

## LNCMC June Newsletter Part 2

### **North Cornwall Trail Ride: 30 June**

Fancy a gentle trail ride around the green lanes and minor roads of North Cornwall? LNCMC secretary Richard Simpson and motorcycling secretary Andy Beveridge are organising a scenic trail-riding tour from the Tresmere area on June 30.

The route is about 60 miles and will include around eight green lanes of easy to moderate nature. Arguably the most challenging will be Mineshop - Crackington, which many will know as an observed section on the Land's End Trial. The route is rideable on a trail bike with trials tyres and is all public highway so bike and rider must be road-legal in every respect.

An experienced rider could do it on a big adventure bike with suitable tyres, but make sure you are physically capable of handling the bike in off-tarmac situations, including being able to pick it up if it falls over. The route will include water crossings, be prepared for these.

Fuel is available at various points on or close to the route, and there will be a refreshment/lunch stop planned in at Black Rock on the coast south of Bude. The entire route is covered by OS Explorer map 111 (Bude, Boscastle and Tintagel).

To ensure a manageable group size, there will be space for four riders only (Richard and Andy will lead and sweep, bringing the total to six).

The pace will be leisurely, please don't sign up if you wish to ride at 'enduro speed'. The route passes through working farm-yards and residential areas so no noisy exhausts.

This is a new initiative which Richard and Andy have organised, and if successful may be followed by a similar ride in West Devon once the holidaymakers have gone in the Autumn.

To request a place, please email Richard ([richardsimpson94@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richardsimpson94@yahoo.co.uk)), with name, phone number, and bike details.

Requesting a place is conditional on acceptance of what's said above, and if anyone's conduct is prejudicial to the safety or reputability of the ride it will terminate immediately.

### **Consultation on modified historic cars ends July 4**

The recent craze for rebuilding classic cars using electric motors instead of the original engine has triggered the Department for Transport to 'seek views' on whether historic status (including tax & MoT exemption) should be preserved for heavily-modified vehicles.

If taken to its logical conclusion, this could see re-engined/re-bodied/re-chassied cars being

reclassified as vehicles recently-built from parts of various ages.

This could lead to loss of historic status for such cars, and them having to go through a Single Vehicle Approval process prior to re-registration.

There are obvious implications for our sport where powertrains and bodyshells have been freely mixed and matched, but I've not seen any information as to how to respond from the various clubs and sporting bodies.

In the absence of this, I can only suggest that you read the Call for Evidence from the DfT carefully, (<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/registering->