

### Chairman's Report—Mike Grantham

Welcome to the Winter newsletter, another year has flown by and Christmas is upon us again.

I had the pleasure of attending the Orange Army Christmas party recently, we also celebrated BMMC's 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary. The party was the sixth time that this popular event has been staged, and I have to say that the whole evening was really fabulous. The change of venue worked really well, the food was great, the staff were very friendly, and the hotel were very accommodating.

At the start of the evening I was able to present our regional trophies, and these were awarded to: Cadet marshal (Christine Lynham Shield) Jessica Kibble. Sylvia Edwards Trophy, Kierain Storer, Shadow Trophy, Bob Adams. The Bellini Trophy and 2017 Midlands Region Marshal of the year, Adam Varney. The New Marshal award couldn't be awarded on the night so will be presented at one of the training days in January 2018. Many congratulations to all of our award winners and also thanks to everyone who sent me nominations for the awards, please feel free to send me nominations for next year's awards during the new season.

Thank you everyone that supported us at the party and many, many thanks to Julze and Rach for organising the best party yet. I can't wait for next years do'. Please keep an eye on our social media sites for details.

Our regional training day dates have now been released—they are being held at Donington and are:

Rescue training – Sunday 21st January

Trainee marshals – Saturday 27th January

Trainee and Experienced – Sunday 28th January

Volunteering is via an-line volunteering system only; the links were circulated by a recent bulletin and Facebook and are available on the BMMC website on our regional page.

Queries to m.training@marshals.co.uk

Roy Harrison has been setting our newsletter Quizzes for the last twelve years, a truly fantastic achievement, unfortunately for us he has decided to retire. I have really enjoyed finding the answers to his questions. It will leave a large hole to fill and I don't know how we'll cope without him, but many thanks Roy we all have a total appreciation for the effort that you have put in over the years.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a happy Christmas and safe New Year.

Mike Grantham

Midlands Region Chairman



### **BMMC Diamond Jubilee—Marshals Christmas Party**

On Saturday 2nd December the BMMC Midlands region Christmas party and annual Awards ceremony took place at the spectacular venue that is Hilton Hotel East Midlands Airport.

At 19:15 81 very glamorous marshals and their families were seated in a very well presented dining hall in order for the evening to commence with the annual awards ceremony, 4 very deserving winners were presented with their trophies by our regional chairperson Mike Grantham.

We all then indulged in a scrumptious 3 course meal which was wonderfully presented by the staff and chef at the Hilton hotel. I think many of you who attended will agree the quality of service and food this year was far superior to any experience we have had in previous years, and although the tickets were slightly more expensive than in previous year, the difference in quality could clearly be seen.

As a way of marking and celebrating the BMMC 60th Anniversary in this region, we were treated to bottles of wine on the tables - thanks to the BMMC for funding this.

Following tradition; after dinner a raffle was held seeing some amazing prizes being donated in order to raise funds for charity, thanks to everyone's generosity we raised £480. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the raffle, whether that be providing prizes or purchasing tickets.

After the raffle; people took to the dance floor and danced the evening away before the close of the party at 1am.

Julze and I would like to thank you all for attending the evening and very generously supporting the raffle.

Thanks again to everyone who attended, without you, non of this would be possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

Rachel and Julze

Cadet Marshal	Jessica Kibble
Sylvia Edwards Trophy	Kierain Storer
Shadow Trophy	Bob Adams
Bellini Trophy	Adam Varney
New Marshal Award	To be awarded to the winner in January!

# **BMMC Midlands Awards evening**





### Winter Word Search—answers on Page 10

Firstly, a huge thank you to Roy Harrison, who has been writing quizzes for our newsletter for many years now. Roy has decided to give someone else a chance to take on the challenge, so if you fancy having a go then please get in touch. Meanwhile, here's a word search relating to Donington Park's circuit - Enjoy!

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Coppice

Craner

McLeans

Hollywood

Schwantz

Redgate

Starkeys

Fogarty

### 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.

Click on the dates below to register for your chosen date. 27th and 28th will include fire training.

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



### 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 <u>m.news@marshals.co.uk</u>, news, pictures, information, ideas or feedback is all appreciated.

# A few photos from 2017...



### **New Members and Upgrades**

#### Welcome to our new members...

Martin Lee from Swadlincote

Glyn Griffiths from Nottingham

Paul Sayers from Solihull

Malcom Littlewood from Middle Tysoe

Richard Coard from Kingswinford

Kyle Turton from Derby

Robert Chapman from Kenilworth

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

Archie Hobson—Track	Andrew Brightman—Flag
Anna Root—I.O.	Malc Merrifield—Track
Paul Lerigo—Track	Steven Pashley—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 <a href="https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/">https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/</a>



# A few more photos from 2017...



# And a few more...



### Taster Days 2018—Donington Park

Provisional dates for 2018 are as follows, and will be confirmed soon!		
17th and 18th March	750MC	
21st and 22nd April	MSVR	
2nd and 3rd June	BARC Super Karts GP	
14th and 15th July	MGCC	
8th and 9th September	MSVR	
22nd and 23rd September	BRSCC	
20th and 21st October	BRSCC	

Under 18?

In association with <u>Go Motorsport</u>, 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.

For more details go to www.tasterdays.info

### Word Search answers



## 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.hscc.org.uk/
Vintage Sports Car Club	http://www.vscc.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/

### **BMMC Midlands Region Committee Members**



The Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2018, thank you to all our contributors and members, and to Donington Park for all your support.



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