



**JOHN EDWARDS NORTH WEST REGION MEMBERS SECRETARY
HAS BEEN ELECTED BMMC NATIONAL SECRETARY wef 5th DECEMBER 2021**

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Begin at the Beginning.

Don't worry, I'm not going to burst into song. As the bigger events are past us now, we can look forward to some excellent club racing between now and the end of the year both at Oulton Park and at Anglesey. Finals for 750MC, BRSCC NW and BARC NW to look forward to, alongside the popular Neil Howard Stages as a season closer.

We have been very lucky this year in having a broad brush of motorsport events to be involved with including Enduros, Historics, BTCC, British GT to name but a few. Rallying seems to be awakening from its' slumbers and no doubt there will be events over the winter to quench your motorsport thirst.

With regards to being lucky, it must be remembered that we as marshals enjoy privileges that other hobbyists don't have. Free entry and guest tickets to events, free camping, programmes, sometimes even a breakfast roll which is always welcome. Some clubs offer badges or money to help cover fuel costs as well.

Recent events, especially at Brands Hatch have pushed marshalling into the spotlight, and on to a metaphorical pedestal as well. However, this adulation should not be allowed to become our master. We do our hobby because we choose to. A motorsport event is a collaboration between circuit owners, organising clubs, competitors, officials, volunteers and spectators. It's not a matter of 'they cannot run an event without us.' It's a joint effort with each component playing its part in equal measure.

So, turning to other news - we were saddened to hear that George (Scott) Brown and Peter Gelling recently passed away. Both marshals were regulars at Oulton Park especially in the pit lane. Their presence will be missed by many and no doubt some of you will have fond

memories of them both. The committee has passed its condolences on to their families. BMMC NW was well represented at George's funeral recently.

National Council met early September 2021 and Nadine Lewis will be advising us all of the outputs, including the accounts, date of AGM and member records. Don't forget though that MSUK registration for 2022 is now open. Members are encouraged to renew asap.

NW Committee met recently - well virtually. Delighted to see that taster days are up and running again, alongside the recruitment tent at BTCC and British GT's. Plenty of interest has been shown and the team are busy following up initial enquiries. Outpost contains a precis of committee minutes for your delectation and if you want any more information, just ask.

We are delighted to see that John Edwards, NW Membership Secretary has been elected to take on the role of BMMC National Secretary. The appointment is well deserved and John will be a fantastic asset to the National Council and the club. Well done John.

Circuit safety remains at the top of the agenda and we are continuing to work with circuit liaison both at Oulton Park and Anglesey to make sure it is as safe as possible for us to use. If you have any concerns or issues, please let us know and we will look into it. However, catch fencing at marshalling points are there for our protection and not just used as coat racks!

Social Media. As we move towards the close season, the committee will continue to use social media as a means to communicate with you as much as possible with relevant and up to date information. The private group on Facebook is BMMC North West Marshals. To join, there are a couple of questions to answer. However, if you want us to send out

information electronically, please make sure we have your correct details including email address etc.

A plea from Margaret Simpson. If you have to cancel a marshalling day - for whatever reason, most of you update the volunteering database. However, can you send Margaret a quick email advising of your non attendance as well if it is close to an event date. It just helps her collate numbers and allocations etc. Thanks.

There has been a deafening silence from you all with regards to nominations for the NW awards. Has there been someone help mentor you? Have you seen some exceptional flagging? Who in your opinion has put themselves out for the benefit of the club? If so, please use the link below to make your nomination. They do count. Then please send the completed nomination form back to me or NW secretary at the email address or pass the form to me when you see me next. I'm normally hovering around the paddock in the mornings at most meetings at Oulton Park

<https://www.marshals.co.uk/northwest/2019/04/15/marshal-awards-nomination/>

Finally (thank goodness I hear you cheer!) we will be having a face to face AGM in November with the opportunity for a Q & A session post meeting. This will be your chance to ask those important questions, talk to the committee and meet up with colleagues.

Full details are shown later in this edition of Outpost.

Thank you again for your support and patience this year. 2021 has thrown up some unique challenges and I am proud that you have risen to the challenge, accepted changes and delivered some amazing marshalling. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Quote of the month:

"If I am coming back into the box, do you mind if I take my trousers off"



Rallying returns to old haunts.

Rallying is making a strong return from restrictions, with events all over the country and many new events using closed public roads being planned.

But most exciting for the near future is the return of a part of Grizedale forest not used since last century!

