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# The Chairman's Chatter....

Dave Reed - South Midlands Chairman....



## **Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region**

A Happy New Year to one and all.

At the AGM in October my first official duty was to present the Marshal of the Year Award and say a few words, see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Since then we have held a committee meeting and as I put pen to paper (or should that be fingers to keyboard), the 2018 Training day has drawn to a close, 21<sup>st</sup> January at Rockingham was the venue and well received it was by all in attendance.

Like many of you I have had my diary on standby, waiting dates to volunteer for competition meetings, exhibitions and additional training days that I attend. The weekends are filling up quite quickly. While on the subject of volunteering don't forget to fill in your dates on the volunteering pages of the Club website.

I was so inundated (not) with applicants for the role of South Midland Region Members Secretary I have published it again, come and join the committee we meet 6 times a year, new faces are always welcome along with new ideas.

It's looking very likely we will be having a stand at Race Retro (Stoneleigh) 23-25 February, if you're attending the show pop along to see us, maybe you will know one of us there. If you've not been before, on the Saturday and Sunday they run live rally stages outside in the grounds.

Until next time, keep safe (face the oncoming cars, unless you're flagging two on a post) you know what I mean!!

*Dave Reed*  
Chairman South Mids Region  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## 2017 AGM

A few short hours after the chequered flag fell at Silverstone for the Birkett 6 hour relay, a group of BMMC south midlands marshals meet at the Fox & Hounds, Whittlebury, the occasion was the 50<sup>th</sup> AGM for the south midlands region.

The AGM only took about 10 minutes, 8 more than most AGM's we hold, this was due to the fact that Paul Harris stood down and handed the reins of power over to Dave Reed, after 21 years on the committee, 10 of those were as Chairman, the Regional committee decided and voted overwhelmingly to award Paul the South Midlands Marshal of the Year Award, Paul was presented with the MOTY trophy and for his work over the past 21 years on the committee, he was presented with a pair of crystal cut gin glasses and two bottles of Saffron Gin.

Chris Whitlock was also presented with Life Membership of the club for his commitment and dedication to the club over numerous years.

The format of the evening was an informal 2 course dinner with a guest speaker to entertain after.

Roast Beef was followed by apple pie and custard, and yummy it all was. I would certainly recommend visiting the Fox & Hounds.

We were graced by the company of our very own Barrie "Wizzo" Williams as a guest speaker, who gave us some great anecdotes and stories from his wealth of experience within the racing scene, his time greatly appreciated by all in the room, Thanks for the continued support Barrie!



Paul Harris being presented with his awards and thank you gifts.

## **Vacancy for Members Secretary South Midlands Region Committee**

We are looking to fill a position on the Regional Committee for a Members Secretary. Like all Regional and National roles this is a voluntary position (3-5 hours per month).

The role covers a number of duties which include the following:

- Be the first point of contact for regional members and deal with local membership issues.
- Follow up annual renewals and non-renewals.
- Report to committee meeting on regional membership numbers and issues raised.
- Work with the Regional Recruitment Officer and Taster Day Organiser with a view to increasing regional membership.
- Liaise with the National Membership Secretary relating to new members.

Other tasks may arise from time to time to meet the requirement of the region.

You will need access to a computer, be able to use Word, Excel and Email.

If you are interested give me a call, Dave Reed, after 18.00 weekdays on 01327 857346 or email on [sm.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk)

*Dave Reed*  
Chairman South Mids Region  
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# Grading Gripes



Welcome

This is the first instalment of a regular newsletter column all about Upgrading and the MSA Grading Scheme.

If you have any questions regarding Grading then, hopefully this regular column will be able to help.

Please remember that you have to have completed your training BEFORE you complete your Upgrade Assessment(s). This therefore is the time to be planning on what training you need to complete.

