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Wendi Batteson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – December 2019

Dear SW Members

As we go into the Festive Season and the start of a New Decade, this is just a few lines to wish you all well for Christmas and the New Year.

Whether you were Brexit or Remain, the general populous has spoken and we have, what I hope is some stability over the remaining winter months and into the future. It's certainly been a roller coaster and the weather has been the same, there have been times when it has been quite balmy autumnally warm days and then a complete contrast with frost and icy roads and pavements, or winds bringing down trees. Or as one member reported to me, blowing the roof off of Sainburys down in Cornwall.



I'm pleased to Announce at our AGM Chris Turrall was voted unanimously to receive the Bellini Trophy and also life membership of the club for all his services to marshalling and in particular for us in the South West as well as flying the flag in the Netherlands as a long standing overseas marshal. Chris has been in the wars a bit recently, and had been in hospital with a foot infection that nearly cost him his life, fortunately, I'm able to report, St Peter didn't wish to see Chris just yet, and sent him home. That meant I was able to see him and present the lifetime membership and a little gift we on the Committee had had bought for him. He'll have to hang on for the Bellini until sometime in the New Year. Chris has been told to take it easy, and is on crutches with a huge boot thing on his foot to make sure he does so!

New Marshal of the Year was awarded to Paul and Sarah Showan; and Marshal of the

Year was awarded to Richard Beard.

The trophies will be presented next year (2020) either at a convenient race meeting or training day whichever presents itself first.

All the best and stay safe.

Wendi Batteson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshals' Club

BMMC Marshal Profile Membership Secretary Graham Ellis



Graham has been marshalling for just over two years and has gained his track marshal rating; he will be pursuing his speed marshal rating during the 2020 season. As an engineer Graham has an interest in vehicles and has decided to look at the work of the rescue teams and is hoping to attend at least one training session in 2020 to see if this is for him or whether he just stays on the bank. He is a member of BMMC, BARC and the Silverstone Marshal's teams.

Outside of marshalling, Graham is semi-retired having run his own businesses over the past 22 years. Ellis Transport Services is an international transport consultancy and accident investigation organisation, Graham has investigated several high profile cases covering both fatalities and major fraud for police forces as well as undertaking every type of accident investigation involving land based transport. He has been involved in two major EU research projects working with partners from across Europe over the past 10 years. His second business, transport stationery services, which produced legal documentation for the road transport industry was closed at the end of 2018 as everything was becoming digitised.

Along with his wife Celia, whom Graham has introduced to speed marshalling, Graham owns a house in Spain as well as an active olive grove which they both farm and where they produce their own extra virgin olive oil. This is where they spend a lot of their time when not marshalling.

BMMC Marshal Profile Secretary Charlotte Starkie



Charlotte came to marshalling rather late in life, when a friend encouraged her to attend a training at her local circuit, Castle Combe. That was in 2018 and since then she has attended a variety of events: races, track days, action days, and at a number of circuits.

Charlotte is mainly at her local track near Chippenham, or at Pembrey. She has chosen to specialise in start line and will have enough signatures to upgrade from a trainee next year. Despite being a trainee, she has been first marshal on scene on a number of incidents, dealing with 2 fires this year which saw her put her learning into practice, and just get on with it. She also attended the last race event at Rockingham and will be going over to Brands Hatch next year, as her son has conveniently moved to the area.

Away from the circuit she enjoys figure skating and can occasionally be seen practising her moves in a quiet moment. She works full time as a Town Clerk in local government in Somerset and so getting track side is a welcome relief to a commute and sitting at a desk for much of the working week. Those who know her know that she doesn't know much about cars, but it's about the people and how all the roles fit together to enjoy a day of racing.

Charlotte volunteered to be the secretary of the BMMC SW regional committee as this is something that she does in her day job. It's interesting to see the effort that goes on behind the scenes to bring you events, training, the newsletter, to manage upgrades and to represent your interests in the region and at the national committee.

Please get in touch if you have any suggestions. The committee list is in the newsletter and we are here to hear from you, to help you and to bring you a service that represents your needs.

