

# WATERBEACH FUN DAY

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ON SUNDAY February 5, Beds, Herts and Cambs Land Rover club, in conjunction with off-road accessories supplier 'All 4 Wheels' ran a charity open day in aid of cancer research.

The venue was provided by M Dickerson Sand and Gravel, owners of the Waterbeach waste management site, who have always been great supporters of the club.

The plan was formulated between BHCLRC's Green Lanes officer Andy Young and All 4 Wheel's Kevin Cook after an anecdotal conversation regarding the number of complaints from land owners regarding the reckless use of 4x4s in the area. The conversation set the seed of an idea to run a low key open day to teach people to use their vehicles responsibly with the expectation of perhaps a dozen drivers turning up.

The plan developed into an opportunity to give customers of All 4 Wheels and potential new members the chance to get a feel for the sort of activities that they could enjoy within the club environment, both competitive and non-competitive, while raising a few quid for charity at the same time. As with most good ideas the scale of the event grew and grew.

To this end half a dozen trials sections were set out, varying from Tyro standard to tough RTV, and an entertaining green



lanes run around the site. The 'customers' got their first induction into an organised event via the scrutineering process.

A number of vehicles turned up not in quite the condition deemed suitable and were ejected to the 'sin bin'. Fortunately A4W's Kevin was on hand and sorted every failed vehicle out free of charge, much to the gratitude of their drivers.

The day continued accompanied by huge grins as novice off-roaders became more confident in the ability of their vehicles and themselves, as under the instruction of the BHCLRC marshals they learnt new driving techniques.

The organisers were especially pleased to welcome a contingent from the local US Air Force base in various left-hand drive Jeeps and trucks, and introduce them into the Brit approach to off-roading, very different to the dirt track and rock crawling driving that is more popular across the pond.

Particular attention was given to an American by the name of

Scott Ogden who turned up in a British Series III having done hardly any off-road driving previous to this event. It was noted by the marshals that by the end of the day they would have been convinced that he was a seasoned competitor, a natural talent revealed.

Special thanks go to Gary Culpin, Mike Philpot and Nita Halliwell who put a huge effort into helping plan the event and not least to the total of 48 marshals who turned up on the day to help make it such a success.

## enjoyable experience

A total of 58 drivers enjoyed the various experiences, and £838 was raised for Cancer Research, and a number of prizes were donated by All 4 Wheels which were awarded to drivers who were judged by the marshals as having got into the spirit of the day.

The club wishes to thank the following for their help and support:

Levitas Medical Services

owned by Stuart Welland for providing the ambulance and the medical cover free of charge for the event.

Toilet suppliers, ARP Hire Ltd from Littleport who not only lent them free of charge, but also delivered and emptied them for £20.

Adam Shearing, the site Operations Manager for M Dickerson Ltd for the free use of the site and for their assistance in cutting back the hedges on the Green Lane run and also congratulate him on winning the rally he entered over the weekend.

Jacks Snacks Ltd from Newmarket for the on-site catering unit and his generous donation to the charity fund.

J I Gilkes Ltd for the free loan of the road cones.

Pete Newman of Mick George Haulage Ltd for the kind loan of extra fluorescent vests.

Andy Marchant for the loan of the public address system

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