

Chairperson's Report—Jayne Poston

Hi All,

Just a few words from me to open this new edition of your newsletter.

We're half way through the year and season and summer poked it's head out this weekend at Donington for the GT meeting. Please remember when marshalling SIP, SLAP SLOP – SIP plenty of water, SLAP on a hat and SLOP on the sun cream, heat stroke is no joke and creeps up on you unaware. Remember the first rule of marshalling -'LOOK AFTER YOURSELF FIRST'.

We've had 4 Taster Days so far this season and the quality of new marshals coming through has been outstanding. A huge thank you to all of you who have taken the time and patience to spend time with the new guys showing them the ropes.

Remember if you have any nominations for the Annual Awards please get them in to myself at m.chair@marshals.co.uk.

Nominations need to have displayed an act that makes them shine above all others.

For the Regional Awards they need to be current BMMC Midland members.

The Christmas Party is well under way in the planning remember to get your deposits to Aimee or Joe to secure your places.

Jayne Poston

BMMC Midlands Regional Chair











Spotlight on...Chris York—Venue Manager at Donington Park

How does a typical race day start for you?

A typical promoted event day starts by getting in early and getting around the venue to check we are ready to open. Security and the ticket sellers need to be out ready to go first so we can greet the early birds arriving, usually the teams. Meanwhile, the track needs checking to make sure it is fully safe to run, and it's the maintenance team who work hard before the track goes live to achieve this. If there are no repairs, it's a fluffing of the gravel beds and a full mechanical track sweep before we start. Meanwhile the marshals are piling in to sign on and usually enjoying a coffee and a bacon roll. Once briefed they head out onto the iconic circuit to get settled into their posts for the day. Radio checks take place 15 mins before the track starts once the marshals are joined by medical, recovery, track maintenance, rescue units and fire cars to complete the track team. And then at 9am, we are off and running!

Have your ever tried racing yourself?

I tried my hand at karting when I was younger racing for several seasons in club level 2-stroke sprint racing, before I teamed up with some fellow karters and tried endurance racing. The endurance racing was great as there were lots more aspects to it, pit stops, fuelling, tyre changes, strategy and inevitable damage to repair mid race. I loved the team work aspect, and of course being able to blame someone else if we weren't winning! Once I worked out I wasn't very good at racing, I settled for working at tracks, teaching karting to youngsters and I even had my karting Clerk's licence.

What other hobbies do you have away from the circuit?

I love Rugby and follow Northampton Saints, if I can't get to the game I will be glued to the coverage on TV. I try to go running when I can which sometimes means running around the circuit when everyone has gone home. You really get an idea of actually how hilly the track is, and the views down the craner curves make it worthwhile.

Which motorsport event is your favourite?

The BTCC is superb. It's a full grid of great cars with close racing, loads of action and always a fight right to the line! However, I would have to say my favourite event I run at Donington is our Convoy in the Park Truck Racing. It's great for everyone and attracts a lot of families as there is plenty of off track entertainment, displays and rides, plus the truck racing is brilliant!

If you did race, who would you have as your co-driver and why?

Tricky one, I love to see all the young Brit's coming through the classes at the minute, but for me I want a co-driver that you can have a laugh with and enjoy the sport, so in that case I would say Daniel Ricciardo wouldn't disappoint!

What's your go-to music when driving?

I am a music nut and I will listen to most things, but you can't go wrong with a bit of rock and roll music when driving, something that I can tap along on my steering wheel too. A Rolling Stones album would be high on the list.

RIP Ian Armstrong—article from Ian Dixon

So, after a fair bit of planning, myself and Bill Butler set off on a cruise to Norway.

The ship was the Marco Polo, first built as a Russian troop carrier. Capable of sailing through ice and a lot steadier in high winds than The Viking Sky. We were on board for fourteen nights and we got an upgrade from deck 5 all the way up to deck 8, which meant two big windows and a good view over the waves.

Our steward Rosena, was a laughing Latvian, who we got on with very well and she made us welcome.

We went to a lecture on The Northern Lights and a couple of photographic lectures. I did try to persuade Bill to go to the crochet class and creative writing. no luck there.

Our fair ship sailed up the Irish Sea past The Isle of Mann, the Mourne Mountains, Belfast and squeezed between the Glens of Antrim to Port and Mull on the Starboard side. ARRRHARR Captain.

The weather cleared and I spotted a pod of Dolphins as we headed off towards the Hebrides.

