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IN MEMORY OF
DR. PETER PRESTON- HOUGH
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CHAIRTHING'S PRE-SEASON PERAMBULATION

Oh dear, such sad news as we embark on the new season. Dr Peter Preston Hough's passing was a true shock. Peter has always been Peter, and now he isn't. I am pleased to report that committee and region were well represented at Peter's very moving funeral.

We were there with reps from BARC and BRSCC, Susan and family, AMOC bods, police (Peter's profession) and academics (Peter's Doctorate was earned for thesis on WW2 RAF Far East and Europe at Wolverhampton University).

Massive congratulations to Bill Gray on a stunning debut as Regional Training Officer. And to all the Trainers who delivered such excellent sessions. A brilliant weekend all round. I hope those of you who came on down enjoyed and learned in equal measure.

OK, I'm sure you will all say "I know what to do, how and when" BUT practical and theoretical refreshment enhances the skill set. Not only that, but the rules change year by year, and "live" learning is much better than just reading a rule book. My mantra - Training and Experience. You can't beat it!

You saw the presentation of, or received, our regional awards. These recognise the achievements and contributions of our outstanding fellow oranges. More than that, they celebrate the skill and dedication demonstrated by all of you. A trite observation, maybe, but motor sport, a multi-billion pound industry, is founded upon the dedicated contribution of us marshals. We can all be proud of that fact.

We are now into our Diamond Jubilee Year. The BMMC has been making motor sport happen for 60 years. That is an incredible achievement. We remember our colleagues from over the years; all those famous names who shaped our club into the fab organisation that it now is. You now carry the torch into the future. Talking Diamond, we WILL be having an end-of-season social event up here in North Region. This is a special year, so we hope to celebrate with hundreds of you. Details will follow as plans take shape, but think "One Saturday in November" and you won't be surprised. As mentioned on Training Sunday, there will be significant discounting of costs, so you just have to be there.

For now, the season starts here. Please be careful out there.

North West Region:

The Northern Powerhouse.

Mike Cadwallader

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**JLT/MSA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR  
MARGARET SIMPSON**

## MGCC MARSHALS & OFFICIALS

*Dear Officials and Marshals,*

*Due to an issue with our website we think that some of your on-line volunteering applications might not have made it to us.*

*Please could you let us know by email to me, John Hutchison - [Johnnh@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:Johnnh@mgcc.co.uk), if you have already applied by the website, which meeting you have volunteered for, and in what role, so we can see if we have received your application or not.*

**John Hutchison**

*Race Competitions Secretary,*

*MG Car Club*



## ## MEMBERSHIP NEWS ##

If you have not renewed your membership get your skates on, you only have until the end of March to be in with a chance of the MSV Star Prize Draw and the BMMC 60th Anniversary Goody Box.

Non-renewal means that you will lose access to the club's website and the Volunteering Database.

Renewing is easy with our on-line renewal system on the website.



**North West Region Training Weekend gets underway with another full house! Over 400 participants attended.**



**Our National Chairman, Nadine Lewis talks to the Saturday induction class.**



**Learning to flag in a scenario based event is key to developing the best flaggies!**



## HAIRY ADVENTURES AROUND THE GLOBE Part 2

In the last edition of Outpost, we reported on the popular marshal from the North West Region, Janette Williams - aka "Dreadlock Marshal". She was given this moniker by Formula 1 fans on the internet after she appeared helping to push a Ferrari to safety during qualifying for the 2013 Canadian Grand Prix.

Even though Janette nowadays uses the "Dreadlock Marshal" to identify herself on Facebook, it is something of a misnomer as her striking blonde mane is actually created by braided hair extensions.

Travelling is a big part of Williams' life and so she decided to combine two of her favourite things by marshalling while on holiday. Following some enjoyable skiing trips, Janette is very fond of Canada and its people which is why, having undertaken some research into the application process, she ended up on the telly at her first overseas event - for the Grand Prix at Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve - in 2013. After the race, with her image now all over the internet, she became something of a celebrity with fans constantly coming up to have their photo taken next to her.

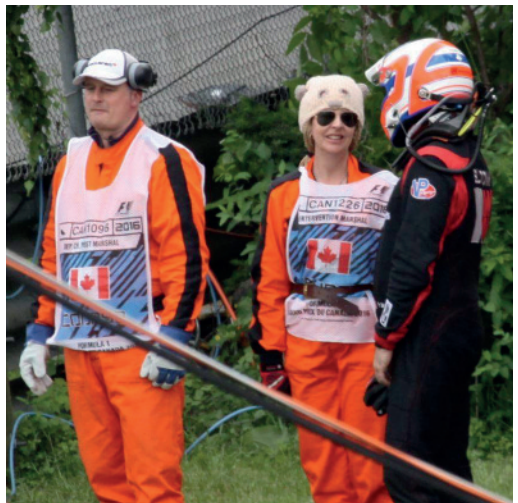
The only downside was, with Canada's 4:30 am start, another holiday was urgently required on return to Blighty! This did not put Janette off further trackside expeditions around the World and since 2013 she has been a Grand Prix regular at the British, Canadian, US and Singapore rounds of the World Championship plus all the major events at Silverstone.

