

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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2005 - THE YEAR AHEAD. As usual the year starts with the **EXETER TRIAL** on **6/7 January** which may well be under way by the time you read this newsletter. Certainly we will have news of how it went and results next month, when we are also hoping to bring you full results of the detailed survey in which so many of you took part by completing your questionnaires in the autumn. This will make interesting reading.

At Easter comes the second of our classics, the **LANDS END TRIAL** starting from the usual three points on the evening of **Good Friday** and finishing this year for the first time at The Crossroads Lodge, Scorrier not far from Blue Hills Mine on Saturday afternoon and evening. Regulations were issued before Christmas and the closing date for entries is 21st January. These should be addressed to *Mrs Debs Comber, Midway Cottage, High Street, Thornton le Dale, YO18 7QW. Trial Secretary to whom all enquiries and problems should be addressed is Dave Parry of Quicks, 25 Newbarn Park Road, Taunton TA1 4NA Telephone: 01823 323494.*

Sunday June 19th brings the Social Run, details of which have still to be agreed but will be published in good time for you to join in. Reserve the date now.

July is a busy month with the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on the **9th**. In keeping with our agreed experiment to move the AGM around the country to see how that affects attendance the 2005 version will be held at the British Legion Hall in Ottery St Mary, Devon. More details later but please mark the date now.

Only a week later on Sunday 17th July comes the **TESTING TRIAL** which will as last year be held at Popham Airfield where we are always made welcome. As ever the event will consist of a series of trials type special tests all against the clock with penalties for making mistakes. In true trials manner all times on all runs will count towards the total so accurate driving is as important as sheer speed. Usual classes for 2, 3 and 4 wheels with and without a roof but please note that *Steph Boyle, 34 Hillfield Road, Little Sutton, Ellesmere Port CH66 1JD, telephone: 01513 397473 takes over as secretary of the trial and entry taker.*

With nothing else scheduled at present for the summer, although the results of the members` survey might lead to another event being squeezed into the calendar, the next and final event of the year will be the **EDINBURGH TRIAL on 1st October**. No doubt *Ian Bates* will be setting a demanding route again although this depends somewhat on the response he receives for helpers in his working parties, of which more later. Please note though that the *Trial Secretary will be Ian Cummings of 14 Sandpits Close, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield B76 9EZ telephone: 01675 470229* while *Debs Comber will be the entry taker.*

EXETER TRIAL - Care after Wooston. *May we remind successful climbers of Wooston Steep that they MUST drive exceedingly slowly & with NO wheelspin from Section Ends to the top track. We have at last received written confirmation from English Heritage that we can use our "normal" route to Clifford Sheds and that "for this year" the Field Warden wishes to observe.*

This will only concern Classes 7 & 8 - and only the successful climbers - but we want to give a good impression after all the hard work we've put in to using these woods.

TRIPLE PHOTOS Looking at recent Triples it is hard to believe we are suffering from a lack of photos but Celia is ever complaining that she doesn't get enough. Everyone takes the conventional three quarters head on view of someone climbing some hill or other but we think what she really likes are those "Candid camera" shots of the less successful. Unusual vehicles, chaps falling off or partners falling out in public – in more ways than one - all excite our editor. In these days when everyone carries a digital camera and modern printing techniques work wonders there`s no excuse so let`s see everyone out there snapping away on the Exeter and beyond.

JOHN SMITHIES *We have lost touch with this life member who previously lived in Honiton and wonder if anyone knows what has happened to him, perhaps giving us an up to date address.*

FOR SALE. Brand new Pirelli MT43 front fitment (2.75-21) trials tyre. Never been fitted, about 1 year old, stored correctly. I'll bring it with me to the Exeter where I will be marshalling and going to the club supper for the first person to cross my palm with £25! **Phone Jon on 01239 881227 after 6pm.**

FOR SALE: Honda SL125, 1973, 22,000 miles from new, currently with engine dismantled to repair gearbox. Nice original condition, but dry stored for years! £200: **Ford Pinto 2litre engine**, good low mileage unit carefully stored complete with clutch, twin choke downdraught Weber, distributor, starter etc, plus close ration GT/RS2000 gearbox. Ideal for special or kit car. £150 : Inlet manifold for downdraught Weber to fit pre-crossflow Ford plus a suitable good carb. Offers for both or can split. : BSA/Triumph 8inch 2LS front brake in a rusty 21in rim with good trials tyre, £100, **For all the above tel Chris Coote on 01275-877149**