

Midlands Marshals Post Winter 2021

Happy New Year to all our members, let's hope 2022 is filled with prosperity and a sense of returning to normal, although it hasn't quite started on a great note.

We've already seen the loss of Autosport and Race Retro which were always important calendar entries in the out of season calendar.

I'm hoping to see most of you at our training days at Donington later in the month. Both days are now fully booked which is a fantastic show of enthusiasm from our members. A special mention to Jim Whitaker for organising these. If I could ask you to bring your own cups we will happily fill them with a hot brew.

We have scheduled our recruitment and taster day program for the year. So look out for us at Donington with our band of trainees all eager to learn.

Have a great season and remember to get any volunteering forms back to Mel for the Donington ES Team.

Thumbs up and smile

Jayne



AGM 2021

On 24th December we held our 63rd AGM via Zoom.

With Simon, Kate and Derek being re-elected, as well as Jay being elected for the first time, we have the same committee for another year.

James Pearson has had to stand down due to work commitments. A big thank you to James, and if things change, he will be welcome back any time.



Award Winners

It's that time of yet year again!

Usually our Annual Awards would have been presented at the Christmas Party. However, due to the current restrictions and ongoing concerns, we were not able to proceed with the Party this year.

Therefore, our Annual Awards were presented virtually over Zoom at our Annual AGM. We are proud to announce the well deserved winners were:



<u>Bellini Trophy-</u> Marshal of the Year Chris Jackson



Sylvia Edwards Trophy- Tom Bannister Specialist Marshal of the Year



New Marshal's Cup-

Mitchell Bardsley



Shadow Trophy- Dave Root Significant Contribution to Marshalling & the Club

Christmas Party 2022

Have your say!

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Christmas Party this year due to lack of interest and the ongoing Covid concerns.

We hope to be back in 2022 with a bigger and better party for your all.

But we think now is the perfect time for you to have your say and help to shape the Christmas celebrations moving forward.

We will sending out an official Survey early this year to get some feedback on the party and to gather ideas for 2022. Please respond to this if you are able, it really will help us to organise a party for everyone to enjoy.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas or comments (whilst we're all in the 2021 Christmas spirit!), feel free to drop us an email.

Get in touch with us:

- <u>m.bmmcevents@hotmail.com</u>
- Joe Watts or Aimée Longley on social media

See you in 2022!



Membership

Welcome to our new members!

David Jones from Nuneaton Bryan Wardle from Eastwood Frederick Mason from Mansfield Karen Mason from Mansfield Jack Guyler from Arnold Bobby Carver from Willenhall Damian Mayhew from Swadlincote James Lamb from Walmley Benjamin Glover from Scraptoft Aaron Perkins from Wordsley Paul Stilling from Broughton Astley





Training Days 2022

BMMC Midland Region – Annual Training days – Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January 2022

We have now got our usual training days sorted for January 2022 at Donington Park Circuit. Due to popular demand, these are now full.

We have had to close volunteering for the moment due to probable venue and Government limitations on numbers. We are keeping an eye on the position and will maybe be able to accommodate more if things ease up. If you have not already volunteered and want to be put on a reserve list, please let Jim Whitaker know for which day by email to <u>m.training@marshals.co.uk</u>.

Decision will be about a week beforehand.

Jim Whitaker

Midland Region Training Officer

Fire Training

Thank you to those who attended our Fire Training in November. We hope you enjoyed it (despite the freezing weather!) and found it informative.

If you would like to see the video created from the day by Motorsport UK, click the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppAUsIf3vM4



Rally Update

I would like to start my report by congratulating Jon Cordery who was voted as the BRMC 2021 marshal of the year and he will be receiving the Jimmy McRae award as soon as we possibly can. Congratulations Jon. Rallying during the latter half of 2021 had pretty well returned back to normal, spectators were being allowed to attend on the majority of events, signing on was a bit of a nightmare with different systems being used, but overall, it was good to be back marshalling on events.

