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BARRIE 'WHIZZO' WILLIAMS (1938-2018)

THE OCTOBER OUTBURST

Ah well, our track-based season is drawing to a close. We have an excellent BARC at Oulton on Oct 20 and there is the Oulton Firework Finale Stage Rally on Nov 3. At Trac Mon we have the BARC Race of Remembrance on Nov 9-11 and the BRSCC Winter meeting November 18. Talking of Saturday, November 3, this is the date of our not-to-be-missed AGM and Social Evening, so you'll have to dip out of the rally thingy early so as to be along to the Blue Cap, Sandiway for the 19.30 start. I hope to see loads of you there. See Committee members for tickets - they're going fast... the tickets, that is!

We've certainly had a challenging and interesting season. The weather was awful early on, but we enjoyed the summer heatwave that followed. I'm hoping that we have a more "English" weather regime in 2019.

First thing to note for 2019 is our Training Weekend. This is a must-do event for all marshals; young or old, novice or experienced. There is always something to learn as we go through life, and our marshalling career. Don't ever doubt that. Bill and his gang will be preparing material and timetables as soon as the festive season has run.

The dates for our Training Weekend will be broadcast as soon as they are finalised with MSV, Oulton. It is quite amazing to remember that MSV give us the run of the Fogarty Moss every year. We are profoundly grateful.

Enjoy, but please be careful out there, both at our end-of-season events and when going about your daily doings.

Mike Cadwallader

North West Region Chair

NOTICE OF THE BMMC NW REGION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The AGM of the North West Region of the British Motorsports Marshals' Club Ltd. will be held at the Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 2DR on Saturday 3rd November 2018 at 7:30pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM
(copies available on the night)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Members Propositions

In accordance with the Club Rules K.3.3 and K.3.4, the following Committee Members stand down by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

Eric Ridler

The following Committee personnel will require ratification by the Club members:

John Edwards

Janette Williams

Mike Broadbent

Paul Newns

Dave Smithson

The Regional AGM is required to consider any resolutions proposed and seconded by fully paid up members and lodged in writing, with the Regional Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Regional AGM.

Signed: Paul Newns

North West Region Secretary

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"RUSH TO OULTON!"



We imagine MSV CEO Jonathan Palmer proclaimed, "Rush to Oulton!" when the decision was made to redeploy Cadwell-Park's circuit manager, Jon Rush, to undertake the same duty at Oulton Park when the previous incumbent, Simon Bonser, moved on to pastures new leaving "big shoes to fill" as Rush said at the time.

Jon is finishing his second season in charge at the Cheshire track after his stewardship became effective on 23rd January 2017. Comparing the two venues he says, "There are many differences of course, but also a number of similarities. Both have great teams who work very hard to make each circuit a success and have been a pleasure to work with."

Having graduated from the University of Nottingham with a law degree, Rush decided that a career in the legal profession wasn't for him after all and instead made a speculative application for a job with MSV in 2005 - just a year after

they formed - as a passion for historic-motorsport had developed during his childhood.

"I grew up in Sussex," he explained, "...and so didn't really have a local circuit on my doorstep to visit but my Dad would take me occasionally to Brands or Thruxton. We'd also go to the Goodwood Festival of Speed back in the day when you could get a free Friday ticket in the Telegraph Motoring section... Such offers are long gone now of course due to the meeting's huge popularity! We went to some of the early Goodwood Revival meetings too, which were fantastic and cemented my love of classic tin-top racing."

Therefore, Jon was delighted when MSV took him on and initially assigned him to their PalmerSport corporate sales office in Southwater, West Sussex. Rush soon found himself relocated to a race-track when he became part of the Event Operations Team at Brands Hatch in October 2005, rapidly rising to the role of Assistant Event Operations Manager.

After a brief break from the company 3 years later, Jon returned to the fold in April 2009 when he became Cadwell Park's circuit manager before he headed to the North Western section of the MSV empire at the start of last year.

Over the years, Rush has not found much use for his law degree on a day to day basis however in general it helps him to be open minded and attempt to see all sides of an issue or situation.

When Jon took over the helm at Oulton he knew there would be no wholesale changes required as the facility already

had a great reputation for its upkeep and organisation of circuit activities. Nonetheless, he and his team continually make incremental changes and improvements as required. Often these may be behind the scenes procedural adjustments that make things happen more slickly but there are also physical site changes that are more obvious.

This is very much an ongoing process as Rush explains, "We're always looking at what might be interesting for all visitors to Oulton Park whether they're marshals, competitors or spectators." However, he is very mindful of the Law of Unintended Consequences when making alterations to a venue that so many people are passionate about; it pays not to hurry into anything that may affect people's enjoyment of the circuit.

Often, the instigator of new ideas is Jonathan Palmer himself although it is the responsibility of Jon and his team to implement them alongside managing the operation of the site. Palmer is renowned for his high standards and attention to detail. This is something which appears to have become a way of life for Rush. "For sure, we all strive to make the venue as immaculate and well presented as possible," he muses, "as well as applying the same principles to customer service. It is sometimes hard to switch off from that and you can find yourself mentally snagging places you visit when not at work - that's probably a sad thing to admit!"

Certainly, there is plenty of checking to be undertaken at Oulton Park especially when the big BTCC and BSB series come

to town when Rush has temporary staff well into the hundreds to oversee while even at a midweek track-day he has around 45 personnel at his disposal.

It's not only on-track activities that fall within Jon's remit as the Fogarty Moss Centre typically hosts between 2 and 4 functions or weddings each month.

