup, turkey sandwiches, pork pie, coffee and mince pies.



Thanks to everyone who helped out organising or donated their time and resources to support area events in 2018. I'm starting to put together an event calendar for 2019, so please send me a note if you have a suggestion to be included. For planning purposes, dates for next year's S2 Club Rally in Devon are confirmed as 20-23 June (more details on the S2C forum, Facebook page and Twitter (@Series2club)).

Happy Land Roving, John



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