



MMP Spring 2018

Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Marshals Post. I trust that everyone has had a good rest through the Winter months and are looking forward to an active season during 2018.

I would like to begin by thanking Jim Whitaker and his team of fellow trainers and helpers for staging our very successful training days during January. I would like to also thank everyone who attended one of the training days. Just a quick reminder that membership subscriptions are due, many thanks those who have already renewed their subs, but in order to stand a chance of winning a drive at Bedford Autodrome, courtesy of Jonathan Palmer and MSV, you will need to renew before the end of March. The easiest way to renew is online or why not set up a direct debit for next year? BMMC are continuing to offer a monthly prize draw to our members. A member will be selected at random from our database, that name will appear on a specially created page on the website. By logging on you will be able to find out if it's you! Contact Nadine Lewis to claim your prize of an item of clothing from our Teamwear range. Remember to check your log on details via the website. If you have trouble logging in please contact our IT officer or check your email is correct with your membership secretary. It's becoming very important to keep contact details up to date, especially e-mail addresses, because It's looking very likely that E ticketing will be introduced by MSV at Donington during 2018.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to visit us at the Autosport Show back in January and more recently at Race Retro, it's always good to chat to our members.

Now that the current marshalling season is underway, I would like to remind everyone about social media. The MSA have created guidelines to assist users avoid some of the common pitfalls that can arise and to help social media to be used in a responsible way. This is for your protection – please think twice before posting! (<https://www.msauk.org/assets/msasocialmediaguidelines-6.pdf>)

In particular:

- Don't write something that you wouldn't be prepared to say to someone.
- When posting on a social media website, assume that anybody can access that post.
- Determine whether you are participating in a personal or official capacity and consider whether your opinions and activity are appropriate in that context.
- Remember that participating in social media results in your comments being permanently available and open to being re-published by other media outlets. It should be assumed that anything published in social media will remain available indefinitely, even if it is deleted from the original site.
- You should be mindful at all times that MSA regulations and UK law continue to be applicable in the online environment.

Mike Grantham



Find us on the above

Calendar dates for Car Events — Donington Park

17th to 18th March	750 Motor Club Car Championships	TASTER DAY!
Tue 27 March	BTCC Season Launch	
7th to 8th April	Historic Sports Car Championships	
14th to 15th April	MSVR Club Car Championships	
21st to 22nd April	MSVR Club Car Championships	TASTER DAY!
28th to 29th April	British Touring Car Championship	RECRUITMENT DAY!
4th to 6th May	Donington Historic Festival	RECRUITMENT DAY!
2nd to 3rd June	British Superkart GP (BARC)	TASTER DAY!
23rd June	Ferrari Owners' Club	
24th June	Vintage Motor Sport Festival	
30th June	Japfest	
1st July	TRAX	
7th to 8th July	French Car Show/VAG Tuner Live	
14th to 15th July	MG Car Club Championships	TASTER DAY!
21st to 22nd July	Convoy in the Park feat. Truck Racing	RECRUITMENT DAY!
29th July	AMOC Racing Club Car Championships	
19th August	Donington Stage Rally	
25th August	RS Owners Club	
1st to 2nd September	750 Motor Club Car Championships	
8th to 9th September	MSVR Classic Car Championships	TASTER DAY!
22nd to 23rd September	British GT & F3 Championships	TASTER DAY!
29th September	BARC Club Car Championships	
13th to 14th October	TCR Championship (BRSCC)	RECRUITMENT DAY!
20th to 21st October	BRSCC Club Car Championships	TASTER DAY!

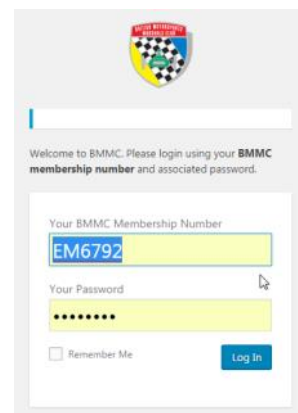
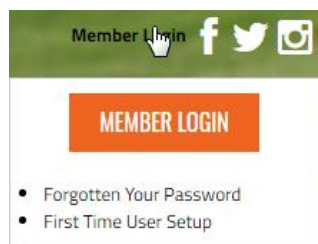
The BMMC Website and Volunteering

To volunteer for any UK events, go to the [BMMC website](http://www.marshals.co.uk) and log in with your BMMC details. The Events list is constantly being updated.

