



Murray Walker OBE 1923-2021
BMMC President 1978-1998

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it's about time - the season is getting ready to start. F1 is shaping up nicely - Ferrari are writing their book of excuses already. WEC and WRC entries are looking healthy and club motorsport is ready to spring into action. Hopefully, you have been looking at dates and choosing which events you would like to come to. Congratulations to those who have been chosen to marshal at Silverstone this year for the F1. Its encouraging to see a healthy contingent of North West marshals attending this prestigious event!

I must stress though that we will be operating under restricted numbers for now, with relaxation of the rules coming through (hopefully) in April and June 2021. We live in hope that at some time in the near future, we will be able to marshal under 'normal' conditions! I can't offer any news regarding taster days or when new marshals will be able to attend events. We are continuing to lobby MSUK for clarification. We have plans in place to manage these once given the green light.

The committee has been in regular contact through the medium of Zoom and we have been finalising all the details regarding the virtual training this year. We are hopeful that we can deliver some face to face training later on this year if we are allowed to - subject to Covid 19 restrictions being relaxed. My thanks go to Bill Gray for his sterling efforts in pulling this together, along with all the trainers who have given their time to share experiences and knowledge.

You should have received an email inviting you to the sessions on offer for you and I would encourage you all to attend at least one. They will act as a refresher for you. However, unfortunately, you will not receive a signature for the sessions you attend as PRC's still cannot be signed.

Nationally, the club is updating its social me-

dia policy, GDPR and other policies. Watch this space for more details.

I've noticed that some members have elected to unsubscribe from MailChimp. This process is used solely to provide our members with up to date information, including Outpost, details of sign-on at event processes, and a monthly blog from our National Chair. We do not as a club send out unnecessary information, adverts etc. However, it is our preferred method of communication which is both quick and cost effective. Please resubscribe, it will only take a minute and you will be kept up to date with the goings-on.

Finally, in this edition, the committee is delighted to announce the annual awards. Regretfully, we cannot present the awards in person though and we will make every endeavour to get the trophies to the winners as soon as we can. Congratulations to the winners - each one well deserved!

Until then, stay safe, stay positive and stay in touch.

We were sad to hear the news that Murray Walker passed away peacefully on the 13th March 2021.

There have been many fitting tributes to the voice of motorsport from drivers, teams and individuals, both heart-warming and personal.

He was the conduit between the track and the TV, providing seat of the pants commentary which was never dull, always informative and memorable. We will all have our own favourite 'Murrayism' and no doubt some personal memories when meeting the voice of motor sport at a track. I know I have.

Rest in Peace, Murray.

Mike Broadbent
NW Region Chair

Abridged Committee Meeting Minutes

Your North West Regional Committee met on 23rd February, 2021 at 19:30 by Zoom.

In attendance were:

Mike Broadbent; Paul News; Jan Williams; Rob Murgurian; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Mark Noble; Duncan Fitzgibbons; John Edwards; Mike Thomason; Bill Grey; Sam Collinson; and Dave Smithson

Apologies were received from:

Eric Ridler and Ian Briggs

Reports were received from:

Mike Broadbent, NW Chair

Duncan Fitzgibbons, regional recruitment officer

Dave Smithson, regional regalia officer

Ian Briggs, rally representative

Sam Collinson, regional social media officer

These were accepted by Committee.

Additional topics discussed were:

Training delivery, including Zoom Webinar Signing On procedures for the new season.

The position of Vice Chair on Committee

North West members who were not subscribed to Mailchimp

Recruitment

Social media

Brand ambassadors

The meeting ended at 21:05 .

The next meeting will be held on 30th March, 2021 at 19:30, again by Zoom.

If there are any issues you wish to have raised please contact a Committee member. Unless we are aware of a problem we can't do anything about it. Social media is not an appropriate forum to raise issues and will not see them resolved.

The details of all Committee members can be found on our website

(<https://www.marshals.co.uk/northwest/committee/>) and on the last page of Outpost.

