

# The Motor Cycling Club Ltd

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**CLUB OFFICERS** Despite the fact it is over 18 months since *Mike Furse* ceased being the MCC General and Membership Secretary he is still receiving mail, enquiries and even subscriptions from members. Recently we have been priding ourselves on our revised and more efficient communication system with a colourful Triple, monthly newsletter and revamped website but seemingly that's not sufficient for some members. The current edition of Triple lists all the officers and committee members with notes of their addresses and telephone numbers, but for the record may we reiterate that the *General Secretary is Peter Lawley, the Membership Secretary is Simon Woodall while entries for all three major events are being dealt with by: Debs Comber, Midway Cottage, High Street, Thornton le Dale, YO18 7QW 01751 475788 or Email to: [Debs.midway@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Debs.midway@tiscali.co.uk)*

**EXETER TRIAL** Between now and the trial in January some serious work must be done on Simms if it is to be suitable for all classes and some other hills need a decree of touching up. We need help from members. Roger Ugalde is organising a working party on Saturday 13 November and would appreciate hearing from anyone who can help on 01395 597620.

*Needless to say we also need marshals; anyone interested should call Ron Butcher on 01233 624737.*

**EDINBURGH TRIAL RESULTS** are subject to a few but significant changes after rechecking. Both premier award winners alter with the Lowe Award for best motorcycle going to Y.C.Adams and the John Tucker Peake Cup for the best car to Dave Haizelden. Full details can be found on the MCC website.

**TRIALS BOOK** The Curator of the Haynes Motor Museum is trying to source a book about building specials suitable for Sporting and Classic Trials. Although this has provoked considerable interest from members nobody has yet come up with an answer. Surely in a club with 1000 members someone can recall a book or perhaps a series of articles in a magazine; get thinking and there will be a free MCC baseball cap for the most helpful answer. We are also seeking information on the history of the Cannon trials car.

**DEFRA** The first meeting of the DEFRA **Motorised Interests Working Group** was held at DEFRA's Bristol offices in September. Andrew Brown attended, representing the MCC and everyone involved with classic trials. The LARA 'Solutions' paper is the main starting point but hopefully we will end up with something the DEFRA officials feel they can 'sell' to the Minister. Although the wheels of government grind slowly we will keep you in the picture.

**CAPE TO CAPE GRAND TOUR** Between 25 April and 1 May 2005 you can travel from Cape Wrath, which is near John o' Groats to Cape Cornwall which is near Lands End. Organised by our old friend Dennis Greenslade in conjunction with MacMillan Cancer Relief, a splendid organisation which many of us, sadly, have reason to thank, the event is a sort of glorified Class O for cars over 20 years old. Although horrified to see an entry fee of £995 when we realised this includes what amounts to a week's hotel accommodation for two people began to think this might represent an interesting week's holiday. Details from: *Tricia Greenslade, The Old School House, Merrymeet, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3LP Tel: 01579 344364.*

**MONTHLY MEETING** Would be contestants often meet at the Auberge at West Clandon (Surrey) on the first Monday in the month - ca 2030 **Details from Colin Weeks Tel: 01483 72**

**KEN GREEN** is seeking the loan of an 8mm film projector to view some old filmstock of rallies in the 60s that he has acquired. *He also has an apology* On the Lands End in 2003 he borrowed an ignition Coil from someone driving a Skoda. He forgot about it at the time but found it in a bag of spares when cleaning out the garage. If the owner will contact him he will return it with apologies. **Ken can be reached on 01213 520281 or [kengreen@landcrab2.freemove](mailto:kengreen@landcrab2.freemove)**

**FOUND** *Les Maidment*, whom we are glad to report is well on the road to recovery after his nasty operation this summer, reports that when he was sorting out the equipment which was returned from *Excelsior in the Edinburgh Trial* he came across what looked like a motorcyclist's tool kit. ***If you think it might be yours, please phone Les on 01202 622733***

**FOR SALE** The time has come when I need to reduce the number of toys in my playroom. I want to sell two machines, both of which have many MCC finishers awards having done all three classics and other one day events.

**1935 Austin 7.** Two seater aluminium body with raised suspension, 6 wheels, tuned engine (less than 1000 miles ) with Phoenix steel crank etc , hydraulic brakes. Ready to trail, with new MOT and some spares. £ 5,500

**1970 Cheney Triumph ISDT.** 500cc T100R twin on single carb. almost new MOT and tax exempt. Ready to trail on a bike with the right sound, some spares. £ 4,250

**Contact Richard Clarke 01179 885321 ( work ) or 01934 712461 ( home ) both in Somerset near Bristol**

**JOHN BURTON's** sudden death comes as a great shock to all of us who knew him. A great enthusiast for the club and motorcycles in general, particularly if the tank said Honda, he did so much to encourage newcomers to the sport. We will all miss a friend and can only offer our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

**Arrangements for Johns' funeral Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 11 am East Coker Parish Church, 10.30 at Brylea, Johns' home, East Coker if coming by motorcycle. Donations if desired to Frenchay Intensive Therapy Unit. Dress code strictly casual only suits by Barbour are permitted**