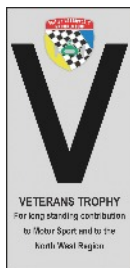




2021 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AWARDS EDITION



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JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

'TERESA GREEN'

I have to start off this month with some downbeat news. A few days after the training weekend, we were shocked to hear that Bob Milloy, a stalwart of BMMC and the marshalling/motorsport community passed away suddenly. Many of you have paid tribute on social media to Bob as he was not only an excellent examining post chief, he was also a commentator on stage rallies at Oulton Park and hill climbs at Barbon. He competed as a driver in a Clan Crusader and as a road rally navigator, along with being an MSUK Steward at events in the Northwest. Oh, and he was chairman of ANWCC as well. It's fair to say that Bob had petrol in his veins. He will be missed.

We also lost Bill Turnbull who was to many a great friend, an excellent marshal and a raconteur of many motorsport stories that kept us entertained. He was instrumental in my formative years of marshalling, and I was truly grateful for his wisdom and advice. Farewell Bill.

So, let's lighten the mood shall we?

Latest News - We have recently planted 16 trees at Oulton Park to commemorate and remember marshals who have passed away in recent years. Funds came from the Cliff Hammond legacy and the NW committee decided that we should have a permanent reminder of colleagues passed away. They have been planted near the memorial at Lodge. The committee is grateful to circuit management for allowing us to do this and special thanks to the maintenance team who planted them for us.

Well, the first three months have flown by and now the racing season has started properly. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the bank this year. Oulton Park and Anglesey circuits have a packed and wide variety of

meetings to attend, including 24-hour races, BTCC, new dates for HSCC, GT's along with the great events BARC NW and BRSCC NW organise. Can't wait!!!

Duncan and the recruitment team have planned several events this year including taster days for our new and wonderful trainees. So, if you see Duncan or Nadine with a crocodile of orange behind them at Oulton, be sure to say Hi. The recruitment team will also be manning the tent at British GT's, BTCC and HSCC Gold Cup events as well. If you can lend a hand, please let Duncan know. New members are the lifeblood of the Club and just remember the first time you donned the orange overalls and how proud you were to say: 'Yes I am a marshal at Oulton Park.'

Award winners - we were able to congratulate Steve Cox, Ashley Harwood, Matthew Mitchell along with Adam Smith and John Aston at the training weekend on their awards. Just the Veterans and the Newcomers award to give out now, so watch out for the photos. We were able to congratulate Margaret Simpson for winning the BMMC Barrie Williams Trophy - Marshal of the Year. A deserved winner. Congratulations Margaret!!

Lille Racewear has recently changed hands with Tony Bianco relinquishing ownership. The new owners have assured us of continuity of service, along with giving advice and help for those of you wanting to buy new Proban's.

The results of the BMMC NW survey are now on the website and the committee will be continuing to refer to them over the coming year to address the comments made and be accountable for our decisions and discussions. We are here to help you get the most out of our hobby and like you, we are all volunteers. After all, Rome wasn't built in a day - so the saying goes!

Finally, I am led to believe that Toto Wolff has borrowed the Ferrari book of motorsport excuses from Mattia Binotto for 2022. He was seen at the back of the Ferrari pits in Bahrain collecting the book (or was it a copy of the FIA 2022 regs - who knows)!!!!

As ever, enjoy your motorsport in 2022, stay safe and talk to us if you have any concerns or suggestions. All ideas are welcome.

See you on the bank!!

Mike Broadbent - NW Chair

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## **ABRIDGED COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Your North West Regional Committee met on 19th and 26th January, 2022 via Zoom.

In attendance were:

### **19th January**

Mike Broadbent; Paul Newns; Mark Mitchell; Bill Gray; Rob Mugurian; Duncan Fitzgibbons; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Jan Williams and John Edwards.

Apologies were received from:

Ian Briggs; Mike Thomason and Eric Ridler.

### **26th January**

Mike Broadbent; Paul Newns; Mark Mitchell; Bill Gray; Duncan Fitzgibbons; Andrew Pratt-Fryer; Jan Williams; John Edwards and Mike Thomason

Apologies were received from:

Ian Briggs and Eric Ridler.

### **Reports**

For the meeting on 19th, reports were received from: Mike Broadbent (Chair); Rob Mugurian (Grading); John Edwards (Membership); Duncan Fitzgibbon (Recruitment); Bill Gray (Training); Jan Williams (Volunteering and Specialist Rep); Ian Briggs (Rally); and Mark Mitchell (Social Media)

These were accepted by Committee.

Additional topics discussed on 19th January were:

- Alterations and improvements made, or proposed to be made, to marshals posts at Oulton and Anglesey.
- A donation of motorsport books given to the Club. Proceeds of their sale are to go to the Club's nominated charity, Race Against Demetia.
- Membership and recruitment. A number of marshals were still to renew their membership for the 2022 season.
- The upcoming training days. As well as the training itself, COVID precautions were considered.
- Nominations for Regional Awards

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The meeting on 26th January was primarily to discuss the responses to the survey of members issued in November and to discuss how Committee can address some on the issues raised. The results of the survey will be given to members at the training day.

