

## Monthly Newsletter February 2020

I hadn't expected a lay-on in bed this morning but that was the case as the Launceston Trial has had to be postponed due to storm Ciara, never thought I could have been grateful to a storm. In view of the potential dangers of standing in a woods with large trees swaying in the wind the club had to make a decision and let's face it no one wants be put in a dangerous position , marshals are hard enough to get as it is without any extra concerns of trees landing on them or on the competitors. The date has now been moved to the **15<sup>th</sup> of March** so anyone who was for whatever reason unable to compete or marshal now has a second opportunity.

Now it's time for me to hand you over to our President Robin Moore

### *Historical Notes (Part 5)*

*The very early days of club activities would have taken the form of organised social runs. Those seeking a greater challenge may well have been attracted to timed speed trials which were often held on the public highway in the 1920's, before being banned following a fatal accident to a spectator at Kop Hill Climb, near Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire.*

*The nearest to Launceston for this type of event was a venue close to Brentor Church, as there is a stretch of road that proved ideal for the purpose. If the memory of these speed trials held there on what was called the Brentmor Straight has faded, it is the complete opposite for the familiar landmark of Brentor Church. Built in isolation atop a high pinnacle of Dartmoor granite it is visible for miles from all points of the compass, and was indeed a bearing for ancient mariners as they set a course to enter Plymouth Sound.*

*Just half a mile to the south of the church, the road runs dead straight for two miles in a southerly direction to Tavistock, and it is this stretch of the highway that the events were held. It is reputed the last speed event ever to have taken place on a public highway in this country actually took place at this venue.*

*If you drive this stretch of road today it is not difficult to imagine the thrill derived from these intrepid pioneers taking part, or for that matter the inherent danger. The road surface would have been very much inferior 100 years ago to*

*the standards of today, and machines much more of a handful to keep in a straight line at speed, heroes and heroines come to mind.- but true pioneers of our sport,- definitely.*

*100 years later we are gearing up to celebrate the centenary of our club and diligent research is revealing a vast amount of history. Who knows, but it would be great if something came to light regarding the speed trials at Brentor, and maybe a record of one of our members of that era having taken part.*

RHTM (to be continued)

<b>Centenary Year 2020 Events Calendar</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
<i>Presentation of Awards with Hot Buffet and Films 7.00 for 7.30pm start</i>	<i>Trethorne</i>	<i>28/02/2020</i>	
<i>Launceston Trial Classic</i>	<i>Lewdown Area</i>	<i>15/03/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Northgate Sporting Trial ASWMC Round</i>	<i>Ashleigh, Lifton</i>	<i>29/03/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>AGM 8.00pm</i>	<i>Blue Lion, Lewdown</i>	<i>02/04/2020</i>	
<i>Spry Sporting Trial</i>	<i>Trevilla Farm, Marshgate</i>	<i>06/06/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Motor Traders Car Trial</i>	<i>Waterloo Farm, North Petherwin</i>	<i>05/07/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Centenary Parade</i>	<i>Launceston Castle Green</i>	<i>01/08/2020</i>	
<i>Testing Production Trial</i>	<i>Cannaframe</i>	<i>09/08/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>David Ayers Sporting Trial MSUK, ASWMC &amp; BTRDA Round</i>	<i>Trevilla Farm, Marshgate</i>	<i>13/09/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Tamar Classic Trial, ASWMC &amp; ACTC Round</i>	<i>East Cornwall, West Devon</i>	<i>18/10/2020</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>Ron Beer Sporting Trial</i>	<i>Ashleigh, Lifton</i>	<i>22/11/2020</i>	<i>C</i>

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**Come and help celebrate our 100 years in  
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**Launceston and North Cornwall  
Motor Club Awards night.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**To be held at Trethorne**

**7.00pm**

**Tickets £7.50 each including a  
buffet & sweet.**

**Please contact Nigel if you wish  
to attend.**

**Please call 01566777440 or  
Facebook.**

One of the forthcoming events coming up soon is the **Club AGM** which as already listed is at **The Blue Lion, Lewdown**. This is your chance to see and have a say at what goes on in the club, what with all the planned activities to celebrate our centenary you might just be privy to knowing what these plans are, you never know you might just want to get involved in them.

**Planet Gears** No this is not some inter galactic constellation but what hides in your back axle (assuming you have one). You may have read in the last newsletter that I managed to break these in the Dellow, I have been looking into getting some of these re-manufactured. Bearing in mind any used ones available will be at least sixty years old and of questionable quality and that as they really are getting harder to find it seems the logical thing to do.

If any of you out there run a "Ford Pop" or any of the specials derived around their running gear i.e. Buckler, Dellow, Fairthorpe, Canon or just homebrew special this should be of interest. Cost is not going to be cheap, but the more people wanting some the price falls, at the moment the price is somewhere in the region of £325.00 a set (2), but as I say a bigger quantity order would reduce the price.

Whilst on the subject of re-manufactured parts I know of at least one other person looking at getting half shafts made and someone else investigating Crown Wheel and Pinions, all for the above mentioned vehicles, so if this is of interest get in touch with me.

All for this month J.T.

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