Event calendars have been produced for 2022 and I have copied three of those championships below. The BRMC website <u>www.brmc.org.uk</u> and BRMC Facebook site, will have details of virtually all events for 2022 and rally training should be available at some point during the year, again all details will be published via BRMC media sites.

It would be nice to plan on 2022 carrying on with events where 2021 finished, but the ongoing Covid situation could affect the calendar with events being postponed or cancelled, the BRMC Facebook page is updated continuously with updates.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe New Year.

MSVR – Motorsport News 2021 – 2022 Circuit Rally Championship.

www.msnrallychamp.co.uk

6th November 2021, Neil Howard stages in association with Graham Coffey & Co Solicitors.

21st November 2021, NHMC Cadwell Park Stages.

5th December 2021, Maxus Dukeries Rally, Donington.

15th January 2022, MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages.

29th – 30th January 2022, ND Civils, Lee Holland Stages, Anglesey.

19th February 2022, Snetterton Stages.

13th March 2022, The Donington Rally.

3rd April 2022, The Alan Healy Memorial, Cadwell Park Stages.

Reserve event, date tbc Altratech SMC Stages, Anglesey.

Rally Update

2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Championship

www.btrdarally.com

12th March, Malcolm Wilson Rally, Location - Lake District.

9th April, Rallynuts Stages Rally, Location – Mid Wales.

14th May, Border Counties Rally, Location, Jedburgh, Scotland.

18th June, Kielder Forest Rally, Location, Kielder Forest, Scottish Borders.

9th July, Nicky Grist Stages, Location, Mid – Wales.

3rd September, Woodpecker Rally, Location, Ludlow Shropshire and Radnor forest.

24th September, Trackrod Rally, Location Yorkshire.

29th October, Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally, Location, North Wales.

2022 British Rally Championship

www.britishrallychampionship

23 – 24th April Corbeau Seats Rally, Tendring and Clacton, Location, Clacton – on – Sea.

27th – 28th May Beatsons Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally, Location, Duns, Scotland.

9th July, Nicky Grist Stages, Location, Builth Wells, Mid Wales.

13th August, Grampian Forest Stages, Location, Banchory, Scotland.

3rd – 4th September, Get Connected Rali Bae Ceredigion, Location, Aberystwyth.

23rd – 24th September, Trackrod Rally, Location, Filey, Yorkshire.

29th October, Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally, Location's Llandudno, North Wales.

5th November, Reserve Round, Oulton Park Stages

Speed Event Calendar 2022

Event & location	Marshal contact	Event type
23rd Jan - MGCC assisting MAC- Clee Hill Trial - WenLock Edge	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Trial
20th March - Shenstone &DCC practice day Curborough	jwilliamsdono@gmail.com	Speed
26th March - Cadwell Park Sprint (various clubs) - Marshal via BARC)	barcfb@gmail.com	Speed
2nd April - Caterham Academy Sprint - BMMC organising	hilljulie@btinternet.com	Speed
3rd April - MGCC sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
2nd April - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park- practice day	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
3rd April - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
10th April - MAC sprint Curborough	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
16th April - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com_or 07484 160287	Speed
17th April - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
24th April - MGCC East Lodge Farm (Bromsgrove) grass test	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Trial
24th April - Sheffield & Hallamshire sprint Curborough	annicc@icloud.com	Speed
7th May - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
8th May - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
1st May - VSCC sprint Curborough	comps@vscc.co.uk	Speed
7th May - BMMC sprint Curborough	hilljulie@btinternet.com	Speed
8th May - Lotus 7 sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
14th May - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
15th May - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
21st May - MAC Rally Legends at Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
21st May -Longton & District MC at Blyton	https://www.longton-dmc.co.uk/index.php/contact-us	Speed
22nd May -Longton & District MC at Blyton	https://www.longton-dmc.co.uk/index.php/contact-us	Speed
22nd May - Shenstone &DCC sprint Curborough	jwilliamsdono@gmail.com	Speed
3rd June - BARC - Coventry MotorFest	barcfb@gmail.com	Speed
4th June - BARC - Coventry MotorFest	barcfb@gmail.com	Speed
4th June - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
5th June - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
5th June - Sheffield & Hallamshire sprint Curborough	annicc@icloud.com	Speed
11th June - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
12th June - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
12th June - Morgan three wheeler Club sprint Curborough (ACU)	compsec@mtwc.co.uk	Speed
19th June - Owen sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
19th June - York & Huddersfield MC sprint Blyton	sprint@yorkmotorclub.org.uk	Speed
25th June - Nottingham Sports Car Club sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
26th June - Nottingham Sports Car Club sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
24th June - Yorkshire Motorsport Festival @ Holmfirth - Mid Derbyshire Motor Club	https://www.ymsf.net/contact	Speed
25th June - Yorkshire Motorsport Festival @ Holmfirth - Mid Derbyshire Motor Club	https://www.ymsf.net/contact	Speed
26th June - Yorkshire Motorsport Festival @ Holmfirth - Mid Derbyshire Motor Club	https://www.ymsf.net/contact	Speed
25th June - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
26th June - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
4th July - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
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Speed Event Calendar 2022 contd.