For the US race, rather than staying downtown in Austin Texas, the team from Britain hire a motorhome - or RV as they are called in the States - so that they can go touring. The event in America gave Janette one of her most moving experiences last season. She says, "Standing on the grid in the beautiful sunshine, beside Felipe Massa's Williams,

while the Star-Spangled Banner was being sung as helicopters went overhead was, for me, a very special moment which I shall remember forever."

All this Globe-Trotting has enabled Janette to compare the different approaches to marshalling in various countries. In Canada, for instance, messages from Race Control are transmitted in two languages - French and English. Also in that country, during the course of a 3-day meeting, marshals will be rotated around posts that have a low, medium or high probability of incidents occurring. While on post each day, the "corner workers" - as they are called across the pond - enjoy further variation being allocated different tasks for each session. For instance, they could be performing incident, flagging or "Comms" (radio) duties.

Having marshalled in Canada for the past 4 seasons, it almost feels like her "local" track. "It's the whole experience of the holiday (that I love)," explains Williams, "as I stay at the same hotel as some of the F1 teams and drivers. Last year I kept bumping into Nico Hulkenberg - in the lift... in the bar! Then I saw Massa at breakfast and Sergio Perez playing the giant Scalextric which is always set up in the Reception area, to name but a few. That doesn't happen at many tracks!"





Meanwhile, the heat in Singapore coupled with the fact that it is a night race makes it another unique experience. The humidity means marshalling overalls are not the most comfortable attire while the reflections of the harsh lighting off the bodywork of the cars makes it difficult to identify when blue flags need to be displayed during practice and qualifying.

Another feature of the event at the Marina Bay Street Circuit is that most of the local marshals only provide safety cover at this one meeting. Nonetheless, their training is impeccable and during signing on everyone receives a thick handbook describing the action to be taken in every possible scenario. Janette still has her copy as a souvenir.

Back at the Canadian Grand Prix, national identity is very important to the marshals who converge from around the World to help with running of that event and many take along the flags of their home countries to hang on the barriers.

Not to be left out, just before last year's race Janette spotted a woollen sheep in a garden centre in Wales and decided that "Ewean" would do the job of representing her homeland - especially if she wore matching headgear!

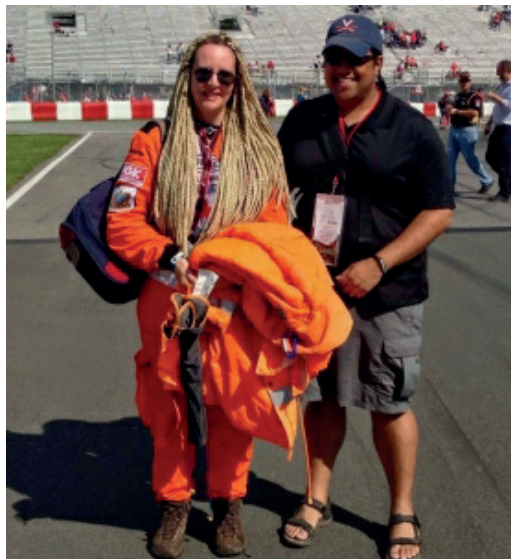
Alongside Janette's iconic hair-style, Ewean

has become something of a celebrity in his own right and is the more widely known of the two travelling companions who join her on the many Global adventures. The other is her husband, Paul.

A scientist by trade, Paul is one of the band of enthusiastic amateur photographers who line the spectator areas at Oulton Park. A solicitor friend of his was working on a court case with Janette and that is how the initial connection was made. They met face to face for the first time at Old Hall in 2008.

Paul now does all the driving to the circuits up and down the country with a caravan in tow. As well as photographing cars, his associations with the marshalling community have made him more aware of the emotional involvement those in orange have with motorsport. Having noted the reaction of a US Grand Prix corner worker to one of Paul's photo's of him pushing a Force India a few years ago, the couple have created the "Dreadlock Marshal" Facebook page so that fellow marshals can see the pictures Paul takes of them dealing with incidents.

Janette knows how much this means to her colleagues as she has kept of scrapbook of pages from the likes of Autosport and Auto-





course when she has appeared in images used by those publications.