Another key aspect of his job is to maintain good links with the local community. Rush explains, "We have regular meetings (with those who live near to the track) where we sit down and discuss the circuit's activities, any issues relating to those plus any local news that may be of relevance. Jonathan Palmer plays a key role in these meetings and they can be a very effective way to progress important local matters.

"We do support many local causes each year, as well as the Villages Day event where nearby residents enjoy hospitality and have access to all our vehicles. That's a really popular day and one where we get the chance to chat informally with everyone which is very valuable. We also host a senior citizens' Christmas lunch each year. This will be my third and their popularity increases each time, which is great."

It is reassuring to know the man in charge at Oulton Park cares so much about not only the local community but also motor sport and the venue itself.

Dave (Fasttoes) Williams

[GRAMTEXT](#)

ROWBOTTOM STORMS TO SILVERSTONE PODIUM



Kidderminster racer Dan Rowbottom was the star of the Renault UK Clio Cup races at Silverstone, Northamptonshire at the weekend as Dan blasted his way from 16th to third place in the opening race.

Cataclean-backed Dan had struggled with a gearbox drama in the qualifying session, from which a driver takes his two best times for the two races' grid positions. A borrowed gearbox was installed in the car for the opening race and Dan was a man on a mission.

As is customary, RowBo made a lightning start and had gained four places by the end of the opening lap around the 1.6-mile Silverstone National circuit. A lap later, Dan was up to 10th but as the pack ahead squabbled and delayed itself, Dan kept picking off places and then latched on to the pack of the eight-car train arguing over the lead.

A brave move around the outside at Luffield put Dan into seventh place but when three cars tangled at Brooklands on lap nine, Dan pounced and charged up to fourth place! Dan then stalked James Dorlin for third place and a brave dive up

the inside at Brooklands put him third before the safety car was deployed to neutralise the race. On the restart, Dan hung on to third place, hampered by tyre wear after he pushed so hard early in the race to gain places. Sixteenth to third was a mighty effort in the drive of the weekend.

"I decided to just go for it and push and that probably hurt the tyres a bit later in the race but was determined to get up the order," explained Dan. "There was an incident at Becketts which meant that waved yellow flags prevented any overtaking for a few laps and to get third, after the problems this morning was great and has underlined my race-craft as well. I am really chuffed with that result!"

Dan's second best lap time in qualifying placed him 13th on the grid for race two and another demon start put him eighth by the end of the opening lap. More brave pills had been consumed on race morning and hence Dan went around the outside at Brooklands to gain another place on lap three, Dan then became stuck in the pack. "The engine didn't feel as good today as yesterday, it felt a bit flatter





somehow. That meant that I lacked the straight-line speed of the others and the pack ahead didn't misbehave so I didn't really get a chance to gain any more ground. I also had a bit of a rub with another car and that bent the steering, so seventh was a fair result all told!

"With the troubles we have had in qualifying, a third and a seventh is a solid weekend. For a tiny team, we have proved how we can fight back from problems and I would like to think people saw how good I am at overtaking and making progress without overly aggressive driving. Now we go to Brands Hatch for the last two races where wins are the target."

The results keep Cataclean-backed Dan fourth in the Renault UK Clio Cup standings heading for Brands Hatch in Kent next on September 29th/30th with Sunday's race action covered live and exclusive on ITV

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It seems hard to believe that Club President, Barrie Williams has died. Barrie was the perennial youth, looked at least 20 years younger than his 79 years on this earth. Always cheerful, ready for a laugh and one of the most accomplished drivers of his generation.

Barrie started his career in rallying, in a Mini, that also served him in circuit racing, sprints and in any other motor sport event that took his eye.

Barrie always had time for the marshals and it was no surprise when he became the populous choice for Club President when Stuart Turner, then President, and Peter Roberts, Chairman, decided to stand down at the end of 2004. We had several suggestions for new President. Barrie won that ballot by a huge margin.

Barrie was pleased with his new appointment and, time permitting, he attended as many functions as he could and never missed an opportunity to display the Club badge.

RIP, Barrie; you will be fondly remembered by very many people and marshals will miss you as a very popular President.

Eric Ridler

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018

RACE MEETINGS

Oct 20 BARC NW Oulton
Nov 09 BARC HQ - R.o.R Anglesey
Nov 10 BARC HQ - R.o.R Anglesey
Nov 11 BARC HQ - R.o.R Anglesey
(R.o.R.= Race of Remembrance)
Nov 18 BRSCC NW Anglesey

NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3rd November 2018 -AGM & Social
Blue Cap Hotel, Sandiway, CW8 2DN

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd December 2018 @ 1100hrs
Jurys Inn, Midsomer Blvd. Milton Keynes

NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd December 2018 @ 1500hrs
Jurys Inn, Midsomer Blvd. Milton Ke
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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.

**Barry Masters** Chester  
**Ben Millett** Ellesmere Port



BMMC MARSHALS GET CLOSER TO THE ACTION

## 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  |
| HI-VIS ORANGE 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 |

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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### NW REGION SOCIAL EVENING

At the Blue Cap, 520 Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich, CW8 2DN., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.

The social evening will start following the closure of the AGM, at approximately 8:15 pm. Food will be served 30 minutes later.

Only fully paid up Club members may attend the AGM but guests are welcome to join for the social evening.

Tickets are available at sign-on at Oulton Park from Rob Lee, at a cost of £5.00 per person.

Check our twitter page @BMMC\_NW for updates.

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