The meeting on 19th ended at 21:20 and on 26th it ended at 20:40.

The date of next meeting is:

Thursday, 31st March, 2022 at 19:30

Venue: Blue Cap, Chester Road, Sandiway, CW8 2DR

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 also on the last page of the Outpost.

BMMC NW AWARD WINNERS 2021

During our annual pre-season training day at Oulton Park, we had the pleasure of announcing the following award winners.



BARRIE WILLIAMS TROPHY- NATIONAL BMMC MARSHAL OF THE YEAR

For almost 30 years, Margaret Simpson has given continual, tireless work in the organisational side of running motor sport events in the North West in her role as Chief Marshal; a mammoth task that has been made even more difficult due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Margaret is always a fantastic presence at race meetings and makes the effort to visit marshals out on circuit to ensure everybody is happy and check on their welfare.

Always putting the well being of marshals first at every event she is Chief Marshal for, and always 'fighting the marshals' corner', Margaret often goes out of her way to support marshals, whether that be hearing grievances and escalating them appropriately, or thanking marshals for their efforts at events. Commenting after presenting Margaret with her award, BMMC Chair Nadine Lewis said: "Margaret's nomination was put forward by the NW region but her contribution has been recognised by the whole club. Her support for the marshals has been unstinting in ensuring their needs have been catered for as we have worked through the pandemic. I am delighted to have been able to make this

presentation at the NW training event and honoured to have presented it to such a worthy winner and a dear friend."

This trophy was named in 2018 in memoriam of former BMMC President Barrie 'Whizzo' Williams who was a versatile racing driver who began his career in 1960. He competed in many forms of motorsport, but most notably rallying, single seaters, sports and saloon cars, endurance and more recently historic events.



BELLINI TROPHY - OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE REGION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

This year's recipient of the Bellini Trophy is a person that always arrives at meetings full of enthusiasm for the day ahead and always has a smile for everyone. On post they are an excellent flag and track marshal. Always willing to get stuck into whatever is thrown at them. Always encouraging fellow marshals on post and willing to mentor trainees by passing on the knowledge they have gained over the years. All this is backed up by a fantastic sense of humour.

This marshal is an amazing ambassador for our region when they assist at circuits all over the UK as well as attending international events. A shining example of the professionalism of the BMMC NW orange army.

The Bellini Trophy this year has been awarded to Ashley Harwood, however as the trophy wasn't available on the day, the presentation will be made at Oulton Park once the season is underway.



THE DON HALL TROPHY - FLAG MARSHAL OF THE YEAR

In 10 years of marshalling this person has only missed one meeting at Oulton and that was due to a borrowed car breaking down on the way to the circuit. This is a record few can match or even aspire to.

This year a major test of stamina was manning Chief Flag duties single-handedly for the two days of the Ferrari Challenge. That alone was a fantastic show of endurance!!!

Having served time on the bank before being converted to the art of flagging, they have for the last 4 years been a valuable member of the Chief Flag team. In this time as well as becoming a very accomplished and reliable Deputy Chief Flag (a preferred role) this marshal has designed and constructed some of the equipment we use. They have also played a forward role on the annual planning and delivery of flag training.

This marshal is well known and liked around the circuit and in the paddock. The committee received several nominations for this marshal. Ultimately a role model marshal and an essential asset to the Club and Oulton Park.

The recipient of the Don Hall Trophy is **Steve Cox**.



THE STEWART ASHFORD TROPHY - CADET MARSHAL OF THE YEAR

It has been a really close call this year to decide on the recipient of this award. Two new cadets have settled into their roles and have been learning quickly about our sport. Both are very organised in their approach and can work out what to do tasks-wise without supervision. Awards are made to acknowledge work well done and to motivate the cadet to push further in their development.

Whilst last year was this cadet's first season, they settled in well, were a practical thinker and a quick learner. We would like to hope that this award feeds an ambition to learn more within the sport.

As mentioned, the recipient started marshalling in 2021 but has been a regular "Spectator" at Oulton and Anglesey pretty much since being born. As they come from a Marshalling family they really didn't have much choice on what to do on a weekend!!!

They have shown an enormous amount of enthusiasm in rounding up lost cars, late-comers and assisting the scrutineers in their pre-qualifying checks. Whilst showing that they have got the hang of checking fire-extinguishers and other equipment there is a little bit of reluctance to get on the paddock microphone to call up the cars for their sessions. We are sure that in 2022 we will hear their voice across the paddock.

Just as a side note, the recipient was spotted chatting to Jonathan Palmer at length last season during the British GT meeting. However, they were innocently oblivious to who Mr Palmer was but said he seemed like an "Al-right Bloke"

The recipient of this year's Cadet Marshal Award is **Matthew Mitchell**.