This social media presence also allows Janette to keep in contact with the many friends she has made around the world but she has some trepidation about embracing the digital revolution. Ewean, however, has no qualms about the stepping in front of the lens to record Janette's travels and her brushes with the stars of motor racing.

"Ewean has met a whole host of famous faces," Janette explains, "Who he either poses with, such as Paul Hollywood, Christian Horner and Damon Hill, or shamelessly photobombs, such as Lewis Hamilton and (Alpine ski racer) Lindsey Vonn. He is always attached to my suit at every meeting, so there is no escape, obviously within reason, as I would never compromise marshalling professionalism for an opportunity, no matter how tempting, during a live session!

"It means I can post what I am getting up to on social media through him, without feeling 'exposed'! So far, Ewean's favourite celebrity friend is Johnny Herbert- even if Johnny tried to bite his head off! And I have a funny feeling that he has lots more adventures to

come, facilitated courtesy of this wonderful pastime."

We can certainly expect Ewean and co to enjoy further travels in the future. Seeing Formula 1 or WEC at Spa and the V8 Supercars in Australia are ambitions at the top of Janette's bucketlist.

We can also expect to continue to see those blonde braids dashing around ensuring proceedings run without delay on our local tracks at Oulton Park and Anglesey. Janette is currently a Red Badge Experienced Track and Experienced Specialist marshal with no ambitions to go beyond that level.

She tells us, "As I have a demanding day job, for me, this is primarily a hobby, a way to release stress and enjoy myself. Therefore, I have never sought to proceed past the 'red badge' stage. That said, inevitably, there are occasions, especially at some circuits, where the numbers are short, when I have acted as Chief Startline or Pits. The closest I came to a Post Chief ontrack was at the first US Grand Prix I did in 2013, where I was 'Comms' for the 3 days at Turn 16, something I had never remotely done before at any level, let alone at F1 and led me to conclude I never wanted to do it again!"

**Dave (Fasttoes) Williams**





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

### RACE MEETINGS

|        |                   |          |
|--------|-------------------|----------|
| Mar 25 | BRSCC NW          | Oulton   |
| Apr 01 | 750MC             | Oulton   |
| Apr 15 | MSVR - GT/F3      | Oulton   |
| Apr 17 | MSVR - GT/F3      | Oulton   |
| Apr 22 | BARC NW           | Anglesey |
| Apr 23 | BARC NW           | Anglesey |
| May 06 | BRSCC NW          | Oulton   |
| May 13 | MSVR/Aston Martin | Oulton   |
| May 20 | BARC(HQ) - BTCC   | Oulton   |
| May 21 | BARC(HQ) - BTCC   | Oulton   |
| May 27 | MSVR              | Oulton   |

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

|        |            |            |
|--------|------------|------------|
| Mar 25 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |
| Mar 26 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |
| Apr 15 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |
| Apr 16 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |
| May 14 | MGCC NW    | Scammonden |
| May 20 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |
| May 21 | Hagley&DMC | Loton Park |

### SPRINT MEETINGS

|        |              |               |
|--------|--------------|---------------|
| Apr 01 | Longton&DMC  | Anglesey      |
| Apr 02 | Longton&DMC  | Anglesey      |
| Apr 22 | Liverpool MC | Aintree       |
| Apr 29 | MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |
| Apr 30 | MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |
| May 21 | Liverpool MC | Three Sisters |

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### BMMC NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 (& AGM)

## REGALIA PRICE LIST

| <u>Description</u>                                | <u>Price</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BMMC CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS        | £2.00        |
| UNION FLAG CLOTH BADGE c/w WEBSITE                | £2.00        |
| BMMC GRADING BADGES                               | £1.00        |
| 'HEROES' CLOTH BADGES, LAPEL BADGES & STICKERS    | £2.00        |
| LEATHER WELDERS GLOVES                            | £4.00        |
| HI-VIS WATERPROOF GLOVES                          | £4.50        |
| WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE                | £4.50        |
| BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE                   | £7.00        |
| OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50                             | £15.00       |
| PROBAN OVERALLS- SMALL (Ideal for Cadet Marshals) | £12.00       |

Poloshirts and Mugs also 'Heroes' T-Shirts and mugs, Sweatshirts and Fleece Jackets are available by mail order. Catalogue and Order forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NRO

New Overalls are only available from AWS RACEWEAR - Tel: [01233 638 498](tel:01233638498) quoting BMMC membership number

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### NEXT NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below. We sincerely wish you a happy and safe future.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Harry Mitchell  | Keighley |
| Barry Hewitt    | Bispham  |
| Yvonne Robinson | Bispham  |
| Ken Lloyd       | Ludlow   |
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