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

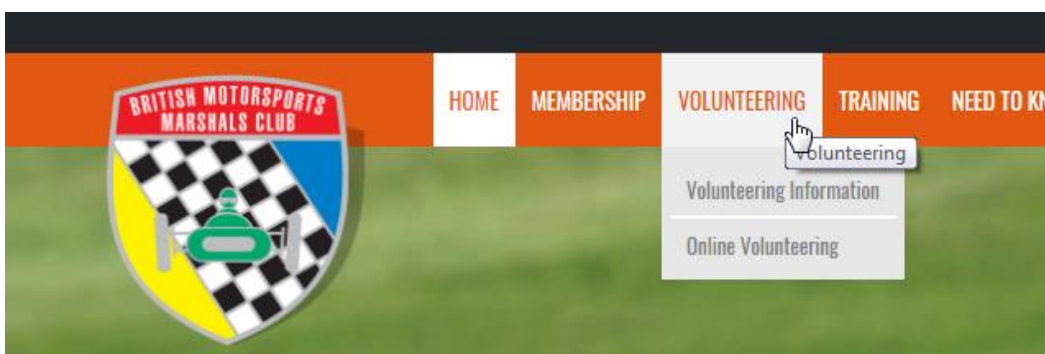
Click on Member Login and enter your BMMC account details.

- If you have forgotten your details click on **Forgotten Your Password**.
- If you are new to the website, click on **First Time User Setup** and follow the steps.

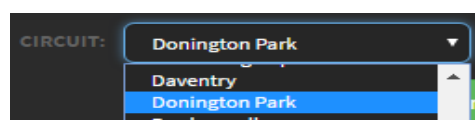
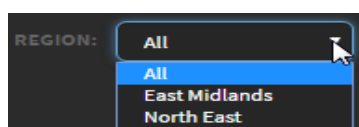
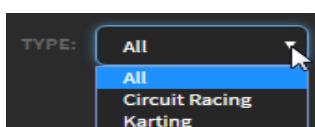


Once logged in, hover over **VOLUNTEERING** across the top menu, and then select **Online Volunteering** -

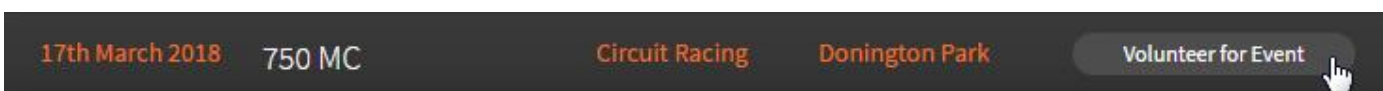
You will be asked to log in with your BMMC account again.



Once you have logged in, you can filter the events list by Type, Region, and Circuit. Click on the drop-down arrow to select -



Click **Volunteer for Event** on the far right of each event you wish to volunteer for, and **Register**.



If you want to see what you have currently volunteered for, click **My Calendar**.

2018 Events

Date	Organiser + Event Title	Venue	Event Category	Role Selected
Saturday, 25th August, 2018	BMMC - BMMC Sprint	Curborough Sprint Course	Sprint	Volunteered with organising Club
Saturday, 12th May, 2018	BMMC - BMMC Sprint	Curborough Sprint Course	Sprint	Volunteered with organising Club

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You can also print a copy, just click on **Print** at the top right of the screen.

Marshalling Overseas? Repatriation Insurance 2018

This information is also on the BMMC Website, under [NEED TO KNOW > INSURANCE NEWS](#)

“As our world-traveler marshals start to put together their overseas dates for 2018, may I remind them of the Emergency Medical Repatriation Insurance that is unique to BMMC.

Standard holiday insurance policies will not extend cover if the Insurer discovers the need for repatriation derives from a motorsport incident, and they have not been asked, in advance, to cover this risk. The policy on offer from BMMC for fully paid up members covers this specific risk, for a single premium of £10, which covers the marshals from the date of taking on the insurance to when the Club’s overall Personal Accident insurance renews, on 31st December.

