



"THANK YOU MARGARET" FROM YOUR SOMETIMES UNGRATEFUL MARSHALS THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER OUR WELFARE.

## CHAIRBEING'S APRIL CHIT CHAT

"It was 20 years ago today....." Well, not quite, but it is 20 years since I first trekked over to Anglesey for excellent race days at Anglesey Circuit (Trac Mon to the natives). Pre the dualed A55 it was a trek over the mountains and through the villages. Joining instructions used to warn us about the keenness of NW Police to bag a marshal. Strange to relate, they got me a few years ago on the way to Loton Park.

Anyone who hasn't done a day (or weekend) at Anglesey Circuit should fill their tank, pack a tent (or book B&B or hotel!) and get over there. Once you've experienced the circuit you will be hitting the Volunteering System as soon as you get home.

I hope you all (those who renewed in good time!) received and enjoyed your Goodie Bag. OK, it wasn't like Christmas or your birthday, but it was a real gesture of appreciation from your club for all that you, and your predecessors over 60 years have done for the BMMC and for motor sport in general. Remember, we enable motor sport to happen. No marshals, no racing. A rare occurrence, but it has happened. We may not be treated like VIPs, but we really are just that. VVIPs, in fact.

This Diamond Jubilee Year is rather thought-provoking. We all have regrets in life (too many to mention!) and one of mine is that I didn't start marshalling until into my 40s. I did spectate at a number of those 60s and 70s F1 meetings, but never thought to cross the wire. I wish I had. I was around for F3000 at Oulton (brill except for poor Paul Warwick - I nearly packed-in that day) and I blame that (and loud music) for my need for ear trumpets these days. If I don't answer, just shout louder at me!

We're really into the season now, so enjoy each and every meeting. Please don't fiddle with your phone - talking, texting or filming. Please do remember that circuit staff are good friends, and are on our side. Be firm but fair, and polite, with spectators - they're just like us, but haven't yet donned the orange. You never know, a bit of a chat with you might just draw-in a new member.

And most of all.... be careful out there.

North West Region:

The Northern Powerhouse.

Mike Cadwallader



Our thoughts and best wishes go out to 17 year old **Billy Monger** who has had to undergo amputation of both lower legs, following the horrific Formula 4 crash at Donington. Please show your support and donate to the fund set up to help Billy with his recovery. **DONATE** 

# **BMMC NORTH WEST REGION MARSHALS' TRAINING**

On the morning of the **21**<sup>st</sup> **May 2017** First Marshal on Scene training will be held at Oulton Park. Organised by the BMMC together with BARC HQ and BARC NW Rescue this exercise will use the Rescue Unit to ensure that the exercise is as real as possible.

This type of training ensures that when serious incidents occur that the reactions of all those involved are instinctive and that they work as a cohesive team to successfully extricate the driver from the vehicle.



Some marshals will have never experienced attending a serious incident and it can be quite overwhelming when it happens for the first time.

Attendance to this event <u>does not</u> gain any training signatures in personal record cards but it does gain you the vital experience and knowledge which one day you may be expected to use for real.

Places to attend this event and either observe or get involved are limited due to the area available on the circuit. If you would like to attend this event then please send your details to Bill Gray. Spaces are limited due to parking at the training location.

E-Mail - Send your Name, Address and MSA Licence Number to: <u>nw.training@marshals.co.uk</u> ensuring you put **BTCC Training** in the title.

### Important Note:

You must have volunteered for the BTCC Meeting and have tickets to gain access to the circuit and attend the event. You will also receive further instructions nearer the time to advise you of the time of the event and the location to sign-on. Please **do not** attend this event unless you have received an acceptance of your application and joining instructions.



# BMMC NORTH WEST REGION ANNUAL AWARDS



DAVID WILLIAMS: STAN FOULDS TROPHY for outstanding contribution

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# STEWART CARR: BELLINI TROPHY MARSHAL OF THE YEAR





ROSS LEWIS: CLIFF HAMMOND TROPHY BEST NEWCOMER

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# ALEX HAMMOND: FRED BYATT TROPHY FOR NOTEWORTHY ACTION





# MARGARET SIMPSON JLT/MSA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The National Volunteer of the Year Award went to a very deserving recipient this Winter - and a stalwart of the North West's orange community - as Margaret Simpson picked up the prestigious silverware during the MSA's "Night of the Champions" evening at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall at the start of 2017.

