



# MMP Autumn 2018



## Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter and it's looking like our long dry summer is finally all over, the leaves on the trees are all turning golden brown, so I guess that means that Autumn has arrived.

Thank you again to the marshals that helped at the club sprints at Curborough, the two events were well supported again and thanks also to Steve and Julie Hill for organising these popular events.

Our Christmas party is just over two months away and is confirmed for the 1st December 2018, 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 6 years, please share with all your marshalling, teams and official friends from the motorsport world, everyone is invited. All enquiries to Rach Batten-Dale [rachcdale@hotmail.com](mailto:rachcdale@hotmail.com). Cash Payments can be made to Joe Watts at Donington and cheque payments to me, Mike Grantham, 387 Birmingham Road, Redditch, B97 6RH. 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:

**Bellini Trophy**, Midlands Region marshal of the year.

**Sylvia Edwards Trophy**, the Sylvia Edwards Trophy is awarded annually to the Midland Region's Specialist Marshal of the Year.

**Shadow Trophy** Donated exclusively to BMMC Midland by Don Nichols, the founder of Shadow Racing Cars, this trophy is presented in recognition of *a significant contribution to marshalling and the club*.

**Christine Lynham Shield**, This shield was introduced in 2013 to recognise the good work of our Cadet and Young Marshals.

**New Marshals Cup**, Outstanding contribution during their first season of marshalling.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

A quick reminder that all marshal upgrades and any adjustments to grades should be processed via our regional grading officer Geoff Mollart. [m.grading@marshals.co.uk](mailto:m.grading@marshals.co.uk) and 5 Avocet Close, Uttoxeter ST14 8UG.

Mike Grantham

BMMC Midlands Region Chairman



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## Barrie Williams Obituary

It seems hard to believe that Club President, Barrie Williams has died. Barrie was the perennial youth, looked at least 20 years younger than his 79 years on this earth. Always cheerful, ready for a laugh and one of the most accomplished drivers of his generation.

Barrie started his career in rallying, in a Mini, that also served him in circuit racing, sprints and in any other motor sport event that took his eye.

In later years he became a stalwart of the Goodwood Revival meetings, sometimes driving/sharing six cars at one meeting. In between times, he raced in Formula 3, big saloons, little saloons and just about every classic car you can name in his exploits at Goodwood. Best remembered among the marshalling fraternity for his outrageous driving style in a Mazda RX3 – fully sideways and waving to the marshals.

Barrie always had time for the marshals and it was no surprise when he became the populous choice for Club President when Stuart Turner, then President, and Peter Roberts, Chairman, decided to stand down at the end of 2004. We had several suggestions for new President. Barrie won that ballot by a huge margin.

Barrie was pleased with his new appointment and, time permitting, he attended as many functions as he could and never missed an opportunity to display the Club badge. Soon after his appointment, he landed upside down in a gravel trap at Silverstone – calling immediately for special help, reminding his rescuers that he was the Marshals' Club President. Disappointment followed, when he found there was no lady marshal waiting to give him the kiss of life!!

He was elected a member of the British Racing Drivers' Club in 1971, served on the BRDC Board for fifteen years and remained a proud and prominent member of that Club until his sad demise.

Speaking privately to Barrie, one of his proudest achievements was his part in setting up the under-17 driving school at Silverstone, and the great number of youngsters he taught to drive and prepare for their driving tests. The course has progressed since the early days and it enables teenagers to get through their tests without too much difficulty.

RIP, Barrie; you will be fondly remembered by very many people and marshals will miss you as a very popular President.

The BMMC extends its deepest condolences to Barrie's partner Kathy and to his many friends throughout the motor sport world.



