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North West Region Newsletter

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## Lille Racewear

Following the unfortunate closure of AWS Racewear, BMMC is pleased to introduce a new supplier of sponsored Proban overalls, **LILLE Racewear**.

The overalls will carry the BMMC badge and also the logos and badges of our sponsors who provide the generous subsidy available below.

The overalls are high quality Proban, tested to the required FIA standard and they can be viewed on the [LILLE website](#).

Follow the instructions there to ascertain your measurements then call LILLE on 07721 624241 and quote your BMMC membership number. (NWxxxx)

**DO NOT** order direct from their website as you will not be able to claim the subsidy.

The subsidy of **£70** can be claimed by sending a copy of your Lille receipt and a completed claim form to the email address which can be found in the members area of the BMMC website in the [REGALIA](#) section.



## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

It is nearly the end of February already. And almost the beginning of the marshalling season for us, including Grand Prix, Oulton Park and most important of all the training weekend 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March.

This event is important to the club, the circuits we attend, the organising clubs and more importantly, ourselves. It is a chance to brush up on skills, perhaps learn some new techniques and to see friends and colleagues.

If you have not yet replied to Bill & his team, please do so post haste. Don't get left behind with your training. Let's make sure the weekend is a success for all of us.

So, what has been going on behind the scenes then? Well, Autosport International saw the launch of a new corporate sponsor for the club - Ginetta Cars Limited. They felt that supporting marshals is a great way of investing back into the sport at grass roots level. New overalls (from our new provider Lille Racewear Ltd) will be adorned with Ginetta. So, if you need new overalls this year, now is a good time to order. Don't forget that you can claim back the cost from the Regalia team to the tune of £70.

The National Council met down in sunny Milton Keynes on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February to discuss a broad range of items, including the new brand team, led by our very own Dave Smithson. He has brought a new level of professionalism to the club and we eagerly await his offerings.

A couple of quick outputs though include the hashtag - #orangefamily. After a discussion, this was felt to be the most appropriate to adopt as we do consider ourselves to be a family - looking out for each other. So, if you use social media,

feel free to use the '# - who knows where it will end up.

Other items include the launch of brand ambassadors, (more to come via the team soon)

Don't forget Anglesey this year. If you can make it, you will be sure of a warm welcome. With BARC, BRSCC, 750MC, CSCC and HSCC hosting meetings there, it looks to be an exciting year for the circuit. There is also a great variety of events at Oulton Park as well so, check your calendars!

As some of you may know I have come from a banking and financial services background, working for global organisations. They are always very keen to have their own language, buzz words etc to drive their values and vision. Although it may not resonate with you, this got me thinking about what marshalling means to me. I can sum it up in a few words.

They are:

**Respect** - for my fellow marshals, the organising clubs, the venues I am lucky to marshal at, drivers, teams and spectators. Oh, and not forgetting the photographers.

**Integrity** - It's about being trustworthy, being a go-to marshal having principles and upholding the good name of the club and each other.

**Training** - I take advantage of all training where I can, not just in a classroom or online. Sometimes it is whilst you are at work, on the bank or driving home from work listening to the radio.

The old saying 'Every day is a school day' is true. I never stop learning and it's surprising where information can come from, I always keep an open mind.

**Enjoyment** - This is my hobby. I invest my spare time to be the best marshal I can be, getting the most out of the events I go to, as well as helping my fellow marshals.

So, what words would sum up your marshalling then?

With lots more to do this year, I am keen to integrate more marshals on to the committee. We have a broad range of skills, but always looking for a fresh perspective, ideas and opportunities. If you think you can help even if it's only for a short while, then do please let me know.

**Anorak Corner.**

*Yes, it's what you were waiting for!*

*The answers to last months quiz are:*

*Where & when was the last F1 Grand Prix win for a V12 engined car?*

**1995 Canadian GP Ferrari**

*Name the first Grand Prix car which was designed & built in the USA? **Scarab***

*Who was the last WRC Rally champion whose name was not Sebastian?*

**Petter Solberg 2003**

***This months questions:***

*Where & when was the first British Grand Prix win for a British driver in a British car? Who won?*

*The Maserati badge is a trident. What was it modelled on?*

*Name the Japanese car manufacturers who made the following cars: Cosmo; Pao; Deliboy.*

OK, time to sign off now, see you all in March at the training weekend. As ever, any feedback, comments etc please do let me know.

