

# BMMC Magazine

## South Midlands Region



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## Editorial Disclaimer

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## Chairman's Chatter

I am writing this early because we are going away for an extended holiday, so marshalling has not really got under way in 2024. By the time I get back you should all have warmed up a bit and be well exercised in your chosen disciplines. For myself I attended the SMT Post Chief-I/O training at Silverstone in January. It was good to get us all working together let us hope it continues through the year. There was one concession to us old boys, the Post Chiefs did not have to run across the gravel with extinguishers to put out the gas fire, unlike the I/Os. I/Os have to be fit to run around with their teams in the gravel, but I'm not convinced there was a huge difference in fitness between us. It was good that we all had an opportunity to practice with the FAS unit.



As mentioned in the last Newsletter there have been some changes at the circuit. I forgot to mention that Lee and the circuit staff are building new permanent Marshals huts. Rumour has it there are four new brick-built huts already constructed but I've yet to find them. Those of you that find yourselves posted to Club might notice that the gravel trap has had the gravel removed and it has been replaced with Lytag which is much lighter than the stones. This is because three of the glass panels on the bridge between the hotel and the Wing were shattered by stones being thrown up from the track. If the stones got that high and hit with such force to do such damage just think what they could do to you. If you see stones on track don't be shy, ask for time to sweep them away! The gravel from Club was moved to Stowe to replace the Lytag that went to Club, so if you are marshalling at Stowe watch out!

Again, another rumour, Motorsport UK are not very keen on cars parked and abandoned at the side of the circuit. They and some organisers also don't like live snatches so what are we supposed to do with all these parked cars? Safety Cars or Red Flags! What will that do for the racing or the spectacle? Any suggestions? Common sense I think, if the car is parked against the bank, well off the track and not in the straight ahead on a corner leave it; especially if the race is nearly over. If necessary red flag at the earliest opportunity a result can be called.

Remember never to stand at the front of a car that has crashed or pulled off, another car could decide to come and join it! If you stand behind it the chances are any debris will go the way the traffic is going and nothing will be launched at you.

What is happening with Formula 1? Hamilton going to Ferrari, is he fed up with Mercedes inability to give him a winning car or is he pursuing a dream before he retires? Who takes his seat, Alonso or a new young charger? Who is your favourite? What about Christian Horner, doomed by the press or a victim of his arrogance? If Horner goes what about Adrian Newey will he stay at Red Bull? Will Michael Andretti get a team on the grid, will he buy Haas? Questions, questions, what a start to the season and I will miss it. It will all be resolved by the time I get back from holiday. New stories will hit the front page and I will have a lot of reading to do to catch up.

Remember I am on holiday until 29<sup>th</sup> March; contact Marion if something is urgent!  
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**Chris Whitlock**  
**SMids Chairman**  
**British Motorsport Marshals Club**

# Secretary Scriblings

The South Midlands committee meets on alternate months, at present on the internet using Zoom, and all members are welcome to join us. Please see the meeting calendar below. Here is a summary of some of the topics that the Committee have covered since the last Newsletter:

- The Committee reluctantly noted that Annette Benson has stood down as our Regional Zero Hero due to outside pressures, and she has left the committee. We thanked Annette for her work in the short time she was with us, and her positive influence on a number of our activities. If anyone would like to take up this role, which co-ordinates the environmental activities in our region, then please get in touch with Chris on [sm.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk).
- Received a report on the Kart training that had been held at the beginning of March at Kimbolton, the home of Hunts Kart Racing Club. Over the two days 26 kart marshals attended for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Kart training, plus a further 4 marshals from other disciplines came to the afternoon sessions for the fire training. The Region is still without a dedicated Training Co-Ordinator, if you would like to find out more about this key role in supporting our members then please contact Chris on [sm.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk).
- This is the first year of delivering training to the new Motorsport UK programme for the Marshals Pathway. If you have any comments about the training content, please let Chris know on [sm.chair@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.chair@marshals.co.uk) so we can feed back to Motorsport UK. We are aware that the way in which some training was advertised meant some marshals attended training that was not what they expected, Motorsport UK is aware and will issue guidance for next year to training organisers on how the training content should be advertised.
- The ABMRC meeting in February discussed the problems marshals have in planning their season when clubs do not acknowledge and confirm marshal volunteering requests.
- Received a report that Silverstone has started installing new marshal shelters at some posts, the one at Aintree being favourably reported on at the Pomeroy Trophy. We are not sure how many will be installed altogether, but we look forward to hearing your comments about them.
- Noted the plans for recruitment include a new venue, Bicester Scramble on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, where we will also be allowed to display a race car. Also, recruitment at the Grand Prix is being co-ordinated this year by Motorsport UK, and, while we will be asked to provide volunteers for the stand, we do not have to do any of the organising of it, which is a welcome relief to Glynn given the chaos last year! More news about both of these is elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- Noted the continuing problems with accreditation at Silverstone for visiting marshals. Glynn has been working through the process with volunteered marshals for the second event of the year, the BRSCC meeting, in an attempt to ensure that all of them receive the correct passes.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like the Committee to discuss so I can add it to the agenda, but please let me know at least 2 weeks before the meeting. The dates for 2024 are below and the meeting starts at 19:45. If you want to join us please send an e-mail, along with your membership number and the e-mail address you will be joining from, no later than 2 days before the meeting to [sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk) and I will send you the joining instructions.

