

BMMC Magazine South Midlands Region



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The Chairman's Chatter....

Chris Whitlock - South Midlands Chairman....



Welcome to the Newsletter for the South Midlands Region

Remember Covid is still around and there are concerns about the long-term effectiveness of double vaccinations. If you are offered a booster jab along with your annual flu vaccine do not hesitate in accepting it. At all times, please respect other persons wishes, maintain a social distance and if asked wear a mask especially in enclosed spaces do so. See the latest guidance at:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/covid-19/>

August was a dark month, Bernard Cotterell, a well-respected Clark and long serving member of BMMC passed away after a long illness. He will be sorely missed; he has served as a senior official of BRSCC, and more recently 750 MC. I crossed swords with him many years ago when he decided to only allow BRSCC marshals to work at the Formula Ford Festival. I argued that could be a decision he might regret if marshalling numbers dropped because if marshals are told they are not wanted they will not volunteer again. John Nicol arranged for the three of us to have a chat in a pub and we had a frank and fruitful discussion ending with each of us respecting the other's position. We remained friends ever since.

Sadly, August also saw a marshal killed at Post 2 at Brands Hatch, my first real post. I say real because it was the first post that welcomed me as a permanent member of the team; it is also where I learnt to flag. Originally the post used to be on the inside of the circuit at the end of the pit lane. Ironically, it was moved to the outside because a flag marshal was killed there in 1975. When we first worked the new post, we were all a bit nervous because there was no escape route, but we came to accept it because the barriers proved effective in keeping the cars on the track. Sadly, that no longer seems to be the case; it will be interesting to see what changes are made following this tragic event. Perhaps the post will move across the track again.

The Brands incident has raised some questions about Next of Kin (NoK) data held by organising clubs. Motorsport UK only asked for telephone numbers of NoK but now they, recommend that clubs hold their full address because the authorities prefer to deliver news of accidents/illness face to face using specially trained personnel. In respect of Brands the marshal's NoK data consisted of a telephone number and he had not updated his records. Our IT Officer has been asked to extend the NoK field on the membership database so that members can include their NoK's full address. Members will be informed when that facility is in place together with advice on who to nominate as NoK. In the meantime, please ensure your personal data is kept up to date.

You will have seen that John Edwards has been appointed as National Secretary Elect to succeed Paul Wiltshire at the AGM in December. There were the usual mutterings that this is another NW region appointment and that shouldn't Council posts be more evenly distributed! Well NW is the largest region, so there is a greater chance that it would be one of their members who applies and as it happens, he was the only candidate. If you want parity between regions, then you need to apply and perhaps you will be successful.

The next virtual Noggin & Natter will feature Richard Ceune-Grandidier aka Kermit! Many of you might not have heard of him but those of you that have encountered him anticipate he will be entertaining. I first met him on Post 2 at Brands in the '70s. He was the only marshal wearing white overalls, most of us wore jeans, only a few had orange overalls. Richard is part French, hence white overalls. He has progressed from basic track marshal, through racing driver to become an FIA senior official. I was intrigued to learn from my wife that he was very strict as an official and everyone was in awe of him; that's not the Richard I know.

Keep Well & Safe

Chris
Chris Whitlock
SMids Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

PS MSUK have provided more space for NoK data on the Volunteering Proforma and the space on the BMMC Membership Database has been enlarged to accommodate full address details of NoK. Please update your personal data.

PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for photos for the front page of the Newsletter and for a Gallery on the South Mids website. There are six editions of the Newsletter each year so if you have photos with a Motorsport theme, we will be honoured to receive them. The Newsletter editor will choose the best ones for the Newsletter and others will be displayed for a period in the Gallery.

British Motorsport Marshals Club – South Midlands Region Second Calling Notice

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the South Midlands Region of the British Motorsport Marshal's Club Ltd will be held on **Saturday October 23rd 2021 at 19:30.** Please note the change of start time.

Venue is the Pickwick Room, The Saracen's Head Hotel, 219 Watling Street, Towcester NN12 6BX

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the 2020 AGM**
- 3. Chair'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. Nominations close on Friday October 22nd 2021.

7. Members Propositions

Members' propositions shall be seconded and lodged with the Regional Secretary no later than Sunday October 10th 2021.

Signed: Marion Quarrington
Issued: September 18th 2021

The AGM will be followed by the Annual End of Season Dinner, for which advance booking is required. Please see separate notice for details.

