



Britain's Oldest Sporting Motor Club for Motor Cycles and Cars

1st November 2020

92nd EXETER TRIAL 8th & 9th JANUARY 2021

Invitation and Additional Supplementary Regulations

Dear MCC Member and friends,

In a year which has found motor sport events decimated by the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, I am delighted to announce that entries for the 2021 Exeter Trial open today at 12 noon.

The purpose of this letter is to set out the changes that we have adopted in order to reach the point where we believe we can offer a viable event in the current context. This letter also covers the Additional Supplementary Regulations which apply to this event.

Please read the Additional Supplementary Regulations attached to this letter and fully complete the on-line Entry Form. Should you not be on-line then please contact a friend or family member to arrange online entry.

Please would you note the following significant changes in the organisation of the Exeter in January 2021 compared with previous MCC trials;

- Online entries <https://members.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk>
Please ensure that your Personal Profile page is up to date at the point of entry
- Pre event online accreditation of licences, vehicle declarations and health declarations a week before the trial
- Pre event declaration by each competitor that they have read and understood the event COVID19 Risk Assessment and Control documentation

- Route cards – route cards for all classes will be available to competitors in Word format downloadable from My Club House once all the declarations have been completed. The format will be as in previous years. No paper copy will be available. The definitive PDF version of the Route will be published in the Exeter Trial area of My Club House
- Competitors in the Main Trial will start from Tiverton, Popham and Cirencester in that order. Competitors in R class will start from Tiverton after the last Main Trial departure
- Scrutineering at the three starts will comprise a visual check of working lights and windscreen wipers, a tow rope attachment on cars and three wheelers, a spill kit and the upright presentation of four competition numbers
- Competitors will run at 2 minute intervals
- Time controls will be at the three starts, at Haynes, at Musbury [for R class only] and at Crealy. All time controls will be recorded electronically
- The Finish will be at Crealy Theme Park and Resort car park, where we plan to offer pre ordered pasties and refreshments
- We reserve the right to make changes to the organisation of the event in the light of COVID19 direction from Motor Sport UK, the ACU and UK Government

The organising team; Roger Ulgade and Martin Neal [Deputy Clerks of the Course], Jeremy Bennett [Chief Marshal], Peter Batty [Equipment] and Reuben Alcock [electronic recording] and myself, Clerk of the Course, look forward to your entry for the Exeter Trial. Entries open today Sunday 1st November 2020 and close when the limit of 150 is reached.

If you are a Member, but are not competing, or a friend, please consider offering your services as a Marshal. Jeremy Bennett, whose contact details are attached, would be pleased to hear from you.

Please keep an eye on News of the Week for updates in respect of the Exeter Trial. Finally, don't forget to order your end of trial pastie!

Kind regards



Keith Johnston
Clerk of the Course
2021 Exeter Trial

The Motor Cycling Club

The Exeter Trial 8th/9th January 2021

Additional Supplementary Regulations

INTRODUCTION

This event is governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK, incorporating the provisions of the sporting code of the F.I.A. and The National Sporting Code of the A.C.U. together with these special event regulations and the current M.C.C. Standing Supplementary Regulations as amended by any written instructions that may be issued for the event. Copies of the M.C.C. SSRs have been sent to all members and are available on the MCC website;

<https://www.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-SSRs.pdf>

DOE Event Number: 8284JA3/4

ACU Permit Number: TBA

Motor Sport UK Permit Number: TBA

COVID-19

All entrants must read the risk assessment and control measures for the Exeter 2021 Trial at the point of declaration a week before the trial. They must declare that they have read, understood and will follow the law and the procedures and requirements set out in the Trial risk assessment document and Final Instructions.

STARTS & FINISH LOCATIONS

The Main Trial starts [classes A to E & 1 to 8 & class 90] will be;

Tiverton – The Waterloo Cross Inn, Waterloo Cross, Cullompton, EX15 5ES

Popham – Popham Airfield, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3BD

Cirencester – Harebush Service Station, Burford Road, Cirencester GL7 5DS

R class will start from Tiverton once the last Main Trial competitor has left Cirencester.

Standard time from the first start at Tiverton will be 19.30 on 8th January 2021. Standard time from Tiverton for class R will be 23.30 on 8th January 2021. The three start locations will be treated as time controls as per section G of the current MCC SSR's.

Competitors will leave controls at 2 minute intervals.

