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EDINBURGH TRIAL Perhaps because of the floods which have affected so many members, perhaps because of the numerous postal strikes, or perhaps because of general midsummer holiday inertia the Edinburgh entry list is looking thin with just over 200 applicants. This is especially surprising this year when there are so many in the running for Triples. So to help those of you who have been affected by any of these problems and might be feeling you had missed the boat we are holding the entry date open for another week or so. ***Please take advantage of this.***

Entry forms have already been sent by post to all members not on the Email list and are available as a download from the MCC website. Even if you are on the Email list but cannot manage to download for any reason you can still receive a "Paper" copy by contacting the Trial Secretary – **Ron Butcher. – on 01233 624737. HURRY!**

Similarly there is currently a sad lack of marshals for this event so again if you can help please call the Chief Marshal – **Les Bowler – on 01780 410200.**

TESTING TRIAL: Having to cancel this popular event due to the waterlogged condition of the ground was a great disappointment to many and a decision only made after careful consideration. We are already planning next year's event which hopefully will be at the same time of the year and on the same site which offers an interesting range of sections. However to avoid an actionless replay of this year we are hoping to arrange for an alternative weatherproof, if less interesting site, as a standby.

MARSHALS TRAINING DAY Despite the weather problems at Keinton Mandeville we were able to hold the Marshals Training Day which was a real success. Well attended by experienced and new to the game but equally enthusiastic members, many lessons were learnt both in theory and practice with "Test" sections on nearby Windmill Hill. We would like to thank everyone who attended and hope you all had an interesting and informative day out. It's something we will try to repeat at regular intervals.

LANDS END TRIAL CENTENARY In 2008 it will be 100 years since MCC members were first invited to make the trip from London to Lands End – and back – in an attempt to win the Presidents Trophy. In a sense we have been celebrating this ever since with our annual trial at Easter but a centenary is something special so in true MCC fashion there will be TWO Lands End events in the coming year and one of them may even visit Lands End itself. The normal trial will follow its usual format at Easter but a month later at the end of May/beginning of June there will be a special centenary run.

The exact route and format are still under discussion but it seems likely there will be an optional night run from west London to the Taunton area for breakfast followed by a competitive run along the north coast route which was first used after WW1 to finish for the night in the Lands End/Penzance area. After a night of celebration, competitors will return eastwards visiting some of the more southern hills and take in the scenic route across Dartmoor as used in early events, to finish around teatime in the Exeter area which is a convenient starting point for more competitors' homeward journey. Competitors will have the option to treat the event as a trial or touring assembly but even in the competitive section no hills will have anything but hard or tarred surfaces so the danger of machinery damage will be small.

That's all we can tell you at present. We'll keep you up to the minute with details but meanwhile reserve this date for an outing which can be enjoyed by anyone in any type of machinery.

POPHAM BIKE SHOW To be held on 19th August this event is well worth a visit. It's one of those happy days out run by motorcyclists for motorcyclists with display stands from many organisations and clubs – including the MCC. Most of us enjoy looking at bikes and talking motor cycling while for those with aviation interests Popham is a "Real" working airfield reminiscent of a bygone age of flying with lots of small aircraft and microlights in evidence.