

Out of Africa!

Roy McBride (aka 'African Imp' on the Forum), Cape Town, South Africa

JoLon stands for Johannesburg/London and I remember when I first saw the name I thought it to be rather an odd one. Not anymore, this has become one of the greatest driving epic journeys in recent times. At the start of the journey I said its completion was IMProbable task. Most went further, describing it as IMPossible.

As space is limited in *Impressions* I will not repeat here what is on the internet – I can do no better than recommend readers pause here to read the Forum thread, *The JoLon Imp is on its way!* which I started on 6th April, a week after Terence Tracey and Geoff Biermann started their journey. I would also recommend you visit the JoLon Imp website: jolonimp.wordpress.com.

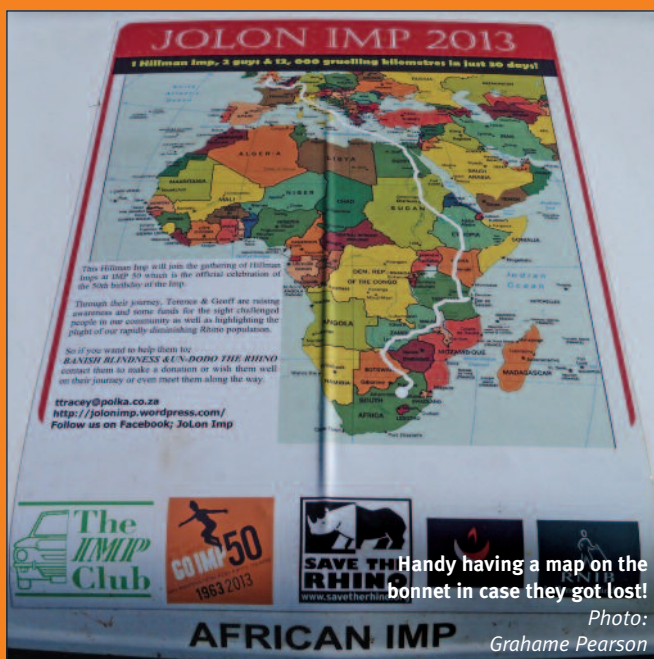
Thanks, Roy, for starting the Forum thread. As Impressions goes to press (22nd May) it has reached a staggering 4,340 views and 501 posts! For photos taken during the trip please see the websites mentioned above; the photos presented here concentrate on the JoLon's Imp's arrival at its destination – and what an arrival it was!

The Countries chart is actually inaccurate – as soon as the guys had caught up with some sleep the JoLon Imp headed off for Ireland – Country 18! Terence was born in Cork and the icing on the cake was turning up at the house where he was born to be greeted by his family! (See Forum for photo.)

The car is now enjoying a well earned rest in The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu but I have a feeling its wheels will soon start to itch! GP

17 Countries

South Africa	28/3/13
Botswana	28/3/13
Zambia	31/3/13
Tanzania	6/4/13
Kenya	6/4/13
Ethiopia	16/4/13
Sudan	25/4/13
Egypt	27/4/13
Turkey	2/5/13
Bulgaria	3/5/13
Romania	4/5/13
Hungary	4/5/13
Austria	4/5/13
Germany	5/5/13
Belgium	5/5/13
France	5/5/13
England	6/5/13





The Jolon Imp arrives at
6.20 a.m. under Police escort!
Photo: Bob Allan



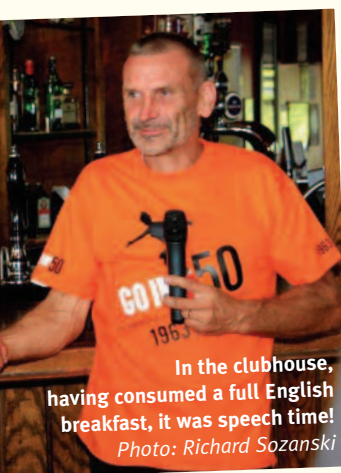
A beautiful
emotional moment
Photo: John Hall



Spraying the bubbly stuff
over Geoff, Chairman Graham
and Terence!
Photo: John Hall



Some of the welcoming party!
Photo: John Hall



In the clubhouse,
having consumed a full English
breakfast, it was speech time!
Photo: Richard Sozanski



Paintwork shows the signs
of 14,000 gruelling kilometres
Photo: Grahame Pearson



This was home for
over a month. Photo taken
shortly after the satnav
proudly announced "You
have reached your destination!"
Photo: Grahame Pearson



Trackrod:
"This used to be straight!"
Photo: Grahame Pearson



Coffee container melted
in the heat of the Sudan!
Photo: Grahame Pearson



Left: atmospheric photo captures the historic moment when the welcoming team met Terence and Geoff on the A46 as dawn broke on Bank

Holiday Monday, 6th May.

Below: the JoLon Imp on the final mile of its journey. (Note the angle of the rear wheels – inevitable when driving on the world's worst roads.)

Watch the last mile on

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRdrQ2-wob8

Photos: John Hall and Patrick Hargreaves respectively