On Friday the 3rd December Grizedale East will reverberate to the sound of rally cars. The 2021 Grizedale stages rally has negotiated for its opening stage to be in the "forbidden" side of Grizedale, and as an added challenge it will be in the dark.

The rest of the rally will take place in the forbidding depths of Grizedale West on Sat 4th December, but all eyes will be on the Friday night.

BRMC North West is honoured to be asked to run this stage and is looking for marshals to help. Please contact the rally rep, Ian Briggs if you want to help recreate one of the most iconic rally stages ever.

We are also running stages on the Revival rally at Rednal Circuit nr Oswestry on Friday evening the 15th October. And the Cambrian Rally on Saturday the 30th October, nr Llanwrst, North Wales.

Ian Briggs
BRMC NW Region Rally Representative

(NOTE: The December Outpost will feature an article about the Neil Howard Stages.)

PHOTO COMPETITION

On the following pages are photos of Marshal Boxes from Oulton Park. The only photo manipulation is to remove the numbers from the boxes. There are 14 to have a go at and some maybe there more than once, good luck.

There are prizes of Amazon vouchers for the winners and runners up, their values are £25, £15 and £10. Closing date is **31st October 2021**. Please send your answers to **Eric Ridler** using the answer form which can be found on the following link: [Photo Quiz Answer Form](#)







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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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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Graeme Black | Hoddlesden |
| Joshua Edge | Ellesmere Port |
| Nic Houslip | Whitchurch |
| Alexander McGee | Salé |
| Alex Hardiment | Stockport |
| Claire Winterbottom | Oldham |
| John Reid | Warrington |
| Matt Stringer | Wigan |
| Sam Adsett | Bromborough |
| Ralph Poole | Orford |
| Gary Evans | Gobowen |
| Rachel Turner | Southport |
| Henry Battersby | Llandudno |
| David Allinson | Wilmslow |
| Paul Chatterton | Middlewich |
| Egidijus Kukstas | Liverpool |
| Ian Prossor | Manchester |
| Gary Slegg | Wrexham |
| Karl Winrow | St. Helens |
| Gabriel Winrow | Bolton |

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

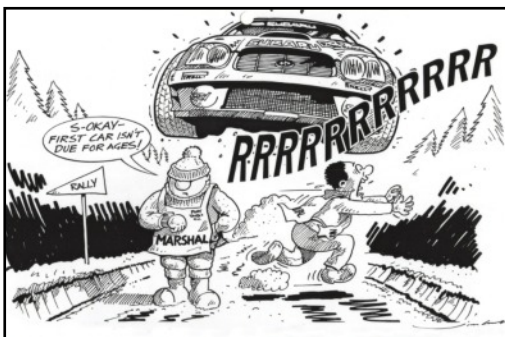
"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

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"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON ... OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



**NOTICE OF THE BMCC NW REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the North West Region of the British Motorsports Marshals' Club Ltd to be held via Zoom owing to the COVID19 restrictions of group meetings on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 19:30.

Anyone wishing to attend is requested to send their e-mail address to Paul Newns, Regional Secretary, at nw.secretary@marshals.co.uk no later than seven days before the meeting. The link to the meeting and a copy of the 2020 AGM Minutes will be sent to you.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM
3. Chairman's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Election of Committee Members

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

- Mike Broadbent - Regional Chair**
- Paul Newns - Regional Secretary**
- John Edwards - Membership Officer**
- Jan Williams - Volunteering Co-Ordinator**
- Eric Ridler - Newsletter Editor**

The following Committee members have advised that they will stand down and not seek re-election:

- Dave Smithson - Regalia Officer**
- Sam Collinson - Social Media Officer**

In accordance with Rule K.3.5, anyone interested in joining the Committee is invited to send their details to the Regional Secretary no later than seven days before the date of the meeting. The application must be proposed and seconded by two fully paid up members of the British Motorsport Marshals Club from the North West region.

Bill Gray, having been co-opted as Vice Chair during 2021, seeks ratification to the role.

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

The Regional Secretary's e-mail address is nw.secretary@marshals.co.uk. Postal address is 9 CefnBlodwel, Nantmawr, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 9EH.

