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The Chairman's Chatter....

Paul Harris - South Midlands Chairman



Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

Although the season at the moment is very busy, regionally it is always a slow period and as such there is not much to tell you about. One item I do need to inform you all of is that we have a vacancy on the committee for a Taster Day Organiser, as David Brice has for personal reasons, had to give up this position, although he will be staying on the committee.

If any of you would like to take on this role, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee and we will tell you all about the role. It is a vital role within the committee and if not filled we will not be able to offer taster days to any potential new member.

One piece of good news I would like to inform you all of, is that former chairman of this region Chris Whitlock and committed committee member for many years, was married on 16th July. I am sure you would like me to wish him and his wife Tessa all the very best for the future.



The Regional Dinner (incorporating the AGM) will be on Saturday Oct 22nd at the White Horse Silverstone at 7.30pm. I am hoping as usual to have a guest speaker for the evening. The date is the same day as the 750MC Birket Relay at Silverstone.

The noggin and natter evenings are still going from strength to strength the next one is on Thursday 28th July again at The White Horse Silverstone at 8pm.

Those of you who marshalled the GP this year, especially those of you who were perhaps marshalling the event for the first time, I hope you all had a good time and enjoyed the experience. Having done the GP for 25 years I know that there can be a lot of down time and sometimes can be boring, but I hope this did not deter you too much, and that you will return next year.

If you are reading this before the Silverstone Classic please come and say Hi to us on the recruiting stand, if of course you have time as I know this meeting is very tight on time. The stand is as usual by the big Ferris Wheel on village green.

Next a plea from Paul Sutcliffe National PRO

I wonder if you can help with something please. On Tuesday 2nd August we are planning to hold a charity bike ride around Silverstone Circuit in aid of one of our official Team Charities The Muscle Help Foundation www.musclehelp.com

The idea is that Team members, their families, employees from Mercedes High Performance Powertrains and members of the public will be able to cycle around the Grand Prix circuit at Silverstone between 5.30 – 8pm.

We'll have a number of helpers from the Team, but I was wondering whether any locally-based Silverstone marshals might be prepared to give us a little of their time to help marshal the track.

I know it's not a motor race, but some of the Cycle Club guys are pretty fast if that's any help... What do you think? I'm afraid we can't afford to pay but I can probably arrange a signed photo or team cap as a thank you.

Thank you if you need anything further please let Paul Sutcliffe know, also put his name as a contact re e-mail nat.pro@marshals.co.uk and mobile number 07833 606229.

Well that is all for this time, Keep safe.

Paul Harris
Chairman South Mids Region
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

**British Motorsports Marshals Club
South Midlands Region
49th Annual General Meeting**

Will take place on
Saturday 22nd October, 2016
At the **White Horse, Silverstone**
7:30pm

Followed by an End of Season Dinner,
Grand Raffle
Guest Speaker

Please join your Committee to celebrate another Successful
Marshalling Season

Please contact Lesley Harris on 01525 382341

Or email sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk

No later than 18th October, 2016

Please advise if a vegetarian meal is required

Karting News

SHENINGTON:

The season at Shenington is well and truly up and running. The January and February meetings are now behind us – luckily we didn't have any really bad weather that forced us to cancel these meetings as happened a few years ago though we had snow overnight at the January meeting forcing a delayed start to the meeting but with a lot of hard work from my team and other helpers we cleared the circuit – tractors, shovels and brooms were all brought into play to help. The drivers were very understanding when we had to shorten the day's timetable to only 2 heats but no finals for all classes. The March meeting went without a hitch but guess what – we had snow, hail, rain and then sun for the April meeting – the weather certainly kept us on our toes!

As well as our usual Club meeting in May we have a visit from the Superlites later in May – these rather weird vehicles, reminiscent of beach buggies are really exciting to see in action. They came for a day's testing in April and are coming back to us for a round of their British Championship. They are lightweight single-seater race cars previously known as Drakarts - according to their website they are great for 'adrenaline junkies and grey-haired teenagers' !! Should be fun!

Earlier this year I was lucky enough to be in Dubai and the United Arab Emirates for a holiday and drove past the Yas Marina circuit whilst in Abu Dhabi. Didn't manage to go inside but wow! - looks very spectacular from the road. Certainly some set-up!

