



The Marshal's Post



The Editor's post

As the grip of winter silences the tracks of the UK, we all take the opportunity to reflect over an action packed season which has been full of familiar favourites and some fantastic freshness. It also gives us the time to start planning our 2024 in stollen moments between the preparations for Christmas!

This year has seen all of our regular blue riband series making their usual visits to the South East and they have delivered all the thrills and excitement they could muster. FormulaE served up an absolutely manic weekend of racing and crowned a British champion, World GT came up trumps with Valentino Rossi's first GT podium, British GT's wowed with some fantastic racing while the BTCC roared its way through the region providing its usual panel bashing entertainment. This year also welcomed plenty of freshness the Super Touring Festival being my personal favourite which looks like it could become an annual party for the best classic tintop action in the UK!

It has all added up to a fantastic season with the tantalising promise of more of the same next year. With that in mind it's time to start thinking about the coming year, training dates have been announced and membership renewals are open. Most if not all of the various clubs have finalised their calendars and in some cases volunteering is open so break out those diaries and get booking!

For those out there that are relatively new, remember to renew your Motorsport UK license. If you are thinking of upgrading in the next 12 months double check the grading guide in this issue to make sure you've got all the correct boxes ticked to avoid disappointment later.

In the midst of all this preparation for next year don't forget to check your bags and boxes, have you left a sarnie that's swiftly becoming a new life form, have you left damp gear in a bag which is transforming into a unique fungal habitat? It may be the off season but there's so much to do to pack away this year and get ready for the



new that before you know it the first events will be here and you won't be ready to stride out to post on the first day of term! Hopefully this will have helped you start your organising for the start of track action next year and left you a moment or two spare to have a bloomin' marvellous Christmas with all the trimmings!

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful new year, as always stay safe and I will see you all trackside!

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Chairman's Scribblings December 2023

Welcome to the last chair newsletter for 2023 and where did that year go? It has been another year of new initiatives such as flags and lights and you all have played a part in making sure the new changes are fit for purpose. There is a long way to go but do keep feeding back your thoughts, as these are valuable in shaping the future and safety of our sport. For those that have joined us this year, we hope you will continue to enjoy the motor racing in 2024 and hope it has filled your enthusiasm from your taster day and onwards.

The new pathway came into force from June 23 with its rebranding of grades and additional criteria to meet. Do check out the MSUK website for the interactive pathway information to support you in upgrading. Personally I think there is a long way to go with the pathway in how it could operate and be better but I don't get paid enough to make those decisions.

Next I want to thank each and every one of you who has given up time and money to attend race circuits across the region and beyond. I know it has been tough with cost of living crisis hitting everyone, but all the clubs, circuits and the BMMC thank

you for still supporting and giving up your valuable time when you have been able too. It is always great to hear of the stories at breakfast from the marshals campsite, which is a fantastic way to save money but meet many more new marshals and friends. Each of you have also played a part in the retention of our taster day marshals and the feedback we get is always highly complementary of those on post and the knowledge you all are passing on to our new marshals.

We held our regional AGM in November a little later than planned, but for those who attended either in person or via zoom we thank you for attending. We welcomed our guests from ASEMC and it still astounds me how many meetings there are only a stone's throw from Brands Hatch and Snetterton. Do check out the ASEMC website and our volunteering pages as we will be placing the dates on there for 2024.

As we close out the year, I will have attended the final council meeting and National AGM for 2023. All regions and council are run by volunteers and we give up a little more time to support each of you as members. This is your club. We are diverse and we want to continue to find innovative ways to continue to support the sport we all enjoy. Do keep sending in ideas or items you wish us to challenge both national council and MSUK so we can continue to enjoy this wonderful sport.

So dare I say it what does 2024 hold? Clubs are releasing calendars and there are many meetings again for the coming year with some cracking meetings returning for 2024. Why not try something new in 2024? Rescue units are looking for new marshals and fire trucks need manning so if you are interested in these roles, do drop me an email at se.chair@marshals.co.uk. Training days are being finalised and dates will be in this issue and on the SE webpage so please do check in to the website on a monthly basis. We will also send out a mailchimp with dates, but do sign up early as spaces are limited and go quickly.

Finally I want to take time to thank the SE committee. Each person I work with does so with professionalism and with you the member at the heart of it. We are here to support you all and do ask for help should you feel the need and we will find a resolve to your issues. Without this team, my job would be very difficult and I personally thank them for their continued support, dedication and hard work throughout 2023.

The final word!

Can I wish each of you and your families the very best for the festive period and New Year. Enjoy this special time with loved ones, and please do come back next year for as many days as you are able to contribute to. Don't forget our online shop is now live for those stocking fillers and do get your overalls ordered for the New Year.

Christmas wishes to you all

Andy Bamstead



New Regalia!!

As I am sure you have all seen by now, we have launched a new regalia range which has been a long time in the making! We really hope you all like the designs as much as we do and even more so the fact that the prices have been kept in an extremely good place, it is a range that has been developed with a great deal of input from the members of the club and we are still refining and looking at further options to include, to do this we need your feedback, what do you like/not like what products would you like to see in the range?

This year we ran our first proper pop up store at Brands Hatch training and it's our plan to roll that out at all of the regions training days and even better than last year so if you are training at Brands Hatch, Snetterton or Lydden Hill look out for the stand so you can pick up some fresh new pieces of gear to wear trackside or show off around town! To check out the new range click on the link below.