9th July - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
10th July - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
9th July - Westfield Sports Car Club at Blyton	http://www.wscc.co.uk/speedseries.htm	Speed
10th July - Westfield Sports Car Club at Blyton	http://www.wscc.co.uk/speedseries.htm	Speed
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10th July - Shenstone &DCC sprint Curborough	jwilliamsdono@gmail.com	
16th July - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
17th July - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
Aug 7th - MGCC sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
Aug 6th - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
Aug 7th - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
Aug 14th - Mid Cheshire sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
13th Aug - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
14th Aug - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
Aug 21st - Reliant Sabre & Scimitar Owner Club sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
27th Aug - BARC (Midlands) Snetterton Sprint	Fred Bromley <barcfb@gmail.com></barcfb@gmail.com>	Speed
27th Aug- Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
28th Aug - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
Aug 27th - BMMC sprint Curborough	hilljulie@btinternet.com	Speed
Aug 28th - Lotus 7 sprint Curborough	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
4th Sept - Shenstone &DCC sprint Curborough	jwilliamsdono@gmail.com	Speed
10th Sept - BARC sprint Curborugh	barcfb@gmail.com	Speed
10th Sept - MAC sprint MIRA	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
9th Sept - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com_or 07484 160287	Speed
10th Sept - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
17th Sept - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
18th Sept - MAC hillclimb Shelsley Walsh	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
18th Sept - Aston Martin OC sprint Curborough	enquiries@amocracing.com	Speed
Sept 24th - Nottingham Sports Car Club sprint Blyton	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
Sept 25th - Nottingham Sports Car Club sprint Blyton	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Speed
Sept 25th - MGCC East Lodge Farm (Bromsgrove) Trial	simonmorrisbmmcmgcc@gmail.com	Trial
24th Sept - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
25th Sept - Hagley & DLCC hillclimb Loton Park	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com or 07484 160287	Speed
2nd Oct - MAC sprint Curborough	Tel 01886 812 211	Speed
Oct 8th - HSA sprint Curborough	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com	Speed
Oct 9th - HSA sprint Curborough	chiefmarshal@hdlcc.com	Speed
15th Oct - BARC sprint Curborough	Fred Bromley <barcfb@gmail.com></barcfb@gmail.com>	Speed
22nd Oct - Vintange Sports Car Club - sprint Curborugh	comps@vscc.co.uk	Speed

lan Dixon

After a great days racing, with grids some 40 plus it was time to put Paul Hawley to rest. Paul's sister, brother - in - law, nieces and other members of his family were met at Redgate for the simple reason that Paul had indicated that he wanted to have a final flying lap in the Rescue Unit and to have his ashes scattered next to post1. No pressure then!

After dropping our paramedic and gear off myself Rob Mitchel and Mel proceeded to Redgate to meet Paul's family.

I mentioned to Mel earlier in the day, why don't we invite the family if they want to ride round with Paul on his flying lap.

