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THE NEW MSA CHAIRMAN, DAVID RICHARDS CBE WITH OUR AUTOSPORT SHOW TEAM AND NEW MASCOT "JIM"

## CHAIRBEING'S FROZEN FOLLICLES

Too right! It's damned cold over here by the Mersey. I've rifled through my marshall kit to dig out some warm clothes. Not got the overalls on yet, but more Arctic doings are forecast.

It was even more chilling to hear of Don Brame's passing. A Great Guy and a true Orange. It has been good to work with him ever since I joined our club. We did send a card from our AGM/Social evening, and Don sent his best wishes to all of us via David Williams over Christmas. Father Time and Mother Nature are often so cruel.

I'm looking forward to the Spring, specifically, I'm looking forward to our Spring Training weekend. I hope you are ALL going to take advantage of the seriously brilliant preparations being made by Bill Gray and his dedicated band of Trainers.

I'm sure you all have diaries for this year: Saturday, March 10 and/or Sunday, March 11 must be inked-in already. Bill has issued the volunteering papers and session selection template. Fill 'em in and send 'em off.

Don't forget that we will be presenting our Regional and National (oops, that slipped-out!) awards over the weekend. These celebrate the excellent performance and contribution of the winner, but also reflects the universal superbness of all North West Region Marshals.

Final thing on training.... You know my mantra; "Training and Experience, Training and Experience" These two are the very essence of marshalling.

See youse there, then.

**Mike Cadwallader, NW Region Chair**

## BMMC NW Training Days 2018

The training dates for this year are **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March** and we hope you can join us for this event in preparation to the start of the racing season.

To maintain your current grade, you need to attend training day every 2 years, the MSA is now checking a sample of PRCs every year.

For upgrading the training signature also have a time limit, so for those grades, such as Experienced Marshal or Experienced Specialist, that need two training days the 2-year limit may be applied by the MSA.

To volunteer for training please log into the BMMC NW website:

<https://www.marshals.co.uk/northwest/2017/12/11/north-west-region-training-2018/>

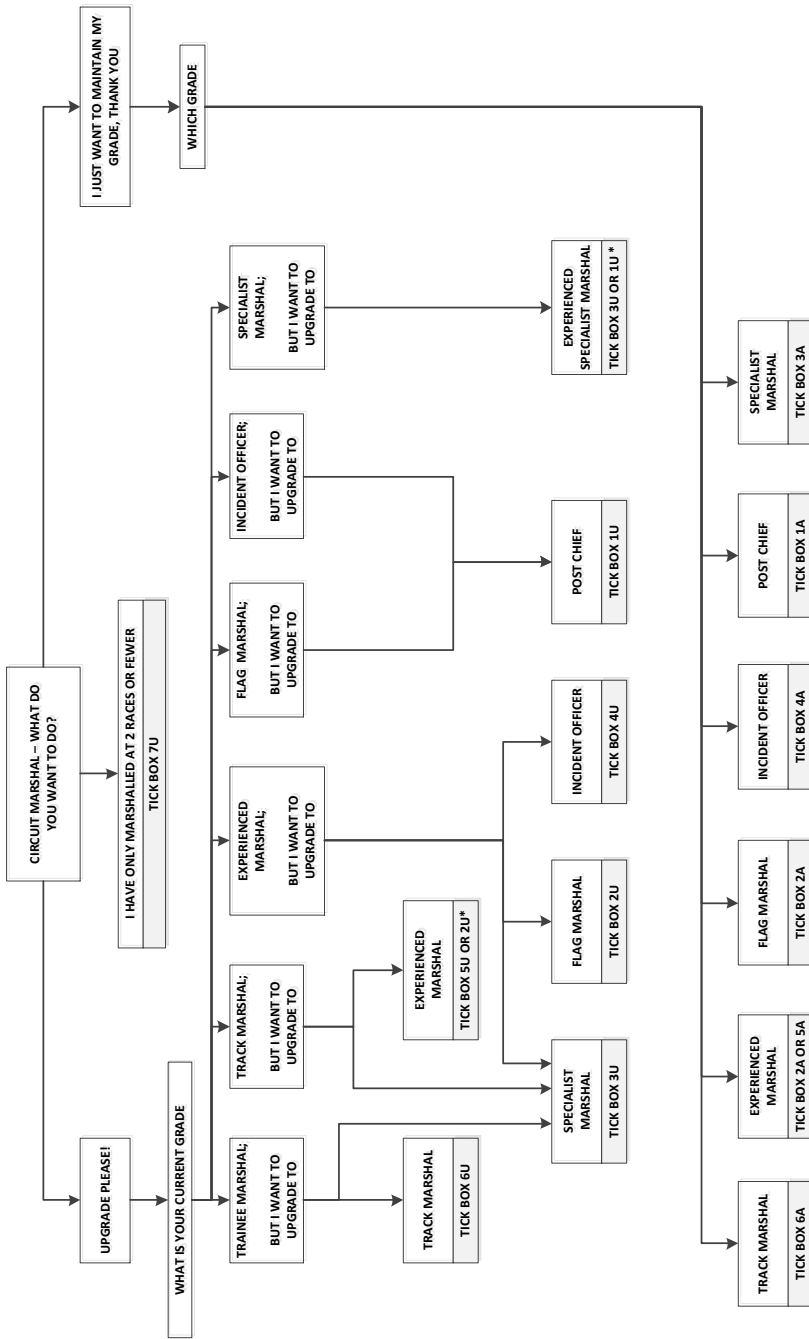
The recent MSA Extra also contained a link to the training dates which included a February date, sadly this date isn't available.