New Regalia



Grading Coordinator festive updates 2023

Welcome to my final newsletter for 2023. As part of the changes to the governance of the club my title has now changed to Regional Grading Coordinator. Whilst the title has changed nothing else has in the way you have to upgrade. For up-to-date information on the pathway and requirements to upgrade please visit the marshals resources at MSUK or the link below:

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Thinking of Upgrading?

In 2023 there were a number of referrals of upgrades due to the Assessor (XPC) assessing the candidate prior to completion of the required number of days. Obviously this caused great frustration to the marshals who thought they could upgrade and me a lot of paperwork and letters and postage. Basic rules are you must complete the 15 or 20 days first then on 2 further days you will be assessed for your skills and competence. You cannot have your assessment on the same day you have added an attendance day!

We all have a part to play and take the time to read the pathway notes to ensure you are familiar with what is required and avoid disappointment if your upgrade is rejected. If you are unsure, please do contact me in advance of your assessment date. Please do apply early to the chief marshals to book your assessment days. Assessor numbers are sometime low at meetings and there may be more marshals that require an assessment than assessors. Assessors can only assess 2 marshals on the post at any time so book to avoid disappointment.

All attendance signatures only and no upgrade required must be continued to be recorded by the marshal on a PRC continuation sheet. Please respect these guidelines.

For those of you who are upgrading the process normally takes around 4-7 weeks to process and follows these steps:

- Week 1-2; PRC and MRF presented to RGO (Regional Grading Coordinator) and ratified by regional committee.
- Week 2-4; NGO (National Grading Coordinator) ratifies regional decision and presents PRC and MRF to MSUK. NGC will issue grade badge and confirm successful application.
- Week 4-7; MSUK then ratify both Regional and national grading coordinator and issue new registration card and return PRC or issue new one if damaged or unusable. The MSUK approval panel meet monthly and it will depend if your application was received before their meeting date. MSUK will send out an approvals list to all clubs to check of any issues with those submitting upgrades.

If you think your upgrade is taking longer than expected, please contact your RGC for support and they can check the progress for you.

New PRC booklets

MSUK will only issue new style PRC booklets once you submit an upgrade. When these do arrive take a moment to review the pages and what is required to be completed at meetings and for assessment.

2024 Registration cards

You should all by now have either received your 2024 registration card or have renewed online or by snail mail. Please ensure you check and make sure your registration cards are available for training days in 2024 and if you have not renewed please do so as soon as possible.

This month's upgrades!

Name	Current Grade(s)	Grading for (Discipline / Grade)
Dan Lynn	Registered	Grade 1 on track
Bryony Sherlow	Registered	Grade 1 on track
Becky Kennedy	Registered	Grade 1 off track
Patrick Lambe	Grade 1 on track	Grade 1 off track
Malcolm Thompson	Accredited	Grade 1 on track
Michael Plant	Accredited	Grade 1 on track

Finally

Thank you to all of those who have asked questions and upgraded this year. Please do check out the details in this newsletter and use the cut out and keep section which will answer many questions you have for 2024.

In 2024 it will be my 20th year as regional grading officer for the region and I will be serving another 3 years as voted for by the membership at the AGM so thanks for support and trust in my ability to undertake the role.

Keep in your PRC wallet.

Upgrade process

- Collect the required amount of signatures for the grade you are completing in your Personal record card (PRC). Only one duty per day to be recorded. All marshals will and must be registered with MSUK in order to upgrade and must be a member of BMMC if upgrading through us. Other clubs may have a different process but grades will be recognised across all clubs.
- Complete training day or days as defined in the PRC. Experienced grade training days must be 1 year apart. All upgrades must be at least 1 year apart.
- Complete the "On post" assessment following KASE with Examining Post Chief (XPC)/assessor grade. Details can be found at <https://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre/>
- Complete a marshal registration form (MRF) latest year version and mark at the top "UPGRADE".
- Send original upgrade documents (PRC & MRF) to your regional grading coordinator (RGC) (BMMC only. Other clubs may have different person

nominated). PLEASE NOTE: you must retain copies of documents sent in case of loss in the post.

Your regional grading coordinator is:

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Training Days 2024

The first dates for your 2024 diary are out! No matter which track in the South East you call home there is a training day for you, listed below are those important dates plus where and how to get more information on them.

Lydden Hill

Saturday 3rd of February for new marshals and accredited grade marshals.

Sunday 4th of February for all other grades.

For more info email info@lyddenhill.co.uk with the subject "Marshals training day 2024"

Brands Hatch

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of February

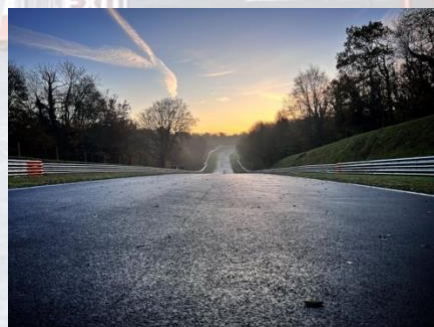
Contact marshal.training@msv.com to obtain the registration form. Make sure you do this without delay entries close on the 15th of December.

Snetterton

Sunday 28th January

This is being organised by the BRSCC, more information will be available on their website in due course.

And finally....



I thoroughly recommend that you blow away the cobwebs with the first event of the new year at Brands Hatch the Winter Stages Rally on the 20th of January. It's a busy but fun day, definitely worth your time! Details are available on the volunteer portal.

And that is a wrap, thank you so much for reading and have a very merry Christmas and happy new year!