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# The Chairman's Chatter....

Chris Whitlock - South Midlands Chairman....



## Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

Hi,

My name is Chris Whitlock and I am your newly elected Chairman of South Mids region.



Regrettably David Reed resigned as Chairman on 13<sup>th</sup> September for personal reasons.

At the SMids AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> October I was co-opted onto the Committee and at the next committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November I was elected as Chair. For those of you that don't know me I was a previous SMids Chair and subsequently National Secretary of BMMC. I am still the BMMC representative at the Association of British Motor Racing Clubs (ABMRC) and currently hold the position of Secretary there.

I have been marshalling since 1974 and am currently graded as an Examining Post Chief and am licensed as a Motorsport UK Trainer. I have marshalled at five Le Mans 24 Hours, 13 Nurburgring 24 Hours (which I much preferred), five Group C Spa 1000kms and numerous meetings at Zandvoort in Holland.

The bulk of my marshalling is undertaken at Silverstone but I am known to visit other UK circuits. My first objective as Chair of SMids is to improve communications with you the members. I want to get to know you, know where you marshal, and what you do. Are you a frequent and active member; are you a retired member, or a spectator? What are your likes and dislikes? What are your marshalling ambitions? I am not going to launch a survey, it's too impersonal, but email me or talk to me at the circuit. My door is always open!

For two years David tried to get vacancies on the SMids committee filled but to no avail. Those vacancies still exist, but in a true marshalling spirit we are all mucking in and working together to cover them. If anyone wants to help, they would be very welcome, but don't commit until you come to a committee meeting and see just how friendly we are and how we get things done!

If you see me at Silverstone, or elsewhere introduce yourself and make it known that you are a SMids member.

**Chris**  
**Chris Whitlock**  
**South Midlands Chairman**  
**British Motorsport Marshal's Club**

## Secretary's Ramblings

The annual AGM and End of Season Dinner was held at the White Horse Silverstone On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, as is usual the business of the AGM was speedily conducted, Chris Whitlock was voted on to the Committee and has agreed to take the position of Chairman, thank you Chris.

The 2019 Marshal of the Year was awarded to Dave Joyce and presented by Nadine Lewis.



The AGM was followed by dinner, and thank you to the White Horse and their Staff for once again an excellent meal and service. The meal was followed by a short talk by our National Chair Nadine Lewis.

If any member would like to come to a committee meeting to meet the members of the Committee and see how we work, you would be very welcome, we meet at the George, Tiffield, 7.45 for 8pm

**Lesley**  
**Lesley Harris**  
**South Mids Region Secretary**  
**British Motorsport Marshal's Club**

# Grading Gripes

## Grading Scheme goes Interactive!

Motorsport UK has published an interactive version of the grading scheme covering all marshal disciplines. The layout of each flowchart now starts with the Trainee marshal at the top of page, finishing with the Examining grade at the bottom. To access the scheme, log-on to the Motorsport UK website, ([motorsport.uk.org](http://motorsport.uk.org)), click: – resource centre – marshals - scroll down to Directory - click onto Interactive Grading Scheme, and select your chosen grade discipline

## PRC Issues

As detailed below, only one South Midlands Region member has been registered for upgrade by Motorsport UK during the past two months! However, as RGO, I have been asked to adjudicate on several pre-upgrade queries raised by individual members and Examining grade marshals. It is not my intention to detail here the specific issues raised, but to list a few reminders for what you need to do to ensure your upgrade goes smoothly or, for that matter, your continued maintenance of grade is correctly recorded.

- When collecting signatures, please do not utilise other pages meant for other grades (or PRC of other grade disciplines) – instead use a continuation sheet which is available from the Motorsport UK website or a PRC sized version can be obtained from your South Midlands Grading Officer;
- Ensure that you have all the correct attendance signatures and training day modules before requesting upgrade assessments;
- Ensure when collecting attendance signatures for upgrades, you only complete and have just one duty on the day recorded on your PRC, otherwise it cannot be counted for your upgrade;
- All attendance signatures to be by marshals / officials registered with Motorsport UK. Without this registration, the attendance will not count towards your upgrade;
- When you require an upgrade assessment, in advance, inform the Chief Marshal of the circuit or next event so that they can try and accommodate your request within the post / duty allocations;
- To those who wish to maintain their grade, attendances should only be recorded in the 'Non upgrade attendance signature' section of the PRC. When full use a continuation sheet – remember, only four attendance signatures are required each year to maintain your grade;
- 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.

## Training Modules

Except for the Plum Pudding race meeting at Mallory Park, on the 26<sup>th</sup> December; the 2019 season has now drawn to a close. It is time to review your PRC and identify the training modules you require in order to maintain your grade, or to support your upgrade aspirations. Book your place on the South Midlands' training day, being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at the Bedford Autodrome (MK44 1QU). For further information about the day, the modules to be covered and volunteering form, please refer to the mail chimp sent out on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, by Matt Turner, South Midlands Training Co-ordinator.