On hearing the news, Margaret was firstly amazed and then delighted but it would not have been a surprise to all who are aware of her dedication to the role of Chief Marshal for the many clubs who operate in this region.

Without a doubt, Margaret's opportunity to party with the great and the good of British Motorsport was richly deserved although she very nearly caused a serious diplomatic incident when, in her glad rags and high heels, she stepped backwards and almost stood on the foot of the guest of honour, Jean Todt! Fortunately, someone saw what was unfolding and grabbed hold of her.

But the most important aspect of the evening to report is that she had a wonderful night. Margaret enthuses, "It was a once in a lifetime experience!"

One can only speculate how far Simpson has walked behind the barriers in Cheshire and Anglesey since she took on the role of Chief Marshal for BARC roughly 23 years ago - particularly as she endeavours to visit every post twice each race day to ensure that nothing is amiss.

It is something she really enjoys especially as she loves chatting to people. Numerous friends have been made amongst the marshalling community with whom Margaret has shared plenty of good times whilst also receiving support during life's tough challenges.

As with many of those in orange, the social side of motorsport is a huge draw for Margaret and, aside from speaking to every marshal under her care, she has also got to know many of the regular spectators.

In addition to her duties with BARC, Simpson supported her BRSCC(NW) counterpart, Alistair Garrett, by acting as Chief Marshal "on the day". With Alistair's untimely passing, Margaret took over that role completely as well as performing the same duty for MSVR, HSCC and AMOC.

Her workload significantly reduced last season when Oulton Park introduced the e-ticketing scheme which means Margaret no longer has to spend hours putting marshal's instructions and passes into envelopes to which stamps and address labels were stuck. This must have been an absolute Godsend! Having set up a template on her computer she can now send out all the paperwork to everyone at the click of a mouse.

It would have been helpful if such technology had been available before she decided to take early retirement from her role as the head teacher at a school for children with social, emotional and behavioural problems where she recalls "every minute could be different!" Margaret took the decision to leave this job she really enjoyed so that she could spend quality time with her mother then in her 90s - who recently passed away at the grand old age of 100. Although having more time available for marshalling admin was surely a benefit as well.

Education is still very close to her heart with Margaret active in this field as a governor at two local schools. The Methodist Church is another area to which Simpson devotes a great deal of time.

On race mornings, some areas of focus that require Margaret's attention occur before there has been any on-track action. Firstly, liaison with the circuit staff is required to ensure that the venue to be used for signing-on is accessible with all the paperwork and programmes in place. The signing-on team also have to be informed of which marshals are available - and their skill sets - so that they can distribute the resources available around the circuit as appropriate.

During the course of the day, Margaret



marches around the track ensuring everyone is happy and that there are no problems on any of the posts or with individual marshals. Fortunately, she enjoys walking and all the miles travelled on foot keeps her fit!

Any issues with the conditions on the marshal's posts are reported to the circuit's maintenance teams who, at both Oulton Park and Anglesey, are extremely helpful in finding resolutions to any difficulties those in orange experience.

While on her ambulations, Simpson's favourite corner is the super-fast Island Bend at Oulton Park - she says, "It really sorts out the men (and women!) from the boys!" The marshal's post up there by the lake holds fond memories as that was where Margaret was allocated at the first meeting she served as a marshal one very cold day in October 1972 - she stresses she was very young at the time! Her Observer, as Post Chiefs were known in those days, was Dick Fraser. Being so inexperienced, Margaret was not wearing the warmest of clothing and she ended up dressed in many additional layers that Dick lent her to the detriment of his own comfort. This was something that she was never allowed to forget by Dick until he was allocated to the marshal's post in the sky some 40 years later!

Margaret inherited her love of motorsport from her father. As a child, she used to swap her doll's pram for the pedal car belonging to the boy who lived next door. Later, when she began working in education, Margaret's head mistress was Olga Thompson - one of the first ladies to marshal out on the bank - who took her to a race meeting, after which she was hooked!

Since then Margaret has witnessed a great deal of social change in the world of marshalling, particularly with regards to women. When she first became involved some clubs only allowed men to be posted out on the circuit. Even when women were permitted trackside, they could only take on the role of the Telephonist who assisted the Observer. Margaret and her friend Olga were pioneers!