**BMMC Marshal Profile
Committee Member
Leon Smigielski**



Leon began as a Novice Marshal in April 1989. Over the year he has slowly worked his way up the grading scheme. Annual or bi-annual training days are a requirement for grading, climbing the ladder from Trainee to Course, Flag, Fire and Experienced Marshal. He has been an Incident Officer for over 4 years. He also officiates at Hill Climbs, Stage Rallies and sprints.

His grade as an Incident Officer requires him to be competent, to take control of and manage all types of incidents, allocating the team of marshals to perform specific tasks, and oversee the handling of any incident and being able to lead from the front, take charge and control a highly skilled team, leaving the Post Chief to run the post: Ensuring incidents are dealt with in a calm, controlled and professional manner.

He is qualified in the use of firefighting techniques, able to give basic First Aid until arrival of the rescue units. At times he has been the senior marshal on post, taking over the role of Post Chief. In this position it makes him responsible for organizing the running of the post, and if no I/O is on post to delegate this duty to the senior marshal on post. The marshals on post must be able to respond to any incident either on circuit or in the spectator's area, communicating by radio, telephone or by hand signals so that in turn he can notify the Clerk of the Course, rescue units and medical units of any requirements.

Maintaining a positive and calm attitude under pressure, irrespective of the type of incident being attended too is essential. The biggest bonus, irrespective of position on post, is to have complete faith and trust in fellow marshals.

BMMC Marshal Profile
Social Media & Website Officer
Rob Hambly



Rob Hambly is the is the new social media and website Officer for BMMC South West and lives in Saltash, Cornwall.

He has been Marshalling just over 4 years. He got involved through having an interest in motorsport all his life and once he had the ability to get himself to and from circuits, he signed up for a taster day.

He is usually marshalling at Castle Combe but has visited circuits all over the country. Having followed the BTCC to every circuit in 2019 he is aiming to follow a different series next season in the hope of eventually visiting every circuit in the UK!

When he is not Marshalling he is either running his local Cub or Scout pack or working.

Caption Competition



Various Events after Marshals

750 MC Plum Pudding Sportial Trial - Sun 29 Dec 19

The 750 motor club is holding its Plum Pudding Sporting Trial on Sunday 29th December at Head Down, Buriton, near Petersfield, Hants. GU31 5SN and they are looking for marshals.

Contact is Martyn Halliday

E-mail: martyn_halliday@msn.com (note there is an underscore between his First and Last Name)

Tel: 01403 250967.

Manx Motor Racing Club - Apr 20

The Manx Motor Racing Club is holding its annual Classic Three Hillclimb event in April 2020.

Marshals that are interested in attending should contact the club direct, there is assistance in terms of ferry fares and accommodation for UK based marshals.

Chief Marshal is Paul Dewar and he can be contacted via:

E-mail: paul.dewar@manx.net.

Registration for the event will be released shortly.

Please check the club site for further information at: www.manxmotorracing.com.

Caravan For Sale

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Contact Ian (Harry) Harrison

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Regalia Items

Item	Cost (£)
Union Jack W/Website	2.00
BMMC Anorak Badge	2.00
BMMC Lapel Badge	2.00
BMMC Tie Pin	2.00

BMMC Stickers etc.

Exterior Stickers	2.00
Long Atmospheric Stickers	2.00

Heroes items

Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Woven Badge	2.00
Heroes Lapel Badge www	2.00
Heroes Stickers	2.00
Heroes Key-Rings	2.00
Proud Marshal Stickers	2.00

Clothing & Equipment

Woollen Ski Hats Black	4.50
Woollen Ski Hats Orange	4.50
Baseball Caps - Black	7.00
Baseball Caps - Orange	7.00

Sundry Zero Value Items

Grading Badges	1.00
Large Stickers 7"x7"	1.00

(Please note prices are as last advised).

I can be normally be found at Thruxton, Gurston Down, but also marshal at Castle Combe or Wiscombe Park.

If you need any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact me as per details advised within members of the committee.

Please also note that if you require new overalls these can be obtained at a discount, directly from AWS (tel 01233 638498); you will need to quote your BMMC membership number, and upon a signed delivery you will be entitled to a contribution to the delivery cost.

Ian Harrison
SW Regalia Officer
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