BARC and BRSCC North Western Centres' 2020 Award winners

BARC North Western Centre

Phillips Trophy Marshal of the Year -
Richard Stenson

Regent Trophy -
Stewart Carr

Ladies Trophy -
Ashley Harwood

Sinclair Trophy (Off Track) -
Derek Lock

BRSCC North Western Centre

Marshal of the Year -
Colin Barnes

Centre Achiever of the Year -
Graham Stenson

Ladies Trophy -
Emma Featherstone

John Hart Trophy Flag Marshal of the Year
- *Kevin Harrison*

Margaret Simpson

Chief Marshal

BARC & BRSCC NW Centres



**I had a happy
childhood, my
Dad would put me
inside a tyre and
roll me down a
hill. They were
Goodyears.**



**A Eulogy(!) for the winner of the Don Hall
Flag Marshal of the Year
by his true friend – John Francis**

Normally a eulogy is reserved for somebody who has recently passed, but on this occasion, happily, this particular person is, as far as we know, currently only half dead.

At this point I should like to make crystal clear that these are the words of the winner's so-called friend.

This year, to choose our flag marshal of the year has been quite difficult. Some of our flaggie friends are of, shall we say, more mature years, and naturally with the Covid situation, many of them have understandably been self-isolating. Since it is only fair the award should go to somebody who has actually attended a good few meetings on behalf of the club this season, then the pool is somewhat, shall we say, shallow on this occasion.

However, our winner this year has in fact marshalled for around fifteen years, and for the last ten of these has actually been a useful member of our track side team. Always happy to help, a cheerful pleasant manner, a ready supply of pork pies and always with a can-do attitude. But mainly the pies.

This person is always happy to mentor new marshals whether "just doing the flags" to get a track grade, or more serious candidates going through the grading system to become a dedicated flag marshal. There is always the appropriate degree of instruction and constructive feedback to be seen.

This genuine Oulton Park marshal has grown from being one of our trainees, through to National standard, with many trips to Pembrey and Brands Hatch and even Silverstone, to becoming a truly international marshal who has waved his flags at the Canadian Grand Prix on many occasions and in 2020 at the Nürburgring 24-hour GT endurance.

As well as excellent flagging skills this person is also a renowned alfresco chef, who, over the years has produced many quite respectable full English breakfasts in a variety of carparks and more recently, a quite palatable meat and two veg in the middle of a forest. Albeit aided by a petrol generator and a microwave, but hey, nobody is perfect and you have to move with the times.

Of considerable note is that off circuit this person was a key member of a group of Oulton marshals who a few years ago organised an annual charity track day and together they raised over £30,000 for various children's charities. A credit to the dedication and sincerity of this person's character.

Finally, this is also a very selfless person. It is not unknown for him, if a meeting is a bit dull and the rescue crew are looking particularly bored, with no thought for himself, he will give them a shout they can truly get their teeth into. Naturally, I refer to his mid race cardio-vascular incident a few years ago when one minute he was happily waving his flags on the Island Spine and the next he was laying on his back.

Thankfully the great racetrack in the sky will have to wait a bit longer before they get a flag marshal of this calibre, as our first-class rescue team together with our wonderful medics, and medical facilities, played a critical part in his pretty much full recovery.

Still very much alive, and here with us today, it is a pleasure and an honour to give you **Andrew Galvin**, Flag Marshal of the Year.

Veterans Trophy for Outstanding Service

This person has given continual, tireless work in the organisational side of running motorsport events in this region; including but not limited to ensuring all marshals who have volunteered for events receive their tickets on time. In addition she signs on officials and marshals in the morning in her role as Chief Marshal for many events held in the North West. This mammoth task had been made even more difficult in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, this person has been more than a match for this undertaking; having the unenviable task of having to turn marshals away in order to comply with social distancing measures on post has been particularly hard.

This person is also a fantastic presence at race meetings and makes the effort to visit marshals out on circuit to check on their well being and ensure everybody is happy. Regularly making the journey to the far afield posts such as Shell and Island/Brittens at Oulton Park, and posts four and eight at Anglesey were just part of the duties done.

This person always puts the wellbeing of marshals first at every event she is Chief Marshal for, and always “fights the marshals’ corner.” This person also goes out of her way to support marshals, whether that be hearing grievances and escalating them appropriately, or thanking them for their efforts at events.

Meetings in the North West could not run without her.

The award goes to **Margaret Simpson**.



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Fred Byatt Award - Noteworthy acts of marshalling not covered by any other award.

The recipient of this years’ award is a marshal who come rain or shine arrives at Oulton Park on a race weekend. I would say with a smile on his face but that might be pushing it!!!!

This individual has been marshalling for over 12 years and has missed very few events.

In 2019 he suffered ill health at the end of the season for many this would have curtailed their marshalling career. However true to form he arrived at our training weekend in 2020 ready for the new season.