As a result of her new-found hobby, Margaret met Dave Simpson who she later married. Dave became a Clerk of the Course and was a key figure on the BARC(NW) Committee. In conjunction with the then chairman, Ken Mitchell, he set up the long-running Sports/Saloon Championship - nowadays sponsored by CNC Heads - and instigated a race for marshals in the early '80s using a fleet of Sunbeam Talbots which were usually driven by celebrities at the higher profile meetings. Unfortunately, Dave is another who is no longer with us.

As well as serving motorsport in her role as Chief Marshal, Margaret is an active committee member for both regional BARC and BRSCC Centres. Furthermore, she is a proud member of the BMMC and has always supported the club's many initiatives that have benefitted the marshalling community. One of the best originated here in the North West - the Taster Days for those interested in taking up the hobby.

The excellent training that the BMMC provides - both at the dedicated training day at the start of the season and throughout the year - means Margaret has many high quality marshals at her disposal when organising clubs require her to arrange safety cover... and we hope that this iconic maternal figure of the orange army will be undertaking this role for many years to come.

### **Dave Williams**

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## THE GODFATHER RETIRES!

Tom Dooley has decided to step down as Chairman of BRSCC(NW) Centre and is replaced by Andy Holley.

Best wishes to Tom from us all.





DAVID BOSMAN: STEWART ASHFORD TROPHY CADET MARSHAL OF THE YEAR

# <u>CITATION</u>

"Another tribute to our parent members. David's father, Paul, is an established and proficient Flag Marshal. Young David is shaping-up to follow in his footsteps. This bodes well for the future of the club.

David displays maturity beyond his years. He is extremely polite, well-mannered and patient. Communication is clear and calm. Generally happy and smiling, a very good team member. He is confident inter-personally, and actually received some positive comments from XR drivers (that is quite unusual!!).

Not only that, David has collected an accolade from a Fun Cup team along the lines of "The future of marshalling is in safe hands".

We look for a good attitude and enthusiasm for the job when evaluating our cadet members. David is a shining example amid a group of really promising young marshals." David was "shocked and surprised" when he was presented with this award - he had just gone along to the Training Day to hone his skills as a Cadet Marshal.

Enthused by his father's passion for motor sport, David has been coming to race meetings as a spectator for the past 8 years. When Dad was busy with his marshalling duties, David was cared for by his Mum.

Right from the start David wanted to become a marshal – he was fascinated watching them work – and asked his Dad to allow him to become a Cadet as soon as he reached 11.

The opportunity came 3 days after the minimum age was reached on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 - he can still remember the date!

For the first few meetings, David's father Paul accompanied him when he served in the Assembly Area enabling him to benefit from Dad's wisdom before learning more about the Life in Orange from the other experienced marshals. Already David has firm ideas on the most important qualities required to assist in the smooth running of a motorsport event. He says "Politeness, manners and a sense of humour go a very long way..." before thanking his Mum and Dad for setting such a good example.

His enthusiasm for working in the Assembly Area is infectious. He finds it great fun to be the first official that the drivers meet and to become acquainted with them. But for David the best part is the responsibility of directing the cars to their allocated places, checking the scrutineering tickets and making sure the drivers are correctly attired with helmet and gloves. He says, "Being so close to the racing cars is the dream of every young petrol head!" It gives him great pride to think that his achievements during his first full year as a marshal have been recognised by this award.

Even at the tender age of 12, David has been building up his experience by marshalling at different circuits - Oulton Park and Anglesey. As race meetings operate in subtly different ways at each it broadens his growing wealth of experience. He does not have a favourite although Oulton is handily located being 5 minutes from his home.

Many of his friends are intrigued about his motor sporting hobby. Some even come to Oulton Park and have many questions about what marshalling is all about.

When asked about his future aspirations, David is looking forward to being old enough to go out there on the banks but he also aims to specialise too. He is a Cadet with the St John's Ambulance charity and, as he aspires to become a professional paramedic, he sees himself as one day being part of the crew on the rescue unit.

David was also nominated for the BMMC



National Cadet Marshal Award and we are very pleased to announce that he was successful and receives the David Leslie Trophy.

# SUPPORT AFTER INCIDENTS

The first time you witness an incident your reaction may be unexpected. Serious accidents requiring medical intervention maybe infrequent and your reaction to what you have witnessed may be delayed.

