

The  
**Ultimate  
Motoring  
Magazine**



*The best Buy of 1991-1992*

The Newsletter of the UMW Caravan Club (RUC)

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## *GraUMM's Bit.*

*Here comes April.*

*Continuing on from what I said in the last Newsletter, I know it sounds like Me and my UMM but as I get very little out side input I have to write what I can.*

*There are times when some of the phone calls I get about simple things, Well they are simple things to me any way.*

*It feels like I have to hold some ones hand.*

*The only tricky bit is trying to explain and draw a picture over the phone. But at least you know where to get the information from.*

*I don't mind your phone calls as long as they are at a sensible time. Between seven and nine in the evening is best or week-ends but then it may have to ring a while as I may be under a UMM or something.*

*Up till now I have sent out 44 Newsletters to current Members. Out of the fifty odd renewals I sent out in November there are still 24 not renewed and this means I will have to send out 24 reminders alongside this Newsletter at a cost to the small Club funds of £5.*

*The start of the Show Season.*

## CLUB STANDS & Other Events.

*This is a list of some of the shows I will be attending this year with and without the Club Stand some of the dates are based on last years events and are subject to change.*

### The ABINGDON FAYRE.

#### 'Air & Country Show'.

**Dalton Barracks. Abingdon Airfield. Oxfordshire.**

**Sunday 1st May.**

*I have booked my Garden Tractor Collection in to this event.*

### The Basingstoke Festival of Transport.

*The date for this event has yet to be announced as it was cancelled last year because of the weather.*

*Now the*

### May Welsh Week-End.

**Pennard on the Gower Peninsula. Swansea. South Wales.**

*This is planed for the Spring Bank holiday Week-End.*

**Friday 27th, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th of May.**

*I will be travelling down on Friday morning as usual with a stop on the way for a Truckers Salad.*

*I hope to see you all there around mid-afternoon.*

*I can be contacted as usual over the week-end on Mobile 07741-076372.*

*For those that haven't been before if you head for M4 Junction 42 then follow the main road the A483 through Swansea then on towards Mumbles and then follow the B4436 for Kittle, Pennard & Southgate. As you go through the start of Pennard towards Southgate there will be a large UMM sign on the Right Hand Side out side the gate of Daniel Whitehead's yard.*

*Turn in and drive right to the end past the stables and in to the paddock at the rear.*

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*Another get together.*

### The K M Motoring Pageant.

**The Hop Farm. Paddock Wood. Kent.**

**Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July.**

*this is the BIG event of the year for every one in the South of England to meet and talk UMM-Talk all day long.*

*I will be arriving some time after Lunch on Friday to set up the Club Stand and start answering all your questions ??*

*Another update on this event in the next Newsletter.*

*For those that haven't been before and would like to book in for the week-end with FREE Camping I have a few booking forms if you send me an S.A.E.*

### The NATIONAL 4x4 SHOW.

*This is normally some time between July and September but as yet I have had no information.*

*This Event was surposed to be at the Shuttleworth Collection in Bedfordshire for the next Ten Years but if what I was told at the end of last September is any thing to go by then it may not happen.*

### The August Welsh Week-End.

**Pennard on the Gower Peninsula. Swansea. South Wales.**

*This is planed to coincide with the Gower Show where we spend most of Sunday Afternoon witch is Normally the first Sunday in August the 7th.*

*I will know nearer the time.*

### The LITTLEWICK SHOW.

**Littlewick Green. Maidenhead. Berkshire.**

**August Bank Holiday Monday 29th.**

*I will be attending this show again this year with either the Garden Tractor Collection or the Bubble Car.*

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**SAT 24 & SUN 25  
SEPTEMBER 2005**

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**HUGE EXHIBITION OF 4X4  
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INFORMATION**

**TEST RIDE THE LATEST  
MODELS**

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**ADMISSION PRICES**

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**SAVE MONEY BOOK IN ADVANCE!**

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**The NATIONAL MICRO-CAR RALLY. 2005.**  
Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September.  
Southwell Race Course. Nr Newark.  
Nottinghamshire.

*I hope to have my Bubble Car engine rebuilt and back on the road for this event and hoping for good weather as I will be in a tent.*

**The 4x4 SHOW.**  
**Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September.**  
Stoneleigh Park. Warwickshire.  
Nr Coventry.