## Members and Upgrades

### Welcome to our new members!

	Joshua Dale from Mansfield
Matthew Taylor from Grantham	Emma Hodgkinson from Stoke-on-Trent
Simon Chalk from Redditch	Dave Hodgkinson from Stoke-on-Trent
Robert Rawson from Derby	Peter Bray from Rowley Regis
Paul Robinson from Redditch	Tristan Littlewood from Middle Tysoe
Holly Allen from Nottingham	Robert Littlewood from Middle Tysoe
Imogen Higson from Evesham	Paul Endall from Birmingham
Mark Ashforth from Heanor	Scott Mackintosh from Warwick
Ruth Evans from Blaenau Ffestiniog	Simon Oakley from Wolverhampton
Peter Evans from Blaenau Ffestiniog	Anthony Tandy from Wolverhampton
Lara Evans from Blaenau Ffestiniog	John Tandy from Dudley
Peter J Evans from Blaenau Ffestiniog	Charlotte Love from Alfreton
Dean Slater from Hinckley	Liam Robbins from Nottingham
Daniel Mee from Telford	John East from Nottingham.

### Congratulations on your upgrades!

Richard Lewis—Track	Mark Pope—Experienced Track
Ian Squire—Experienced Track	Jonathan Long—Track
Gaz Jacobs—Experience Track	Chris Dodd—Speed
Dan Brough—I.O.	John McClelland—Speed
Joe Watts—Experienced Track	Ruth Evans—Speed
Matt Bacon—Experienced Track	Peter Evans—Speed
Andrew Horner—Track	Lara Evans—Speed
Nick Anslow—Specialist	Phil Boyer—Speed
Danny Parsons—Track	Mark Smythe—Experienced Track
	Steve Akrill—I.O.



## Billy meets the marshals



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## Rockingham's Send-Off

### **Who will be attending the 'Super Send-off' event at Rockingham, on 24th and 25th November?**

Information on Rockingham's website advises the following: -

"This is a two day racing celebration of the last 17 years of racing history, with classes and entries open to all categories.

The weekend will also feature demonstration laps from Rockingham Indy legends, and an appropriate send-off evening programme with live music, bar and partying."

We hope to see you there, you can volunteer for this event on the Online Volunteering page on the BMMC website.

## Brush Shortage at Assembly—Ian Dixon's report

Sign on for the Touring cars was of course at The Senna Suite at Donington museum.

Belper Scouts once again did bacon and egg cobs and a raffle to raise money for a trip to America.

So well done to them—cobs were good as well.

For the weekend I was in Fire one - something I haven't done for about 30 years.

I used to do it when it was the old Rover V8 and it used to sit at the new piece of track that is now pit side of Roberts. That was until an F3 hit it, then it was moved.

I was on there with Mark Hutton as Brian Bennett was not very well, hopefully he is on by now.

Now, being in the position on the GP pit entrance we had a slightly elevated position so the view although small was not unreasonable. We did notice however that a Ginetta had come past us in a rather sideways position, something unusual for a straight we thought. We hadn't realised he had hit the wall. It wasn't until Nick Anslow appeared from race control that we realised that the car had hit the wall. Nick then liaised with the driver, only to get an earful of abuse. Something Nick put down as a one off as the driver was upset at crashing. Well that was until next day when the same driver kicked off again, arguing about being snatched.

So he was ordered to race control.

In one of the races a Ginetta stalled on the start, then it was good to see a bit of old style marshalling being carried out. Marshals from post 39 crossed the track and pushed the car through the gate into the pits and then return back to post, well done.

TOCA had arrived with their Rescue Unit in the shape of a huge Ford pick up and very proud to show it off to me when I asked for a guided tour. I was impressed to say the least; everything had been thought out very carefully.

All the equipment was on two sliding drawers that slid out from the back to reveal all.

It was called upon, when on the first lap of the last race at the Old Hairpin, there was a four car pile up to tow away. I did think the strop was a bit long though.

The whole weekend was quite cold, there was a northerly wind that brought out jackets to keep warm.

Although the grid girls are not out there for long they were frozen, some had jackets on, but, mostly all dressed up for a sub tropical day. Despite the weather their professionalism came to the fore and they did a splendid job.

Temperature was not a problem at the Historic Festival.

Ask Dan as his Kit Kat had changed to mush in the bottom of his bag.

There were good crowds and pretty much full grids. I was driving the doctor's car and paired up with Doctor Sam.

We were put on standby at post 24 then stood down again - good.

Then later, in position at post 8, we were to receive a driver who had made contact with the wall and that he was going to walk up to be checked over. Ten minutes later there was no show. Looked like he'd legged it across the infield back to the paddock.

Shortly after that a lady driver rolled at the same spot and she would be making her way up to us for a check up.

