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FACING THE CHALLENGE.

Well, I'm sat at my desk with all sorts of thoughts running through my head, thinking 'What should I write about?'

There have been countless comments, news items, advice and recommendations made about the current unique situation we are all in and I'm not going to add to it - other than one comment which I will come to at the end.

Brigette and I, along with countless other people will have clean cars, clean windows, tidy gardens, everything stored away neatly, shopped for essentials only (!) helped others and been out for walks most days. So, what next? Well, I've been asked to do a quiz which I am preparing at the moment.

It just seems so very odd that I cannot meet you all at a race meeting and that the only means of feeding our motor sport fix is watching e-sports, previous races and social media posts. However I love all the pictures you are unearthing, some rare gems there. Keep them coming. I would like to thank our marshal colleagues who are continuing to work, on the front line, key workers and those who have volunteered to help others who are less able than ourselves. No matter what it thrown at us, the '*#orange family*' look after each other and those in need of help. I am proud to be part of this community, as we all should be.

Never have the words 'stay safe' had more meaning than now. Please stay safe, keep in touch with each other and reach out to those who need that little more help.

There is one thing though. In previous Outposts I had been rambling on about long service and how to reward & acknowledge. Well, the data base is not that accurate in terms of when you started marshalling. To produce a list has proved virtually impossible. Rather than offending anyone, please contact Eric Ridler directly with your details, a sae and he can send out a long service badge relevant to the number of years you have been marshalling. We can then collate the names and produce a 'hall of fame.'

As my Mum used to say, 'There's always someone who is worse off than you.'

Next time, I will write about cars and motor racing!

Mike Broadbent

North West Chairman

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## ANNIVERSARY HOPE!!!

If it is held, this year will be my fortieth straight British GP, and my thirtieth marshalling it. As things stand, I may have to wait till next year to hit those milestones.

But the GP I remember most isn't a British GP, it's the European that was held at Donington. Post 2, Redgate; it was wet (very), but Senna's drive was astonishing and Prost seemed to pit every few laps.

Tiff Needell in the Nissan came out of the spray in the middle of the touring car pack straight at the post. A memorable weekend. Here's hoping for another soon.

**Paul Newns**

## GRADING MATTERS

Due to the current unprecedented situation, a number of you may be concerned about being able to attend suitable training and/or sufficient events this year to maintain the Marshal grades you currently hold. Motorsport UK have stated that they "... would like to reassure the Marshal community that their current Marshal grades will not be affected, should they not be able to meet their grade maintenance requirements in 2020." There will be updates on the criteria for 2020 released, and as soon as this information is available it will be passed on.

Any grading applications should be sent electronically (scanned copies of PRC and Motorsport UK application forms) to your Regional grading Officer for processing until further notice. Please **do not** send items in the post at this time.

Fairly obviously, Motorsport UK are currently in the same situation as the rest of the country. As such, any upgrades or new members' applications that have been sent to them recently, will only be processed once things get back to normal and they return to Motorsport UK House. Please bear with them as they work through the backlog. All new members have been added to the BMMC database and should now have access to the volunteering system.

As ever, Stay Safe!!

**Rob Mugurian**

*BMMC NW Regional Grading Officer*

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## Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear John,

I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled and then broke down about a mile down the road and I had to walk back to get my husband's help.

When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbour's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbour's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months.

He won't go to counselling, I'm afraid and I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

**John's reply is on page 7.....**

## **CORONA VIRUS**

- 1. 6FT DISTANCE**
- 2. NO HUGGING**
- 3. NO KISSING**
- 4. NO SOCIAL INTERACTION**

**\*LIKE BEING MARRIED...  
BUT WITH A COUGH!**

# **BMMC NORTH WEST 2019 AWARD WINNERS**

## **CLIFF HAMMOND TROPHY - Newcomer of the Year**



### **Matthew Edwards.**

Since joining the Club in mid-2019, Matthew has attended meetings at Oulton Park, Anglesey and right across the country enabling him to gain experience and knowledge while enjoying the broad variety of motor sport the UK has to offer.

What stood out for the committee was his ability to learn at the same time as helping other trainees to progress with their journey on the bank. Matthew is always more than willing to assist fellow members of the orange army no matter what their grading and level of experience.

This was highlighted during an enduro race when he provided cover at another post as well as taking on flagging duties whilst colleagues stood down for a break. He is always willing to work with Post Chiefs/IO's to help plan the day. All these attributes are due to his strong sense of duty, commitment to learning and willingness to integrate as a part of a team.