## **Grading Successes**

Congratulations to the following members of the South Midland Region:-

### **Upgrades:-**

Andy Garrett	Experienced Race Marshal
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### **New Registrations:-**

Vytautas Kubilius	Trainee Race, Specialist & Speed
Noel Stevens	Trainee Race, Specialist & Speed
Dawn Yates	Trainee Race
Jack Yates	Cadet Specialist
Stuart Yates	Trainee Race

## ***Malcolm***

**Malcolm Flippance**

**South Midlands Grading Officer**

**British Motorsport Marshals' Club**

## **BMMC Volunteering System**

We are now at the end of the traditional circuit racing season with most circuits planning their 2020 events ready for a start in March / April. There are a few exceptions in our region which may tickle your fancy, these being a HSTA (Historic Sporting Trials Association) Sywell Trial 9<sup>th</sup> February, VSCC Pomeroy Trophy circuit racing at Silverstone 15<sup>th</sup> February and Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February with two live rally stages on the Saturday and Sunday, which do require marshals. Further details of these events will be available in our January Newsletter.

Rallying and karting will of course continue through the winter months, so log into our volunteering web page for more details, particularly events outside our region.

Also, there is Autosport 2020 at the NEC Birmingham 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January where both BMMC national and our rally friends at BRMC are planning large recruitment stands, so if you are visiting the show and passing the stands say hello to our hard working recruitment teams.

One event not to be missed is the South Midlands Training day which this year will be at Bedford Autodrome on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, details of which can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. A big thankyou to Jonathon Palmer and his team at MSV.

Do regularly check our volunteering web page for 2020 events as this will become populated early in the new year once circuits and clubs have finalised their dates.

### **EMAMC Events**

Please see below link to the current list for EMAMC Events for 2020

[http://emamc.org.uk/dates/index\\_dates\\_2020.html](http://emamc.org.uk/dates/index_dates_2020.html)

### **Recruitment**

The last South Midlands recruitment event of 2019 was at Motorsport Days Live in the Silverstone Wing and International circuit, luckily our stand was allocated inside the warmth of the Wing in hall 2.

With this event being relatively new we didn't know how successful it would be, but considering the footfall mainly being drivers and team personnel the overall outcome was successful.

It was great to see the interest in taster days from drivers, teams and organisers who have now realised that for them to race they need to regularly help out on the bank with general marshaling duties. Obviously the general shortage of marshals at certain events this year has sparked off this action and I am sure that over the next few months we will see further enquiries from drivers for our help.

Recruitment is a demanding job so if you have a day or part of a day free at one of our events next year please don't hesitate to drop me an email expressing your interest. As you are aware several of our experienced members are well over the retirement age and looking to hang up their Probands in the next few years. Recruitment events for 2020 should be available for the January Newsletter.

When out and about over the festive season talk to your family and friends, give them an in site as to the things you enjoy most about marshalling and invite them to a taster day at any one of the UK's major circuits, they will be made most welcome, after all we do need more marshals.

Enjoy your marshalling, stay safe and have a Happy Christmas.

**Glynn**

**Glynn Ellis**

**South Midlands Volunteering Co-ordinator and  
Temporary Recruitment Organiser  
British Motorsport Marshal's Club**

## Training Times

Our training day is now confirmed for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and our volunteering form for it is now available.

We have also confirmed what sessions we will be running

- Incident Handling (Theory and Practical)
- Specialist (Theory and Practical)
- Fire (Theory and Practical)
- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Flags
- Communications
- Report Writing

We are aiming to provide a cooked lunch but this is still to be confirmed.

The volunteering form on this link : <https://forms.gle/mqjeLcJTJ4JyxL87A>

I am still on the lookout for volunteers to help run the practical sessions and any MSUK instructors who would like to teach any of the other sessions, please contact me on [sm.training@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.training@marshals.co.uk) if you would like to be involved.

Our training day covers circuit racing but there's other training available for different disciplines.

There is a kart marshal training day being held at PFI Trent Valley Kart Club near Grantham on Saturday the 15th February. Sign on will be from 8 with the training beginning at 9am and hopefully finishing at about 4pm with a corporate kart race to follow. If you wish to attend please contact [clare@tvkc.co.uk](mailto:clare@tvkc.co.uk) for more information, please do not contact me as this is all I know.

***Matt***  
**Matt Turner**  
**South Midlands Training Officer**  
**British Motorsport Marshal's Club**



## 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.

### Dates for 2020 are:

Committee Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> January
Committee Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> March
Committee Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> May
Committee Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> July
Committee Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> September
AGM	24 <sup>th</sup> October
Committee Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> November

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