She was ok. Embarrassed that she was going to have to ride in the breakdown truck with her wrecked car on the back and explain all to her crew.

## Brush shortage at Assembly continued

Di when on the radio has kept me entertained over the years.

Latest belly laugh -

“Can we have the sweeper, there’s a lot of stones in front of assembly.”

Di answered. “Have you run out of brushes.”

It was great to see the Spitfire and the Dakota ( not too sure ) no doubt some one will put me right. Also the parades were pretty good as well.

As some of you may know I own a Caterham, it’s got a Ford Cross flow engine and there are no electronic gismos on it at all which means with a bit of Dutch courage, the right spanners and a can of WD40 most things are possible.

On the newly revised MOT rear reversing lights must work, something this one hasn’t done for 18 years.

Basically the wire had come off the reversing sensor as the tunnel gets all the buffeting from wind which had pulled the little button off the reverse gear sensor.

You must realise that you need to be a contortionist to work in the cockpit of a Caterham.

So out came the carpet the gear knob surround to reveal the inside of the tunnel.

On locating the wire I tried fixing it by holding the wire in position and pushing it on with a screwdriver.

To no avail.

An hour later I decided to unbolt the sensor, as I did I could see that the top of said sensor was getting closer to the offside of the tunnel. It was just pushing on the panel when it came unscrewed, lovely.

When out, I could see that the little fins that held the button in place were bent out and in a position that wouldn't hold a thing. So now armed with a pair of fine nosed pliers, they were all bent back into position.

Now button fitted and quite snugly fitting into it’s place I endeavoured to reinstate it.

All was going well, when just as I was aliening the thread I dropped the sensor it into the tunnel. \*+\*^^!

The wire came off again and the sensor was under the drive shaft. So with a piece of rubber tube a litter pick up stick and a lot of swearing I got it back, eventually. I then cleaned it up and screwed it back in. Once again after a lot of cussing it was done about five hours later. It works! Test drive tomorrow...

Just goes to show if plan A doesn’t work revert to plan B, then use plan C. Stay Safe

Ian Dixon





## Donation to Derbyshire Blood Bikes

One of the charities chosen to receive a donation from the BMCC East Midlands Region this year was the Derbyshire Blood Bikes. We invited Mark Vallis from Derbyshire Blood Bikes to come along to Donington Park, so that we could present him with a cheque for £240.

Derbyshire Blood Bikes transport lifesaving medical items including blood and blood products, biological samples and medication. They also transport donated breast milk into the NHS national milk bank, then used to support feeding of premature or seriously ill infants.

They always need more volunteers for a variety of roles, to add to the motorcyclists providing a 24/7 service.

To find out more and see how you can help, visit the [Derbyshire Blood Bikes website](#).



Photo courtesy of Michael Herring

## Christmas Party 2018

**1st December 2018**

**HILTON EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT,**

**Derby Road, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2YW**

£25 per person for a 3 course carvery style meal and disco

Awards and raffle on the night

**If you still want to join us it's not too late, see Julze or Rach this weekend at Donington!**

## BMMC and AWS Overalls—Subsidy & Price Increase

**This information is also on the BMMC Website, under Latest News on the Home Page.**

Great news for our members—the subsidy for overalls purchased after 1st January 2018 has been raised to £55.00.

That means a standard set of overalls from AWS are now fully subsidised!

The prices effective from 1st February 2018 are as follows: -

Standard Overalls	£55.00
GPX Overalls	£65.00
Premium Sizes 4XL and 5XL	Add 25%
Jacket	£40.00
Over-trousers	£25.00
Made to measure	£25.00
Name embroidery	£6.00
Postage	£8.00

All prices include vat.

The garment sponsorship has also changed—new sponsors Polyfloor and Cataclean.

For further information about ordering AWS overalls and FRS Hi-Vis Jackets please click [HERE](#).






## BMMC National Regalia and BMMC Teamwear

### It's getting cold out there—need a woolly hat?

Order a BMMC knitted hat, or see your regalia officer, Simon Morris. A small amount of regalia is also available from the Taster Day team, on the last Taster Day for this year.

