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# The Chairman's Chatter....

Chris Whitlock - South Midlands Chairman....



## Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

September is a quiet month for me as we usually take our summer holiday and this year was no different; and yet it was! We were booked to go to Lanzarote but COVID put a block on that. Instead we took a couple of weeks away in Wales and were very lucky as COVID began to shut that country down, but happily not where we were staying. As a consequence, I did not get in any marshalling days during the month, but I did manage to get two days working at Silverstone Circuit; one day on a fire tender and one in Race Control logging.

The big event for me was attending a BMMC National Council on 6<sup>th</sup> September. This was a Directors only meeting so that we could approve the accounts for the last financial year and consider some spending options. You will already have seen that we made a decision to reduce the cost of membership renewals by 50% for 2021, but keep new membership fees as set for 2020. As you might expect the meeting was held virtually via Zoom. This has become common practice for national and regional meetings and has resulted in some savings for the Club. Accordingly, the Directors voted to purchase 6 Zoom licences for all regions and for national meetings.

We also spent some time discussing how we could keep the 900+ potential marshals motivated in taking up the sport when trainees were not being invited to marshal during the COVID crisis. We are working with Motorsport UK to get some training materials on line so that we can encourage potential members and trainee marshals to get some marshalling theory under their belts. COVID has disrupted our marshalling and motorsport participation but it has also identified a number of anomalies that we all need to address. We have discovered that our membership database does not always have the most up to date grade for some of our members and there are a number who are still shown as trainee when they might have upgraded through another club. Trainee upgrades have not been circulated in the past to all clubs, but in future we have been told they will be included in the assessment reports for all clubs to approve. I ask that if you have upgraded through another club that you log on to the BMMC website and check your personal record. If your grade is incorrect please take a copy of your Marshal Registration card and send it to your BMMC Grading Officer.

We have also discovered that a number of our members do not have a Motorsport UK registration number. That maybe because you have not registered with MSUK. If you are not registered you are losing out on a number of benefits and you will not be able to receive the latest news bulletins or be able to access the MSUK Training Hub where you can complete some of the modules needed for upgrading. I suggest that all active marshals should be registered with MSUK.

Finally, COVID has not gone away and I fear it is going to be with us for a good time yet. Please keep up to date with the latest guidance: [available here](#).

Keep Well & Safe.

*Chris*  
Chris Whitlock  
SMids Chairman  
British Motorsports Marshal's Club

## **British Motorsport Marshals Club – South Midlands Region Annual General Meeting**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the South Midlands Region of the British Motorsport Marshal's Club Ltd will be held on **Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 15:00 via Zoom call.** Further information on how the meeting will be run will be sent in due course.

All members wishing to attend shall send a request to the Regional Secretary for the joining details, to include their name, their membership number and the e-mail address they will be joining from, no later than Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. Due to administrative reasons any requests for attendance received after this date may not be accepted.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Secretary's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Election of Committee Members**

Written nominations to join the Committee, duly proposed and seconded, shall be in the hands of the Regional Secretary as soon as possible, together with written confirmation from the nominee that he or she is willing to serve.

### **7. Members Propositions**

Members' propositions shall be seconded and lodged with the Regional Secretary no later than Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Signed: Marion Quarrington  
Issued: September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

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Marion Quarrington  
SMids Secretary  
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

## Committee Vacancies

Christopher Hatch has given notice that he will not be seeking re-election to the Committee at the AGM. We therefore are looking for a new Web Administrator who will be responsible for keeping the South Midlands website pages up to date and improving the content.

Anyone interested please submit a CV to: [sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk)

We are still looking for someone to take on the role of Taster Day organiser. This person will be responsible for keeping in touch with applicants for taster days and liaising with SMT on scheduling dates. They will not be expected to take applicants round on taster days, but if they wish to do so their assistance would be welcome.

Again, if interested please submit an application to: [sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk)

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## More Nostalgia

Back in 1974 when I first started marshalling marshals' fire-fighting was a specialist task and fire marshal was a specific grade distinguished by a red badge. Only those marshals wore fire resistant overalls and could usually be found working in the Pits or on Rescue Units. In many cases the overalls were provided by Rescue Unit sponsors or were refurbished drivers overalls provided through the Roger Williamson Fund that later became the Motor Sport Safety Fund.