Competitors will follow a compulsory route to Haynes International Motor Museum where there will be a compulsory rest halt for one hour and refreshments will be available.

The three trial routes are described in the electronic route book. The onus on finding the correct route rests with the competitor.

Petrol will be available at Musbury Garage, which will also act as a Time Control for class R only.

The Finish will be in the car park at Crealy Theme Park & Resort, Sidmouth Road, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1DR, where overnight parking will be available for vans and trailers.

Main Trial classes

- Entries will be open to vehicles in classes A-E, 1-8 and Class 90. There will be no Class F or O
- There will be a limit of 120 entries in the Main Trial split 40/60 between motorcycles/three wheelers [48] and cars [72]
- Entries to the Main Trial will be restricted to MCC full and family members
- There will be three start points – Tiverton, Popham & Cirencester, in that order. Competitors from Tiverton will start at 19.30 and thereafter at 2 minute intervals
- At the request of the RLO for Devon and Cornwall, there will be a limit of 30 cars starting from Tiverton and 30 cars starting from Popham and the balance from Cirencester
- The routes from these start points to Haynes International Museum will be compulsory and will include a timed test at Steps Lane for all classes and a tarmac restart near Bruton for all classes
- There will be 2 special tests and around 10 sections
- The overall route from each of the starts to the Finish at Crealy will be around 165 miles
- There may be route checks between the three starts and Steps lane

Class R

- The Clerk of the Course for Class R is Martin Neal
- Entries will be restricted to 30 and priority will be given to MCC full and family members.
- An invitation for remaining places is extended to the members of the following clubs to enter the Exeter Trial Class R event; Allard Owners Club, BSA Bantam Owners Club, Crash Box & Classic Car Club, MG Car Club, Morgan Sports Car Club, Morgan Three Wheeler Club, The Dellow Register, Torbay Motor Club, TR Register, Vintage Motor Scooter Club, Windwhistle Motor Club, Woolbridge Motor Club. A supplementary payment of £15 is payable above the standard entry fee for competitors from Invited Clubs.
- Class R will commence from Tiverton once the Main Trial has departed from Cirencester and the route will broadly follow the route of the main trial but will be ALL TARMAC and suitable for any road going motorcycle or two-wheel drive car. Competitors will depart at 2 minute intervals. The total distance will be around 165 miles. The route will be available to competitors in advance of the event. Class R will be suitable for motorcycles, side cars and 3 wheelers as well as cars.
- The Class R route will include 2 special tests and a number of unmanned passage controls or Code Boards, however all tests will be of the non damaging type. This is to encourage competitors who wish to experience the atmosphere and challenge of an MCC long distance trial without the need to specially prepare a vehicle – and no mud!

VEHICLE INSURANCE

For the 2021 event we are offering cover with REIS, for those Car entrants whose insurance does not cover them for use on trials, at £25 per vehicle. Those Car entrants who arrange their own insurance for the trial will have to declare this on the entry form. This does not affect the M/Cycle entry as the ACU, to which all riders must belong, already provides RTA cover for their members on trials.

MCC MEMBERSHIP

Members should take the opportunity to check that their online personal membership profile details are up to date at the time they enter and pay for event entry.

MCC members are reminded that they must hold full or family MCC membership on the date of the Trial. For those not renewing by Direct Debit, payment can be made through your My Clubhouse Account. Car passengers must also hold 'passenger membership' of the MCC at a cost of £5.

It is a condition of entry that MCC members will ensure that their membership is up to date. The MCC reserves the right to refuse permission to start where a membership has lapsed.

Non MCC members who wish to enter R class as an invited club entrant, will need to register as an Associate Member

<https://members.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk>

Entrants will be required to pre-accredit in terms of health declarations and vehicle declarations etc before they will be permitted to start. Full details of these requirements will be published in the Final Instructions.

A letter of consent from a parent or guardian, is required for car passengers under the age of 16: competitors whose passengers are under the age of 16 should contact the Secretary of the trial but, in the meantime, not delay their entry.

ACU AND MOTOR SPORT UK LICENCES

Motor cyclists

All motorcycle competitors and passengers are required to hold a valid ACU Trials Registration Card to participate in any competition held under the National Sporting Code of the ACU. All ACU licences are valid from 1st January to 31st December of the year of issue.

