

South Midlands Marshal wins BMMC National Award



Left to Right is: Bob Sketchley, Alec Summers (Guest Speaker at N&N) and Nadine Lewis (National Chair)
Alec & Nadine presented the award to Bob at the Noggin & Natter evening

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The Chairman's Chatter....

Chris Whitlock - South Midlands Chairman....



Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

Well the 2020 training season is upon us. The South Mids Region's training day is on the 23rd of February so I hope to see a good number of you there. I know that some of our new members have already attended a Silverstone Marshals Team (SMT) Training day; that is to be expected with a large number of our members also belonging to SMT. You are not expected to attend every training day, but remember that you should attend one every three years to maintain your grade and Motorsport UK registration. Also, you cannot upgrade unless you have completed the requisite number of training days, and we do need people to upgrade. To volunteer for the South Mids Training day follow the link in Matt's column below.

Mentioning training days takes me back to the first ones I attended in the 70s. Things were a bit different then, but not so much that you wouldn't recognise the content. Fire training was considered very important, especially following the deaths of Jo Siffert at Brands and Roger Williamson at Zandvoort. I sat through numerous showings of the fire training film "Thirty Seconds to Live" which introduced the 2 x 2 fire-fighting system. This was based on the premise that a driver trapped in a burning car only had thirty seconds before the fire consumed all oxygen and they suffocated. Back then only the Pit Marshals and the Rescue Unit crews had fire retardant overalls or silver suits. The rest of us relied on wearing clothes made of wool or cotton, natural fibres that were less likely to catch fire. At Brands, where I started marshalling, each post provided a builders hard-hat with a Perspex visor and a flap of canvas at the back to protect your neck as additional protection. They were awful devices that wobbled about as you ran, and when you pulled the visor down you couldn't see anything because of paint spray-back after circuit staff had used them for painting Armco! The medical lectures were very different to today's. There was no first on scene, a little basic First Aid about stopping bleeding and keeping airways clear, but some pretty gory slides showing injuries suffered through not wearing seatbelts! Things were very different in the 70s!

On a different note Congratulations to Bob Sketchley for being awarded the Barrie Williams Trophy, the Clubs national marshal of the year award. On receiving the award Bob said "I don't know what I did differently last year, but thank you." Well Bob I don't know either, I wasn't involved in the selection process, but the award is thoroughly deserved. Bob has been a mainstay of the Club for many years. He recruits the majority of the speakers for our Noggin & Natter evenings; he has organised visits to racing teams and car restorers, and he is reckoned to be one of the most reliable Post Chiefs. The next Noggin & Natter is on 11th February in the White Horse PH Silverstone and our guest speaker is Hugh Chambers the CEO of Motorsport UK. Be there to ask him questions or to answer questions he has!

Finally, I will be at the SMT Dinner Dance. With everyone in their best bib & tucker I probably won't recognise you, so say hello and introduce yourself. If you read this after the event, I hope we all had a good time.

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

BMMC Volunteering System

Christmas, New Year and Autosport are all now behind us with the full circuit racing season to look forward to starting within the next few months. In the meantime there are a couple of events that may spark your interest, firstly a Historic Sporting Trial organised by HSTA adjacent Sywell Airfield just off the A43 in Northamptonshire and secondly just outside our region, Race Retro where Rallying With Group B are looking for marshals for their rally stage, further details of both these events can be found on our volunteering web page.

Also not to be missed is our training day on 23rd February at Bedford Autodrome, so if you need signatures for an upgrade or just the standard Motorsport UK required bi-yearly signatures now is the time to book your place, numbers are limited, further details are available elsewhere in this newsletter or of course on our volunteering web page.

Our volunteering web site is now up and running with most of the UK 2020 events listed, below is a summary of these in SM region for the next three months, further details for which can be found on our volunteering web page or the organiser's web site. Please take a little of your time to either volunteer with our system or just to register you have volunteered with the organising club.

Whichever way you choose to volunteer for any motorsport events please ensure you volunteer with one organisation only this will ensure the event Chief Marshal has an accurate list of marshals volunteered.

Also particularly for our newer members, when our volunteering web page shows the event registration closed, you can still volunteer for the event by emailing the Chief Marshal or organising club direct, although if possible please allow a minimum of two weeks for the CM to arrange access to the venue, post out tickets etc.

Finally, if you spot any errors in the events I have listed below or you know of an event that I have missed, do drop me an email and I will do my best to sort it.

2020 SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
Feb 1st	AEMC	Rallying	Cambridge College	Training Day
Feb 9th	HSTA	Sporting Trial	Sywell	
Feb 9th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb 15th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Pomeroy
Feb 15th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb 16th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb 20th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Feb 22nd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Feb 23rd	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Feb 23rd	BMMC	Training	Bedford Autodrome	SM Training day
Mar 1st	Fueltopia	Autotest	Santa Pod	Formula G
Mar 9th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	The George, Tiffield	Meet Your Committee
Mar 13th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Mar 14th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Mar 15th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Mar 15th	Fueltopia	Autotest	Santa Pod	Formula G
Mar 21st	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Mar 21st	AMEC	Rallying	Cambridge College	Training Day
Mar 21st	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Caterham
Mar 22nd	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Mar 22nd	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Caterham
Mar 28th	MGCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Mar 28th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Mar 29th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr 4th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Apr 5th	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Apr 17th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 18th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Formula Vintage
Apr 18th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 18th	VSCC	Autosolo	Silverstone	
Apr 18th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Apr 18th	Fueltopia	Autotest	Santa Pod	Formula G
Apr 19th	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Formula Vintage
Apr 19th	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Caterham
Apr 19th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 19th	Falcon MC	Trial	Ivinghoe	Spring Trial
Apr 25th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	BTCC
Apr 25th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 25th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	
Apr 26th	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	BTCC
Apr 26th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Apr 26th	WMKC	Karting	Whilton Mill	

Marshal Recruitment

In 2020 your regional committee have chosen to provide recruitment stands at various events within the region, although most are at our largest venue, Silverstone. So far, the events include:

Silverstone BTCC 24th & 25th April

Peterborough Arena Festival of Motoring 24th & 25th May – tbc

Silverstone MG Live 13th & 14th June

Silverstone Classic 31st July, 1st & 2nd August

Kop Hill Climb 19th & 20th September

Silverstone Motorsport Days Live 20th & 21st November.

To ensure these recruitment events achieve the maximum take up we need help from you, our members, be it BMMC or SMT working together to add to the orange family. Recruitment stand members can be of any grade or experience as there will be an experienced BMMC member in attendance to help with any unusual questions. So, if you have a day or half day free at any one of the dates above just drop me an email and I will arrange your attendance.

Enjoy your marshalling and stay safe.

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

Whilton Mill Marshal of the Year 2020



Whilton Mill Kart Club held their end of season dinner and championship award night in December.

Lesley and I were invited to attend, which we did, and at the end of the awards ceremony, they said the next award was for the Marshal of the Year and to my complete surprise my name was announced as the winner.

Paul
Paul Harris

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 20th of each publishing month at: 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 th January
Committee Meeting	9 th March
Committee Meeting	11 th May
Committee Meeting	13 th July
Committee Meeting	14 th September
AGM	24 th October
Committee Meeting	9 th November

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