



# MMP Autumn 2017



## Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome to the Midlands Region Autumn Newsletter and yes Autumn has definitely arrived, the nights are drawing in and I hate to say it but the countdown to Christmas has started.

I would like to start my ramblings by thanking the marshals that supported the two club sprints at Curborough during the year, both events were very well supported. The May sprint was the twentieth anniversary of this popular event. Many thanks to Steve and Julie Hill for organising our sprints.

Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Christmas party is just over two months away and is confirmed for the 2nd December 2017, at the Hilton hotel, East Midlands airport. Full price of the ticket is £25 per person. Ticket sales are going very well and tickets are still available. This has been a very successful Party for the last 5 years, please share with all your marshalling, teams and official friends from the motorsport world, everyone is invited. For Payment details please email [rachdale@hotmail.com](mailto:rachdale@hotmail.com) or please see Mel Baggaley at any Donington ES meeting. Our Regional Awards will be presented during the evening, if anyone wants to nominate anyone for any of the trophies please email me at [m.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:m.chair@marshals.co.uk). The award categories are:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Bellini Trophy</b>          | Midlands Region Marshal of the year  |
| <b>Sylvia Edwards Trophy</b>   | The Sylvia Edwards Trophy is awarded annually to the Midland Region's Specialist Marshal of the Year.  |
| <b>Shadow Trophy</b>           | Donated exclusively to BMMC Midland by Don Nichols, the founder of Shadow Racing Cars, this trophy is presented in recognition of <i>a significant contribution to marshalling and the club.</i> |
| <b>Christine Lynham Shield</b> | This shield was introduced in 2013 to recognise the good work of our Cadet and Young Marshals.   |
| <b>New Marshals Cup</b>        | Outstanding contribution during their first season of marshalling.   |

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Congratulations to Susan Watson on winning Derek Johnston's 2016 British GT winning crash helmet, Susan wins tickets for the final round at Donington Park, a grid walk, the pit tour and not forgetting Derek's helmet.

The marshals club would like to thank everyone who put a bid in, we raised £550.00 thank you everyone for your support.

Mike Grantham

Midlands Region Chairman



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## BMMC Diamond Jubilee—Marshals Christmas Party



This year's Christmas Party is also celebrating the BMMC's 60th Anniversary, so looks to be a great night. Come and enjoy an evening of good food and a few drinks, awards, storytelling and dancing—bad dancing...



**All welcome—marshals, teams, friends, family and gnomes!**

**Venue: Hilton Hotel, East Midlands Airport**

**Date: 2nd December 2017**

Ticket price is £25—for more information, please email [rachcdale@hotmail.com](mailto:rachcdale@hotmail.com)

## BMMC Midlands Awards—here's a reminder

**The Bellini Trophy**

Marshal of the Year

**The Christine Lynham Shield**

To recognise the good work of our cadets and young marshals

**The Midlands New Marshals Cup**

Outstanding contribution during their first season

**The Shadow Trophy**

A significant contribution to marshalling and the club

**The Sylvia Edwards Trophy**

Specialist Marshal of the Year

## Presentation to Donington ES Team

The British GT Meeting at Donington Park on the 24th of September saw the presentation of a new angle grinder to the Donington Park Rescue Unit.

The Milwaukee battery powered angle grinder was bought from Midland Fixings Limited and paid for by donation being collected by Paul Bysh at his father's funeral.

Over six hundred pounds was donated to Donington Emergency Services Team with Jo Bysh, "Paul's uncle" being the major contributor.

Peter Bysh passed away in March of this year and worked as a records clerk for Bemrose in Spondon. Paul was his father's carer for ten years and is a member of Donington Emergency Services Team. He also owns Paul Bysh Valeting Services which has been in business for twenty-eight years.

Donington Park has an annual budget that runs the unit. However, Donington ES Team occasionally receives donations from various sources and its own crew, which allows its members to purchase equipment beyond the minimum required by the MSA. (Motor Sports Association)

From all the members to Paul Bysh thank you for the useful donation.



