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# The Chairman's Chatter....

Dave Reed – South Midlands Chairman ....



## Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

By the time you read this we will be into June, half the year gone already. It may not seem that much is happening in the region but behind the scene your Regional Committee are working on some positive ideas to increase the membership and provide you with recognition of your role in the club and the region (unfortunately we are not talking monetary value). Bear with us, some things do take time.

Silverstone is in full swing, although you will have heard by now that track maintenance or should I say track relaying is taking place, which has meant the cancellation of 3 weekend meetings, I believe 2 have been booked for later in the year, best place to check is our clubs volunteering system for details.

Talking of volunteering, you probably have three weekend spaces in your diary take a look at the volunteering system you may find an alternative venue or even discipline you could attend to broaden your marshalling experience.

It would appear from discussions with Malcolm, your Regional Grading Officer that a few upgrade applications are coming through for processing. Are you ready yet, do you have all you need for an upgrade, we need members with experience to start to progress through the grading structure.

Our Training Co-ordinator is already working on next year's Training Day, we are hopeful it will be at a motorsport venue for 2020. Keep an eye out for details in future issues of this newsletter or on our webpage.

Following our first Taster Day this year organised by Keith, Taster Day Organiser, we have recruited 6 out of the 7 that attended, an excellent start to the Taster Day programme we have for this year.

We also have a programme of recruitment days we plan to put on, however we do need more members to assist on our recruitment stand, you could marshal one day of the weekend and help us on the other day, Glynn, our Recruitment Co-ordinator will be publishing details in the newsletter and on the website so keep an eye out for that also.

You will know by now that we have a new overalls supplier, orders from club members have been higher than usual, probably due to the increase in subsidy which means the basic overalls are now free when claimed back from the club, Lille, the supplier are trying their best to keep up with demand, so please be patient.

Next time you hear from me, the planning of the regional end of season dinner will have been organised, never been why not, two course meal, reasonable price, pleasant company, it's a Saturday evening so if you're marshalling the weekend why not eat out with us.

Until next time, keep safe out there.

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



**Tom Wilson  
1951 - 2019**

Tom Wilson was a valued, respected and loved member of the Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club.

For over 40 years, Tom's main pastime was motor sport, and his motor sport and rescue career was extensive. As well as marshalling at the monthly motor racing meetings at Ingliston in the late 1970s, he would regularly travel down south to Donington Park or Silverstone to marshal at big events.

After moving to London for work, he was in his element working all week and marshalling at Silverstone, Donington Park and Rockingham most weekends, with a yearly excursion to Le Mans.

When he returned to Dundee, he decided to slim down his long-distance motor racing activity and do more with the Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club and he joined the Motor Sport Rescue team. He even started going to spectate at things like the [Goodwood Revival](#), where, as you would expect, he got right into the swing of dressing in period clothing.

Tom was a highly experienced marshal and Rescue Team member who volunteered at many events - from local club stage rallies to international Grand Prix races - from Brands Hatch to Croft to Knockhill, from the Isle of Mull to Abu Dhabi... and many, many more. As we say in Scotland, Tom was a well-kent face, and tributes from across the globe flooded in on social media over the last couple of weeks.

In 2018, Tom was the very worthy recipient of the [Jim Clark Marshalling Award](#). The Award is made to such member of the Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club who, in the sole opinion of the Committee, has made a significant or meritorious contribution to motor sport marshalling in Scotland.

Club Secretary Rod Howat, who with others in the team worked with Tom on the Rescue Units, said, "Tom was one of the most generous people I have ever known in every respect."

Long-standing friend Paul Moscrop recalls how he and Tom had been best mates for well over 30 years. They met at Silverstone and both went on to do rescue together. Paul says, "Tom was such a big-hearted man. He loved to be around people always having a laugh. I will miss him so much and so will so many others."

Wherever Tom went he made friends and made people laugh, such was his infectious nature – at work and with the various social events and marshalling with all the different clubs.

One of his oldest friends, Alan Martin, said "I know I will miss him terribly. Tom was one in a million, a great and loyal friend, the life and soul of every party, and one of life's real treasures. Gone but never to be forgotten."

Alan recalls one of the last conversations he had with Tom. They were talking about the arrangements for the funeral – a slightly morbid and difficult subject – but as always, Tom introduced some levity to the discussion. Talking about his clothes for the day – Alan mentioned that a nice suit might be appropriate, or perhaps one of Tom's amazing Goodwood outfits. "Na..." said Tom, and with a wry smile on his face he added, "I've decided on my Nomex fireproof rescue overalls. I hope they got extra gas in and can turn up the heat – they'll need to!"