Shenington: Meetings for the next few months: 20 / 21 August 2016

Please contact me on the details below re marshalling at Shenington. If you do volunteer via the BMMC Marshalling website please also contact me as soon as possible as sometimes I cannot accommodate all requests (though I am always grateful for volunteers, it is just that we have a strict limit on numbers)

For Whilton Mill, Rissington, Kimbolton: Refer to Club website for details of meetings and contact details for marshalling

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Membership Matters

New Members

I would like to welcome the following new members who have joined the club and our region this year, as usual, if you cross their path at a meeting, please extend a hand of welcome.

Martin Leach, Stevenage
Alex Dorman, Akeley
Nicholas George, Little Kingshill
Melvyn Heath, Burcot
Andrew Morton, Wyton on the Hill
Tina Walker-Smith, Swindon

Stephen Page, Rickmansworth
Philip Grimes, Stanwick
Jon Milicevic, Towcester
Andrew Hornsey, Winslow
Joe Shingler, Tetbury
Matthew Kew, Stamford

Do we have your correct email address?

With the introduction of the Clubs new database you now have the opportunity to maintain your own personal details. Changes to email address, home address, next of kin, and telephone numbers can be done online. Please take the time to check your details on the database, if your email address is wrong you are not going to receive information, updates or this newsletter.

The link you need is on the home page of the website www.marshals.co.uk then click on 'Not Logged In'. If you are using the system for the first time you will need to use the 'Account Setup' button first, follow the prompts. Please note, when entering your membership number use capital letters and no spaces. Once logged in use the BMMC Membership drop down box, click 'BMMC Online Volunteering', now click the symbol in the top right corner, looks like a playing piece this will take you to your personal details.

Sprints & Hill Climbs (Speed)

In our region we have circuits at Silverstone and Rockingham, Karting at Rissington, Whilton Mill and Shenington. Many of you probably marshal at other meetings, Donington being closest.

Have you tried sprints and hill climbs, certainly different to circuits, adds variety to marshalling. Living in Silverstone, I marshalled there, still do, but the bug has bitten and I now marshal mostly at sprints and hill climbs.

For me it involves travelling, camping over the weekend, good camaraderie, new faces to meet, 'different ales to sample' (in moderation). For those of you who travel distances to marshal why not try it out, it may not be your cup of tea but you never know until you try it.

The closest hills to our region are Shelsley Walsh, Loton Park, Prescott and Gurston Down. Closest sprint courses are MIRA, Curborough and Blyton Park. There are plenty more further afield but I'll leave that to you to seek out using your favourite interwebby thing.

Dave Reed

Regional & National Membership Secretary

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BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

For British Rally Marshals Club Regalia– please contact

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For all other Club regalia– please see our latest on-line Catalogue-www.marshals.co.uk

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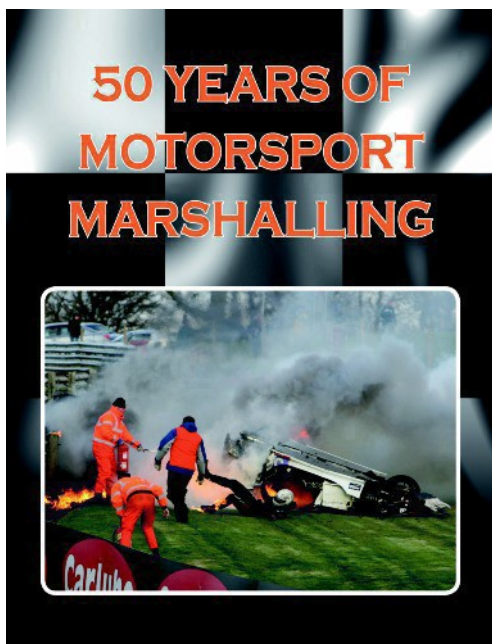
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50 YEARS OF MOTORSPORT MARSHALLING



George Copeland



By George Copeland

This book is an attempt to record the history of motorsport marshalling in the UK and the British Motorsport Marshals' Club (BMMC) in particular. The history is not well documented and it took two years of fairly intensive "digging" to extract enough information to form a reasonably accurate record.

Since 1957 the Marshals' Club has been at the heart of every major marshalling initiative. It's training has been widely copied around the world with Marshals' Club training and grading notes slated into many different languages including three different Chinese dialects. Most importantly, the Club is a collection of quite disparate characters. They come from all walks of life and give their time freely to the sport, in return for the enjoyment they get from doing so, their enthusiasm for the sport and the camaraderie that exists in marshalling ranks. They are a talented bunch and despite the voluntary nature of their duties they are generally considered to be among the best in the world for the professionalism they bring to motorsport safety.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to the Marshals' Club funds.

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