*this is a New Event with a lot going on and hopefully better organised than the last 4x4 Show.*

*See opposite.*

*I have applied for a Club Stand with space for 4 vehicles at this Event and if we are accepted I will have One or Two Week-End Family Camping Passes worth £60 to give away.  
More updates nearer the time and what you have to do to get your Oily Hands on the Free Tickets.*

**The WELSH 4x4 CLUB SHOW.**

*This may be happening around the beginning of October the 1st & 2nd but hopefully on a drier week-end and possibly a different site to last year.*

**CENTRE SPREAD.**

*For those of you who haven't seen one this is an  
ALTER II 121 inch wheel base Pick Up.*

*This one belongs to Alan Miller in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland.*

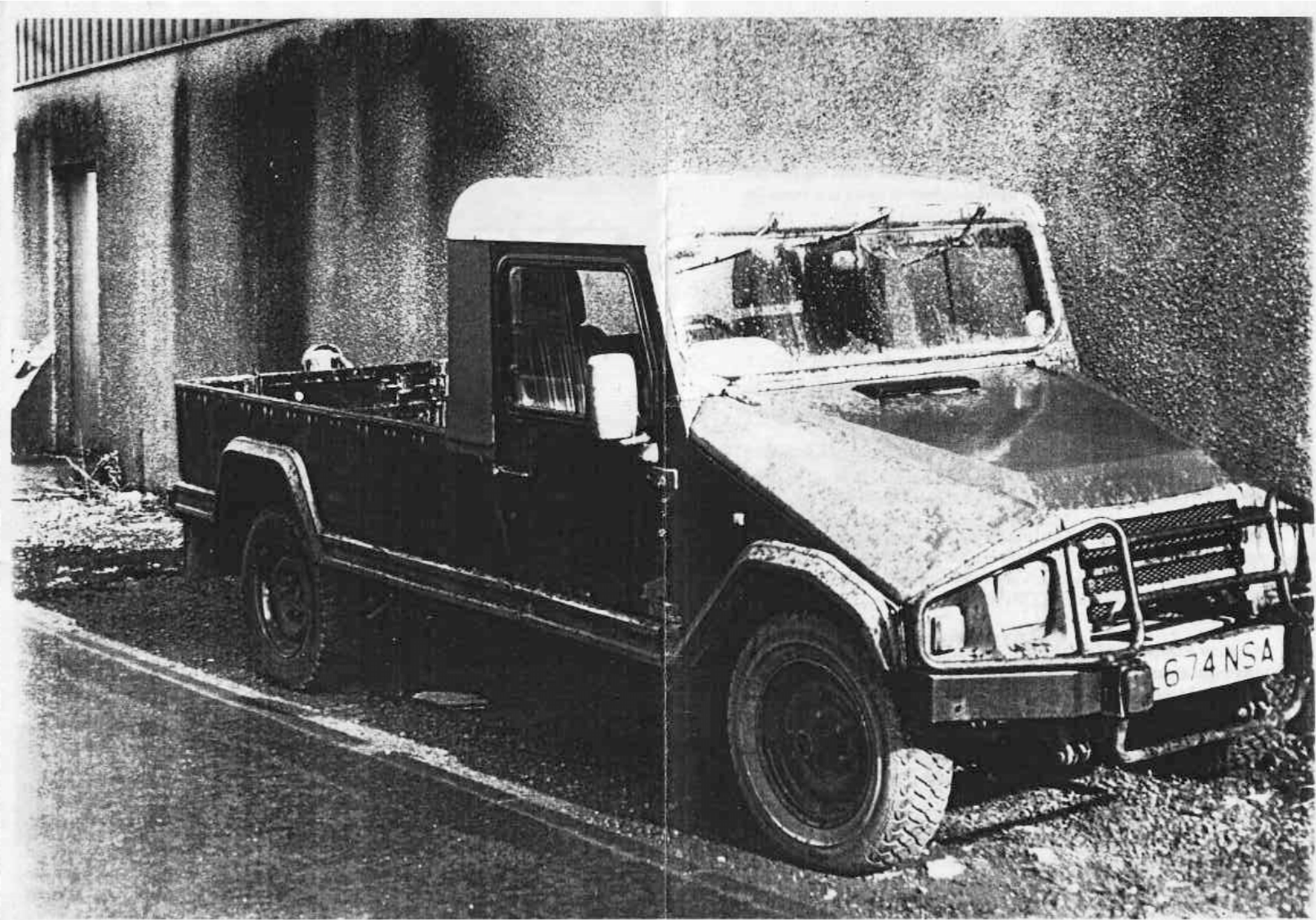
*This photo was sent to me by Gregor Robertson in Edinburgh.*

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Organisers Office:  
Live Promotions Events Ltd.,  
Riverside Quay, Double Street,  
Spalding, Lincolnshire. PE11 2AB







## Round Lights in Square Holes.

Numbers Thirteen, Fourteen & Fifteen of my collectum all 'G' Reg ALTER II's came with a sort of round Head Lamp conversion and not a pretty sight.