Please advise the Secretary on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk by 21st October 2021 if you are intending to attend the AGM and not the dinner, so we can ensure that suitable social distancing measures are in place at the venue.

Secretary Scriblings

The South Midlands committee meets monthly, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Here is a flavour of the topics that the committee have covered since the last Newsletter:

- Firm plans in place for our first Taster Day of the year in early October at Silverstone
- continued planning for marshals training during 21/22, including incorporating Kart training for the first time in many years
- planning further Virtual and Live Noggin and Natters
- commissioned and received a new trophy for New Marshals, named in memory of Lesley Harris, our former Regional Secretary
- discussed the implications from the proposals from MotorSport UK for the New Marshals Pathway, and welcomed the delay to grading changes for existing marshals so that problems and concerns already identified can be addressed
- planned and booked a venue for the Regional Dinner, to be held after the 2021 AGM.

Please let me know if there's anything you would like us to discuss so I can add it to the agenda, but please let me know at least a week before the meeting. If anyone wants to attend the committee meetings I have listed below the planned dates. All are on a Monday evening, and the meeting starts at 19:45. If you want to join us please send me an e-mail no later than 2 days before the meeting on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk, along with your membership number and the e-mail address you will be joining from, and I will send you the joining instructions

October 4 th	November 8 th	December 6 th
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If you have any comments or questions about the committee, please don't hesitate to contact me on sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk.

The Date for the AGM remains unchanged as Saturday October 23rd, but the time has been changed from 20:00 to 19:30, as it is to be held before the annual Regional Marshals Dinner. A second formal AGM Calling Notice, with notice of the venue and the new time, is included in this Newsletter and has been published on the website as I am required to do. Both events are to be held in the Pickwick Room at the Saracens Head Hotel in Towcester.

Due to continuing problems with supply and distribution of foodstuffs, and so that we should not be disappointed with any last-minute changes, the Chef has asked that we give our menu choices for the dinner at least 2 weeks in advance. The dinner menu and prices have been sent out to you already and are also included in this Newsletter. The National Club will make a contribution towards the cost of the meal for our Members, although any guests you may wish to bring will be asked to pay the full price. Please pay the balance on the night to myself. Please make every effort to reply by the **closing date of October 9th**, as we may not be able to take your booking after this time.

This year we shall be publishing a Regional Annual Report on the website ahead of the AGM. The Report will include a section from each Committee Member with a summary of their role activities in the last year. Please look out for this and bring any questions you may have to the AGM.

Finally, although every Member is entitled to attend the AGM without giving notice, I have asked that you let me know by October 21st if you will be attending the AGM and not staying for the Regional Dinner. This is so that we can ensure there is enough seating at the correct social distancing in the Pickwick Room for the AGM portion of the evening.

Marion
Marion Quarrington
SMids Secretary
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

GRADING GRIPES

Marshal Registration Renewal for 2022

Have you registered? Online renewal for 2022 opened on the 18th August. Did you update any of your personal details on the MRF: has this information also been updated on your club records? These records can be accessed by logging on to the BMMC volunteering website, click onto your account (icon top right of page one) and scroll down. Is the information about you-next-of-kin complete and up to date ?

Upgrade Applications

As reported by Nadine in her September blog; the processing of upgrades is taking a little longer than pre-covid so please be patient! Prior the introduction of restrictions in Marsh 2020, the average time span between a member submitting their documents and receiving confirmation of the upgrade from MSUK was 6 to 7 weeks.

Nadine also mentions that the Examining grade will check your photo or require production of your registration card (MRC) as a means of identification.

Those members who plan to submit their PRC and support documents for upgrade, are asked to ensure the attendance signatures and other evidence relate only to the specific discipline concerned with the upgrade. For the duration of the covid restrictions, marshals were instructed to maintain their own records of attendance. I suspect, like me, these will have been a single record in date order, irrespective of the duty undertaken. When submitting this evidence, it is important to strike out those entries which do not apply to the specific upgrade. Should, such entries be required to support a subsequent upgrade, it may be wise to retain a clean copy of the overall record before striking though the inappropriate records.

New Member Registrations & Upgrades

The South Midland Region welcomes the following new member registrations:-

David Butler, Trainee Race
Benjamin Mayer-Jones, Trainee Race
Roland Mayer-Jones, Trainee Race
Oliver Peres, Trainee Race

Recent upgrade applications have been submitted to Motorsport UK for registration:

Helen Bendall-Jones, Specialist Marshal
Steve Morris, Race Marshal
Simon Spooner, Flag Marshal

Stay safe and enjoy your marshalling.

