



MMP Spring 2019

Chairperson's Report—Jayne Poston

Hello and a big welcome to the Spring newsletter. Firstly let me get the formalities out of the way. I'd like to thank my fellow Committee members for voting me as your new Chairperson for the Midlands region. I'm looking forward to my new role and moving the BMMC forward.

Thanks to Mike Grantham for been a great Chairman for the last 10 years, I was really proud to see him be awarded a Life Membership at our recent National meeting. Don't worry he hasn't gone far he'll still be on the Midlands Committee as Deputy Chair and Rally Rep.

I am sad to report that Julze and Rach have resigned from the Midlands Committee as Social Events Co-Ordinators. They did a fantastic job in organising Karting Challenges and the Legendary Marshals' Christmas Party. They will be missed and have left some mighty big shoes to fill. Please step forward Joe Watts and Aimee Longley, Joe and Aimee have agreed to take on the role of organising the Christmas Party for 2019 so watch this space for details.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to a new season whether you are strictly circuits or taking on a sprint or chancing a hill climb remember your BMMC membership includes personal accident insurance. Darren Holmes is holding the reigns on the members volunteering site and assures me the system is fully loaded and waiting to take your volunteering requests.

A few changes for our members Our EMR – repatriation insurance – has increased this year to £20. This is an annual cost to cover multiple trips. Please read the small print and refer to the details on the website if you are considering marshalling abroad (<https://www.marshals.co.uk/marshalling/repatriation-insurance/>).

Lille and AWS have experienced a shortage of some of the badges for our sponsors, this has caused a delay in some orders been shipped. Further announcements about overalls will be made as soon as any updates are available.

Once again we have a robust and extensive Taster Day and Recruitment program in place at Donington for the coming season. Please be gentle with any new guys you may have on post with you and please bring jelly babies to feed us on the Recruitment stand.

Looking forward to seeing more of our Brand Ambassadors been announced – today International Women's Day saw Flick Haigh, Sarah Franklin and Dawn Boyd on board supporting marshals.

A huge thank you to Classic Sportscar Club, in addition to the £10 a day for signing on they have arranged prize draws for marshals with the help of their sponsors and supporters prizes include Factory Tours, Vouchers and BTCC Hospitality Tickets.

Remember to renew your BMMC Membership before 31st March 2019 to be entered into the prize draw for a Day at Bedford Autodrome courtesy of MSV.



Thought My Fingers Were on the Floor! —article from Ian Dixon

In October the weather can be kind or cruel and so it was; on Saturday lovely and sunny, on the Sunday it rained non stop all day.

There were the usual rivers running across the track at post 8 where we were. I had an idea that we may need to walk down to the bottom of our patch and wait for the cars to arrive on scene. Got the picture?

A little while later, during the Alfa Romeo practice a lovely old Alfa lost it opposite post 6 and headed off the track in the direction of the gap at post 8.

After what seemed to be a life-time of spinning, the car hit the wall—front end and then the back end. It's now a long way to run up to the top again, but the rescue unit had all but sorted everything out when we arrived, wet and puffed out.

The driver was upset about his car, as it was his pride and joy; I hope he got it repaired ok.

A little while later and us being positioned at the bottom now, during the MG race, the second place runner came off. He was going fast, spinning, and heading straight towards us. It was one of those moments that all you can do is duck, and duck we did. The car hit the wall hard and bounced off back towards the track. However the sodden ground assisted in his departure, amazingly, almost arriving back on the track after several pirouettes.

Just then, the driver's hand came out of the window and waved around in no particular manner; not a thumbs up or down, just a limp waft. I radioed for the rescue unit to assist and when we did arrive on scene he jumped out. All was fine.

As the wall was being rebuilt we estimated that after hitting the wall his wheels didn't touch terra firma for some 40 feet - nice leap!

During the closed season it was a surprise, privilege and honour to be asked to go to the Sports Personality of the Year, as part of the Helen Rollason award being presented to Billy Monger. We were met at the venue and issued with tickets, and shown to our seats. My seat was one from the end of the row and as I shuffled into my perch I found myself sat next to Mick Avery—a person I admire and respect. Great to see you Mick. We all performed well when brought on stage. Being a short arse I was at the front. It's amazing how many people recognised me and all the others there. I shook Billy's hand and wished him good luck, and as I turned to walk off I was aware of someone on my left shoulder. On turning, Lewis Hamilton was there. I congratulated him on winning the championship and he went to shake my hand. Wow! Has he got one hell of a grip, I thought all my fingers had come off and were on the floor.

Training

I love it, it's an invitation to help others, develop my own skills, answer questions, drive cars into the gravel, set fire to cars and cut them up—and be general dogsbody.

So on Saturday 19th January I turned up to snatch training. We took the two runners and drove them up

Ian Dixon article continued

to the bottom of the loop, where we began the practical. It does seem strange driving a car into gravel at around 40mph. It must be pretty scary going through the gravel at 120mph at the Old Hairpin.