**Tuesday May 7th, Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any comments or questions about the Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Marion on [sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk](mailto:sm.secretary@marshals.co.uk).

**Marion Quarrington**  
**SMids Secretary**  
**British Motorsport Marshals Club**

# BMMC Volunteering System

Following upgrades over the winter our volunteering portal is now set up to allow volunteering direct with the portal for selected events other than just circuit events, one of these events is karting at Kimbolton. Therefore, should you wish to marshal at Kimbolton you can now go directly to our volunteering portal and tick the relevant boxes for an event, which in turn will forward your details direct to the Chief Marshal.

## **Important information for all marshals and officials wishing to volunteer or attend an event at Silverstone during 2024.**

For 2024 Silverstone are using an accreditation system so all marshals, officials, contractors etc. are required to provide two forms of photographic ID, one being a copy of your Motorsport UK registration and the second being a front face photo of yourself, similar to that used on your passport, the latter to be used on your new Silverstone ID card.

As well as the above each marshal volunteering to marshal at Silverstone will be required to read, understand, and sign up to the Silverstone Site Induction. Once all this is completed and approved you will be asked to collect your new ID card from the accreditation office located in car park 49, in front of the museum. This card will then be scanned each time you visit Silverstone in 2024.

Keep an eye open for an email requesting the above photos arriving with you about 14 days prior to the first event at Silverstone you have volunteered for.

SMT members will need to follow a slightly different procedure than that above.

Below I have compiled a list of events happening in April, May and June within our South Midlands region, further details of these events can be found by logging on to our volunteering web site.

Please do use our volunteering web site to register the events you are volunteering for, be it either volunteering for an event or just registering that you have volunteered directly with the organising club, these entries are used by our national committee with items such as the number of days our members have volunteered for, to obtain more accurate quotations for our insurance.

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.

Enjoy your marshalling and stay safe.

**Glynn Ellis**  
**SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser**  
**British Motorsport Marshals Club**

## 2024 SOUTH MIDLANDS EVENTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

Date	Organiser	Type	Location	Title
Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	April Thurs. Practice
Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	BPEC
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Club Champs.
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	BPEC
Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Practice
Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Club Champs.
Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	BPEC
Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Round 4
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Apr. Friday Practice
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Spring Start
Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 4
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	VSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Spring Start
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Falcon MC	Car Trial	Ivinghoe	Spring Trial
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	BMMC	Scramble	Bicester Heritage	Recruitment Day
Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Round 4
Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British GT
Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	BRSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British GT
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Race Weekend
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	HSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Race Weekend
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	BMMC	Meeting	Via Zoom	Committee Meeting
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Ultimate Kart
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Ultimate Kart
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Ultimate Kart
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 5
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 5
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	750 MC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Jun 1 <sup>st</sup>	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	
Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	VSCC	Vehicle Display	Stony Stratford MK	
Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Practice
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Equipe Racing
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Kimbolton Festival
Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	MSVR	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	Equipe Racing
Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	SKRC	Karting	Shenington	Global Karting
Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	HKRC	Karting	Kimbolton	Kimbolton Festival
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British F4
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 6
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	BARC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	British F4
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	SKC	Karting	Shenington	Round 6
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CSCC	Circuit Racing	Silverstone	

# Marshal Recruitment

The provisional list of events that your South Midlands recruitment team will be attending in 2024, is as below.

21 <sup>st</sup> April	Bicester Heritage Scramble
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Silverstone BGP – Now organised by Motorsport UK
23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Silverstone Festival (The Classic)
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Kop Hill Climb
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Silverstone BTCC
November	Silverstone Motorsport Days Live (event to be confirmed)

If you are available and fancy helping out at one of our marshal recruitment events, please drop me an email. Other events where there is a large footfall of motorsport enthusiasts could be considered if sufficient members are able to help man the stand.

**Glynn Ellis**  
**SMids Volunteering Co-ordinator and Recruitment Organiser**  
**British Motorsport Marshals 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 virtually via Zoom, 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.

Meetings for 2024 are:

<del>January 8th</del>	<del>March 4th</del>	May 7th	July 8th	September 9th	November 4th
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# BMMC South Mids Regalia Sales Order Form

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50 Years of Motorsport Marshalling	Free				
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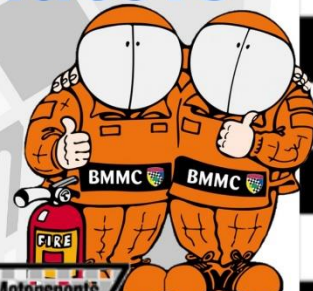
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