The next day we sailed on through a force nine gale. it didn't bother us ,but the Ministry of Silly Walks took over the ship. Breakfast was very funny.

One woman was sat at a table when the ship rocked particularly violently, all her glasses slid across the table, when she tried to save them her chair slid away from her table as well.. Fortunately, the ship came back just at the right time and all the glasses stopped on the edge of the table, phew!

When the ship is a rocking, you notice little things, like when in the shower, the water goes everywhere but down the plughole.

You are munching on a plate of food, look up to observe what's going on, then you look down and the plate has moved a foot down the table.

We went to North Cape - on the front seat of a coach, running at 68kph on solid snow and overtaking the quad bikes that were going there as well, no worries. All vehicles drive on studded tyres.

Picture this Les Dawson sketch, two old women talking. both wrapped up in coats gloves and hats having a coffee.

"Ay I've eaten everything on this ship and I still feel bloody hungry."

Made us laugh.

We did have a good trip, I kept a log every day all 56 pages of it, maybe I will add some more into my next article.

We did see the Northern lights - albeit very short and faint, but we did see them.

The Donington Historic Festival was a really interesting meeting, there were a few red flags and some safety cars.

Sitting at post 16 a single seater Maserati pulled into the gap, the driver jumped out of his car, hopped over the fence and pulled out a cigar case and lit it up, took a puff, then put it out.

When asked, he said that he and the team had agreed that if he fails to finish a race he has to light up a cigar then put it out; must be punishment, as he said he doesn't smoke.

Saturday was another fine day and another excellent breakfast supplied by MSVR. Thank you MSVR. Off we set after picking our doctor up and proceeding to post 24.

On Saturday a unit/ambulance was sent to pit garage number 10 to an incident.

Not sure what that was but we were sent to the same garage to deal with a driver who when we arrived there the driver had got out of his car and was on his knees gasping for breath. So he had either winded himself or maybe had a broken rib in a collision with another car as his vehicle had some damage to the driver's side.

At the end of the three enjoyable days, Ian Armstrong's family scattered his ashes in the gravel at the old Hairpin. There were many people from Donington management and of course the rescue and fire units and the maintenance staff.

Well done all.

BRMC Rally News

Well it's June already and we're virtually halfway through the year and everything in the rally world is working very well. Following a lengthy investigation into the unfortunate deaths of three spectators on the Jim Clark rally back in 2014, closed road rallies are all set to return to the calendar with the date for the Jim Clark Rally which is based in and around Duns, to be the $8^{th} - 9^{th}$ November. Another Scottish event, the Beatson's Building Supplies Mull Rally is making a comeback after a three year gap, this years event will be the fiftieth in the events history. The Mull Rally is staged completely on the Isle of Mull on closed public roads and is welcomed by the population of the Island because the event brings about a very welcome boost to the local economy.

I would like to thank our marshals who have helped to staff any of our rally stages so far this year, events for the second half of the year are:

Nicky Grist Stages	13th July	Builth Wells	
Mewla Rally	25th August	Llandovery	
Woodpecker Stages	31st August	Ludlow	
Mercian Road Rally	14th September	Daventry/Banbury	
Wales Rally GB	3rd—6th October	North Wales	
Roger Albert Clark Rally	21—25th November	Wales/Scottish Borders	

Provisional dates for the first two rounds of the 2019 / 2020 Motoring News Circuit Rally Championship in conjunction with MSVR are:

Neil Howard Stages Oulton Park 3rd November
Cadwell Park Stages 16th November

BRMC have been asked to run two stages on this year's Wales Rally GB. Lyn Elsi on

Friday and Alwen on Sunday. Volunteering to marshal is via the Rally Stage Team Website only. The stages are open for volunteering now and are filling up fast, so I would suggest that if you are considering coming out to marshal on WRGB, the British round of the World Rally Championship then you will need to do it sooner rather than later or you may be disappointed.

I have included a road rally in my table of events, If anyone fancies a change from their normal discipline, road rallies are very entertaining. The Mercian Road Rally starts at 23:30 on the Saturday night and finishes at 05:00 on Sunday morning, there will be a free breakfast for anyone that man's two controls. The start and finish is at Woodford Halse Football Club NN11 3QR or SP/152 543.5530.5

Any questions or queries please contact me <u>mikegrantham555@gmail.com</u> or 07968 160 664.

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BRMC Midlands Region Rally Rep.



New Members and Upgrades

Welcome to our new members!