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### THE FRED BYATT TROPHY- NOTEWORTHY ACTS OF MARSHALLING

This year's Fred Byatt Trophy is being shared by two British Rally Marshals' Club (BRMC) North members, **John Aston & Adam Smith**, after an extraordinary two days on the Roger Albert Clark Rally.

These two marshals helped to set up the Falstone stage, just to the east of Kielder reservoir. The stage ran on the Friday of the event when Storm Arwen blew in and started to cause chaos.

After a big effort, all the competitors were able to get out of the stage, then John & Adam helped sweep the forest to ensure every retired competitor, marshal and spectator were clear. This process was undertaken in very high winds and snow with the added complication of trees starting to fall. Then they headed to the top of Monkside Fell, the highest point of Kielder, where the event's radio controllers were trapped by the extreme weather conditions.

However, the route to the top of the fell was barred by fallen trees that had to be cut, then dragged clear with driving snow drifting across the road.

Eventually, their progress was stopped half a mile short of the summit as driving became impossible in whiteout conditions.

At this point, John took over the role of radio control as other stages were trying to clear marshals and competitors from the forest, this gave the original radio operators chance to try and clear the summit. One of their masts had been carried away in the wind and the cables needed to be disentangled from one of their cars. They tried to drive off the summit, but in the whiteout, it was impossible to see where the road went and they became stuck.

Meanwhile, John was co-ordinating efforts to get the stage commander of a different stage clear as they were trapped by fallen trees, it was now 0200hrs. By 0230hrs it became apparent that the radio controllers and stage commander were going to have to spend the night in their cars until the weather abated. Adam and John then headed back to their accommodation, cutting through more fallen trees before abandoning Johns' car when it too fell in a ditch. They made it into to bed at 04.30hrs in a cold dark cabin with the electricity having been taken out by the storm.

At first light, they re-climbed Monkside Fell, dragged the radio controllers' car out of the ditch, helped de-rig and recover the radio equipment and then towed the other car that was up there down to the public road. Finally, they contacted the stuck Stage Commander to make sure they were OK. (It took 3 forestry teams 3 hours to cut their way to them).

Their efforts were outstanding and they are very worthy winners of this award.

## 2022 FORTHCOMING EVENTS?

### RACE MEETINGS

|        |                   |          |
|--------|-------------------|----------|
| Apr 16 | F3 & GT's         | Oulton   |
| Apr 18 | F3 & GT's         | Oulton   |
| May 06 | Ferrari Challenge | Oulton   |
| May 07 | Ferrari Challenge | Oulton   |
| May 14 | 750MC             | Oulton   |
| May 14 | CSCC              | Anglesey |
| May 15 | CSCC              | Anglesey |
| May 21 | Equipe            | Oulton   |
| May 28 | BARC NW           | Oulton   |
| Jun 02 | MSVR - Eurokas    | Anglesey |
| Jun 03 | MSVR - Eurokas    | Anglesey |
| Jun 11 | BARC HQ - BTCC    | Oulton   |
| Jun 12 | BARC HQ - BTCC    | Oulton   |

### SPEED EVENTS

|        |              |               |
|--------|--------------|---------------|
| Jun 12 | MGCC         | Three Sisters |
| Jun 25 | MGCC         | Aintree       |
| Aug 27 | BMMC         | Curborough    |
| Aug 28 | Lotus 7 Club | Curborough    |

### HILLCLIMB EVENTS

|        |       |            |
|--------|-------|------------|
| Apr 16 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| Apr 17 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| May 14 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| May 15 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| Jun 11 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| Jun 12 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| Jul 09 | HDLCC | Loton Park |
| Jul 10 | HDLCC | Loton Park |

Please consult the BMMC volunteering database for a list of available e

## 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 |
| 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.          |        |

## 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.

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Tom Roberts</b>       | <b>Macclesfield</b>  |
| <b>Martin Rees</b>       | <b>Knutsford</b>     |
| <b>Elliot Danaher</b>    | <b>Warrington</b>    |
| <b>Andrew Martin</b>     | <b>Nantwich</b>      |
| <b>Amber Lane</b>        | <b>Northwich</b>     |
| <b>Thomas Gibson</b>     | <b>St. Helens</b>    |
| <b>John Dempsey</b>      | <b>Whitchurch</b>    |
| <b>Philip Sephton</b>    | <b>Leigh</b>         |
| <b>Michelle Milner</b>   | <b>Winsford</b>      |
| <b>Tim Henshall</b>      | <b>Northwich</b>     |
| <b>StepheLein Farish</b> | <b>Maryport</b>      |
| <b>Brendan Farish</b>    | <b>Maryport</b>      |
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| <b>Jason Smith</b>       | <b>Sale</b>          |
| <b>William Allan</b>     | <b>Shavington</b>    |

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