

**NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2007**

**A**s you know we've introduced our 'chilli' scale to give an indication of difficulty you should expect at our events this year. Two out of five was the indication for Moreton Forest... Oops!

I think those of you who rode there would agree that 3, maybe even 4 in places, might have been more accurate. Still even though the event turned out to be harder than expected, we hope you all enjoyed it anyway. Of course if we had run the route we'd originally planned there's no doubt that you'd have had a much easier race, but it's possible that the long term future of the venue might have been quite different too.

Following 'concerns' from local residents we did what we had to do to make sure all would be well, but in spite of our assurances they called in the local authority environmental department to monitor the noise 'nuisance' anyway. The outcome was a recorded level of 51db, a figure so low as to be almost immeasurable against the sound of birds tweeting etc. Even at the side of the track the council officials were only getting readings of 74db - still too low to be considered a 'nuisance' and proof that quiet pipes and responsible planning really do make a difference!

So moving on to the next race. As you know the May 6<sup>th</sup> event was originally scheduled to take place at our new 'Milton Abbas' venue, but taking everything into

consideration we've decided to keep that venue back until 28<sup>th</sup> October - by which time the maize there will be a good two metres high and just perfect for one of our unique 'Maze in the Maize' races!

Instead we're off to Shillingstone. This is one of our favourite all time forest venues and for many years home to the famous 'Bluebell Enduro'. This year the Bluebell will be a 'Hare & Hounds' but otherwise it will be much the same. It's a 25 minute lap for a good rider and not a bog in sight (promise!) It's hilly in places but not difficult, just nice - and we've given it a fair-weather chilli rating of two. (yeh yeh, I know...)

Parking is the limiting factor here so we've had to restrict the entry to 150 and as ever we'll give existing members first bite of the cherry - but please help us by getting your entries in as soon as you're able. Don't forget we never cash the cheques until just before the race so it won't hurt till it needs to.

Finally we've confirmed the dates with Rogershill for the Rogershill/Crescent-Suzuki summer evening series.

- **June 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Go on, spoil yourself – book the afternoons off and come join the fun!