**Mike Broadbent**

**NW Region Chairman**

## **KART MARSHALS WANTED!**

The Cheshire Kart Racing Club that races at Hooton Park, Ellesmere Port have told me that ideally they would like any car-circuit marshals who are interested in possibly helping out, to get in touch and give their names & contact numbers to the Club so they can call on them as needed.

They run events throughout the year at the Cheshire Kart Racing Club just North of Chester (off junction 6 of the M53) with meetings run on the third weekend of each month Feb to Nov.

See: [Hooton Park Circuit](#) & [Cheshire Kart Racing Club](#)

The events are all day Sunday, covering a number of different classes running a practice, 3 heats and a final. Races are typically around 10 minutes long.

Each post typically has 1-2 marshals covering flags, incidents and driving standards observation reports to the Clerk.

All flags, extinguishers etc are provided as you would expect.

Signing on starts around 9am followed by a marshals briefing at 9.30am.

If interested please give your name and contact details to 'Jon' on:- [mail@chkrc.co.uk](mailto:mail@chkrc.co.uk)

Dates for future meetings are listed in the 'Forthcoming Events' calendar on page 7 of this newsletter.



## HAIGH MAKES HISTORY 5 YEARS AFTER OULTON CRASH



I remember making my way back to the car at the end of the BRSCC's meeting at Oulton Park on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and seeing the helicopter take off from the Medical Centre. I had heard that it was Flick Haigh who was onboard and wondered whether she would have any desire to race again.

Flick had lost control of her Caterham R300 at Druids and, with her car broadside across the track, she was T-boned by another competitor. Haigh was quite seriously injured sustaining 6 broken ribs, 5 chipped vertebrae and a bruised lung.

In her moment of greatest need, the Oulton Park marshals and rescue crews came to Haigh's aid. "I can't thank them enough for their efforts that day," Flick says, "The training they have is unbelievable! I owe my racing career to them as



any wrong move with a spinal injury can be catastrophic, yet despite that pressure, they remained so calm and helpful. The Medical Centre also provided amazing care particularly with regards to making sure I had the correct pain relief. "I believe marshals are truly the forgotten heroes of motorsport. They allow us drivers to race safely, picking up the pieces when we get it wrong. Without marshals there is no racing."

It was late November before Flick got back into a racing car when she tested a Ginetta G55 as part of her rehabilitation during which she had to work tremendously hard on her fitness to reach the point where her racing licence was restored. This occurred - much to her delight - 6 months after the crash.

The following season she was lining up on grids once more as she took part in the VdeV Endurance Series behind the wheel of a Juno prototype. She told us, "I knew deep down I couldn't quit as I had too many ambitions however, I think it took a few days (after the Oulton accident) for me to process something like that and realise I still wanted to continue to be out on the track. Nonetheless, I was worried I wouldn't have my previous pace because I might suffer from fear due to knowing what can and could happen."

Over the next few years, although life on the circuits didn't always run smoothly, Flick built-up a reputation in sports car racing that resulted in her being signed by the Optimum Motorsport squad to co-drive their Aston Martin Vantage in the 2018 British GT Championship along-





side Jonny Adam who had already won the title in 2 of the previous 3 years. For Haigh, Jonny's experience, support and ability behind the wheel was a great source of confidence. Furthermore, his previous experience driving Aston Martin Vantages, greatly helped the Optimum Motorsport team who were new to the car.

They had a great start to the season at Oulton Park's traditional Easter Monday fixture with a victory in the tricky wet conditions that prevailed during the opening round before the second encounter was abandoned due to torrential rain. This was the first time a woman had taken a British GT overall race win.

Even better was to follow, as at the end of a consistent campaign which included another visit to the top step of the podium at Brands Hatch, the duo secured the championship setting new records in the process as no lady driver had previously taken the title while Adam was the first to win it 3 times. This was a fine swansong for their car as the V12-engined Vantage was in its final season of eligibility after 7 years of front-line competition.

For Flick clinching the title was "...un-

doubtedly the best day of my life!" Her joy was no doubt enhanced because the success came as something of a surprise. "I didn't enter the championship to win it in year one," she recalls, "especially as I had come from a few tough years racing GT3 in European championships, although I was looking forward to driving the Aston as no one had a bad word to say about the car.

