

The Motor Cycling Club Ltd

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RON WARREN *Sadly Ron died last week at the age of 86 and we understand his funeral will be at St Mary's Church, Whittlebury at 11 am on Thursday 3 June.*

Ron has been a pillar of the MCC and motor sport in general since the late 1940s when he was a founder member of the Falcon MC. At that time he was competing in a Dellow with success and showed his skills to even greater advantage when he campaigned an early Standard Vanguard. Since then he's been a regular MCC Committee member, Vice Chairman and for many years a Vice President.

We shall all remember him in our differently ways and extend our sympathy to his sister and lifelong companion, Gladys.

TESTING TRIAL: Don't forget we are already accepting entries for this event, which takes place on 11 July. Completed entry forms together with the entry fee of £20.00 should be sent to me at the above address not forgetting an SAE if you require an acknowledgement.

Regs and entry forms can be either downloaded from the MCC website, or by Email from me but if you don't have internet facilities just send me an SAE of adequate size.

Although we have recently received several offers to marshal we still require many more – so please!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: No special resolutions or proposals have been received in response to the notice of Meeting published at the beginning of May (something else more important must have been exercising the nation's mind), and thus, the normal Agenda will apply. That is not to say that interesting and informative discussions of general interest might take place under AOB and particularly during the informal discussion period which will, as usual, follow the formal proceedings.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: May we remind all car competitors that although we have taken a lenient view on this rule so far the time has arrived when we will be enforcing it strictly. So in future it will be a case of **No Extinguisher – No run.**

EXETER TRIAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION: We may have started this month's newsletter on a sad note but we can certainly finish on a much brighter one. This past weekend we celebrated the Exeter Centenary with one of those nostalgic not too serious trials which the MCC does so well. With enough competition to keep drivers awake but with a course non damaging enough to bring out vehicles of a type which have campaigned these events over the century, this seems to have been enjoyed by everyone, including many residents of the areas visited who were conspicuously watching by the roadside. In fact one car, a 1909 Darraq was actually older than the event. Based around the Gipsy Hill Hotel at Exeter competitors set off on Friday evening on a route that included many old hills and sections East of the city to return for a time check and breakfast before the second part of the route, this time to the west. It was here that the old hills of Pepperdon and Windout proved too much for many with their slippery restarts. A not too formal club dinner took place in the evening and an entirely social gathering on Sunday. Congratulations to the organisers and thanks to everyone who marshalled and how nice it was to see the club's president and chairman plus those who normally are busily involved organising our major trials being able to let their hair down as competitors.

WHAT NEXT? Having celebrated four centenaries, for each of our major events and for the club itself, in the last ten years, I was asked many times at the weekend, **where next?**

With present fuel costs, an end to end similar to those we have enjoyed in the past might be over expensive and we must remember that the majority of members live in the south of the country.

Perhaps something next year to celebrate 110 years of the MCC might be an attractive proposition – but what? **We welcome ideas from members.**

COMING EVENTS IN 2010/11

Testing Trial – 11 July; 17 July Annual General Meeting; Edinburgh Trial – 2 October.

Exeter Trial – 7/8 January 2011