

**The Motor Cycling Club Ltd**  
**MONTHLY NEWS LETTER – JANUARY 2006**

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**2006: THE YEAR AHEAD** By the time you are reading this newsletter the first event of the 2006 season will be upon us. Starting as usual on Friday evening THE EXETER TRIAL follows the now familiar route but with a return to Meerhay an old favourite hill which we have not visited for many years, to finish at Torbay on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January followed in the evening by the Club Supper and award distribution.

It's quite a late Easter this year so the LANDS END TRIAL (14/15 April) will enjoy more daylight. Entries do not close until the end of January but already many have arrived so don't delay sending yours if you wish to enter. Alternatively, why not marshal? Chief marshal John Barthram (01271 376341) always has some difficulty finding enough willing helpers so would be pleased to hear from you.

Then we have the usual break until June 11<sup>th</sup> (NOT the 8<sup>th</sup> as shown in Triple) for the Summer Social Run which this year may be in the south east although the actual location has yet to be agreed.

July is busy as usual with the Annual General Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the Testing Trial the following weekend on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Details of both these will be announced later but is likely the AGM will return to a central location and the Testing Trial will hopefully find a new spot, still in the Wessex area which seems to work well but with more interesting terrain so it can revert to being a testing TRIAL rather than the grass autotest it has become at Popham. Although we have looked at several potential venues the ideal has yet to be selected and we would still be glad to hear from any member who can suggest somewhere suitable.

Last event of the year and last opportunity to qualify for a Triple Award is as usual the Edinburgh Trial on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Although the competition will remain much as usual the organisation will be in the hands of a new team which is currently being created.

*Of more immediate concern are some amendments to the Exeter route as originally planned.*

**EXETER ROUTE CARD** Please note there are at least two diversions to the Exeter route as follow:

1. Route amendment to avoid road closure at Sidford Page 12 route card all classes
2. Route amendment to avoid road closure St Marychurch Road Page 18 route card all classes

A draft of these diversions together with any other late modifications will be handed to all competitors at the Haynes Museum stop and also appear on the MCC website under the reference:

<http://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk/about/whatsnew.htm> .

It's well worth having a look at this anyway as you will also find several other interesting changes. The site is regularly updated to keep you in touch with what's happening.

**EXETER PHOTOS** will be available from Tel T Motorsport Photography of 42 Gibson Rd, Whiterock, Paignton, Devon. TQ4 7AQ as well as from the usual sources so with a bit of luck everyone, including Class O which so often gets missed, will be able to get a memento of what looks like being an interesting event.

**HISTORIC MOTOR SPORT SHOW** Although there will not be an MCC presence here this year we thoroughly recommend a visit. The show goes from strength each year and covers all branches of our sport on two and four wheels. Full details are shown on the advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** We are glad to confirm that the fire extinguisher orders have been processed and should be with you very soon.

**COMMITTEE MATTERS** At the December meeting the executive committee made several decisions which will affect members:

- The Lands End Centenary Run in 2008 will take place in early June with a London evening start and an optional night run for breakfast in the Taunton area and then follow the north coast route to west Cornwall for an overnight stop and social get together. The following day a more southerly route will be taken to end in the Exeter area in the afternoon allowing entrants time to return home if they desire. The journey will be mildly competitive, taking in a large number of "Old" hills but will be entirely on surfaced roads to encourage older and more fragile vehicles. John West will return as Clerk of the Course with John Aley dealing with the paperwork and Dick Peachey the

route and authorisation. This should prove an interesting "Stand alone" event and allow the true Lands End at Easter to take on a more traditional character which will also reflect the centenary.

- In view of recent problems with completion of the entry forms the committee agreed to have a serious review of the actual wording of entry forms to make them easier to understand and ensure compliance between the three events.
- It was agreed that an up to date video of the club's activities should be considered for use at shows and for members' entertainment. Quotes are being obtained before further discussion.
- Confusion this year about club annual subscriptions being paid with Exeter entries will be eliminated in future by a different system with details to be agreed and notified later.
- Publicity outside the club should feature Class O and its suitability for less specialised vehicles which could help recruiting and entries.

**FOR SALE** (1). Reliant Rebel Chassis badly corroded but can be used to copy or parts . (2) Reliant Rebel body shell complete and removed from chassis. (3) rear axle from same. (4) Gearbox this box has a long tailshaft and sliding UJ on the propshaft which is with the box. (5) Engine, this is complete and sports a SU carb as standard, items have not been on the road for approx 20 years. The engine starts and runs well. I also have the documents and registration plates. Anyone interested?. Ed Holloway.  
[chariotsofsteel@btinternet.com](mailto:chariotsofsteel@btinternet.com) or 03083014001

**WANTED** Does anyone know where I can get a good trials competition type clutch plate for a 1500 Ford Cortina engine? Oliver Bettison 01344 885144

**FOR SALE** Enduro Outfit Triumph 750 engine and 5 speed gearbox in BSA frame with Japanese (Yamaha?) wheels and brakes. Minimal sidecar. Sound throughout so call Michael on 077254 Or 01892 513631 where discussion starts at £1350.

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