If you have any questions please feel free to send them to me at: [sm.grading@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.grading@marshals.co.uk)

*Ben Harris*  
South Mids Grading Officer  
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

# South Midland Training Day 21<sup>st</sup> January at Rockingham

I arrived in the dark to help Elaine and David set up, unfortunately my satnav had other ideas and I arrived 25 minutes later than I planned. Which meant that most had already been achieved.



A good turn out, as usual no one sits in the front row



Outgoing Chairman Paul Harris is presented with Life Membership of the Club

The number of marshals attending was encouraging, we started with an introduction to the Training Day by Elaine Brice, Training Coordinator, I followed by presenting Paul Harris with his Life Membership in recognition of his time and dedication to the region serving 21 years on the committee, 9 as Chairman.

We had the weather forecast which was not looking good, and as predicted the snow began to fall, watching from the training rooms it started to settle and settle and settle. The morning sessions were all inside warm training rooms with the exception of fire practical which for obvious reasons was held outside on the fire ground.



See, it did snow

Theory training sessions took place in the morning each geared to marshal requirements but following the MSA guidelines.



One to one training was available



and training in groups, all listening attentively

As lunch time approached thoughts turned to the afternoons practical activities outside on the circuit. The practical takes the form of two races with controlled and pre-planned incidents to allow marshals to put into practise what they had learned or refreshed in the morning theory sessions.

With the snow still falling, and rain expected the Drivers taking part in the afternoons races took to the track under safety car conditions to see if the track and conditions would allow the practical sessions to go ahead. The MSA Stewards, Clerks of the Course, Safety Car and Drivers all agreed it was good to go.

So go ahead it did, just as we went out to take up our posts on track, pits and start it started to rain which slowly washed the snow off the track although it remained very cold and now wet. Typical marshalling weather you may say!



That's the marshal with the broken ankle (pretending)



Oh no! He's in the gravel, looks like he's going to roll



The new rear wing hasn't worked then!



Marshals to the rescue



The people I spoke to said they enjoyed the day and the way it was organised. The following comments had been received by email so far:

*Good morning Elaine,*

*My I thank you for an amazing day yesterday.*

*It was my first training day after my taster day last autumn. I thoroughly enjoyed it and looking forward to many marshalling days to come.*

*Keep up the good work and many thanks again for putting on a great day.*

*Hi Elaine*

*Thank you for the weekend it was very good really enjoyed it and thank you for arranging for me to go on the Rescue unit.*

*Hi Elaine*

*I would like to say thank you for today I have enjoyed every minute the weather didn't spoil it in any way it was my first training with you and I'll definitely be back it was very well organised and I have learnt a lot and the racing this afternoon was brilliant.*

*Hi Elaine,*

*Thank you once again for a really good training day. It takes an awful lot of work to put this together so thanks to you and all the trainers.*

*Dear Elaine,*

*Thanks so much for organising the day which I enjoyed, despite the snow and cold!!*

*It was a good insight into large circuit marshalling and some useful stuff picked up along the way.*

Those attending should all have filled in an evaluation form with comments on the day, why not share your thoughts with the rest of the regions members, drop me an email or better still send in a piece for the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, I would personally like to thank Elaine for the effort she has put into this year's training day, it was a really well planned and organised event. It ran to time and although the weather tried its hardest to call a halt to the day, she WON!!

I'm sure Elaine will say she couldn't have done it without the Trainers, Helpers, Drivers, Rockingham Management, Rescue, Medical and David. So, I will add my thanks also (probably left somebody out, so thank you too).

*Dave Reed*

South Midlands Chairman

British Motorsport Marshal's Club

# Membership Matters

## New Members

Well, 2018 has arrived, we have new members looking forward, in most cases, to their first year of marshalling. I would like to welcome them to the club and our region, as usual, if you cross their path at a meeting, please extend a hand of welcome.

This year if the opportunity arises let's try to encourage more marshals to join our club.