I did become the grumpy driver to the trainee snatch to confuse him by shouting out of the window that I didn't want to be towed by the Merlo, I wanted it pushing. He did hesitate and almost called the others over, when the penny dropped. Next ploy was to let him get into the car then when the Merlo went to tow I took the hook off. This went on a few times, then he managed to get me well away from the action so he could proceed. Well done.

Next day was Rescue Training. After a great deal of theory we were let loose on the scrap cars to assess two who needed their licence renewing, under the leadership of Rob Mitchell. All went well and they passed ok. After 40 minutes of graft we set off for coffee and biscuits leaving others to practice. On our return we found one of the runners had been neatly left with its doors, bonnet and boot inside the car. The A pillars had been cut and the front screen cut across. It still drove well but flexed a little when going over the bumps.

The following week was general training and I seemed to be all over the shop for two days. From running through the Rescue Unit with trainees to doing simulated incidents with trainee I/O's, to doing fire training and making sure no-one set themselves on fire. It all went well. Good.

Believe it or not, the Fiesta that was cut up was still a good runner after two weeks of abuse.

The Nissan Micra that was rolled over many times and T-boned in the gravel still started first time. And the radio still worked.

Keep safe.

Ian Dixon.



BRMC Rally News

The 2019 Rally season is now well and truly underway, the second round of the BTRDA championship took place last Saturday (9th March). The event was based at M Sports headquarters at Dovenby Hall Cockermouth in the Lake District and BMMC - BRMC ran the longest stage on the event within Grizedale Forest. The eventual overall winners were Euan Thorburn / Paul Beaton in their Ford Focus WRC. This result gives both crew members the lead in their respective championships having won both of the two opening events.

The next round in the BTRDA championship is the Rallynuts Stages Rally on the 13th April and BRMC are running a stage that runs twice. If anyone fancies a day marshalling in a Welsh forest, then please let me know.

Other stages that BRMC are involved with are:

Rally	Date	Location
Rally of North Wales	30 th March	Mid Wales
Rallynuts Stages	13 th April	Mid Wales
Plains Rally	11 th May	Mid Wales
Scottish Rally	18 th May	Scottish Borders
ATL Carlisle Stages	8 th June	Scottish Borders

Again if anyone would like to marshal on any of the above events then please let me know and I'll forward the event details when they are available.

There are still a couple of Rally Training days available and are as follows:

- Oxford Sunday 7th April
- South East Sunday 2nd June
- South West Saturday 21st September

To register, [log onto the BRMC website](#) and fill out the online registration form.

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Midlands Region Committee Changes

Julze and Rach are stepping away from the Social Events Coordinator role.

Thank you Julze and Rach for your efforts in these roles, and our best wishes to you both for whatever the future holds for you.

Introducing our new Social Events Coordinators

Hello,

For those that don't know us. I (Joe) am a Track Marshal training to become an IO and Aimée is my (better) half and is the photographer behind MotorSportAimee Facebook page.

Donington is our home circuit but we get to Mallory when we can and other circuits across the country depending on calendars. We organised the Donington 40 year badges last year and also helped collect money for last year's Christmas Party.

Now onto the task in hand, the unenviable task of organising the Christmas Party. We know it's early but we would like to start planning and get the ball rolling for the festive season.

In order for us to gauge what would best suit the majority, it would be useful to start with some feedback on previous events (no matter how long ago you attended!):

- * Do you go to the Christmas Parties?
- * What feedback do you have? Anything negative? Anything positive?
- * If you don't go, what's stopping you? Is there anything that we could organise that would make you go?

We know we cannot please everyone all the time but we will do our best. However if we don't know what YOU want changing, improving, adding then we can't even try. Some things may be out of our control but we will consider anything anyone says and do our best. We want to make the party as open and enjoyable for everyone, let us know your ideas (however crazy you may think they sound!)

Also as the year goes on, be on the lookout for handouts from teams, drivers or stands etc that can be donated to the Charity Christmas raffle or if you are lucky enough to have any contacts within teams or work then be cheeky and ask them for donations.

Introducing our new Social Events Coordinators (Continued)

If you want to plan your own events like Karting, Paintballing or anything outside the marshalling world that you have contacts with by all means feel free. Let us know if you want help or just advertisement to other Midlands members to boost numbers or gain interest levels.

As you can see we want to hear from YOU – no idea is a bad idea!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Joe & Aimée

(Please Be nice)



Our Final BMMC Midlands Region 2018 Award Winner!

We were finally able to present our remaining award at the training weekend in January.

Congratulations Alf Glassner, on winning the Sylvia Edwards Trophy for 2018.

Our new Chairman Jayne Poston was on hand to present Alf with the trophy and a certificate.