Daniel Pearce from Lichfield Christopher Hinde from Leicester

Philip Knott from Leicester Nitin Vaghela from Leicester

Yvonne Marceau from Ashbourne Marc Owens from Cannock

Alan Page from Saltby Matthew Brigden from Cannock

Craig Percy from Coventry Richard Harris from Melbourne

David Walton from Loughborough Oliver Dodic from Derby

Steven Eales from Grantham Paul Dodic from Derby

Peter Banfield from West Bridgford Anne Rutter from Redditch

Tim Sharp from Nuneaton Jeremy Edwards from Sutton Coldfield

Jacci Philips from Ombersley Alysia Gallagher from Leicester

Stuart Wright from Swadlincote Shane Gallagher from Leicester

Aimee Longley from Stoney Stanton Jack Crump from Tamworth

Christopher Tingey from Worcester Eloise Elliott from Derby

Graham Hart from Melton Mowbray Andrew Napier from Nottingham

Richard Tyrrell from Telford Charlie Seymour from Lichfield

Simon Gniadkowski from Birmingham Roger Hemming from Birmingham

Jordan Ravenhill from Birmingham

Congratulations on your upgrades!

Chris Jackson—Experienced Track Dave Stocker—I.O.

Adam Davis—Experienced Track Martin Lee—Track

Jeremy Kirk—Specialist

Marshals Christmas Party and Awards Evening

The Christmas Party is now booked! Deposits (£10pp) or full payment (£25pp) is being taken, either by bank transfer or cash in person to Joe Watts or Aimee Longley (often lurking at sign-on at Donington Park).

Email m.bmmcevents@hotmail.com for bank details.

Just a reminder of the details: -

- Saturday 7th December 2019
- Hilton East Midlands Airport
- BMMC Midlands Awards
- 3 course meal
- Raffle
- Disco





Please ensure you also notify Joe or Aimee of any allergy requirements to help with the menu choice.

Marshals Appeal—Mid Cheshire Hill Climb

The Mid Cheshire Motor Racing Club is running its annual Scammonden Dam HillClimb on 21st July. It has a leisurely start time and an early finish, due to the small number of entries permitted and the short track.

If anyone is available and interested in helping please contact the Chief Marshal Richard Stephens on richardstephens@hotmail.com



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 -

29th/30th June	Curborough	NSCC
28th July	Mallory	BARC
4th August	Curborough	MGCC
10th August	Donington	Trucks
11th August	Curborough	Mid-Cheshire
17th August	Donington	BRSCC
18th August	Curborough	Reliants
24th August	Curborough	ВММС
26th August	Mallory	BARC



September and October dates to be published in the Autumn newsletter.

Are you interested in training for Speed Events?

If you haven't tried it before, why not give it a go?

For anyone interested and would like to have some training, please email Simon Morris on m.regalia@marshals.co.uk

Next BMMC Sprint at Curborough

Our second sprint of 2019 is at Curborough on Saturday 24th August.

If anyone would like to marshal at this event, it's a very easy, friendly and relaxed day. You'll be well looked after throughout the day too.

If you are interested, the date is on the volunteering website. Alternatively contact Steve or Julie Hill on hilljulie@btinternet.com.

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

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.

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### 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 <u>Pdf</u> 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 <a href="https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/">https://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/</a>



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** 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

### **Taster Days for 2019**

Upcoming taster days over the next few months are: -

BRSCC 17th 18th August

GT & F3 14th 15th September

MSVR 21st 22nd September

MSVR 28th 29th September

For more details and to register, go to www.tasterdays.info

#### Under 18?

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.



# Remaining Date for the Recruitment Stand in 2019

**BTRA Trucks** 

10th 11th August

## 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>

Shelsley Walsh <a href="http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/">http://www.shelsleywalsh.com/</a>

Silverstone http://www.silverstone.co.uk/

### 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 http://www.brscc.co.uk/

MG Car Club <a href="http://www.mgcc.co.uk/">http://www.mgcc.co.uk/</a>

MSVR http://www.msvracing.com/

Historic Sports Car Club <a href="http://www.hscc.org.uk/">http://www.hscc.org.uk/</a>

Vintage Sports Car Club <a href="http://www.vscc.co.uk/">http://www.vscc.co.uk/</a>

Midlands Automobile Club <a href="http://www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/">http://www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/</a>

Shenstone & District Car Club http://www.curborough.com/

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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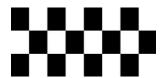


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