Image ©Brian Tyler Photography



## Thank you Peter and Paul —article by Ian Dixon

Sorry but, I had to cancel the MSVR meeting at Donington.

Back in June we were forced into a holiday slot where we could only go away for a particular week. So it was a case of going to the travel agent and saying that this week was free and what have you got??

Several places came up and in the end we plumped for a nice looking hotel, (Sumprime Dogan) on the sea front at Side in Turkey. The food was really first class, pool area and the accommodation excellent.

The old town of Side has an Amphitheatre, a Nymphaeum, a temple to Apollo and a 100 yards of Roman road. Plenty of bars and shops and a nice small harbor.

As some of you know I am at that age when I can retire. I haven't. I'm going back to work part time. So that means a long weekend every week as I have Monday and Friday off. Yipppee!

Sarah Widdowson has always been very nervous about driving the rescue unit. It is a big vehicle and takes some getting used to. There is a large overhang beyond the back wheels, which needs to be thought about when reversing. When making a tight turn you have to remember that the back end swings out.

So it was a surprise that as I was walking the track up towards post 8 Sarah was driving towards me. I think that Rob, Bill, Jim and Adrian may have had a bit of influence, well done!

Alan Hartland went to Guernsey for the annual sprint, hill climb there in August. With him in a picture on Facebook of the usual suspects were the normal crew from Mallory - you know who I mean.

I did comment that the average age of all in these pics was higher than the average on the rescue unit.

Alan went on to explain that there was a competitor who had taken five years to build his car and didn't get it on song until the last run. However, shortly after he shot off on said run there was a call for a red flag and medical assistance. Apparently on the fastest part of the course where there is a slight kink in the road he lost it, went through a wall down an embankment and stopped upside down in a stream. I guess there is another five years rebuild coming on.

Congratulations to Jules for his debut in his BMW and that he also improved on each lap in all the sessions. As it happened as well he was not the last out of the field to finish in both his races, so well done to Jules. Oh, thanks for the wave Jules. However, it did come to my attention that there was a spin at some point.

Keep safe Ian Dixon.



Thanks for the photo MotorsportAimee!

## Training Dates in 2018 are out! Save the date...

The ever popular training days are now confirmed, for January 2018.

Training will be at Donington Park Circuit—thank you to Donington for your continued support.

Reserve these dates in your diary – volunteering will be online very soon.

Rescue Training	Sunday 21st January
Trainee Marshals	Saturday 27th January
Trainee and Experienced Marshals	Sunday 28th January

27th and 28th will include fire training.

Look out for new training content this year—more details will be sent out in the coming weeks.



## Would you like to contribute?

Marshals are a superb bunch of people, who dedicate their time for the good of motorsport. A few also make up the committee who make decisions on behalf of the members. The details of the committee members can be found on the last page.

If you have something for the Marshal's Post, then email [m.news@marshals.co.uk](mailto:m.news@marshals.co.uk), news, pictures, information, ideas or feedback is all appreciated.

## Regional 60th AGM at Donington—all welcome!



### BMMC MIDLANDS REGION 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

## British Motorsports Marshals' Club Ltd – Midlands Region

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Midlands Region of the British Motorsports

Marshals' Club Ltd will be held in the Media Suite, Donington on

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 20:00

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM.
3. Chairman's Report.
4. Secretary's Report.
5. Committee Members Reports
6. Election of Committee Members.

In accordance with club rules K3.3 and K3.4 the following committee members will stand down by rotation and will offer themselves for re-election.

Ian Smith (Secretary). Jim Whitaker (Training Officer). Paul Parkin (Volunteering Coordinator)

Election to the committee. (nominations to be received by the regional secretary not later than seven days prior to the AGM).

Member's propositions should be seconded and received by the regional secretary not later than fourteen days prior to the AGM.

