

# M.C.C. EXETER TRIAL—2nd & 3rd January, 1953

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## SCHEDULE TIMES — IMPORTANT NOTE :

The times shown on the route card are correct for competitors Nos. 1 to 159 inclusive.

Nos. 160 and onwards—Add 30 minutes to re-starting time from Exeter and all subsequent times.

Example—No. 164. Schedule re-starting time from Exeter as per route card = 6.00 + 164 minutes = 8.44. Correct re-starting time will be 6.00 + 164 + 30 = 9.14.

All non-stop and observed sections are Time Checks, but lateness arising from officially controlled delay at such sections will not involve any penalty.

## ROUTE: STARTING from LAUNCESTON.

| Standard Time    | Competitor's own Time | Place             | Mileage       |       | Route and Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                  |                       |                   | Inter-mediate | Total |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2nd Jan.<br>p.m. |                       |                   |               |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.00            |                       | LAUNCESTON ... .. |               |       | Start from OLD SHEEP MARKET, behind Town Hall (TIME CHECK)<br><br>The route will not be marked from the Start to Honiton and provided that competitors check in at the Intermediate Checks at Dunster and Cannington they may choose their own route to Honiton. A recommended route is Okehampton, Crediton, Tiverton, Dunster, Cannington, Bridgwater, Taunton, Honiton. |
| 3rd Jan.<br>a.m. |                       |                   |               |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1.00             |                       | DUNSTER ... ..    | 76            | 76    | TIME CHECK. Sign sheet on arrival only at Louis Bowden's Garage. Supplies and refreshments available. Time schedule allows for interval here. TIME CHECK just beyond Garage.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2.00             |                       | CANNINGTON ... .. | 21            | 97    | Route Check only. No timing. Sign sheet at Challis' Garage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3.20             |                       | HONITON ... ..    | 32            | 129   | No Check. See "route for all competitors."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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## ROUTE, STARTING from STRATFORD-ON-AVON

| Standard Time                          | Competitor's own Time | Place                                                              | Mileage          |       | Route and Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                       |                                                                    | Inter-mediate    | Total |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2nd Jan.<br>p.m.<br>10.00              | 11.47                 | STRATFORD-ON-AVON ...                                              | —                | —     | Start from GUYVER'S GARAGE, ROTHER STREET. Sign sheet at start.<br>The route will not be marked from Stratford to Honiton, and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Honiton.<br>A recommended route is Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Honiton. |
| 3rd Jan.<br>a.m.<br>1.20<br>(at check) | 3.07                  | PARADISE ROAD HOUSE<br>(Intermediate Check 9 miles beyond Bristol) | 81<br>(at check) | 81    | Take Bridgwater road out of Bristol, and check at "Paradise Road House" 9 miles beyond Bristol. TIME CHECK, sign sheet on arrival only. Supplies and refreshments available. Re-start when ready. TIME CHECK just beyond Road House.<br>Time schedule allows for interval here.                                                  |
| 3.20                                   | 5.07                  | HONITON ...                                                        | 52               | 133   | No check. See route for all competitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## ROUTE, STARTING from VIRGINIA WATER.

| Standard Time                           | Competitor's own Time | Place                                                                             | Mileage       |       | Route and Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                         |                       |                                                                                   | Inter-mediate | Total |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2nd Jan.<br>p.m.<br>10.00               |                       | VIRGINIA WATER ...                                                                | —             | —     | Start from WHEATSHEAF HOTEL, VIRGINIA WATER (TIME CHECK), near the 21st milestone from London on the Staines-Bagshot road. Meals and supplies at Hotel.<br>The route will not be marked from the start to Honiton and provided that competitors check in at the intermediate check they may choose their own route to Honiton. A recommended route is Basingstoke (by-pass), Popham Lane, Andover, Amesbury, Mere, Wincanton, Ilchester, Honiton.                                             |
| 3rd Jan.<br>a.m.<br>12.50<br>(at check) |                       | DEPTFORD ...<br>White Heather Garage<br>(Intermediate Check 1 mile beyond Garage) | 69            | 69    | (NOTE.—This is situated on the Amesbury-Mere road 9½ miles west of Amesbury. The garage is just beyond the junction of the Salisbury-Warminster and Amesbury-Mere road. Beware of "HALT" SIGN AT THIS ROAD JUNCTION. The actual timing point will be on the Amesbury-Mere road about 1 mile beyond the Garage, at the far end of WYLYE.<br>Refreshments available near the garage.<br>TIME CHECK. Sign sheet on arrival only. Re-start when ready.<br>Time schedule allows for interval here. |
| 3.20                                    |                       | HONITON ...                                                                       | 63            | 132   | No check. See route for all competitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## ROUTE FOR ALL COMPETITORS.