At Tom's funeral, *Remember Me*, a poem by painter and poet David Harkins, was read out:

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

We have said goodbye to a true gent, a motorsport legend and an all-round good egg! He will leave a huge void in the lives of those who knew him. Time will ease that, but we will miss him terribly. His dedication, enthusiasm, intelligence and sense of humour will be remembered.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

## Membership Matters

### New Members

More 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.

Micky Mosey, Dunstable

Strafford Watson, St Albans

Richard Mosey, Dunstable

James Watson, St Albans

Alexander Smith, Ickleford

Karen Timson, Pury End

Louise Tonks, Swindon

Helen Bendall-Jones, Milton Keynes

Tomasz Luty, Northampton

Nicholas Bowen, London

### Renewals

The renewal period is now over, this year we had less members leave the club than last year. If you know someone who has not renewed yet, let them know that the door is not closed they can still renew.

### 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 by logging into the members area.

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 persons head/shoulders this will take you to the database page.

*Dave Reed*

Chairman South Mids Region  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## **BMMC Volunteering System**

We are now almost half way through the general circuit racing year with the British GP just around the corner. Silverstone will be a little quiet during the latter part of June whilst they resurface the whole GP circuit in time for the GP, with two popular events being canned and the third rearranged for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the day after the Birkett. There are a few other meetings in our region that may take your fancy.

Below is a list of events in the South Midlands region summarised to help you identify the meetings you wish to volunteer for, additional details are available on our volunteering web page.

Please remember to volunteer through one club/circuit/chief marshal only for each event, which makes the allocation of duties far easier for the CM. Whichever organisation you choose to volunteer with please also log in and tick the box on our volunteering web page 'Volunteered with organising club' so you receive a reminder about a week before the event.

### **Recruitment**

We are still looking for additional help with recruitment so if you find you can spare a little time at one of our chosen events your time would be much appreciated. Should you be interested please email [sm.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk)

These events are:

Silverstone Classic – 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Kop Hill – Princes Risborough hill climb – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Enjoy your marshalling and keep safe.

*Glynn Ellis*  
Volunteering Coordinator South Mids Region  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## 2019 SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location/Circuit</b>	<b>Title</b>
Jun 1st/2nd	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	
Jun 1st/2nd	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington Dalton Barracks	
Jun 8th	Sutton & Cheam	Sprint	Abingdon	Car-nival
Jun 8/9th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	British GT
Jun 8/9th	SKC	Karting	Shennington Dalton Barracks	ACR meeting
Jun 9th	Farnborough MC	Stage Rally	Abingdon	Car-nival
Jun 15/16th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Jul 6/7th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Jul 18/19/20th	750 MC	Sprint	Silverstone Nat.	Formula Student
Jul 19/20/21st	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Superprix
Jul 26/27/28th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	Classic
Jul 27/28th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	MSA Champs.
Jul 27/28th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Aug 3rd	BDC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Nat.	Bentley DC
Aug 10/11th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	
Aug 10th	Fueltopia	Sprint	Santa Pod	
Aug 16/17/18th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	
Aug 17/18th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	F3 & GT Cup
Aug 17th	HSTA	Trials	Plashes Farm, Ware	
Aug 17/18th	RKC	Karting	Little Rissington	
Aug 23/24/25th	SKC	Karting	Shennington	Super One
Aug 30/31st	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP.	WEC



# Grading Gripes

## Collecting Signatures

With the 2019 season now well underway; many of you will be collecting signatures for attendance and upgrade. Here are a few reminders for what you need to do to ensure your upgrade goes smoothly:

- ❖ When collecting signatures, please do not utilise other pages meant for other grades. In stead use a continuation sheet which is available from the BMMC website – “Need To Know” dropdown. Remember to ensure your name and registration number is recorded on the sheet and is securely attached to the PRC.
- ❖ Ensure that you have the correct signatures, assessments, training day modules, and paperwork - PRC and Motorsport UK Form ( MRF ) in place, before sending off to the regional Grading Officer.
- ❖ When signing off an attendance signature for a colleague, ensure you write an appropriate comment on the PRC (good or developmental) to assist with future upgrading decision making.
- ❖ If you require an upgrade assessment; in advance, let it be known to the Chief Marshal of the circuit or next event, so that they can try and accommodate your request within the post or duty allocations.