Ian Smith

Secretary

BMMC Midlands Region

## New Members and Upgrades

### Welcome to our new members...

Sam McKee from Wellesbourne

Keith Bond from Hereford

Marcin Taton from Swadlincote

Nathan Warren from Kenilworth

Adam Littlewood from Long Eaton

Rachel Bennett from Derby

Kim Durose from Ripley

Martin Wand from Grantham

Richard Ashton from Derby

Paul Boldrin from Loughborough

Philip Sparrow from Lichfield

### Congratulations to the following members on their upgrades...

Ray Ellis—Track

Ian Harley—Specialist

Karen Kirk—Specialist

Alan Wilkinson—Speed

Dorin Budeanu—Track

Stephen Freeman—Track

Craig Welbourne—Flag

Graeme Fowler—Flag

Keith Riddell—Track

## New BMMC Teamwear

We are delighted to announce that the BMMC range of TEAM-WEAR has been extended to include T-Shirts emblazoned with the "Proud Marshal" logo.

The T-shirts come in three colours – Black, White and Orange and a range of chest sizes from 34" to 56".

Cost = £5.40 plus delivery.

To view the full range of Teamwear please go to

<https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/>



## Autumn Quiz—answers on page 12

### FORMULA 1

- 1 Lewis Hamilton surpassed Michael Schumacher's record of 68 pole positions – True or False?
- 2 Who is the oldest F1 race winner still alive today –  
A) Jackie Stewart B) Tony Brookes C) Stirling Moss
- 3 The longest period from debut to winning the F1 crown is 13 years – who is that driver?
- 4 Michael Schumacher's last win (91<sup>st</sup>) was where and in what year?

### WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5 What year did the first WRC take place - A) 1966 B) 1970 C) 1973
- 6 How many points are awarded to the first place driver in the WRC – A) 10 B) 25 C) 20
- 7 All engines in the WRC have how many cylinders – A) 6 B) 4 C) 8
- 8 How many miles on average are the WRC cars expected to travel during a day's rallying –  
A) 150 B) 250 C) 50

### BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9 Audi won the BTCC in 1996, but what technically helped them on the car?
- 10 Which city hosted a BTCC race in the late 1980s?
- 11 Which driver has won the most BTCC titles with 4 championships?
- 12 Matt Neal was the first independent driver to win a race at Donington in 1999, what was his prize?
- 13 How many BTCC champions were on the grids in 2016 – A) 3 B) 5 C) 8
- 14 Can you name them?

### LE MANS SERIES

- 15 Who is the driver with the most wins and how many race wins does he have?
- 16 Gordon Murray designed the McLaren F1 sports car which won the Le Mans race in 1995 – True or False?
- 17 In 2016 on the last lap and in the lead, this car retired – which car is that?
- 18 Which current F1 driver won on his debut race with the Porsche team in the 2015?

FACTS – 66 GPs have been held at Monza, more than any other circuit in F1 history.

Olympic athlete, Kenyan "Eliud Kipchoge", ran a marathon in 2 hours 25 secs on the Monza circuit on the 6 May 2017, setting an unofficial world record. HORSE POWER TO MANPOWER!!



## The Motorsports School

We bumped into Pete and Mel recently, from The Motorsports School. If you've ever considered taking your ARDS test, they have kindly offered a subsidy for Marshals.

Here's a little bit about them...

***Here at The Motorsports school, we are passionate about our racing and motorsport in general.***

***We are proud to have a good relationship with the UK's Marshals and can't thank them enough for what they do not just for us, but for motorsport as a whole.***

***At The Motorsports School, we work together with our customers , partners & piers to be market leaders in our field, offering the finest service and value for money available.***

***We are more than happy to assist Marshals by subsidising some of the costs towards them completing the ARDS test.***

***Motorsport does not have to be expensive, and there are many ways of racing with a small budget all of which we can help & discuss with candidates.***

***If you require more information or wish to book please do not hesitate to contact us on 01455 502412 and Quote MAR17 for your discount.***



## The Motorsports School



## Taster Days 2017—Donington Racetrack

**We have had an outstanding year for attendance—thanks to everyone who has helped in so many ways. Your support goes a long way to encouraging the return of so many who come along to these days.**

**We have added a final date for this year!**

**Saturday 14th October**

For more details go to [www.tasterdays.info](http://www.tasterdays.info)

### Under 18?

In association with **Go Motorsport**, the BMMC Midland Region & Donington Emergency Services Team Taster Day programme provides opportunities for prospective marshals between **16 and 18** years of age. Complying with the Motor Sports Association's (MSA) 'Duty of Care' guidelines, this provides younger volunteers with the chance to gain first-hand experience of a motorsport environment.