| Standard Time    | Competitor's own Time | Place                | Mileage          |                    | Route and Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                  |                       |                      | Inter-mediate    | Total from Honiton |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3rd Jan.<br>a.m. |                       |                      |                  |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3.20             | 5.07                  | HONITON ...          | —                | —                  | Keep straight on through town on Exeter road (A.30) and take first <b>L</b> fork (d.p. Sidmouth A.375). <b>S.O.</b> at <b>X</b> roads (Hare and Hounds) and in 2 miles very sharp <b>R</b> . <b>S.O.</b> to                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.40             | 5.27                  | *PIN HILL ...        | 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  | 6 $\frac{3}{4}$    | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 1.</b> Non-stop to summit. <b>L</b> at summit and at <b>X</b> roads (Hare and Hounds) <b>L</b> onto B.3174. In $\frac{1}{4}$ mile <b>R</b> at fork, descend Westgate Hill (care), <b>L</b> at fork and on rejoining A.30 keep <b>S.O.</b> to Exeter.                                                                                                        |
| 4.30             | 6.17                  | EXETER (Arrive) ...  | 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 22                 | Soon after entering city on Honiton road bear <b>R</b> at prominent fork along Heavitree Road and in half mile fork <b>R</b> along Summerland Street to Bedford Garage.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| †6.00            | 7.47                  | EXETER (Depart) ...  | —                | —                  | <b>TIME CHECK</b> in Summerland Street about 50 yards short of Garage. Sign at Garage on arrival only. Petrol and oil supplies available. <b>CONTROL</b> from arrival to restart. Breakfast at Deller's Cafe (See Final Instructions).                                                                                                                                              |
| 6.45             | 8.24                  | CROCKERNWELL ...     | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 34 $\frac{1}{2}$   | Re-start from Garage at schedule time. Turn <b>L</b> at Sidwell Street to High Street, and straight on down the hill to the river bridge. Over bridge fork <b>R</b> (d.p. Okehampton, A.30). At Pocombe Bridge (2 miles) <b>R</b> (d.p. Okehampton) and follow main road to                                                                                                         |
| 6.45             | 8.32                  | *FINGLE BRIDGE ...   | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 37                 | Opposite Royal Hotel <b>L</b> (d.p. Drewsteignton). At <b>X</b> roads <b>L</b> (d.p. Dunsford and Fingle Bridge); $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further on <b>R</b> and next <b>L</b> and then <b>R</b> (following d.p.s Fingle Bridge).                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7.10             | 8.40                  | MORETONHAMPSTEAD ... | 3                | 40                 | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 2</b> starts just over bridge. From standing start non-stop to summit. <b>R</b> at summit (A.A. sign "Impassable for Motors") and in $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile <b>L</b> . <b>L</b> (d.p. Moreton) then <b>R</b> (d.p. Moretonhampstead) and <b>L</b> on joining main road to                                                                                      |
| 7.10             | 8.57                  | *WATERWORKS ...      | 5                | 45                 | In village <b>L</b> and then <b>R</b> (following white line round bend to War Memorial) then <b>S.O.</b> over <b>X</b> roads (d.p. Torquay) and in about 4 miles <b>L</b> at <b>X</b> roads (d.p. Hennock 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and <b>S.O.</b> at staggered <b>X</b> roads to                                                                                                          |
| 9.17             |                       | SIMMS HILL           | 7                | 52                 | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 3.</b> Non-stop from bottom to STOP and RESTART TEST and from restart non-stop to summit. <b>R</b> at T junction. In $\frac{1}{2}$ mile <b>R</b> over bridge, <b>L</b> to Hennock, <b>R</b> at Inn and <b>S.O.</b> to Five Lanes where bear <b>R</b> (d.p. Bovey Tracey not for motors) <b>R</b> at fork, <b>L</b> at <b>X</b> roads (d.p. Bovey Tracey) to |

† See note re Schedule times on page 1.

‡ Between the "Hare and Hounds" and summit of Pin Hill competitors will be proceeding in both directions as the route forms a loop here.