**Bill Gray**

**NW Region Training Coordinator**



**Nadine receiving a generous donation from the Chairman of the MG Car Club.**



\* NOTE: EXPERIENCED MARSHALS REQUIRE 2 TRAINING SIGNATURES. IF POSSIBLE, ATTEND 5U FIRST FOLLOWED BY 2U FLAG TRAINING FOR THE SECOND SIGNATURE. EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS ALSO REQUIRE 2 SIGNATURES, IF POSSIBLE, ATTEND 3U FIRST FOLLOWED BY 1U.



## THE GODFATHER OF OULTON PARK

In October 2017 North West motor racing lost one of its iconic figures when Tom Dooley passed away at the grand old age of 90. In his honour, we are reprinting an article about him by David "Fast-toes" Williams from 2009.

Tom Dooley's involvement in motorsport spans no less than 55 years (at the time the original article was written - he celebrated 60 years of service to motorsport in 2014). Over that time, he told us, his hobby has given him the opportunity to get to know a whole host of wonderful people; many of whom have provided him with invaluable support when fulfilling the multitude of duties he has undertaken.

Dooley's marshalling career includes assisting to prepare Oulton Park for its inaugural event on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1953. Even by then Tom had a fair amount of experience in the sport partly due to being a member of BARC NW. He made his competition debut on one of their social rallies when he and his brother learnt the art of navigation the hard way... The

first stars of the newly created Formula 1 had also been witnessed at Silverstone where the load bay of the family Land Rover was converted into a viewing platform.

Because the Mid-Cheshire Motor Club were setting up the new Oulton Park track he joined that organisation too and found himself at the venue a couple of days before the first meeting. One of his tasks was dispensing rope onto wooden stakes from the back of the trusty Land Rover to mark out the infield spectator enclosure. Alas, having started from the pits, the rope ran out at Druids!

With regards to the day Oulton opened to the public Tom recalls "I do not really remember if I was excited, more anticipation of what the future might hold for the circuit." Initially he was posted as a spectator marshal on The Avenue but "Having not even seen a cow!" Tom transferred to the Paddock after lunch. He was to stay in that area for a long time witnessing many developments both to the surrounding buildings and the cars which needed to be marshalled.





XXXIII<sup>e</sup> RALLYE AUTOMOBILE MONTE-CARLO  
JANVIER 1954

In 1954 the BRSCC set up a North West-ern Centre. Tom was appointed as a member of the first committee and became Regional Chairman in the late 1970's. Later he was installed as a Vice President of the club alongside such illustrious names as Sir Stirling Moss, Sir Jack Brabham and Nigel Mansell.

