



Harry's G405WAC

# 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 G406WAC

## March 2012

The Convoy 4 Heroes will be our first outing on the Easter weekend. A mini convoy will be starting out on Thursday 3rd April from Banff, Aberdeenshire, headed up by Kevin Bond (Yoda).

We hope to meet the mini convoy at 9.00 am at the Little Chef, A1 Southbound at Barnsdale Bar Service Area, Pontefract, West Yorkshire. WF8 3DP, on Friday 4th April, and expect to arrive at Prestwold Hall, LE12 5SQ at 11.00 am.

If you wish to join the mini convoy on its way South then give Kevin a call on 07801 894671.

### Club Expo at HMC Gaydon. 3rd March

Graham and I had a very interesting day at the show, which is a gathering of club enthusiasts where motor club members can come to the Centre and attend talks, with workshops and seminars, to learn more about how to run clubs.

There were 20 speakers who gave talks on subjects from how to run a concours de elegance, to the financial aspects of running a club.

Stalls were set up to display merchandising, trophies, magazines, and the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs had a club stand.

A very interesting talk about how to get a club noticed in the press entitled, "Punching Harder", was given by Dave Richards, editor of Classic Car Weekly. If we had more publicity in the LR press about our passion for the early Discoverys it would be very useful. Do we have a budding PR expert in our midst?

My insurance is due very soon so the talk by Peter James of Peter James Insurance was very welcome.

Peter has a wealth of knowledge that he gladly shared, regarding the benefits of specialist vehicle insurance for clubs and their members.

I later visited his stand, and after a talk to Phillip Beck, came away with a very good offer under their classic car policy. If you regard your early Discovery as a classic car, have a talk to Phillip and mention Project Jay Preservation Group, you may be surprised at what they can offer.

Roy

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## 405 comes out of hiding.

Not that it was really hiding, just that the owner did not know of our existence as early Discovery enthusiasts. (Ed)

From Harry Harrison.

Hi Roy

I recently stumbled upon your Project Jay Preservation Group, and wanted to let you know that G405WAC is alive and well, and living in Pembrokeshire.

I use her every day as my trusty builders chariot. Got 88k genuine miles. All original parts but does not enjoy this sea air!!! Well used and well loved.

I will try to get a picture to you soon. Knocked the passenger mirror off the other week so it really will be a warts and all photo!! I have known Gloria (her name) all her life and I am only the second owner, so can vouch for the mileage. I don't abuse her but I certainly don't pamper her. My four year old daughter loves her and would love to see her in the Notes.

Harry

(We do have a picture though. Ed)

Alex Orbell emailed Graham to say---

A few years ago I took a picture of a G-WAC Discovery with the intent on doing a bit more research. Unfortunately I didn't get round to it, nor was I able to take any more photos of it, but having discovered your site I thought the least I could do would be to send you the picture I have.



The photo was taken on Sunday 19th July 2009 in Haverfordwest, South Wales.

Alex

## More work on 603.

A few jobs have been carried out on 603 recently. A neighbour pointed out that I had no reverse lights so firstly I checked the fuse and that was all OK, so a quick check of the bulbs and they were OK too. So I crawled underneath and fiddled around with the switch. Nothing obvious there so online I went and a new switch ordered, I remembered to get the one for the R380 gearbox because 603 was a test bed for this new gearbox. New switch fitted I then had reverse lights.

It seemed the headlight aim was all over the place so I got a rough idea of the height and put a marker on my shed and tried to do the adjustments, but the turn wheels were very tight so a good blast of WD40 and a coffee while it did its job and they were freed off nicely so they point in the right direction now.



603 has developed a bit of a drone on the drive train! I had a feeling it came from the front prop area so I gave it a good wiggle but no real apparent play and on inspection I noticed there was no grease nipple on the front UJ so I ordered a new nipple and packed in as much grease as possible, but it didn't seem to make any difference.

I thought the UJ had got some muck in and got dry. Looking for a quality UJ, I came across a new old stock prop and both UJ's for a touch under £100 so I bought it! I also bought some new bolts and set to work. Unfortunately it hasn't solved the issue.

It isn't horrendous but it's a touch annoying and is something I will have to save up for to be fixed. Not sure the way to go because it's looking like a

gearbox/transfer box replacement or rebuild. I think rebuild may be the way to go because I wouldn't trust a used one, say on ebay, because it will be pot luck, but a recon will involve giving the one I have and that's not an option because its an early box and unique to 603. Until I have it sorted we will use her but not go too far.

Ian.

## Employees celebrate their 1 Millionth Discovery ahead of its ' Journey of Discovery'

The 1,000,000th Land Rover Discovery has been made at Jaguar Land Rover's Solihull Manufacturing Plant.

To celebrate this milestone and to demonstrate the Discovery's class defining versatility and all-round capability, the 1,000,000th vehicle started a 'Journey of Discovery' from its birthplace in Birmingham to Beijing in China – one of Land Rover's fastest growing markets.

The 50-day, 8,000 mile adventure will be undertaken by three Land Rover Discovery vehicles travelling through more than a dozen countries across Europe and Central Asia, culminating at the Beijing Motor Show on 23rd April.

The expedition also presents Land Rover with the opportunity to launch its most ambitious fund-raising project yet by aiming to raise £1million (GBP) for the company's Global Humanitarian Partner, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). The money will be used to support a much needed water sanitation project in Uganda.

The 'Journey of Discovery' began at a special event for employees at Jaguar Land Rover's Solihull manufacturing facility, on Wednesday 29th February.

The vehicle was bid farewell by employees, journalists and a number of VIPs including some famous explorers and adventurers - all of whom have put their faith in the Discovery in some of the world's most challenging environments.

Those who attended were Bear Grylls, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Ray Mears, Monty Halls and Polar explorer Ben Saunders.