To renew your trials registration or apply for the first time please go to <https://www.ride-acu.uk/Secure/Login.aspx>

You will need a club code to renew/apply for your trials registration. This number which is unique to you and to the MCC will be found on your personal profile page on the MCC website towards the end of November.

<https://members.themotorcyclingclub.org.uk>

The ACU Trials and Enduro Committee has directed that as from 1st August 2020, sidecar trials entries can be accepted **as long as both driver and passenger reside in the same household.**

If you and your passenger meet this requirement and wish to enter the Exeter please contact the Trial Secretary before entry, as residence in the same household must be verified by the ACU. Any entry is provisional until the ACU advises that it can be accepted.

Car Drivers and Passengers

All car drivers and their passengers are required to hold a valid Motor Sport UK RS Clubman competition Licence

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/competition-licences/>

VEHICLE PREPARATION

If this is your first MCC Trial please ensure your vehicle is properly prepared for the event. You may prefer to enter in Class "R" that will be all Tarmac.

If you have any doubts about the suitability of your motorcycle or three wheeler please discuss this with the Clerk of the Course, Keith Johnston, keith.johnston55@hotmail.co.uk 07836 376107 or 01225 710426.

If you have any doubts about the suitability of your car please discuss this with the Deputy Clerk of the Course, Roger Ugalde. Tel. 07788 411161 or 01395 597789.

Much of the off-road route can be very rough, for this reason, for cars, a substantial sump guard and good ground clearance is essential, as is a reversing light in working order. More importantly a substantial tow rope attachment is mandatory [see SSRs] for cars and 3-wheelers; this must be capable of withstanding a snatch from a tractor tow on a steep gradient as its failure can result in a serious accident which the MCC wishes to avoid. In the light of COVID19 it is vital that your car is fitted with a satisfactory tow rope attachment, you will be asked to declare to this effect in advance of the trial and compliance will be checked visually by the start marshals. We reserve the right to refuse permission to start if it is considered that the tow rope attachment is not satisfactory.

All entrants must declare at on line entry that they will have a valid MOT certificate for their vehicle, if applicable, at the start of the trial. Random checks will be carried out prior to the start and any competitor without a valid MOT will not be permitted to start.

Motor Sport UK requires car competitors to carry a small spill kit, which is defined as one being capable of dealing with spillages up to 1.25 litres capacity (T1.3.24 refers) and a minimum 1.75 litre capacity AFFF fire extinguisher [recommended for class R], compliance will be checked at scrutineering.

HEADQUARTERS & ACCOMMODATION

Our Headquarters for the 2021 event will be Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset BA22 7LH

Competitors requiring accommodation after the event must make their own arrangements

AWARDS

Awards will be as per current M.C.C. SSRs. The W Bray Cup will be awarded for the best performance in the motorcycle classes, The Spitfire Trophy will be awarded for the most meritorious (in the opinion of the organisers) performance on a motor cycle and the Austin Hannam Memorial Cup for the best performance in the motor car classes. The 2021 Exeter Trial will NOT count towards eligibility for a Triple award.

ENTRIES

Open at noon on 1st November and close on 16th November 2020, or earlier if the maximum number of 120+30 entries is received. Entries will be limited to 150 in total.

Entry Fees: Motor Cycle & Car Classes (including A.C.U. Premier Cover for Motorcyclists)

Main Trial and R Class [MCC members]	=	£95.00
R class [Associate members]	=	£110.00
Team Entry Fee (No late entries) per team	=	£22.50

Entry Fees may not be returnable after closing date unless the event is cancelled, in which case 15% will be retained for administration charges.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE MADE USING THE M.C.C. ON-LINE ENTRY SYSTEM AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MCC WEBSITE

Non MCC members can also enter online as Associate members

NO MANUAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

OFFICIALS:

STEWARDS: JOHN BARTHAM, ROBIN MOORE and MIKE FURSE

CLERK OF THE COURSE: KEITH JOHNSTON. 01225 710426 – 07836 376107

keith.johnston55@hotmail.co.uk

ACU licence number 10996

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURSE: ROGER UGALDE. 01395 597789 - 07788 411161.

roger@ugalde.eclipse.co.uk

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURSE: MARTIN NEAL 07798 634679

martinjbneal@btinternet.com

SECRETARY OF THE TRIAL: exeter.secretary@themotorcyclingclub.org.uk

CHIEF MARSHAL: JEREMY BENNETT 01934 862409

jeremybennett88@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: PETER LAWLEY 01952 606160