Photo courtesy of Brian Tyler Photography—thanks Brian!

## Some useful motorsport links...

### ***Some of the Circuits in and around the Midlands***

Curborough	<a href="http://www.curborough.com/">http://www.curborough.com/</a>
Donington	<a href="http://www.donington-park.co.uk/">http://www.donington-park.co.uk/</a>
Mallory	<a href="http://www.malloryparkcircuit.com/">http://www.malloryparkcircuit.com/</a>
Rockingham	<a href="http://www.rockingham.co.uk/">http://www.rockingham.co.uk/</a>
Shelsley Walsh	<a href="http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/">http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/</a>
Silverstone	<a href="http://www.silverstone.co.uk/">http://www.silverstone.co.uk/</a>

### ***Racing Clubs, Organisations and Events***

FIA Formula-e	<a href="http://www.fiaformulae.com/">http://www.fiaformulae.com/</a>
British Touring Car Championship	<a href="http://www.btcc.net/">http://www.btcc.net/</a>
British Truck Racing Championship	<a href="http://btra.co.uk/">http://btra.co.uk/</a>
750 Motorclub	<a href="http://www.750mc.co.uk/">http://www.750mc.co.uk/</a>
Aston Martin Owners Club	<a href="https://www.amoc.org/">https://www.amoc.org/</a>
360 Motor Club	<a href="http://360mrc.com/">http://360mrc.com/</a>
BRSCC	<a href="http://www.brscc.co.uk/">http://www.brscc.co.uk/</a>
MG Car Club	<a href="http://www.mgcc.co.uk/">http://www.mgcc.co.uk/</a>
MSVR	<a href="http://www.msvracing.com/">http://www.msvracing.com/</a>
Historic Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.hsccl.org.uk/">http://www.hsccl.org.uk/</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.vsccl.co.uk/">http://www.vsccl.co.uk/</a>
Midlands Automobile Club	<a href="http://www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/">http://www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/</a>
Shenstone & District Car Club	<a href="http://www.curborough.com/">http://www.curborough.com/</a>
British Superkarts	<a href="http://www.superkart.org.uk/">http://www.superkart.org.uk/</a>
Nottingham Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.nottinghamsportscarclub.co.uk/">http://www.nottinghamsportscarclub.co.uk/</a>
Hagley & District Light Car Club	<a href="http://www.hdlcc.com/">http://www.hdlcc.com/</a>
Classic Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.classicsportscarclub.co.uk/">http://www.classicsportscarclub.co.uk/</a>

### ***Festivals***

Donington Historic Festival	<a href="http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/">http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/</a>
Masters Festival	<a href="http://www.mastershistoricracing.com/">http://www.mastershistoricracing.com/</a>

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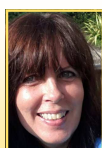
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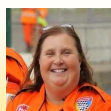
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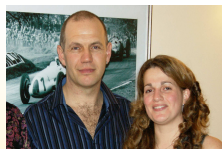
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### Answers to the Autumn Quiz—

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| 1  | True  |
| 2  | Stirling Moss   |
| 3  | Nigel Mansell in 1992 at 39 years old   |
| 4  | 2016 in China   |
| 5  | 1973  |
| 6  | 25  |
| 7  | 4 cylinders   |
| 8  | 250 miles   |
| 9  | 4 wheel drive system  |
| 10 | Birmingham  |
| 11 | Andy Rouse  |
| 12 | £250,000  |
| 13 | 5 champions   |
| 14 | Andrew Jordan<br>Jason Plato<br>Colin Turkington<br>Matt Neal and<br>Gordon Shedden |
| 15 | Tom Kristensen with 9 wins  |
| 16 | True  |
| 17 | Toyota  |
| 18 | Nico Hulkenberg   |

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