



Paul's G488WAC

# G-WAC Notes

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



Ian's G480WAC

### November Notes

A few cars have changed hands recently and our thanks to the previous owners for passing them on to new enthusiasts and for not using them in the scrappage scheme.

457 has been seen again on Ebay but we do not know whether it has been sold, and if so, who the new owners is. Let's hope that it comes back on the road again next year.

### Plymouth gathering reported in LRE.

Mark Bumstead, Publicity & Press Officer for the Discovery Owners Club, wrote an excellent article about the gathering. It is featured on pages 52 & 53 of the December issue of Land Rover Enthusiast magazine.

Two pictures illustrate the line-up of Discoverys, and there is also a picture of the enthusiasts on the Hoe, some very young ones too.

### 21 Years of Discovery ?? 2010

I had a very interesting conversation recently. When I called the Mount Edgcumbe Estate to thank them for allowing us to invade their property and take some photos outside the House last month, the gentleman who I spoke to said that he was actually there working on that weekend back in 1989!

He said he remembered the event very well, it being very well organised and professional.

Part of the deal to let Land Rover use the Estate was that they took away one of the Estate Defenders, back to Solihull, totally refurbish it, and return it in as new condition! I asked him for the registration number; he said he would try to find out.

I mentioned that we were possibly looking to do it all again next year, and asked if the Estate would be interested in helping us recreate the visit on a more accurate level, and he was very keen to get involved.

All we've got to do is to let him know in very good time when we are planning to do it, so that it doesn't clash with any of their event dates, and they'll happily get on board.

Good, eh?

Let's hope for a return visit next year

Ian Williams. Cornwall

### New owner for 469

I recently purchased Graham's old G469 WAC Discovery, it is still in quite good nick but it does need some work to get the engine running again and a bit more work before it will be able to get a new MoT.

Some time will be spent getting her back on the road to her former glory and driving again, and I will send you some pictures of her. The intention is to enter her around the shows next year, so if you do see 469 and me please come across and say hi.

I am trying to get the body transfers redesigned and put back on her, but I am struggling to find out what the original colour of the body decor was. If you have any ideas, your advice would be much appreciated. I think they were dark grey, green and light grey.

Hope to see you at the shows next year.

Lee.

*(A few of us are usually hanging around the Discovery Owners Club stand, so please come along and say hello, and we may persuade you to join the club. Ed.)*

### Gaydon May 2nd 2010

May next year sounds a long way off but with perhaps a few more cars on the road we may need to plan a bit of space for ourselves at some shows. We can't expect the Discovery Owners Club to bail us out each time.

For those of you who are intending to enter the Heritage run, please get your application in to the Heritage Centre as soon as the entry is open. It would be good to see a few G-WACs and G reg. cars come down the main entrance together.

If you intend to show your G-WAC at the regular Land Rover shows next year, please let Graham know and he will try and persuade the show organisers to give us some space, If they will increase the DOC space to 20 or more cars then the DOC will be pleased and they may find a space for us again.

You may have to pay the DOC £22.00 to get on their stand (joke) but for that you will get a full year membership to a great club.

## Current known owners. @ November.

C742HUH	Charles Whitaker.
G67 RYJ	Peter King
G226EAC	Discovery Owners Club
G279WAC	Neal
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews
G310WAC	Mark Simpson
G316WAC	David Cox
G406WAC	Andy Baker.
G410WAC	Robin Jeffery
G463WAC & G480WAC	Ian Rawlings.
G465WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston.
G469WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Frank Elson.
G478WAC & G610WAC	Meghan & Gary Timmins
G486WAC	John Capewell.
G488WAC	Paul Sutton.
G482WAC	Nick Davis
G490WAC	Rob Ivins
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G524WAC	Bill Jones.
G534WAC	Zoltan Kittrich
G563WAC	David Spirett
G603WAC	Graham Bethell.
G635WAC	Alec Gatherer
G711YRY	Peter Hares
H871EWK	Mark Hardwick

### Other known cars

G401WAC,	G457WAC,	G477WAC,	G482WAC,
G496WAC,	G521WAC,	G525WAC,	G602WAC,
G640WAC			

### I bought G635WAC

I collected 635 from Milton Keynes and it drove the 150+ miles back home very nicely, but driving it is a tad awkward at the moment; it leaks like a sieve through the sunroofs. I shall have to tackle that,

The front inner wings need quite a lot of welding, not immediately obvious whilst viewing.