The death of Jo Siffert at Brands Hatch in 1971 led to research into better methods of fire-fighting and the 2x2 system was demonstrated by the training film 30 Seconds to Live. This introduced the system of two powder extinguishers hitting the fire first to knock it down followed immediately by two foam extinguishers to cool and seal the scene; the same system we are taught to use today. Why the title of "30 Seconds to live", it was discovered Jo Siffert had not been burnt, he had asphyxiated through all oxygen being consumed in the fire. Watching the film today the four marshals involved look a bit like "Keystone Kops". They were equipped with overalls, firemen's boots, and builder's hard hats with Perspex visors. As they run towards the fire the hard hats and visors are bouncing up and down; they stop as one and pull the visors down and step forward spraying extinguishant.

Following Roger Williamson's death at Zandvoort in 1973 attention shifted towards all marshals should be trained to fight fires. Roger perished because the Dutch marshals did not have fire resistant overalls and could not get close enough to get him out of the car. Although by 1974 marshals were being trained to fight fires but we were still reliant on hand me down overalls. The majority of marshals were wearing wool and cotton trousers and jumpers, the more fire resistant the better; but we still had nylon waterproofs on top. At the British Grand Prix in 1976 at Brands Hatch there were only two marshals on my post (post 2) wearing fire resistant overalls; (double layer Nomex). The problem was they were indistinguishable from drivers when they attended incidents; the overalls still had driver's names embroidered on them complete with blood group!

By 1997 I had my first fire proof overalls courtesy of Wil Arif, a regular Formula Ford driver and instructor at Brands. Over the next few years orange Proban overalls started to become more readily seen everywhere except at Silverstone where the Emergency Services Team adopted black overalls. Marshals were now encouraged to wear overalls but free or subsidised overalls did not arrive for some time.

For around 46 years the fire-fighting procedures used by marshals have not changed, but the fire-fighting capabilities of extinguishers and their contents have. The fuels used in motorsport have also changed and hybrid and electric cars provide different fire hazards. Surprisingly, although Motorsport UK sets down specific requirements for manning and equipping Rescue Units there is no standard for circuit fire tenders. Professional fire-fighters have questioned why we are still using the 2x2 system when modern foam extinguishers are very effective at knocking fires down. Over the years various different extinguishants have been used in motorsport. BCF was a popular medium for gas extinguishers because it caused no damage but fell foul of greenhouse gas regulations as did Halon its immediate replacement. Race cars are now required to have plumbed in systems. The day of the handheld fire extinguisher strapped to a roll cage has long gone. This year Motorsport UK has started a review of fire-fighting methods and is proposing to set a standard for fire tenders. Changes are on the horizon.

*Chris*

Chris Whitlock

SMids Chairman

British Motorsports Marshal's Club

## **BMMC Volunteering System**

For this period, I have compiled my usual spreadsheet listing the motorsport events in our region for the next three months, which takes us to the end of this year. For further details log onto our volunteering web page to see all planned events in our region as well as country wide.

One additional event just announced by Silverstone, 25<sup>th</sup> October Historic Tourist Trophy on the GP circuit.

At present each club have their own method of selecting marshals for their events so don't be surprised if you are not chosen for any event you have volunteered for, also do keep an eye open for Motorsport UK updates following the change in government ruling.

Unfortunately, at present Silverstone are only accepting trainee marshals who have completed a minimum of 15 days marshalling.

Do please continue to use our volunteering web page to either volunteer or just tick the box 'volunteered with organising club' your use of our system helps enormously when it comes to purchasing insurance cover etc.

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

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

*Glynn*  
Glynn Ellis  
SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and  
Recruitment Organiser  
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

## **Marshal Recruitment**

Unfortunately, the only event remaining in 2020 that may still be available to have our recruitment stand at is:

Silverstone Motorsport Days Live 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Towards the end of 2020 we will start planning for a full year's recruitment in 2021 so please keep an eye out for further details in our newsletters.

To ensure our 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 a day free at any of our proposed dates just drop me an email and I will arrange your attendance.

Enjoy your marshalling and stay safe.