| Standard Time | Time Competitor's own | Place                  | Mileage         |                   | Route and Instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               |                       |                        | Inter-mediate   | Total             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20 MPH        | 9.04                  | Bovey Tracey ...       | 4               | 49                | On entering Bovey Tracey, <b>R</b> down narrow road ("unsuitable road" sign) and <b>R</b> on reaching main road. <b>L</b> at Dartmoor Hotel (d.p. Newton Abbot, etc.) and <b>R</b> at next fork (stone d.p. Ashburton). In $\frac{1}{2}$ mile <b>R</b> at fork (d.p. Brimley, Ilsington), <b>R</b> at <b>T</b> junction (d.p. Ilsington). |
| 20 MPH        | 9.13                  | Ilsington ...          | 3               | 52                | <b>R</b> at fork by Church, <b>L</b> at road junction round Church, <b>S.O.</b> at next junction and <b>R</b> down narrow lane (thatched cottage on left).                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7.30          | 9.17                  | *SIMMS HILL ...        | 1               | 53                | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 4.</b> Non-stop from re-start at bottom to <b>X</b> roads at summit, <b>S.O.</b> over <b>X</b> roads and <b>L</b> at road junction down steep hill and <b>R</b> on joining tarred road.                                                                                                                           |
| 26 MPH        | 9.20                  | Liverton ...           | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  | At junction of four roads, <b>L</b> at stone wall (avoiding sharp <b>L</b> to Bovey Tracey), <b>S.O.</b> at <b>X</b> roads (d.p. Newton Abbot) and at next <b>X</b> roads <b>L</b> along A.38 (d.p. Chudleigh, Exeter). <b>S.O.</b> over next two <b>X</b> roads to                                                                       |
| 26 MPH        | 9.27                  | Chudleigh Knighton ... | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 58                | Bear <b>R</b> at road junction and follow main road (A.38) through Chudleigh and just beyond Peamore Garages bear <b>R</b> along Exeter by-pass to Countess Weir.                                                                                                                                                                         |
|               | 9.56                  | Countess Weir ...      | 12              | 70                | Petrol and supplies at J. R. P. Heath's Service Station at roundabout <b>S.O.</b> following A.38. At second roundabout straight ahead (d.p. Taunton and Honiton) and almost immediately <b>R</b> (d.p. London) A.30, and again <b>R</b> on reaching main road. In about 8 m. <b>R</b> at fork (d.p. Ottery St. Mary).                     |
|               | 10.21                 | Ottery St. Mary ...    | 11              | 81                | When over l.c. and river, bear <b>R</b> in middle of town, <b>R</b> at fork (d.p. SIDMOUTH B.3176). In 1 mile <b>L</b> (d.p. Knightstone) and <b>S.O.</b> to                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9.00          | 10.47                 | *STRETE'S HILL ...     | 2               | 83                | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 5. NON-STOP TO SUMMIT.</b> <b>R</b> at summit and in 1 mile <b>L</b> at White Cross. <b>R</b> at fork to Sidford where <b>R</b> . At <b>X</b> roads <b>L</b> onto A.35. At 19th milestone keep <b>L</b> , $\frac{1}{2}$ mile later <b>R</b> , still on A.35.                                                      |
| 20 MPH        | 11.27                 | Colyford ...           | 12              | 95                | Keep <b>S.O.</b> along A.35 through Lyme Regis and Charmouth to Bridport.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10.20         | 12.07                 | BRIDPORT ...           | 15              | 110               | <b>S.O.</b> at traffic lights and shortly <b>L</b> (A.3066) on Beaminster road. In 1 mile <b>R</b> (d.p. Bradpole), <b>L</b> at fork (no d.p.) and shortly <b>R</b> (d.p. Lodors 14). <b>R</b> in village (d.p. Uploders and Askerswell), <b>R</b> under railway bridge and in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile <b>R</b> up                             |
| 10.30         | 12.17                 | *KNOWLE LANE ...       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ | <b>OBSERVED SECTION No. 6. NON-STOP TO SUMMIT.</b> At Summit <b>L</b> on to main road A.35 (CAUTION) to DORCHESTER.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|               | 1.37                  | AFFLINGTON             | 15              |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## DETAILS OF OBSERVED SECTIONS AND SPECIAL TESTS.

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### Observed Sections.

1. Pin Hill—non-stop ascent.
2. Fingle Bridge—non-stop ascent.
3. Waterworks—stop and restart test.
4. Simms Hill—non-stop ascent.

Standing start for all observed sections.

Starting and finishing lines of observed sections will be indicated by appropriate notices.

### Observed Sections

5. Strete's Hill—non-stop ascent.
6. Knowle Lane—non-stop ascent.
7. Afflington—non-stop ascent.

### SPECIAL TEST—WATERWORKS—

The results of this test will be used only for deciding for team awards. The team returning the lowest aggregate time to be the winners.

### DETAILS OF TEST

Competitors will be timed over the first 15 yards from the re-start.

### STOP AND RE-START TEST—WATERWORKS

From a standing start, non-stop to a line on the hill, astride which the vehicle must stop. Any stop before the front wheels cross the line or running back over the line afterwards, or any over-running of the line by the back wheel(s), will be reckoned as a failure. Re-start and clear the line with the back wheel(s) within 3 seconds and continue non-stop to the finish of the observed section.

The "stop-astride" line will be suitably indicated by notices and the definition of the line is "the shortest distance between such notices." The line may be moved by the officials from time to time if it is considered advisable to do so. The re-start will be made on flag signal, but no signal will be given for stopping astride the line.

Motorcycle competitors will not be penalised for footing whilst astride the line, nor for 3 yards beyond it on the re-start.

Competitors will be debited with one failure only in respect of the entire test on the hill.