It has one rear fold-down seat. I am guessing that it would have been some sort of demonstrator. The near side space, where the other seat would be, has unpierced plastic trim and a cubby bin. The offside has trim suited to seat fitment, though the actual seat is loose but with it.

It has a hard plastic box behind the console, so I guess I will search for a cloth bag.

Some service records are with it; but I will contact Dunsfold for more details from their service records. The service book is missing. I will also contact Land Rover Traceability Department to see if they can reveal any historical gems.

A picture and more soon

Alec

## G526WAC. Six months on

I bought 526 from Peter Wykes in May this year after having a test drive in it on the Heritage Run.

A few jobs requiring attention were noted but nothing too difficult to overcome. The interior lights did not work and the front bumper outer edges were very rusty where the plastic bumper ends fix on. I had a good complete bumper in stock so that was an easy fix. There was also some accident damage at the N/S tail lamp, which is still to repair.

I have covered nearly 5,000 miles with it since the purchase and have carried out a 12,000-mile service and have had the cambelt changed. It now has 85,000 miles recorded.

The car was featured in a road test carried out by Land Rover Owner magazine in December 1989 when it was pictured with a full set of side decals, a rear retractable step but no side steps. The car as bought has no decals; no rear step but has genuine Land Rover full-length side steps. I am not sure whether to bring it back to "Plymouth" standard or leave it as it is.



It was fitted with a spare wheel cover but no plastic wheel trim. I decided that it would look better for the Plymouth gathering without the wheel cover so I and bought an original trim, the one with just a Discovery sticker, not the moulded Discovery.

I came across a problem when trying to fit the trim because the three wheel studs for the carrier were too short to accommodate the thickness of the trim and the thin nuts which hold it on. I am not sure how that has come about; perhaps it is a carrier for a Defender rather than a Discovery. I may be able to get some longer bolts and get them welded in.

526 is due for the MoT next month so it will get a good check-over and may need a pair of front shock absorbers. It is due for Tax at the end of January so I may SORN it until March and then retax it before the budget.

It will be out and about again next year with the Heritage run as its first outing and I hope to see some of you on the run.

Roy

## Not a Discovery but.....

Chris sent a picture of his Defender.



“She is a 1989 V8 CSW called Rosinante, I think she is South African/Australian spec and has Air con, Power Steering, Leather bound steering wheel and nice cloth county seats

I have added a few little bits like LPG and a roof rack because I use the vehicle every day.”



*(We should now persuade him to get a G-WAC Discovery !! Ed.)*

### Pictures for Notes header.

I need a picture of your car for the header to these notes. As you can see from previous Notes I only have a few pictures and they get a bit repetitive.

If you let me have a picture in JPG I can then adjust it to size.

Thanks in anticipation

Roy

## Land Rover shows 2010

May 2nd  
Gaydon Heritage Run.

May 8th – 10th  
LRO Spring adventure. Driffield

May 27th  
ALRC Rally

June 19th – 20th  
LRW Show, Bristol & Bath Showground.  
Shepton Mallet.

July 16th – 18th  
LRM Show. Newark

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LRO Show. Billing

August 27th – 29th  
Manby Motorplex

September 11th – 12th  
LRO Show. Peterborough

September 25th – 26th  
Abingdon 4 x 4 festival.

September 26th  
London to Brighton run.

Subject to confirmation

## News from the owner of 316

Just to let you know that the above is still going and in tip-top condition. I have owned it now for two years and it has only done 97000 miles

Goes through the MOT with little cost ...tows well but is as expected very thirsty

It lives in the Cotswolds and I am often asked about its history when other LR owners see it parked somewhere.

David

*(Thanks David. Please let me have a picture of her for the next Notes. Ed)*

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