

**The Motor Cycling Club Ltd**  
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**EXETER RESULTS** Following the publication of the provisional results Gerry Woolcott was bombarded by phone calls from honest members telling him they did not actually clean Simms and so were not entitled to the award shown. Investigation indicated that an overworked marshal had not recorded who reached the summit so with no proper record of what happened beyond the “A” board, fairness demanded we did not penalise anyone beyond that point. This was a pity as it meant many good performances were not rewarded. This confusion at Simms was only part of the problems. From the start everyone suffered dreadful weather throughout the night and in many cases fallen trees had to be cleared to make sections passable. Then we had delays at both Waterloo where an over enthusiastic driver tipped his car over completely and at Stretes where after removing a car which overturned while reversing following failure the track became blocked by a VW Beetle with broken transmission.

It is to everyone`s credit that so much delay was eliminated with most finishing in good time to enjoy the club supper where, unlike last year, trophies were available for distribution in what seems to have been a good evening in spite of a mal function in the PA system..

*To counter the bad, here`s some good news. The work done on Simms, Tillerton and Tiplely had a marked effect on the enthusiasm of the competitors – we had a lot of happy people at the hotel.. At Ilsington the profit on the refreshments proved to be £710 and the “windscreen wash“ by Ann Parkinson`s class from the primary school raised £ 85, so the village is most pleased & looking forward to seeing us next year.*

*The Club owes a debt of gratitude to all the Marshals, Observers & Chiefs , not forgetting our recovery crews, all of whom had to work under really atrocious conditions during the Friday night just to keep the trial moving.*

**ROUTE DEVIATIONS** In the week before the Exeter there was some discussion on the web about how and where to buy cheaper petrol than was on offer at the official Exeter Services control. Whilst we can understand the point of this we must remind everyone that any deviation from the official route may lead to disqualification. This is not a case of the organisers being difficult; we must remember that the prescribed route has been surveyed and approved by both the MSA and local police forces. Residents along the official route have been notified and have signified their approval so any deviation could lead to severe PR problems with repercussions affecting the MCC`s right to organise future events.

**REAR LIGHTS** Several competitors received scrutineer`s tickets for not having rear lights which could be seen from the angle required by various road traffic acts. Please ensure everything on your car is road legal and remember that we constantly have the big brother of officialdom looking over our shoulders. Sadly our sport has many enemies and a car with incorrect lights despite having a valid MOT certificate is the sort of ammunition we do not need to give them. The whole question of the legal requirements and suggestions for making a car comply with them is dealt with in great detail by **Andrew Brown** on his website <http://www.wheelspin.org.uk> If you are not able to visit this site just send an SAE to **John Aley, 20 Old Shipyard Centre, West Bay DT6 4HG** and we will send you a “Paper” copy of the relative page.

**LANDS END TRIAL** The trial is coming along well with the usual full entry list and all the hills, including Crackington, which was so badly affected by the deluge, looking good if somewhat muddy. **John Barthram** the Chief Marshal would like to remind members who are not entering this year and have a free day at Easter that we need marshals. You can contact John to offer your services on **01271 376341** or [jbarthram@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:jbarthram@ukonline.co.uk)

**MEMBERS SURVEY** At last week`s executive committee meeting, members were treated to a detailed presentation by Ian Davis of the fascinating tabulated results of the survey in which nearly 600 members took part. The presentation took several hours and we are now determining the best way to turn the information into a “Reader friendly” form for distribution. This will of necessity take some weeks to prepare so please be patient – you`ll find the result well worth waiting for.

### INVITATIONS

**Windwhistle MC`s** Second single venue clubsport **Bovey Down Trial**, Hangman`s Stone near Seaton in East Devon **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005** 22+ sections including Norman`s Hump, Clinton, Monica, Hilary plus one or two new ones. And two special tests. 30 car competitors only Pie van booked to provide breakfast, lunch, tea, coffee and cake all day Get some valuable daylight attempts at your favourite Exeter and Hardy sections  
Contact: **Tim Whellock 01460 53645 h 01460 66434** or [timwhellock@supanet.com](mailto:timwhellock@supanet.com)

**Cambridge Car Club** invite MCC Members to take part in the **Roger Holmes Memorial Trial** at Harlton, nr Cambridge, on Sunday 27th. February. Entry fee £14.00 per vehicle; run on a smooth undamaging hillside. Regs. and entry form from: **Tim Teversham, 4, Butts Green, Whittlesford, Cambs. CB2 4NS (01223) 836095** or email [clive@cam-car-club.co.uk](mailto:clive@cam-car-club.co.uk)