We recommend that you talk to someone after such an incident. This could be your team on the day, your Post Chief or the Chief Marshal. If you are feeling uncomfortable or uncertain in anyway maybe a reassuring chat with the Rescue Crew would help. In some situations you may require further help and this is completely understandable.

As a next step please contact your local committee members including your Chairman who will have probably been advised of the incident already.

We as a club do not currently offer counselling services but the MSA does have this capability for signed on officials who have been directly involved in dealing with a serious incident. We are working very closely with them to ensure the mechanism for using these services is made public and will publish an article as soon as appropriate on our website.

In the meantime if anyone is affected by any incidents in any way you may contact me in the strictest confidence and I will assist you to get the support you require.

Nadine Lewis National Chairman BMMC.Chair@marshals.co.uk 01606 781840



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

# BMMC TEAMWEAR

We are delighted to announce that the BMMC has launched a new range of branded **TEAMWEAR**.

These items have been specifically selected to wear alongside your everyday marshalling kit or as stand alone items. The clothing logo has been selected alongside the website address to give a clear identity and brand image. This has worked very well on the existing range of headwear, caps etc. Prices have been secured at a very competitive level for the quality of the garments.

Take a look at the redesigned regalia section of the website: <a href="http://www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/">www.marshals.co.uk/regalia/</a>

Other suppliers that are authorised to use our full  $\mathsf{BMMC}$  logo on garments they offer are

Harlequin Clothing - www.harlequinclothing.co.uk

Wilkinson embroidery - www.wilkinsonsembroidery.co.uk

Sharon Foxley - www.motormugs.co.uk

Thanks go specifically to Eric Ridler for putting these great deals together and clarifying our Regalia clothing offering.

Other items may be added in the future so look out for updates.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

### RACE MEETINGS

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|--------|-------------------------------|------------|
| May 06 | BRSCC NW                      | Oulton     |
| May 13 | <b>MSVR/Aston Martin</b>      | Oulton     |
| May 20 | BARC(HQ) - BTCC               | Oulton     |
| May 21 | BARC(HQ) - BTCC               | Oulton     |
| May 27 | MSVR                          | Oulton     |
| Jun 10 | VSCC                          | Oulton     |
| Jun 17 | BRSCC NW                      | Oulton     |
| Jul 08 | BARC                          | Oulton     |
| Jul 08 | 750MC                         | Anglesey   |
| Jul 09 | 750MC                         | Anglesey   |
| Jul 22 | MSVR-Tunerfest                | Oulton     |
| Jul 29 | MSVR                          | Oulton     |
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### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

| May 14 | MGCC NW      | Scammonden   |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| May 20 | Hagley&DMC   | Loton Park   |
| May 21 | Hagley&DMC   | Loton Park   |
| Jun 10 | Liverpool MC | Barbon Manor |
| Jun 10 | Hagley&DMC   | Loton Park   |
| Jun 11 | Hagley&DMC   | Loton Park   |
| Jul 01 | Liverpool MC | Barbon Manor |

### SPRINT MEETINGS

| Apr 29 | MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |
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| Apr 30 | MGCC NW      | Anglesey      |
| May 21 | Liverpool MC | Three Sisters |
| Jun 24 | Liverpool MC | Aintree       |

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 12<sup>th</sup> June 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**

| Description                                                                                                 | Price |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 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 |  |  |  |
| WOOLLEN SKI HATS - BLACK or ORANGE                                                                          | £4.50 |  |  |  |
| BASEBALL CAPS - BLACK or ORANGE                                                                             | £7.00 |  |  |  |
| OUTBACK SUN HATS SP50<br>Catalogue and Order forms can be download                                          |       |  |  |  |
| the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NR                                                               |       |  |  |  |
| New Overalls are only available from AWS RAC<br>Tel: <u>01233 638 498</u> quoting BMMC membership           |       |  |  |  |
| For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia<br>Adam Levitt at Oulton Park or Anglesey circu<br>or: |       |  |  |  |
| The National Regalia Officer - Eric Ride<br>Email: <u>Nat.Regalia@marshals.co.uk</u>                        | er    |  |  |  |
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| WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS                                                                                       |       |  |  |  |

# We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below. We sincerely

to the new members below. We sincerely wish you a happy and safe future.

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