The cover is up to £50,000 for any one person. Current tables show the most expensive repatriation is from the West Coast of the USA, at £35,000, so this should be adequate cover. Note that you may require this cover from Channel Islands & Isle of Man events.

Arrange cover as soon as you have booked for your first overseas event, as follows: -

- There is a nominal £10.00 fee for a certificate that will be issued by email by our brokers
- Pay by BACS to HSBC 40-39-11 Account BMMC Ltd 71061968 or send a £10.00 cheque payable to BMMC Ltd to the BMMC Bookkeeper: C/o Sarah Merkle, Accounts Support Services, 6 Scythe Road, Daventry NN11 0WN.
- Email to nat.treasurer@marshals.co.uk with copies to nat.secretary@marshals.co.uk & nat.bookkeeper@marshals.co.uk stating your full name, BMMC membership number, first day of travel and method of payment selected.

I will notify our Insurers, who will respond direct to you with a Certificate of Insurance, which contains all details about making a claim. NB: Claims must be made direct to the contact named on the Certificate; you cannot arrange your own repatriation and then claim.

Remember, this is in addition to new Personal Accident insurance that year that provides fully paid up members with MSA-type PA insurance for overseas events.

Any queries to me at: nat.treasurer@marshals.co.uk

Regards,

Colin Barnes—National Treasurer.”

Did you catch us at Race Retro, Stoneleigh?



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, news, pictures, information, ideas or feedback is all appreciated.

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 for 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](#).



New Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new members...

Matthew Taylor	Grantham	Robert Rawson	Derby
Simon Chalk	Redditch		

Congratulations to the following members on their upgrades...

Richard Lewin	Track	Tom Bannister	Experienced Specialist
Ian Squire	Experienced Track		

New BMMC Teamwear

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/>



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](#) 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.

Christmas Party Plans for 2018

We are pleased to announce that the Hilton East Midlands have confirmed availability for the same room we had in 2017 for this year's annual Orange Army Christmas Party.

Now we need your help to fully secure the venue with a deposit. We are after £10 deposit per person as soon as possible.

Please email rachdale@hotmail.com for payment details (changed from last year).

Details so far: -

Hilton East Midlands

1st December 2018

£25 per person

Rooms will be available once we have secured the venue.

Please spread the word, with all Marshals, officials, race teams and drivers, and anyone that is involved in our Motorsport weekends— all welcome to join us!

Kate's Outstanding Acting—Ian Dixon

It comes as a bit of a shock when one looks back and realises that this is going to be my 39th year of marshalling. I really don't feel any different, maybe a bit more creaky that's for sure. But, my enthusiasm is still there and I'm determined to do better than last year and what a year that was.

The committee started early with our usual belated Christmas meal at The Cherry Tree, at the Toyota Island.

The carvery there is really quite good and the service is excellent. Try it.

There, we try to sort out what we are going to do at the start of the year and with MSVR taking over Donington then we are floating high up in the air somewhat.

Moving on, rescue training dawned and guess what it was snowing. We arrived at the Launch Pad and I was not being assessed this year.

Mark, Nick, Bill, and a few others attempted to roll the donor cars over on their sides - a position used for the assessments. There was a problem, in that when we attempted to roll the cars over the wheels failed to grip the snow and just slid away. So calling on the rescue unit and using the long strop we managed to do the job.

We had a cutting rig from MSA where the roll cage is jointed and held in position with a few pins. Parts can be taken out without cutting and access allowed to the two seats beyond for extraction. It looked pretty good to me.

So after a morning of theory, and snowing falling harder outside the assessments took place.

Congratulations to the trainees who were successful, Sarah, Ande and Andrew becoming qualified and of course all the other old lags that assessed successfully. There were a few I can tell you.

Not having to assess I was a spectator, but it didn't take long before I was asked to step in and control a head.

In a cramped position in the back of the car with saws whizzing round my head, trying to keep a blanket over the driver, whilst holding the casualty's head did lead to quite a back and leg ache next day. It pays to get as comfortable as possible.

