

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd
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THE YEAR AHEAD: 2010 will be a bonus year because being the one in which we will be celebrating 100 years of the Exeter Trial we shall gain an extra event. Let's look at these in chronological order.

EXETER TRIAL 8/9 January: All competitors should have received their paperwork by post before Christmas but if you haven't or have any problem please get in touch immediately with the trial secretary, **Tim Keeling on 01458 224082**

The Clerk of the Course recommends that you read, learn and inwardly digest the contents as some changes have been made such that the 2010 Exeter is not exactly the same as the 2009 Exeter nor is it much different - the changes are in the detail. Neither are the 2010 Standing Supplementary Regs (yellow booklet) the same as the 2009 version - again the changes are in the detail. Responding to pleas from some Chief Officials and some competitors a *preferential start* is available on some sections where it might be helpful to both to allow some classes a bit more of a 'run up' at the beginning of a hill. One example is to allow front wheel drive Class 1 cars to place their driving wheels where rear wheel drive driving wheels would be. *This preferential start is not obligatory, the rider/driver can choose.* The organising team wishes everyone a happy event and hopes that you all enjoy yourselves as much as the team has enjoyed organising it for you. We look forward to greeting as many of you as possible at the Club Supper where we have endeavoured to create something special.

Non Starters. As there are reserves for this event the organisers would appreciate non-starters letting them know of their intention as soon as possible. **Contact the Secretary Tim Keeling keelings@keintonman.fslife.co.uk 01458 224082 (before 9pm please) Jacobs Ladder Queen Street, KEINTON MANDEVILLE, Somerset TA11 6EG.**

Exeter Services. Competitors, officials and spectators for the Exeter Trial should be aware that there is a **two hour time limit for parking at Exeter Services enforced by an Automatic Number Plate Recognition System. We are being watched so please be warned.**

SENIOR COMPETITOR When did you first compete in the Exeter Trial? Are you the senior competitor in this year's event? We would like to know. If you have entered the Trial and also competed in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Contact Tim Keeling as above.

LANDS END TRIAL 2/3 April: Regulations and entry forms are attached to this newsletter if you are a member without internet connections; otherwise they may be downloaded from the MCC website in the usual way. May I make the usual plea to send your entry in early, check that all the questions are answered correctly and if you are a downloader ensure all parts of the entry form are on separate A4 sheets. Please remember the entry taker is a part time volunteer and the window is short between entries opening and having to get everything sorted for the printer to take over.

There are only minor changes in the format from recent years but one novel extra this year is a short regularity section for everyone during the night run. Aimed mainly to make the night more interesting its results will only be called into play as a last resource way of deciding ties.

EXETER TRIAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION 28/9/30 May: This is another chance to enjoy one of these not too serious trials where nostalgia perhaps outranks the competitive element. Centred on the Gypsy Hill Hotel just off the M5 on the eastern side of Exeter those competitors who elect to tackle the whole course will leave on the Friday evening to complete an overnight route taking in many traditional hills to the east of the city. Returning in time for breakfast they will be joined by those who elect for the day section only to complete another loop this time to the west. There will be a celebration dinner in the evening and a social run to Sidmouth the next (Sunday) morning. Regulations and entry forms should be available at the beginning of March.

TESTING TRIAL 11 July: Negotiations are currently in hand to hold this event at the same venue we have enjoyed for the last couple of years where the general format of the event will be the same as before.

EDINBURGH TRIAL 2 October: Lots of work will be going on between now and October to provide an interesting route similar to 2009 but perhaps being able to regain the use of a traditional hill or two which was lost this year due to the local authority being less than helpful to this traditional event which brings so much trade to local businesses. We will keep you informed as time progresses.

COMING EVENTS IN 2010/11

Exeter Trial – 8/9 January; Lands End Trial – 2/3 April; Exeter Centenary Event – 29 May; Testing Trial – 11 July; Edinburgh Trial – 2 October. Exeter Trial – 7/8 January 2011