

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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PLEASE NOTE : Certain information in this newsletter duplicates what was in NOTW but I have deliberately let it remain as the items concerned are those you should note doubly!

EXETER TRIAL, 9/10 JANUARY: The bright sparks in Class 0 will have noticed that the penalty for lateness in Class 0 is not clearly defined in the club's regulations. And there is no criteria for the Class 0 award written anywhere in the standing supplementary regulations. Suffice to say that everyone in Class 0 understands that to gain an award they have to 'clean' all the hills with no stops or foots. This is the same as required to win a gold in the other classes. After extensive canvassing a decision has been made, for the Exeter 2009, to apply the gold standard time requirements to the Class 0 award. This means that the following, taken from Section G of the SSR's 2009 (green A5 booklet) will apply in order to be awarded a Class 0 award in the Exeter 2009

1. No minutes early or not more than 10 minutes late at time controls or time checks (standard limits)
2. Non-stop performance on all observed sections
3. Compliance with requirements of all tests and Route Card instructions.

Owing to the generous nature of the time schedule for Class 0, provided you don't have mechanical problems the above requirements should be fairly straightforward, says the Clerk of the Course Tim Whellock. Make sure you read all the regulations for the trial well in advance.

All competitors are reminded that the route card document they received through the post is the document that you are required to use on the event. The website version cannot be guaranteed to be correct. All competitors should carry the original document with them in case amendments or changes at the last minute need to be noted.

Exeter Trial - Cirencester Starters. Cirencester starters are advised that the Little Chef behind the Cirencester start venue is willing to stay open beyond its normal closing time, depending on demand on the night, but cannot stay open after midnight.

LANDS END TRIAL, 10/11 APRIL: Regulations and entry forms are now available for downloading from the website and are already in the post to those members without Email facilities. With entries closing at the end of January we suggest you get yours off shortly but please note that the entry taker on this occasion is:

Ray Goodright, Redwoods, Trecarne, St Cleer, Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 5EE

Please check ALL questions on all parts of the entry form are answered, then despatch with the appropriate cheque not forgetting to include your membership renewal if this has not been done already to this address.

Hotel reservations should be made **direct to the hotel** with the booking form provided while anyone intending marshalling – and as ever we need everyone we can get – should apply to **John Barthram** with details.

SUMMER RUN, 7 JUNE. Almost certainly this year we shall be back in Wessex, an area of easy access for many members. We shall not be visiting the Jurassic coasts as we did two years ago but hope to be in the more northern parts of Dorset and Somerset where Alfred burnt the cakes and a few hundred years later Monmouth's plans went crashing after his position was revealed by a careless soldier who, like Stanley Holloway's "Sam", dropped his musket inopportunely. All will be revealed in the next few months but reserve the date now.

09 SUBS: If you have not already renewed your club subscription, and are not entering the Lands End Trial, then now is the time to get that cheque for £25 off to John Childs, the membership secretary.

BILL RULE I was sorry to hear of Bill's death just before Christmas and understand there will be a private cremation followed by a thanksgiving service at Ickleton Parish Church on Friday 2nd January at 12 noon. A regular trials participant for nearly 60 years, most of us will recall him as Reg Taylor's regular passenger and I am sure there were few people most of us would have preferred to have had in that role. As Reg says "A proud man and a man to be proud of." He will be missed.

2009 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**9/10 JANUARY - EXETER TRIAL; 10/11 APRIL -- LANDS END TRIAL; 7 JUNE – SUMMER RUN
18 JULY – AGM; 12 JULY – TESTING TRIAL; 3 OCTOBER – EDINBURGH TRIAL.**

And a HAPPY NEW YEAR to YOU ALL