Kate's Outstanding Acting—continued

The following weekend was of course marshals training day. Oh what fun! I saw a message on the web from Jim asking for help.

You see Donington had hired out The Launch Pad so we all had to relocate to race control. However the cutting rig we used the week before was still in there and had to be removed before 7.45.

Jules provided the van and Steve Allison, Jim, Jules and myself heaved the rig into the van and delivered it to garage 6 in the pit lane.

After signing on I was asked to bring four of the cars that had been used the previous weekend up to the inside of Redgate.

It's ok towing a car that is in good working order, however not only were the cars scrap, they had been cut up by the rescue crews the previous week.

Not until you start pulling them do you know if they steer or brake. That is if there is something to pull them with as towing eyes are non existent. So feeding the old strop in the rescue unit through some bits of suspension we managed to get all four cars up to Redgate.

There was a problem with the last one however, the strop got stuck in part of the suspension and I had to go and do my snatch and I/O training. I believe Mark Hutton managed to yank the strop free - cheers Mark.

I/O and snatch training went well and myself and Rob Mitchell were asked to convey what we would like to see from I/O's when we arrive on the scene of an incident.

So, after explaining that when we get a call to standby it wakes us all up - not true of course.

When Jim Whitaker has his training head on, its when trainees have to put a collar on yours truly, strap me into a KED, slap on a leg splint, tuck me into the vac mat and hold my head in a neutral position, all whilst wearing a smelly helmet.

We then explained what we would like to see in regards to attention of the injured driver and try to give us a bit of space to get set up and also try to keep the scene as clear as possible.

It all worked well and I was impressed that all were listening - thank you.

I was asked to do scenarios for practical incident handling – nothing that would involve any form of seriousness, just a car pulling up on the track. Jim asked me to liaise with Tony Apsion whom I know I have met before.

Just to put you in the picture, Tony and Tina were doing their MSA Instructors licence.

Tony was very enthusiastic about the whole practical training idea and the scenarios that he had set up and with Kate Neal being the most unlucky driver in the world we commenced.

It all went well, Kate did an amazing acting job as a driver who could not speak any English and also did a grand job of being a driver having spun in a awkward position and holding her foot on the brake in order to get a red flag.

All the pushing and shoving went well and there were a few points we picked up on.

I won't embarrass anyone in saying what they were but, suffice to say we did realise that the novices must have listened carefully as they were the ones that got the basics in the main correct.

At the end of the day I was pleased on how the practical turned out, that Tony chucked in a bags full of enthusiasm, Kate's acting was award winning and everyone involved seemed to enjoy themselves.

If the fire alarm hadn't gone off, we may not have run out of time, so I shall look at that for next time.

Thanks to Tony and Nina, Kate Neal, Jim Whitaker, Nick Anslow, Steve Allison, Rob Mitchell, Jayne Poston and her crew for the catering.

Also, to Brendan who arrived with the Merlo and carried all the scrap cars away.

Congratulations to Di for winning Marshal of the year Award; you deserve it for all you do.

More to follow, stay safe.

Ian Dixon

Taster Days 2018—Donington Park

The first few dates for 2018 are as follows!

Saturday 17th March	750MC
Saturday 21st April	MSVR
Saturday 2nd June	BARC Super Karts GP

For more details and to register, go to 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 pics of our marshals enjoying their cold day at Donington Park for the first meeting of the year, 750MC



Some useful motorsport links...

Some of the Circuits in and around the Midlands

Curborough	http://www.curborough.com/
Donington	http://www.donington-park.co.uk/
Mallory	http://www.malloryparkcircuit.com/
Rockingham	http://www.rockingham.co.uk/
Shelsley Walsh	http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/
Silverstone	http://www.silverstone.co.uk/

Racing Clubs, Organisations and Events

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

Festivals

Donington Historic Festival	http://www.doningtonhistoric.com/
Masters Festival	http://www.mastershistoricracing.com/

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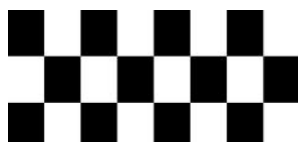
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