Malcolm

Malcolm Flippance

SMids Grading Officer

British Motorsport Marshal's Club

2021 SOUTH MIDLANDS EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
Oct. 2nd	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Equipe Classic Racing
Oct. 2nd	SKC	Karting	Shenington	IKR Series
Oct. 3rd	SKR	Karting	Shenington	IKR Series
Oct. 4th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	
Oct. 10th	Falcon MC	Car Trials	Ivinghoe, Bucks.	David Maitland Trial
Oct. 16th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Oct. 16th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Club Championships
Oct. 17th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Oct. 17th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Club Championships
Oct. 23rd	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Birkett Relay
Oct. 23rd	BMMC	South Midlands AGM	The Saracen's Head	Towcester
Oct. 24th	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Oct. 28th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Oct. 29th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Oct. 30th	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	RAC Historic Tourist Trophy
Oct. 30th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Oct. 31st	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	RAC Historic Tourist Trophy
Oct. 31st	SKC	Karting	Shenington	
Nov. 5th	Motorsport Days		Silverstone	On Track Trade Event
Nov. 6th	Motorsport Days		Silverstone	On Track Trade Event
Nov. 6th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Walter Hayes Trophy
Nov. 6th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	IKR Series
Nov. 7th	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Walter Hayes Trophy
Nov. 7th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	IKR Series
Nov. 8th	BMMC	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	
Nov. 20th	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Club Championships
Nov. 21st	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Club Championships



Women's Motor Racing Associates Club

The Doghouse Owners' Club

Established 1962 promoting friendship, support and fundraising in motorsport

The Sally Hingston Award

The Sally Hingston Award is an International initiative that gives anyone the opportunity to nominate Volunteers of any age from the grass roots of motorsport, or the wider motorsport community, who deserves recognition for their commitment to volunteering.



Nominations 2021

Nominations for 2021 will opened on **International Women's Day - 8 March 2021** and closes on **31 October 2021**. The winner will be announced on **International Volunteers Day - 5 December 2021**.

Aimed at any Volunteers of any age, from all disciplines of motorsport. The award recognises that all volunteers generously give their time, talent, and support to enable motorsport events to go ahead.

Share with us your stories and nominate your volunteer!

- Submit your nominations to press@wmrac.co.uk
- Take a picture and share your volunteering story
- Share on social media: [@WMRAC](https://twitter.com/WMRAC) #Empowerment #Youth #MakingADifference #VolunteeringIsFun #IWD2021 #WomeninMotorsport

Share your stories and celebrate with us [@WMRAC](https://twitter.com/WMRAC)

Contact details: Press@wmrac.co.uk
International Women's Day #IWD2021
#ChooseToChallenge

Sally Hingston

Sally was a wife and mother to two sons and lived in the village of Gawcott, Buckinghamshire. She was a much loved Marshal at Silverstone and a member of the Women's Motor Racing Associates Club, she gave considerable time to the sport and sat on the WMRAC 'Doghouse Events Committee' for a number of years.



When Michael Schumacher had his accident at the 1999 British Grand Prix, Sally was on the rescue vehicle and supported the recovery as the car was hoisted onto the break down truck. Sally appeared on photographs with the stricken car on most of the newspapers the next day!

"Sally was a much loved and regular marshal at Silverstone Circuit until her tragic death in 2009. This award is created in memory of Sally and serves to inspire and encourage young volunteers just as Sally herself would have done."

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 12 times a year on a Monday virtually via Zoom, 19.45 for 20.00. Ten of these meetings are virtual for anyone wishing to attend with the first and last meetings being face to face with venues to be confirmed, dependant on current COVID-19 guidelines at the time.

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.

Meetings for 2021 are:

February 8th	March 8th	April 12th	May 10th
June 8th	July 5th	August 9th	September 6th
October 4 th	November 8 th	December 6 th	

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

For all other Club Regalia please see our latest on-line catalogue www.marshals.co.uk

Or send an A5 size SAE to: Adrian Cashmore, 9 Church Street Weedon, Northants, NN74PL

Item	Price	Qty	Grade	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			
				Total

Name:

Membership Nos:

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Mobile:

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Cheque should be made payable to: BMMC Limited

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