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EMERGENCY E MAIL: The enforced cancellation of January's Exeter Trial certainly highlighted the value we derive from the Internet. Being able to broadcast the sad news in the weekly Emailed newsletter which was then clarified the following evening by another Emailed bulletin saved the organisers many hours of telephoning and trying to contact those concerned by more conventional means. We would certainly like to thank those of you who heard the news by Email and in many cases went out of your way to pass on the sad tidings to friends without Email facilities.

With this in mind we are trying to compile an extra list of Email addresses of people who could be contacted in such an emergency and who would relay the information to "non wired" members. There are currently about 200 members who come into this category and receive this newsletter and similar communications by post but we know that many of them have family members or friends who use the Internet and Email reasonably regularly. They are the people we would like to put on the new list. We promise not to trouble them unnecessarily, it will not make any difference to the way we contact you regularly, but it would help in an emergency situation.

Please send details to me, John Aley at the address on this newsletter.

EXETER TRIAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Entries for the Exeter Trial Centenary Celebration on 28th & 29th May will open on 1st March when the entry pack will be posted on the club website. Members who do not have access to the website are invited to send a C5 (9" x 6³/₈") self addressed envelope with £0.39 first class postage to the entry taker: T. W. Keeling, Jacobs Ladder, Queen Street, KEINTON MANDEVILLE, Somerset, TA11 6EG, an entry pack will then be posted to them on 27th February. By only distributing entry packs to prospective competitors the club will avoid the cost of printing and distributing entry packs to all members, 85% of which are unused.

With a restricted entry to this type of event and an expectation of many members wanting to take part we are adopting this method of entry form distribution to give everyone an equal chance of have an entry accepted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: ***Held on Saturday 30 January, lots of useful ground was covered. Here is a brief report from the General Secretary, Peter Lawley.***

It was agreed to accept the quotation for on-line management of entries, subscriptions, and a whole load of other management tools, with all the usual caveats about testing, de-bugging etc, as we go, but with a view to trialling perhaps for the Exeter 2011 entries.

We also heard about the trials and tribulations of the Exeter team in reaching their decision to cancel, but also about the goodwill that the prompt decision engendered among those on whom we rely to service the event.

The two Tim's (Whellock and Keeling) and everyone else involved were congratulated on their professionalism.

There will be a refund of entry fees less 15% organised shortly, together with reasonable refunds of part of the cost of Club Supper tickets paid for but unused. But please remember that working out all the refunds and writing the appropriate cheques is a time consuming job for the treasurer and be patient if your cheque does not appear immediately.

The Trecarn Hotel will be pleased to see us again in 2011.

Much of the celebration planned for the Exeter Centenary will now take place at the Centenary celebration planned for May, with the Gypsy Hill Hotel being the event HQ.

It is hoped that the memorial bench to the late Ken Hobbs will be completed ready for dedication at Sutcombe on Easter Day, following the Lands End.

Welcome to our new Minutes Secretary, Lesley Neal, already well known to quite a number of members, for her involvement with husband Martin in the classic trials and rally scene.

ACTC: The Association of Classic Trials Clubs has capacity for a lot more entries this year especially in the motorcycle Classes. So why not join now and enjoy twelve rounds of Classic Trials, Entry sheets and Regulations automatically posted or E-mailed to you, Cups and Awards, Magazine four times a year.

For an entry form: [http://www.actc.org.uk/](http://www.actc.org.uk)

OOPS! As a result of an administrative error, a number of members who have recently renewed have been sent membership cards dated 2008. During the next few days the effected few will be receiving replacement cards. So if you receive an envelope shortly with nothing but a membership card inside, check the date on your previous card. Its not a duplicate, it's a correction.

While in the Membership Area may we remind those of you reading this who have not yet renewed your membership for 2010 that unless you send a cheque for £26 to John Childs at 57 Ash Grove, Wheathampstead, AL4 8DF very shortly you will not be hearing from us again!