Thankfully, he has never lost his sense of humour, which let’s face it is a key requirement for any marshal. Due to a slight side effect of his ill health, he has ventured into the pitlane to marshal, he has needed every ounce of that sense of humour to work within that environment!!!!!!

I am sure you will all agree that this person really deserves this award as he has shown strength of character and dogged determination to enable him to continue to enjoy his hobby.

This years Fred Byatt Award goes to **Graham Stenson**.

2020 Recipient of the Bellini Trophy for Marshal of the Year



The Bellini Trophy is awarded to the marshal showing outstanding service to the region and to marshalling. It has been presented to the North West Region members since 1985. We will always remember **Peter Rowcroft**.

What can we say about Peter? He was a loving and devoted husband to Kath and father to Jack. For those of us who knew him from marshalling,

he was known for always having a smile on his face, no end of laughter and his cheekiness.

His ability to raise money for good causes was legendary, always putting others first and helping out when and wherever he could. How many of you can remember his persistence with those buckets in getting people to donate?

Then of course his Oulton Park Marshals on Tour flag, which has virtually been all over the world with other Oulton Park marshals.

The Oulton Park flag raised the profile of our local circuit globally, It was a fantastic point of discussion for Oulton Park marshals when overseas. On its travels the flag has been to Australia, Canada, Singapore, Baku, U.S.A., Belgium, New Zealand and many other circuits worldwide.

Peter's flag has helped so many of us gain friends overseas with it often being remembered more than the individual flag bearers. "Is the marshal from the UK with the flag coming back" was a 'Whatsapp' question on a Singapore thread in 2019. Peter had been scheduled to travel to Singapore himself for the GP himself in 2019, however his illness unfortunately prevented him doing so.

After fighting for almost two years, Peter sadly lost his battle with cancer in September 2020. He did not let it get him down and was always upbeat. When colleagues visited him in hospital, he was still joking with the nurses and causing trouble; typical Peter.

Oulton Park and especially CarFest North will

not be the same without him. A good friend to many, the racetrack in the sky has gained a great marshal. It is a big loss for all of us, but we all know Peter would not want us to be sad, he would want his life to be celebrated and his memory to live on.

Fitting tributes were subsequently paid during the Fun Cup meeting at Oulton park in October, with the infamous Oulton Park Marshals On Tour flag being driven around the circuit to by the safety car while colleagues waved flags trackside, before the flag was presented to Kath and Jack.

Rest in Peace our Orange Army Friend; we have lost a true gentleman and friend; we know you will always be with us in spirit and his posthumous nomination for this year's Bellini Trophy is well deserved in recognition of his outstanding service to the region.

The committee is delighted to present the award to Kath and Jack in memory of Peter.



Stuart Ashford Trophy Cadet Marshal of the Year

The recipient for the award this year is a young man who was originally cited last year but missed out on the accolade due to the outstanding actions of some of his fellow cadets during a medical emergency.

This young man has worked well in Assembly and has maintained his usual jovial and mischievous demeanour, coping well with the challenges from the 2020 season.

The winner of the Cadet Award is **Charlie Goode**.

2021 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RACE MEETINGS

Apr 01	MSVR	Oulton
Apr 10	CSCC	Oulton
Apr 17	BARC NW	Oulton
May 22	MGCC	Oulton
Jun 05	MSVR	Oulton
Jun 05	BRSCC NW	Knockhill
Jun 06	BRSCC NW	Knockhill
Jun 12	BARC NW	Oulton
Jun 19	BRSCC NW - Fiesta	Oulton
Jun 19	750MC	Anglesey
Jun 20	750MC	Anglesey

SPRINT MEETINGS

Apr 24	Liverpool MC	Aintree
May 01	MGCC NW	Anglesey
May 02	MGCC NW	Anglesey
May 15	Longton & DMC	Blyton
May 16	Longton & DMC	Blyton
May 29	Longton & DMC	Anglesey
May 30	Longton & DMC	Anglesey

HILLCLIMB MEETINGS

May 16	MGCC NW	Scammonden
Jun 12	Liverpool MC	Barbon
Jul 03	Liverpool MC	Barbon
Jul 10	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park
Jul 11	Hagley & DLCC	Loton Park

RALLYING

TBA

NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mar 30 Via Zoom

DUE TO COVID-19 BE AWARE THAT THE ABOVE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE RELEVANT CHIEF MARSHAL.

REGALIA PRICE LIST

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
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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
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BMMC FACE MASKS (Orange or Black)	£6.15
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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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