"I knew British GT was super competitive and I didn't want to show my hand until I felt ready and good enough to be right on the pace. Assisting me to maintain that level throughout the season was our engineer Evert Van Doorn who is the calmest guy you could meet, he got the car in such a good place and made me feel confident while on track."

Although Flick had only previously thought about winning races and making progress in the sports car realm, taking the British GT title has resulted in her sights being set very high in the shape of taking the laurels at the 24 Hours of Le Mans!

She says, "I don't believe (I could be wrong!) a female has won the GT Class in that classic enduro... This year opened my eyes to how few women make it to the top and I am determined to change that.





"I still can't park my road car but I can seem to drive around in circles fairly well!"

All this is a far cry from when Flick was younger at which time she competed in Advanced Level Dressage where she undertook the most difficult Grand Prix tests. She must have been as good on four legs as she is on four wheels because she had a shot at getting into the British Under 21 Team.

However, motor sport and cars were always part of her life when growing up because of her father's love of classic rallying although she didn't get the bug for taking part herself until she attended a corporate day at the Palmer Sport complex in Bedfordshire. Cars are far more fun than horses she declares, "There's no doubt 500 horse power is better than 1! I still have horses and ride when I can, but cars take the top spot for me now..."

Haigh began racing in Caterhams during 2007 before winning the Classic Graduate series in 2009. When she enjoyed her early success, she was often wearing her lucky knickers that bore the motto "Happy Day" although her superstitions now involve washing her road car before

a race weekend and enjoying a 20 minute nap before qualifying - I suspect there is some science going on here as no doubt these activities put her in the correct frame of mind.

Flick is certainly not afraid of thinking outside of the box. At one time she installed a hot tub in her living room so that she could watch TV from it although that has since been removed because there was no where for her family and friends to sit!

The crash at Druids could have left Flick with life-changing injuries and destroyed the progress she was making with her motor racing career, indeed she could have even lost the ability to walk, but thanks in no small part to the skill of those who attended to her it is becoming an increasingly distant memory. "I've never spent too long since thinking about what happened," she says, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger and I am true believer in that however I will be eternally grateful to the marshals and medics who were at Oulton that day."

For 2019, Flick is hoping to take a step closer to fulfilling her dream of becoming a winner at La Sarthe by finding a seat in the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup or European Le Mans Series although, as with many racing drivers, finding the necessary sponsorship is a sticking point.

**Dave ([Fasttoes](#)) Williams**

Photos from Flick's website:

<https://www.flickhaigh.com>

## 2019 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### RACE MEETINGS

Mar 09	BMMC NW Training	Oulton
Mar 10	BMMC NW Training	Oulton
Mar 23	BARC NW	Oulton
Apr 13	BRSCC NW	Oulton
Apr 20	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
Apr 22	MSVR - GT/F3	Oulton
May 11	BRSCC NW - TCR	Oulton
May 18	VSCC	Oulton
May 25	CSCC	Oulton
May 25	BARC NW	Anglesey
May 26	BARC NW	Anglesey

### SPRINT MEETINGS

Mar 30	BARC Mids	Three Sisters
Mar 31	BARC Mids	Three Sisters
Apr 06	Longton & DMC	Anglesey
Apr 07	Longton & DMC	Anglesey
Apr 27	Liverpool MC	Aintree
May 04	MGCC NW	Anglesey
May 05	MGCC NW	Anglesey

### HILL CLIMB MEETINGS

Mar 30	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Mar 31	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Apr 20	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Apr 21	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
May 18	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
May 19	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park

### KART RACE MEETINGS

Mar 16	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Mar 17	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park
Apr 20	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
Apr 21	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park
May 18	Cheshire KRC (practice)	Hooton Park
May 19	Cheshire KRC	Hooton Park

### NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Apr 09 Blue Cap, Sandiway, Northwich

### NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 12 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	£4.50
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	£14.00

Catalogue and Order forms can be downloaded from the club website or from Eric Ridler, BMMC NRO

For details of BMMC sponsored overalls, go to the Regalia section of the BMMC website. For all other enquiries contact the Regional Regalia Officer, or the National Regalia Officer - Eric Ridler  
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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.

Stephen Ball	Cheadle
David Sumnall	Crewe
Darren Lewthwaite	Astley
Les Pearce	Cemaes Bay

24 astronauts were born in Ohio. What it is about your state that makes people want to flee the Earth?



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