

## Country Ways

The village lanes, the country road  
So beloved by Mr Toad.  
The narrow, winding, rural way  
What better on a summer's day?

Alas, these routes are fun no more  
Unless you drive a 4 x 4,  
You sit on high, aloof, serene.  
Lesser mortals pass unseen.

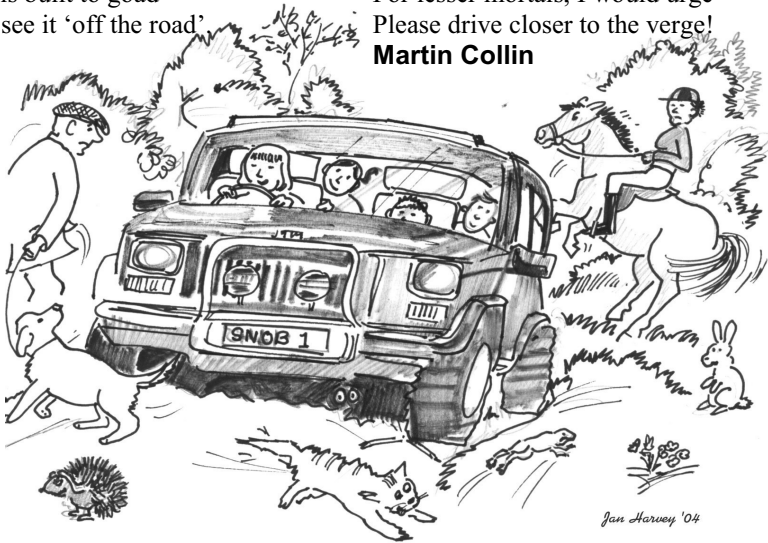
It's shiny, powerful and sleek  
But surely, the steering's 'up the creek'  
The 4 x 4 is built to goad  
We never see it 'off the road'

When filling up the cherished mount,  
Give no thought to your account,  
The tank is filled, the litres true  
It'll soon burn into CO2.

You've paid a fortune for your steed  
But really, is there any need  
In winter, OH, the roads are bad  
You see, it's plainly not a fad.

I know you've parted with a load  
Your purchase didn't include the road,  
For lesser mortals, I would urge  
Please drive closer to the verge!

**Martin Collin**



### Help a child to read with confidence and enjoyment

"The contribution of the reading helpers is huge! They have time to really interact with the children which boosts their self-esteem and reading ability" - *Oxfordshire teacher.*

Work in a local primary school with three children who are struggling with their reading. They need half an hour each, twice a week. *Volunteer Reading*

*Help* will give you: initial training, continuing training and support, travel expenses and the satisfaction of making a difference to children's lives.

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