Circuit Regalia Sales

Our Midlands Region Regalia Officer Simon Morris will be available at sign-on with his box of regalia goodies on the following dates and locations for the first few events of the year -

Saturday 30/03/19	Donington	HSCC
Saturday 06/04/19	Donington	MSVR
Sunday 07/04/19	Curborough	MGCC
Saturday 13/04/19	Donington	MSVR
Sunday 14/04/19	Donington	MSVR
Saturday 20/04/19	Donington	AMOC

More dates to be published in future newsletters.



BRMC Training Day—Derby

BRMC are running a training day for any rally marshal looking to maintain their grade at Derby University on the 24th March.

Everyone is welcome and its free, we just ask that you register to ensure that we can plan for the numbers expected.

All BRMC training days will cover the modules listed in your Rally PRC with the exception of Fire Practical and the Stage Commander Program.

Please note:

- New Marshal course is aimed at people who are new to Motor Sport. If you are just new to the grading scheme please select In Stage.
- Some upgrade requirements may need to be spread over two training days.

The first part of the day will focus on the core modules and will be sufficient for retention of grade. This will then be followed with specific specialist sessions required for upgrades.

To ensure you are allocated to the correct group and your PRC is signed in the correct place please ensure you select the correct reason for attending together with the grade you wish to grade for.

Further details and an enrolment form can be found on the BRMC website here <http://www.brmc.org.uk/training> or complete the form here <https://form.jotformeu.com/72543510784356>

Or contact either BRMC Secretary Derek Murphy secretary@brmc.org.uk or Regional Development Officer Ian Smith eastmidlands@gomotorsport.net.

Introducing Lille Racewear for Overalls

BMMC SPONSORED OVERALLS

Following the closure of AWS Racewear, we are pleased to announce a new supplier of BMMC badged overalls, **LILLE Racewear**.

The overalls will carry the BMMC badge on the front, the club name and web address on the back and will also bear the logos of our sponsors who provide the subsidy available below.

The overalls are high quality Proban, tested to the required international standard and are designed specifically for the marshal. They may be viewed on the LILLE website (www.lilleracewear.co.uk)

Style, specification and sizes (MTM = Made to measure):

Article	Sizes	Price	MTM Price
Standard Suit	38"- 48"	£ 72.50	£102.50
Larger sizes (MTM)	50"- 56"		£102.50
Ex. Large sizes (MTM)	58"- 60" (Price to be agreed on ordering)		
3 Pen Pocket on Left Arm		£ 5.00	
Name embroidery on left breast -		£ 3.50	
Tracked next day secured delivery		£12.00	

To order overalls please call **Lille Racewear** on: 07721 624241
BMMC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST BE QUOTED ON ORDERING.

All above prices valid from 12th February 2019.

SUBSIDY FOR OVERALLS 2019 - £70.00

We thank the ongoing support from our sponsors who continue to subsidise the purchase of overalls by our members. Sponsorship from **TIGA Race Cars**, **Ginetta**, **NGK Spark Plugs**, **Polyflor**, **Cataclean** and the **MGCC** with the addition of BMMC funding the total subsidy is now:-

To claim, complete a Subsidy Claim form and send it with a Pdf copy or scan of your LILLE Invoice, to: Eric Ridler, 41 Norwood Drive, Timperley, Cheshire, WA15 7LD or email to: Nat.regalia@marshals.co.uk.

Subsidy Claim Forms can be downloaded from the BMMC website, Regalia Section.

BMMC MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST BE QUOTED WITH ALL CLAIMS

Please remember this special subsidy is only for overalls purchased by fully paid up members for their own personal use. So, no bulk orders for your mates, please!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE SUBSIDY APPLIES FOR ONE SUIT PER MEMBER EVERY THREE YEARS.

BMMC National Regalia and 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/>



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

Need to order Hi-Vis garments? Best Workwear also have a range of Hi-Vis jackets and Body Warmers carrying the BMMC/TIGA Race Cars and NGK logo—AND they are also subsidised to the tune of £20!

To claim, again complete a Subsidy Claim form and send it with a copy of your FRS invoice to: -

Eric Ridler, 41 Norwood Drive, Timperley, Cheshire WA15 7LD

Or email Nat.regalia@marshals.co.uk.

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

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.bmmc.co.uk) and go to NEED TO KNOW > Marshals Monthly Prize Draw.

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

Taster Days and Recruitment 2019—Donington Park

Potential Taster Days for 2019

Donington Park are once again supporting our Taster Days in 2019—thank you!

The first 3 dates are now available for booking -

MSV	6th 7th April
MSV	13th 14th April
BARC Superkarts	1st 2nd June

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.



Potential dates for the Recruitment Stand in 2019

BTCC	27th 28th April
DHF	5th 6th May
Masters Historic	8th 9th June
BTRA Trucks	10th 11th August

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/
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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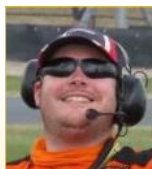
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