

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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EDINBURGH TRIAL: Cancelling one of our major events was not an easy decision particularly as members had already been robbed of the Testing Trial. Too, the decision needed to be made quickly so some expenditure could be avoided and all concerned could have time to cancel their arrangements. Ironically subsequent events in the FMD saga have justified our decision which has been upheld by members. Among the reams of correspondence received this letter from Bill Bennett well sums up the feelings of most.

“In spite of very much looking forward to the Edinburgh Trial as we always do, I think the Club made the right decision to cancel. I know that legally we could have gone ahead and I know some other organisations who use the countryside refused to curtail their activities, but because of the high awareness of our events the possible long term damage which might have been done if there were an outbreak of F&M in the area within the incubation period of the disease, even if nothing to do with us, would have been devastating”.

At the time of writing we are still assessing the loss to the club of this cancellation and not until that has been completed can the question of refunds be considered. However, every effort will be made to ensure members do not have to carry too much of the burden and the treasurer is working on the basis of being able to prepare and distribute all the necessary cheques before the end of next month.

TRIPLE AWARD 2007: Losing the Edinburgh has left this competition in the air so it has been agreed that the 2008 Exeter Trial will be the third event in which a Gold must be won to qualify for this much sought after award. So the forthcoming Exeter will be doubly important being a qualifier for two triples – 2007 and 2008.

Entries for the Exeter close on 18th October so if you want an entry act quickly. If you receive this newsletter by post you will already have received regs and entry forms but if you are Email enabled you can download from the MCC website.

TRIPLE MAGAZINE CENTENARY: In December we will be celebrating the hundredth issue of Triple Magazine. Actually there is some doubt about the date of the first issue as we have now found TWO labelled the first, one dating back to October 1974 and another dated January 1975 from which the subsequent issues have taken their numbering.

Naturally, Celia Walton, the present editor, would like this issue - be it the hundredth or hundred and first - to be something special and hopes there will be lots of input from members. The club, vehicles, trialling and motoring in general have changed considerably in those thirty odd years – nearly a third of the life of the club – so let's hear how YOU have been affected and what YOU remember most about those years.

However it seems there were a couple of single sheet newsletters issued in 1974 which were the real origins of Triple but although several of us recall them and even in a couple of cases have copies somewhere, nobody can find them. So, please, if you have a copy and can find it, we would like the chance to copy it for the records.

SUBS 2008: Some of you have been having difficulty downloading the 2008 subs form from the web and so here is a copy which you may find easier to use and sent off to John Childs, 57 Ash Grove, Wheathamstead, St Albans, Herts, AL4 8DF john@ash-grove.net with the appropriate cheque for £25.00.

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