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# The Chairman's Chat Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman .....

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – February 2016

**Dear SW Members** 

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year, all seems a long time ago now. The new season is about to start and this is to remind you all you can volunteer for events through the Club's website. If you have not already done so you need to register an account of your membership in order to access through to the members area. Please make sure you have your up to date email address and if this has changed let the National Membership Secretary, Dave Reed know on <u>nat.members@marshals.co.uk</u>

You can also volunteer for the Club's Sprint through the website. The dates are 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, so not that far away and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016. These events are held at Curborough.

These events earn money for the club so it is vital these are supported by marshals attending. The August meeting last year was nearly cancelled for lack of sufficient marshals, so please give these events consideration when booking your events this year.

I am also looking for volunteers to assist in running the BTCC Recruitment Stand on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016. If you are interested, please let me know.

We are also holding a recruitment event this year for the first time at the Berkshire Motor Show to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 at Prospect Park, Reading, so again if anyone is interested in helping out at this event then do please let me know.

Finally, a plea for any stories or articles you would wish to see in our newsletters. If you do have time to pen a small article for that for distribution to all our members in the South West then our Newsletter Editor Kaz Connolly will look forward to hearing from you. You can contact her on <u>sw.news@marshals.co.uk</u>

We're still looking for a training officer. This role is about assisting in the training of marshals and organising training days/events. The work involved is not particularly onerous and Paul Wiltshire and I are registered MSA trainers so would assist in this in any event. If this is something you would be interested in, then do please get in touch with me.

All the best and stay safe.

*Wendi Batteson* South West Chairman British Motorsport Marshals' Club





Historic Formula Junior Racing Association donates £1485.00 to BMMC

At their annual dinner in December the FJHRA held an auction and have decided to split the money raised between the air ambulance and the BMMC.

Chris Hobson, our National Chairman, Nadine Lewis, North Region Committee member and Peter Wilson, National Recruitment and Retention Officer accepted the oversize cheque from FJHRA on the HSCC stand at Autosports International.

We are very grateful to the members of the FJHRA for their generosity. The money will be put in Club funds and will be used to help purchase equipment needed by the club, and to support our subsidies offered to our members.







The Classic Touring Car Racing club donates £1157.00 to BMMC

The Classic Touring Car Racing Club runs, in conjunction with the British Automobile Racing Club, six separate Championships or Series for Pre 66 Classic & Historic Touring Car, Pre 83 Touring Cars, Pre 93 Touring Cars, Pre 2005 Touring Cars, Classic Thunder and BOSS (Ford saloons). At their annual dinner they collected donations from those attending, to be given to the marshals who support their racing around the country.

Chris Hobson, National Chairman, accepted the donation from Andy Johnson CTCRC Competitions Secretary on our stand at the Autosports Show.

The money will be added to our club funds to help provide subsidies for our members and to buy the equipment needed to run the club. We are very grateful for their generosity and for their support for marshals around the country – have a look at their website for further information

http://classictouringcars.com/marshals.html





MG Car Club donates £1,250.00 to BMMC

After the introduction in 2015 of the MG Car Club undertaking to give £1 for every competitor signed on at their race meetings throughout the year to continue the support of the British Motorsport Marshals Club (BMMC), we are delighted to announce that for 2016 the MG Car Club has donated £1,250 to the club to assist with discounting of overalls and equipment.

The donation was made by lan Quarrington, chairman of the MGCC, at Autosport International Show. All of the overalls provided in 2016 will be supplied with a sewn-on MGCC badge. The MGCC greatly appreciates that without the support of the marshals they would not be able to run meetings at all, and the club has long championed the cause for greater appreciation of the marshals' efforts. We are extremely grateful for their continued generosity, please wear their badge with pride.



## SW New Members

The following personnel are new members to the South West Region:

First Name	Surname	Member Nos.	Marshalling Interest
Stephen	Bates	SW7509	Race, Speed
Glenn	Slattery	NE7513	Race
Janice	Wells	SE7514	Race
Donald	Willox	SW7483	Race, Speed
Mark	Hoddinott	SW7484	Race, Speed
Roger	Chown	SE7476	Race, Rally
Martin	Chapman	SE7474	Race, Speed
Stephen	Lawrence	SE7485	Race, Kart
Emma	Savory	SW7478	Race
Donncada	Quilty	NE7487	Race
John	Rawlins	SE7493	Race, Rally, Speed
Peter	Kettle	SM7488	Race
Ed	Littlefield	SW7494	Race, Rally, Speed
Neil	Davidson	SW5803	Race, Rally, Speed
John	Wheaver	NW7486	Race, Rally
Simon	Waters	SW7498	Race
Bruce	Woods	SW7504	Race
Martin	Leach	SM7500	Race
Alex	Dorman	SM7501	Race
lan	Armstrong	EM7497	Race
John	Bentley	EM7499	Race
David	Busby	NE7495	Race
David	Ballington-Graham	EM7496	Race

I'd just like to welcome you all to the Region and hope to see you all out on the Bank.

Paul Wiltshire SW Membership Secretary British Motorsport Marshals' Club

### SW Social Media Officer

Hi, I'm David Patrick, the new Social Media contact on the South West Committee, although some of you will know me as 'Churchill' or 'That bloke with the funny pointy hat'. As I am new to the committee, Wendi asked me to write a few words to introduce myself.

A bit about me: I've been a marshal since 2008 starting my career at Gurston Down Hillclimb - the friendliest hillclimb in the country. Since then I have been working up through the grades so that I am now a Post Chief, and you will see me trackside at Brands Hatch, Thruxton and Goodwood. I also do a far bit of overseas marshalling with trips to Le Mans and the Nurburgring for their 24 hour races.

My role will see me looking to promote the use of Facebook and Twitter to communicate with you guys more quickly and easily. I have recently moved the BMMC SW Facebook to a new location to make it easier to keep in touch, you will find us at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BMMCSW/">https://www.facebook.com/BMMCSW/</a> - I will be using this to publish links to stories I think you will be interested in and announcements from the club. Twitter will be used in the same way, find us at <a href="https://twitter.com/bmmc\_sw">https://twitter.com/bmmc\_sw</a>. To help make those more visible, it would be great if you could "Like" the Facebook page and "Follow" us on Twitter.

I've got lots of ideas to play with over the summer, so keep watching Facebook and Twitter to find out more - and get in touch if you have any ideas of your own.

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You can contact me through Facebook, Twitter or by email at <u>sw\_media@marshals.co.uk</u>

Thanks

David Patrick South West Media Officer British Motorsport Marshals' Club

#### South West Website Administrator

I am Adrian Rangecroft and have somehow volunteered onto the committee for a second stint. I have been a Hill & Circuit marshal since 1996 and am generally found at Gurston Down, Thruxton and Goodwood, with occasional forays to Brands Hatch and Castle Combe.

I am going to be updating the SW Regional Pages of the Marshals Club Website this year - so please advise of anything newsworthy to be included particularly the Kart & Rally marshals amongst you. Together with Dave Patrick we are hoping to get this closer aligned to Facebook and Twitter so news and information will be available to you, whatever is your preference.

If you have anything for me I can be contacted on the following e-mail: <a href="mailto:sw.webadmin@marshals.co.uk">sw.webadmin@marshals.co.uk</a>

Have a safe and enjoyable year.

Adrian Rangecroft South West Website Administrator British Motorsport Marshals' Club

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