	<p><b>Knitted Hats</b> 100% Acrylic. With BMMC Logo Colours : Orange or Black</p>	<p><b>£4.50</b></p>
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The BMMC Teamwear has a great range of shirts, t-shirts, jackets, fleeces, sweatshirts and bodywarmers for all, at great value and top quality!

To check them out and place an order, please click on this link <https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/>

 <p><b>Finden &amp; Hales LV3701 Mens &amp; Ladies Performance Polo Shirt.</b> Coolplus® modified polyester fibre. Two self colour button placket. Side vents for extra comfort and twin needle hem for durability. Self coloured fabric collar. Weight 210gsm</p> <p>Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 38 40 42 44 46-48 50-52</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>£14.49</b></p>	 <p><b>Gildan GD02 Ultra Cotton™ "Proud Marshal" T-shirt</b> Made from top quality 100% cotton. Seamless twin needle collar. Taped neck and shoulders. Twin needle sleeves and hem. Tubular body. Fabric weight of the T-shirt: Colours 205 gsm, White 195gsm Colours: Black, Orange and White</p> <p>Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 36 40 44 48 52 56</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>£5.49</b></p>	 <p><b>Gamegear® Micro Fleece Track Jacket: K320</b> Material: 100% polyester micro fleece. Polyester lining. Contrast inner collar. Collar high full length zip. Contrast panels down underslams and body sides with piped edges. Etched/cut out. Two front zip pockets. Curved back hem. 280 gsm.</p> <p>Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 36-38 40 42 44 46-48</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>£19.28</b></p>
<p><b>NEW</b></p>  <p><b>JH063 AWD VARSITY HOODIE</b> 80% Ringpopul Cotton/20% Polyester fabric. Twin needle stitch detailing. double fabric hood with contrast inner, contrast flat lace drawcords. Kangaroo pouch pocket with small opening for ear phone cord feed. Hidden ear phone loops. Ribbed cuff and hem. 260gsm</p> <p>Sizes: XS S M L XL 2XL 34 36 40 44 48 52</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>£14.49</b></p>	 <p><b>R886X RESULT TECH™ SPORT FLEECE TOP</b> PIE resistant and breathable. Contrast inner collar. Branded taped back neck. Contrast panel design with white piping detail. Two side pockets. Adjustable draw cord at hem. 330 gsm</p> <p>Sizes: XS S M L XL 2XL 34 37 41 44 48 52</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>£17.49</b></p>	 <p><b>R231M RESULT CORE SOFT SHELL JACKET &amp; BODYWARMER</b> Softshell incorporates innovative elastane-free, crimped yarn stretch fabrics. Whilst being water repellent, breathable and windproof, this jacket also has a slim fashion fit, combining style with practicality.</p> <p>Mens: S M L XL 2X 3X 4X 36 41 44 48 50 52</p> <p>Ladies: XS S M L XL 2X 28 30 32 34 36 38</p> <p>Price: inc. Logo &amp; VAT <b>Jacket - £19.50</b> <b>Bodywarmer - £17.49</b></p>

**TO ORDER ABOVE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT BESTWORKWEAR -  
Telephone: 08454 65 66 65 and quote "BMMC TEAMWEAR"**

## Are you a winner? Marshals Monthly Prize Draw

Each month we have a Marshals Prize Draw, where one lucky member will win an item of regalia!

Log in to the [BMMC Website](http://www.marshals.co.uk) and go to NEED TO KNOW > Marshals Monthly Prize Draw.

Our March winner has been chosen, so don't forget to check if it's you.

## Taster Days 2018—Donington Park

### What a year it's been for the Taster Days!

After successful 2018 recruitment campaigns, all of this year's Taster Days were fully booked up. Feedback has been great, and we extend our thanks to everyone involved in looking after them all, throughout the weekends.

We couldn't do it without you!

Here's to more of the same in 2019...



For more details and to register, 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.

## 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.brsc.co.uk/">http://www.brsc.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.hsc.org.uk/">http://www.hsc.org.uk/</a>
Vintage Sports Car Club	<a href="http://www.vsc.co.uk/">http://www.vsc.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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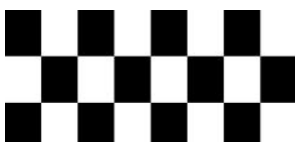
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