The North West Regional Committee thought Matthew was a deserved winner of the Cliff Hammond Trophy while the National Committee were also impressed with his attitude to marshalling and his appetite for knowledge to such an extent that they also awarded him the **John Nicol Award**.



## **DON HALL TROPHY - Contribution to Flagging**

### **Dave Tarpey.**

The Don Hall Trophy was borne from the committee's wish to have a permanent reminder of this remarkable character who was our longest serving active marshal. Don is much missed now he has been called up to flag at God's race-track.

This year, the award is presented to Dave Tarpey - a stalwart of the club, who signs-on come rain or shine. His signalling when on post is excellent and more importantly, he has mentored trainees, helped others and is a great member of the team.

He started flagging when F1 cars had engines at the front, when motorsport was dangerous & sex safe and everyone smoked Capstan Full Strength! Dave is ultra-reliable, trustworthy and never grumpy.





## VETERANS TROPHY (formerly the Stan Foulds Trophy) for Longstanding Service

### Keith Kehoe



The Veterans Trophy is awarded to a marshal who has shown unwavering support for the Club and its members over many years. They can always be relied on to turn up at a meeting where they are willing to help and lend a hand wherever it is needed- including roles such as Post Chief, flag and IO.

Keith Kehoe fits that description perfectly! He has been always willing to help mentor new marshals, support them on their grading journey, actively encourage them to overcome their 'fear of flagging' and provide support to new Post Chiefs - including our Region's Chairman, Mike Broadbent.

A stand-out moment in Keith's long career was his "bravery under fire" when a crowd of MGs decided to invade the marshal's box at Lakeside in the Autumn of 2018. An incident which would have caused many to give up marshalling for good but Keith has kept coming back for more!

## STUART ASHFORD TROPHY - Outstanding Junior/Cadet Award Oulton Park Cadets

Those of you with children will know that teenagers can get up to all sorts of mischief.



However, the North West is blessed with an enthusiastic, motivated and responsible group of cadets who work well together as they learn, assist and support each other to become members of a larger team.

In 2019, though, there was one incident at Oulton Park which set some of them apart. Whilst enjoying a break from duties, a group of cadets were watching the action from the public area on the inside of Old Hall when a nearby spectator fell ill. The person became

distressed and their immediate family were overcome with anxiety.

The cadets did not stand back! In the best traditions of the marshalling creed, they formulated a plan of action before executing it promptly and efficiently. This included obtaining immediate medical support. Their response and actions calmed everyone down, demonstrated maturity and efficiency which rightly needs to be recognised... so thank you and well done to **Adam Beattie, Jamie Goode and Harry Mitchell**. Also worthy of acknowledgement are **Will Jones and Lily Woodward**.

# LONG SERVICE AWARD



The BMMC has created Long Service woven cloth badges for BMMC members with the relevant amount of marshalling service as shown on the badges above, (not solely with BMMC or BMRMC).

These are issued on the basis of one FREE with extra badges at a cost of £1.00 each are available. Please pay with usable stamps (cheques are not acceptable at the moment). Badges can be obtained by completing the [application form](#) and sending it to:

**Eric Ridler** the National Regalia Officer.



**Gill Sumner and Margaret Battersby**, both former recipients of the Stan Foulds Trophy were presented with their replica awards by our Chairman Mike Broadbent.

## ON REFLECTION

There is no doubt, that these are extremely challenging times. While looking through Facebook, I have been struck by the frequent marshals' photographs being posted under the #family. It is clear that marshalling is not just about our collective love of cars and racing, its much, much more than that.



My photograph was taken at the US GP last year, and the 2 Texans and 2 Californians with me are doing a "sorority pose" for the camera. These pictures not only make me smile, but reminds me that we will get back to normality, the friendships we have made will endure beyond this. So to me, these photos are a comfort, as they are wonderful memories, and it wont be long until we can get back to making many more.

In the meantime, I'm going to finally find out what's at the very bottom of my marshalling box, which hasn't seen the light of day for at least 8 years.....

**Janette and Ewean**





## 2020 FORTHCOMING EVENTS?

### RACE MEETINGS

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### SPRINT MEETINGS

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### HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

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### RALLYING

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### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Next Copy Date - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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## Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps,

John

## 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                          | £14.50 |
| BMMC UMBRELLAS                                 | £10.00 |

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:

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## WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The NW Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members below.

We sincerely wish you a happy and safe marshalling future.

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
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| Sarah Hutchinson  | Ty-Croes        |
| Mark Shone        | South Stack     |
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