

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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THIS MONTH we look forward to a new year which we all hope will be less problem prone than 2007. That started well with a most enjoyable **Exeter** when everything was what could be expected from the January event with a club supper which was well attended, and again, well up to standard. Then at Easter came the **Lands End** with everyone enjoying the remarkably good weather which perhaps made the sections too easy for some competitors. The only real casualty of the day was the unfortunate spectator who was removed from Bluehills by helicopter suffering from sunstroke. June brought a gentle **Summer Run** along the Jurassic Coast.

But sadly, that was the year that was. First the rains came and washed out the **Testing Trial** and in October concerns about foot and mouth disease led to our decision to cancel the **Edinburgh**. Not an easy choice but one in which we were upheld by the MSA.

EXETER TRIAL. After writing the last paragraph I almost feel afraid to say this but all looks well for this opening event of the new year.

Rodney Bracey, the Chief Marshal, is most grateful to all those members who have rallied to the cause and has been able to allocate an adequate number to all posts. He wishes everyone an enjoyable trial together with health and happiness for the coming year.

The Route Card is available with the Timing Calculator for downloading from the web and I even have a special Class O version which has been prepared by a competitor that can be Emailed to anyone interested.

The only known fly in the ointment at present is the cancellation of one Class O hill which will entail those competitors following the general route from Broadwindsor to Birdsmoor Gate rather than that shown for Class O in the route card.

LANDS END TRIAL. Regulations and Entry forms are now available for downloading from the website but are attached with this newsletter to those of you without Email facilities. However you receive it the important thing is to complete and return your entry **QUICKLY**. As you know Easter is about as early this year as it can be so we have less time than is ideal for sorting out entries, producing a programme and all the other work which has to be done. **The entry taker will be working under even greater pressure than usual so please assist by making sure your entry forms are all completed fully and the right amount is shown on your cheque.**

LANDS END CENTENARY EVENT. This is scheduled to take place on Friday/Saturday 30/31 May, the end of the Spring Bank Holiday week. Competitors (limited to 100) will start from Popham Airfield soon after midnight and follow the old route through the night for breakfast near Taunton, but at a modern motorway service area rather than the traditional greasy spoon. Then the route wanders west along the north coast visiting many old friendly sections to Lands End itself. That evening we will enjoy a social evening at Penzance leaving there the next morning to finish near Exeter in time for those with itchy feet to get home and for the rest to enjoy more social intercourse, something so often missing in the MCC. Incidentally all the route, including all hills and tests, will be non damaging so why not get into the centenary spirit by entering something with a bit of history behind it? Regulations and entry forms will be published in about a month's time.

SUMMER SOCIAL RUN. The directors discussed this at some length at their last meeting and decided this event would not take place this year due to its close proximity to the Lands End Centenary.

SUBS DUE: Since last month's reminder many of you have paid your 2008 subscription for which we are grateful. They were actually due on 1st December so if you don't pay up shortly you will not see too many more MSA Award Winning newsletters – and we know you wouldn't want that. The amount due is still £25.00 and this should be sent to:
John Childs, Membership Secretary, 57 Ash Grove, Wheathamstead, St Albans, AL4 8DF

MEMBERS SMALL ADS:

BARTER: Anyone have a pair of Yamaha XT250 wheels in exchange for a pair of same for XT500? **Ed Stobbs 01239 881227**

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