*Glynn*  
Glynn Ellis  
SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and  
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## 2020 SM EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
3rd Oct	MSVR - AMOC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	
10th Oct	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	Britcar
10th Oct	Fueltopia	Autotest	Santa Pod	Formula G
11th Oct	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone Int.	Britcar
11th Oct	Falcon MC	Trials	Ivinghoe, Bucks	Maitland Trial
17th Oct	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	Finals
17th Oct	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
18th Oct	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	Finals
18th Oct	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
24th Oct	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Birkett
24th Oct	Whilton Mill Kart Club	Karting	Whilton Mill	
25th Oct	Whilton Mill Kart Club	Karting	Whilton Mill	
25th Oct	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	Historic Tourist Trophy
29th Oct	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
31st Oct	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	Walter Hayes
1st Nov	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	Walter Hayes
1st Nov	Falcon MC	Trials	Kensworth Beds	Guy Fawkes
7th Nov	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	British GT
8th Nov	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone GP	British GT
14th Nov	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone National	
14th Nov	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
15th Nov	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
20th Nov	Motorsport Days Live	Autotest	Silverstone Wing	Show/passenger rides
21st Nov	Motorsport Days Live	Autotest	Silverstone Wing	Show/passenger rides
21st Nov	Whilton Mill Kart Club	Karting	Whilton Mill	
22nd Nov	Whilton Mill Kart Club	Karting	Whilton Mill	
28th Nov	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
29th Nov	Shenington Kart Club	Karting	Shenington	
5th Dec	VSCC	Driving Tests	Bicester Heritage	

## Grading Gripes

### Grade Maintenance & 2021 Marshal Renewals

In the 'Marshals Bulletin' - August 2020 - due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, Motorsport UK seeks to reassure Marshals that their current marshalling grades will not be affected.

All grades will be extended by 12 months and will remain valid for 2021. The registration card will not be renewed for 2021 and Marshals should retain their 2020 card until 31 December 2021.

This applies to all marshalling disciplines and it is important to note:-

- a) "Any new marshals recruited in 2021 will be provided with a 2020 marshal registration card"
- b) If you are planning to marshal abroad in 2021, please contact Motorsport UK in the usual manner to obtain authorisation". **Ensure** this authorisation includes confirmation that the 2020 Registration Card remains valid for the 2021 season!

### Personal Record Cards

With current social distancing and hygiene measures in place, it is not currently a requirement for marshals to record event attendance signatures in their PRCs.

Marshals should keep their own records – including date of event, venue, organising club, role performed and the name and ID number of the Chief Marshal.

Should the event attendance signatures be used in the future for an upgrade application, Motorsport UK will verify the Marshals event attendance records with the organising club.

### Grade Registrations & Upgrades

Although individual members were informed of the successful outcome of their grading registration, or upgrade(s), by Motorsport UK. Due to a combination of IT issues and COVID-19 lockdown, a consolidated list of those members' registration of grades, as submitted to the Governing body, have only recently been released to the Region - confirmation of the successful outcome for two upgrade applications are currently outstanding.

As the Marshal's Club is not informed of outcome of these registration and upgrades, it is important that members, on receipt of their new Registration Card, send a scanned copy to the National Grading Officer:-  
[nat.grading@marshals.co.uk](mailto:nat.grading@marshals.co.uk)

Long overdue, congratulations to the following members of the South Midlands Region:-

#### Upgrades:

Emma Cook	Track Marshal
Ian Lawson	Incident Officer
William Richardson	Track

#### New Registrations:

Javier Gonzalez	Trainee Race	Peter Miles	Trainee Race
George Price	Trainee Race	James Reynolds	Trainee Race
Simon Tuckley	Trainee Race	Tessa Whitlock	Trainee Specialist

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SMids Grading 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.

### **Future South Midlands Committee Meetings will be virtual using Zoom**

Anyone who wishes to attend to observe should notify the Secretary a week before the meeting so that they can be sent the relevant link.

Dates are:

12th October  
9th November  
13th December (face to face meeting – Committee Members only)

# BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

For British Rally Marshals Club regalia please contact:  
Derek Murphy - Mobile: 07768 202236 - Email: [regalia@bmc.org.uk](mailto:regalia@bmc.org.uk)

For all other Club Regalia please see our latest on-line catalogue [www.marshals.co.uk](http://www.marshals.co.uk)

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Item	Price		Grade	Qty	Total Cost
Grading Badge (Please provide proof of grade)	1.50				
Grading Badge (Please provide proof of grade)	1.50				
Union Badge	1.50				
Sew-on Cloth Badge	2.00				
Lapel Badge	2.00				
Interior Sticker	2.00				
Exterior Sticker	2.00				
Long Interior Sticker	2.00				
Heroes Cloth Badge	2.00				
Heroes Lapel Badge	2.00				
Heroes Sticker	2.00				
Heroes Keyring	2.00				
50 Years of Motorsport Marshalling	Free				
					<b>Total</b>

Name:

Membership Nos:

Address: Postcode:

Telephone Nos:

Mobile:

Email:

Cheques should be made payable to: BMMC Limited

Please send this order form with payment to: Adrian Cashmore, 9 Church Street, Weedon, Northants, NN7 4PL - Email [sm.regalia@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.regalia@marshals.co.uk)

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