Robert Stevens, Longstanton

Arthur Oram, Corby

Nick Bishop, Didcot

Jack Bishop, Didcot

Ewan Bishop, Didcot

## Renewals

Have you renewed your membership yet, you should have received a renewal email in November / December. If for some reason you didn't, you can pay online here; [www.marshals.co.uk/payments/](http://www.marshals.co.uk/payments/) the membership fee remains at £20 Adults.

If you have renewed and are waiting for your 2018 membership pack please be patient with 2500 members to send out it does take a while.

## Change of Details

Don't forget if you change your home address or email address, you will need to update the Club records you can do this on online or let me know and I'll arrange the update for you.

Can I ask you all to access the database, if you have not already, to check and update your personal details, there is also the opportunity to enter your Next of Kin details. If you don't tell us or update the details we don't know.

The link is on the home page of the website [www.marshals.co.uk](http://www.marshals.co.uk) top right you will find the 'Login' to the members area of the website. Once you have logged in click the symbol in the top right corner, looks like a monopoly piece this will take you to the database page.

*Dave Reed*

Chairman South Mids Region

British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## **BMMC Volunteering Web Site**

2017 was the third successful year of the BMMC online volunteering web site with an increasing number of BMMC members using the system to either volunteer direct with, or just register they have volunteered with the organising club.

Although there remains a few scheduled improvements to the software over the next few months that should make the system more user friendly for us all, the system remains operational with confirmed events for 2018 already listed. The full list of events will probably not be complete until the end of February as organisers continue to firm up provisional dates, so please log on regularly and view the listings as you may find an event that takes your fancy, particularly during this quiet part of the year, such as Group B rally cars at Race Retro or Falcon MC March Hare event 5th March, or even a kart meeting at Shenington or Whilton Mill. There are currently well over 120 events listed within SM region with more to add.

The smaller club events need your support more than the more popular larger events, as with the smaller events there is more opportunity to get involved, be it timekeeping, startline, flagging etc and of course the drivers are more willing to chat to you and also appreciate you more.

As a quick memory jogger below is a summary of events within South Midlands Region from now until the end of April. The intention is for this schedule to be a regular feature in each SM newsletter for the next year.

Should you find that I have missed an event within South Midlands region that you want to volunteer for or just wish to comment on the workings of the system please feel free to drop me an email or just approach me at one of the many meeting I will be attending this year.

Kind Regards

Glynn Ellis  
South Mids Volunteering Coordinator  
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

<b>SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Title</b>
Jan 27/28th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Feb 3rd	AEMC	Rally Training	Cambridge	
Feb 4th	HSTA	Historic Trial	Sywell	
Feb 16/17/18th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb 24th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Pomeroy Trophy
Feb 24/25th	Falcon MC	Stage Rallying	Stoneleigh Park	Race Retro
Feb 24/25th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar 4th	Falcon MC	Trials	Around the Chilterns	March Hare
Mar 9/10/11th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Hankook 24Hr
Mar 17/18th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	
Mar 24/25th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar 24/25th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat	
Mar 25th	BARC Midlands	Sprint	Rockingham	
Mar 31/1st	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat	
Apr 7th	MGCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat	
Apr 13/14/15th	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 15th	Falcon MC	Trials	Ivinghoe	
Apr 21/22nd	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Formula Vintage
Apr 21/22nd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr 28/29th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Rockingham	British GT & F3
Apr 28/29th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr 28/29th	HSTA	Trials	Ware	
Apr 28/29th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Ferrari Challenge

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Or send an A5 size SAE to: Adrian Cashmore, 9 Church Street, Weedon, Northants, NN7 4PL

Item	Price		Grade	Qty	Total Cost
Grading Badge (Please provide proof of grade)	1.50				
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Union Badge	1.50				
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Lapel Badge	2.00				
Interior Sticker	2.00				
Exterior Sticker	2.00				
Long Interior Sticker	2.00				
Heroes Cloth Badge	2.00				
HeroesLapel Badge	2.00				
HeroesSticker	2.00				
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50 Years of Motorsport Marshalling	Free				
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Membership Nos:

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