The dedication of this stalwart of national motorsport was recognised in 1996 by the RAC MSA who awarded Dooley the prestigious Prince Michael of Kent Award of Merit (which takes the form of a gold lapel badge). Sadly this broke off its pin at one of the Autosport Racing Car Shows. Tom jokes "It was lost because I hugged too many women!"

One of the major changes to how race-days are orchestrated occurred in 1957 when the British Motorsport Marshalling Club (BMMC) was established. Tom recollects, "Many organising clubs were not very supportive fearing their role might be diminished" but those concerns were quickly dispelled once it became clear that the BMMC was able to provide a band of well trained people with known capabilities.

Dooley notes that the skills of those in

orange "have become more apparent over the last 25 years when it has gradually become necessary for fewer to do more."

As well as performing many hours of behind-the-scenes administrative activity to enable others to enjoy high speed fun Tom took part in rallies during the 1950s and '60s when he was frequently invited to share cars with their owners.

The first of these adventures occurred on the 1958 RAC Rally with Dooley part of the crew of a Mk7 Jaguar. This was before the current Special Stage format was adopted for this iconic event instead entrants encountered a series of driving tests, hillclimbs and sprints dotted all over the country. The big Jag came home third in class minus some bodywork which had to be cut-off after heavy snow on the first night made the Hard Knott Pass slightly narrower than the width of the car!

Having regularly listened to Raymond Baxter's radio reports from the Monte Carlo Rally it was "the experience of a lifetime" for Tom to compete in this gruelling thrash across Europe on five occasions. These netted just one finish with a humble MG 1100 on the initial 1964 attempt (despite brake failure going



down the Col de Turini!). At least the vehicles used in subsequent outings became increasingly more powerful as Dooley switched to an MG 1300, then a Cortina GT and finally a couple of Twin Cam Escorts were employed.

In addition to his rallying exploits Tom acted as navigator to his good friend Jim Hill on two Mobil 1 Economy Runs. On the first of these they took Jim's 2-litre Triumph Vitesse to a class victory but getting lost in the West Country the following year with a Mk2 Cortina meant they failed to repeat the feat.

Although the funds have never been available for Tom to go racing, as he is usually the Secretary of the Meeting for the BRSCC, he has visited the Oulton Park podium many times to present the trophies and garlands to the winners. It is his job to make sure that everything from breakdowns to headed paper are where they should be. At one time he was carrying out this role at some BTCC meetings too.

For around 10 years the Dooley touch even extended to being the co-ordinator of the North West's FF1600 series but due to workload issues this particular



responsibility was handed over to Ian Smith in the year 2000. Nonetheless Tom remains on hand to give the benefit of his many years of experience as Ian explains "he is always available at the end of a 'phone if I need some help or - as is often the case - reassurance."

No doubt there are many amongst the North West motorsport community who would echo Ian Smith's gratitude for the assistance and words of wisdom they have received from Tom.

### Dave 'Fasttoes Williams



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018

### RACE MEETINGS

Feb 25	BARC NW	Aintree
Mar 17	BARC NW	Oulton
Mar 24	BRSCC NW	Oulton
Mar 10	<b>BMMC TRAINING</b>	<b>Oulton</b>
Mar 11	<b>BMMC TRAINING</b>	<b>Oulton</b>
Mar 31	MSVR F3/GT	Oulton
Apr 02	MSVR F3/GT	Oulton
Apr 07	BRSCC NW	Oulton
Apr 14	750 MC	Oulton

### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

Mar 31	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
Apr 01	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
Apr 14	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
Apr 15	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
May 19	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
May 20	Hagley&DMC	Loton Park
May 20	MGCC NW	Scammonden

### SPRINT MEETINGS

Apr 07	Longton&DMC	Anglesey
Apr 08	Longton&DMC	Anglesey
Apr 28	Liverpool MC	Aintree
May 05	MGCC NW	Anglesey
May 06	MGCC NW	Anglesey

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

4<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 (& AGM)  
Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes

## 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	£15.00
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: <a href="tel:01233638498">01233 638 498</a> 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.

Ian Ashcroft	Higher Runcorn
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