## Newly Registered Marshals

Your first step on the grading ladder will be to Marshal level. You need to complete the attendance and training requirements, and the Upgrade Assessment(s), but there is no minimum or maximum time limit in which you can upgrade. For further information, go to the BMMC website [www.marshals.co.uk](http://www.marshals.co.uk), click on the “Need To Know” dropdown where you will find grading scheme guidance notes; flow-charts; training and assessment requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Malcolm, your Regional Grading Officer – [sm.grading@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.grading@marshals.co.uk)

## Grading Successes

Congratulations to the following South Midlands Region members on their grading registrations / upgrades:-

### Upgrades:-

Matt Turner	Examining Specialist
Ben Clarke	Speed Marshal

### New registrations:-

Nicholas Bowen	Track Marshal – New member
Phil Goodge	Experienced Race & Rally
Tomasz Luty	Trainee Speed
Micky Mosey	Trainee Race & Specialist
Richard Mosey	Trainee Race & Specialist
Alexander Smith	Trainee Race
Stafford Watson	Trainee Race

*Malcolm Flippance*  
South Mids Grading Officer  
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

## 101 year old Witness in Murder Trial

Mike Abbott sent me an extract from the Daily Telegraph (23rd May) regarding a 101-year old lady witness in a murder trial. The lady in question was Liz Zettl, who many of the "more senior" members of South Mids and surrounding regions may remember from BRDC and other major events at Silverstone.

Liz was and is a true lady. She and Anne Pullen combined on race telephones at Silverstone for many years. Popular with everyone and widely known as "the ladies" who manned race phones at Silverstone. I am not sure exactly when Liz retired but I believe she was into her eighties before she did.

Three or four years ago I had the great pleasure to be sat next to Liz at a Doghouse charity dinner in the BRDC suite. Observing the adage, "One does not ask a lady's age", I did not enquire but was reliably informed Liz was in her late nineties.

Well, you would never have guessed that! Once she placed who I was ("Weren't you the Marshals' Club Treasurer for a while?") we did not have much to say to others around us. Dredging up all the names of times passed - Jimmy Brown (loyal friend of BMRMC), Tony Salmon, Pierre Aumonier and a load of other names I cannot now remember, but I bet Liz would!! I can see why the Judge made the remarks he did in the recent trial.

Guest Speaker at the Doghouse event was John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons. Despite the criticism we read of his alleged antics in the House, he gave a varied, interesting and very humorous talk that evening. He and Liz are near neighbours and he made many kind references to her in his speech.

Liz is believed to be the oldest witness ever to give evidence in a murder trial. The trial at which she was giving evidence concerned a nasty plot to kill and rob elderly people of their last few bob. We must be eternally grateful that they did not get to Liz. (DT article attached)

Happy memories of a true lady.

George Copeland

# 101-year-old witness in murder trial 'may have been next target'

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

BRITAIN'S oldest court witness yesterday gave evidence at a murder trial that heard she may have been the next victim.

Elizabeth "Liz" Zettl, 101, relived the moment she was told by police how two men on trial for killing a pensioner had a copy of her will.

The court was shown evidence that the defendants, Martyn Smith, her lodger, and his friend Benjamin Field, had an emailed copy of the will.

Mr Field, 28, a church warden, and Mr Smith, 32, a magician, are accused of conspiring to murder retired lecturer Peter Farquhar, 69, in Maids Moreton, Bucks. Mr Field is accused of attempting to murder retired teacher Ann Moore-Martin, 83. Both were allegedly targeted in a "gaslighting" plot.

Ms Zettl appeared in court as a video was shown of her police interview when she was told that Mr Field and Mr Smith had a copy of her will. She sug-



Liz Zettl, 101, is believed to be the oldest person to give evidence in a criminal court

gested the only reason why Mr Smith may have a copy was because he had "scrawled" a telephone number on the back and needed the piece of paper.

It is understood she is the oldest person to ever give evidence in a criminal court. She told police her lodger was "absolutely no trouble".

The court heard police discovered

the will on Mr Field's university server as an email attachment which Mr Smith sent himself from her email address.

The prosecution say this was so they could "see what she was worth".

After her evidence, Ms Zettl told Mr Justice Sweeney: "Sorry it wasn't very helpful but my memory's not as good as it was." The judge replied: "If we're all as bright as you are at your age, we will have great cause to be grateful."

Mr Smith, of Penhalvean, Cornwall, also denies three counts of fraud, one of burglary and one of possession of an article for use in fraud, namely Liz Zettl's will. Mr Field, of Olney, is additionally charged with one count of burglary, three of fraud and one of possession of an article for use in fraud - also in relation to Ms Zettl's will.

He admitted the three fraud counts and the burglary. Also in the dock was Mr Field's brother Tom Field, 23, of Olney, Bucks, who is charged with fraud by false representation.

The trial continues.

## **Newsletter Deadlines**

All members of the Region are invited to contribute articles to the Newsletter.

Newsletters are published in the following months:

January  
March  
May  
July  
September  
November

If you have any articles that you would like to see published can you please email the Newsletter Editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each publishing month at: [sm.news@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.news@marshals.co.uk)

## **Regional Committee Meetings**

Would you like to attend our Regional Committee Meeting to see how the Committee works for you?

Meetings are held 6 times a year on a Monday at The George, Tiffield, NN12 8AD, 19.45 for 20.00.

Remaining dates for 2019 are:

8 Jul  
9 Sep  
11 Nov

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