On asking, they were all very pleased to hop aboard to experience a lap. Paul's Sister, Paul and niece jumped in with me, with another in the back with Rob. It seemed all the younger ones wanted to go in FT1 and FT2. After saying hi to Paul, strobes on, off we set in convoy, Paul's relatives enjoying the ride. By the time we got the top of Craner it was dawning on them how narrow and steep the track was.

So, how fast do I go? I felt that they did want to go faster, so I did speed up a little and stayed at that for the rest of the lap. On arrival at the finishing line, in diamond formation, with FT1 and 2 we were flagged through by a myriad of flags-nice. Paul's family disembarked at Redgate and walked behind the unit and the fire tenders to post one, where Paul's ashes were laid to rest. Paul's brother in law made a short speech and his sister thanked us all for making Paul's wish come true.

Now, a marshal was injured a little while ago when he stepped onto a manhole cover that collapsed opposite post 23.

As some of you know myself and Ian do a yearly walkabout and report faults to Donington. Our reports of this manhole do not appear in any of them. We think that the cover was silted up years ago and that grass has grown over the top, only to be uncovered when the new lights have been installed. The lid had rusted through. I did report it to Andrew Swift as soon as I was told . He replied straight away, that it would be repaired permanently as a priority. So it was, it's now a 1/4'' steel plate, held down with stainless steel bolts. Manhole cover is now fixed.

At the GT meeting Di got stuck in the lift, Steve Angel did comment, that it had been working fine and behaving itself over the last few weeks.

Sometimes it's very difficult to assess a situation even when you have observed the incident. One car spun and another one couldn't avoid it. The blue one launching itself over the top of the yellow one at The Old Hairpin. Delta 7, asked to proceed, which we did. Arriving at the scene, two cars some, 75yds apart both drivers moving. The driver of the blue car was in the process of extracting himself and whilst the driver of the yellow car was moving but not getting out. So the decision was made to park in the middle of them both and assess the situation. Anna was directing us towards the blue car, to which our paramedic attended.

The metal fend off corner studs at the chicane seem to do a great job of stopping drivers trying to cut the corners. F3s in particular just clip the outside stud. You can hear the stud protesting, as there is a loud metallic bang as it makes contact with the wheel. I'm wondering how the suspension doesn't collapse. Occasionally one driver will run too far over where the under tray hits the second stud which is less forgiving.

Caterhams on the other hand have a bit of an Achilles heel, as their sump is amid ships, front of the car and if the driver runs wide can damage the sump. This is what happened, car ran wide on exit at post 25, sump broken. The only good thing was that he ran out of oil by the time he got to post 27. Yes, the lads in the Rescue Unit did muck in to help.

Just to sum up the last few years during Covid 19:

First of all it was a labour of love to walk the circuit and produce, a rather crude map of Donington and place all the marshals in various gaps as only two marshals were allowed on each post and to work on it until 0300hrs in the morning. Everyone has been brilliant and stepped up to the mark. It was a pain cleaning the radio and headsets. Wiping down being the easy bit, getting headsets inside the little storage bag is the difficult bit, especially with my fat fingers. Racing seems to have perked up with a lot of cars in some classes of racing, seems like people just want to get back out to enjoy themselves.

One first day trainee last week seemed full of enthusiasm, there were a few incidents at Redgate and she was off pushing cars opening and closing gates and even beating me to the bumper deposited on my side of the track, all that after carrying a cart fifty yds. And it was heavy. Can we have more please.

One thing that is missing is meeting up in the mornings at sign on and hopefully that will change soon. Anyway stay safe over the closed season and I'll see you all soon.

lan Dixon

BMMC National Regalia & BMMC Teamwear

If you would like to order any regalia, please message Joe Watts or email <u>m.regalia@marshals.co.uk</u> to arrange.

Joe will also be attending the January Training days



BMMC Facemasks & Snoods still available!

For Team Wear and MORE! Visit the Regalia section on www.marshals.co.uk

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