Signed: Paul Newns
North West Region Secretary
Issued 30th September, 2021

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**2021 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**  
**RACE MEETINGS**

|        |                     |          |
|--------|---------------------|----------|
| Oct 09 | 750MC               | Oulton   |
| Oct 16 | BRSCC NW            | Oulton   |
| Oct 23 | BARC NW             | Oulton   |
| Nov 14 | Race of Remembrance | Anglesey |
| Nov 15 | Race of Remembrance | Anglesey |
| Nov 16 | Race of Remembrance | Anglesey |

**SPRINT MEETINGS**  
**TBA**

**HILLCLIMB MEETINGS**

|        |                              |       |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| Oct 16 | H&DLCC -Ken Wharton Memorial | Loton |
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**RALLYING**

|        |                                   |
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| Oct 15 | Revival Rally - Rednal - Oswestry |
| Oct 30 | Cambrian Rally - Llanwrst         |
| Nov 06 | Neil Howard Stages - Oulton Park  |
| Dec 03 | Grizedale Rally East Stages (New) |
| Dec 04 | Grizedale Rally West Stages       |

**NW REGION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**OCT 21 - COMMITTEE - VIA ZOOM**

**NOV 18 - NW AGM - VIA ZOOM**

**BMMC NATIONAL AGM**

**DEC 05 - VIA ZOOM**



Women's Motor Racing Associates Club  
*The Doghouse Owners' Club*  
Established 1962  
promoting friendship, support and fundraising in motorsport

## The Sally Hingston Award

The Sally Hingston Award is an International initiative that gives anyone the opportunity to nominate Volunteers of any age from the grass roots of motorsport, or the wider motorsport community, who deserves recognition for their commitment to volunteering.



### Sally Hingston

Sally was a wife and mother to two sons and lived in the village of Gawcott, Buckinghamshire. She was a much loved Marshal at Silverstone and a member of the Women's Motor Racing Associates Club, she gave considerable time to the sport and sat on the WMRAC 'Doghouse Events Committee' for a number of years.



When Michael Schumacher had his accident at the 1999 British Grand Prix, Sally was on the rescue vehicle and supported the recovery as the car was hoisted onto the break down truck. Sally appeared on photographs with the stricken car on most of the newspapers the next day!

*"Sally was a much loved and regular marshal at Silverstone Circuit until her tragic death in 2009. This award is created in memory of Sally and serves to inspire and encourage young volunteers just as Sally herself would have done."*

### Nominations 2021

Nominations for 2021 will be opened on **International Women's Day - 8 March 2021** and closes on **31 October 2021**. The winner will be announced on **International Volunteers Day - 5 December 2021**.

Aimed at any Volunteers of any age, from all disciplines of motorsport. The award recognises that all volunteers generously give their time, talent, and support to enable motorsport events to go ahead.

Share with us your stories and nominate your volunteer!

- Submit your nominations to [press@wmrac.co.uk](mailto:press@wmrac.co.uk)
- Take a picture and share your volunteering story
- Share on social media: [@WMRAC](https://twitter.com/WMRAC) #Empowerment #Youth #MakingADifference #VolunteeringIsFun #IWD2021 #WomeninMotorsport

Share your stories and celebrate with us [@WMRAC](https://twitter.com/WMRAC)

Contact details: [Press@wmrac.co.uk](mailto:Press@wmrac.co.uk)  
International Women's Day #IWD2021  
#ChooseToChallenge

## COMMITTEE MEETING ABRIDGED MINUTES

Your North West Regional Committee met on Thursday, 23rd September, 2021 at 19:30 via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Mike Broadbent; Paul Newns; Dave Smithson; Duncan Fitzgibbons; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Bill Gray; Jan Williams; John Edwards; Rob Murgurian; Ian Briggs; Sam Collinson; Steve Woolf.

Apologies were received from:

Eric Ridler and Mike Thomason

Reports were received from:

Mike Broadbent - Chair

Rob Murgurian - Grading Officer

John Edwards - Membership Officer

Ian Briggs - Rally Representative

Dave Smithson - Regalia Officer

Duncan Fitzgibbons - Recruitment Officer

Bill Grey - Training Co-Ordinator

These were accepted by Committee.

Additional topics discussed were:

*Post allocations.*

*Circuit safety at Oulton and Anglesey*

*Maintaining up-to-date next of kin details*

*The success of the recruitment tent at the GT meeting*

*Membership - 18 members have joined since the last meeting*

*Upgrades - Six members have upgraded since the last meeting*

The AGM details are published in this newsletter.

Potentially commemorating colleagues we have lost recently.

The meeting ended at 21:10.

The next meeting will be held on 21st October, 2021 at 19:30, once again via 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 the Outpost.

Paul Newns

NW Regional Secretary

## REGALIA PRICE LIST

| <u>Description</u>                                                                              | <u>Price</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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       |
| BMMC SNOOD (Orange or Black)                                                                    | £3.50        |
| BMMC FACE MASKS (Orange or Black)                                                               | £6.15        |
| 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.          |              |

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