I have seen several round head lamp conversions using the standard Lucas / Wipac 700 Sealed Beam or Pre-Focus Head Lamp units as per the original MINI these units are available from

VEHICLE WIRING PRODUCTS. Ref Number 5812B. £42.48 + vat each.

The only problem is that the head lamp backing dish will fit flush with the back of the square recess in place of the original lamp once all assembled you can not fit the chrome rim.

After spending some time thinking !! and an evening with a pile of parts on a table I think I almost have the answer.

With the Head Lamp Panels removed from your vehicle proceed as thus !! The first thing to do is make a packer to go behind the lamp unit to give clearance for the chrome rim.

For this I used two rings for each lamp cut from a piece of 1 inch thick Multi-Ply.

These were cut to 8 1/2 inch's in diameter with a 6 1/2 inch hole in the centre.

I had originally thought of making the packer the same shape as the recess in head lamp panel but there are too many different angles.

With the two packing rings screwed together.  
(4 Brass Screws from the back)

First cut a template of the shape of the backing panel.

I then cut a cardboard template of the side angles.

With the backing panel template placed square on the back of the packing rings mark the four sides.

With the side angle template transfer the angle to a Bench Saw then take each of the packing rings in turn place face down on the saw bench and carefully cut the angles on all four sides but don't cut into the face ring.

If you have got the angles right and cut them correctly the packing rings should fit nicely in the Head Lamp Panel ??

All being well secure each one with four screws and four large washers. On the face of each ring you will have to drill two 10mm holes to take the adjuster screws.

Next secure the head lamp shells to the face of the packing rings. Having got every thing assembled and test fitted all the parts now take it all apart and paint the packing rings with black paint.

With every thing cleaned and painted start the reassembly.

1, Fit the Head Lamp Panels and the Front Grill to your vehicle.

2, Screw the Packing Rings to the Head Lamp Panels With screws & washers.

3, Screw the Head Lamp Shells to the Packing Rings.

At this point make sure the Lamp Shells are square to the vehicle.

4, Connect the wiring and fit the lamp assembly's.

5, With the vehicle parked facing a plain wall mark the centre of each lamp on the wall with the lights on main beam.

Now back the vehicle away from the wall about 25 to 30 feet.

With the lights on the light intensity should be inline and just below the first mark on the wall.

6, With the lights adjusted remove the Packing Ring and lamp assembly's from the Head Lamp Panels and fit the Chrome Trim Rings.

7, Reassemble every thing and away you go !!

I was in the middle of a test assembly when it occurred to me that I could make the lamps adjustable from the inside as per the originals.

The first thing to do is to make the adjuster screws work and accessible from the back.



The adjuster screws on the lamp units I was using were 4mm so I found some 4mm Nylock nuts. These I screwed on to the inside ends of the adjuster screws just up to the end of the thread.  
To make them accessible from the back drill out the two 10mm holes right through both packer rings and the head lamp panel to 14mm to accept a 7mm nut driver.  
Now cut the backing dish off about 1 inch in from the face ring this will allow you to get access to the back of the lamp.

First assemble the lamp assembly's on to the packing rings and fit the chrome rings.  
Now screw the complete head lamp assembly to the head lamp panel.  
Now all the adjustments can be made with every thing in place.

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#### VEHICLES for Sale.

**1991, H-Reg ALTER II Silver Grey Turbo Station Wagon.**  
49,000 Miles. 5 Good Tyres. Alloy Wheels. Tidy inside and out.  
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and some one who cares as much as previous owners.  
Offers to Tony Spreadbury on 01794-341344.  
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##### COUNTRY VEHICLES.

SILVERTON, EXETER,  
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The New official Parts Supplier.

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For all UMM / JEEP Related Parts.  
Phone 01953-681237.

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For Propshaft & Front Drive Shaft UJ's.  
Unit 3. Abbey Road Industrial Estate.  
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01274 729425 Bradford

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GERAINT JONES.

4x4 CENTRE. HIGH NOON.

WHITE MILL. CARMARTHEN. SA 32 7 EN.

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*They will under take repairs on UMMs*

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*If you want to recommend an Insurance Company let me have the details.*

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**SECURE DIRECT. 01922-686100.**

*These were the two most popular with Members.*

*You can try these as well.*

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**Privilege Insurance. 0113-243-9988.**

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**More !! New Members for 2005.**

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*Well one more any way.*