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The Chairman's Chat

Alex Hodgkinson, South West Chairman

SW Regional Committee Chairman's Chat – October 2020

I can't quite yet bring myself to say the 'C' word (as in Christmas!) but it is nearly upon us and this year is thankfully drawing to a close.

Firstly, thank you from me for making my initial few months as Chair as smooth as possible. Change is happening and hopefully you will be able to see that soon. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all of the marshals, across all disciplines that have been able to get out to events this year - you have enabled motorsport to return under incredibly difficult conditions so thank you for that.

Our AGM which will be held electronically is coming up and you are all invited to it. Please keep an eye on our socials and website for the details.

Our annual training day which is now *hopefully* going to be in 2021 is in the planning stages. It's impossible to know what state the country will be in come April next year but if we have the opportunity to conduct some training then we will do so. I have also planned some online refresher training for the winter which will be getting released hopefully in the next few weeks.

Keep safe over the winter, look after one another and if anyone needs someone's ear to bend or simply talk to over the winter, a time that can be quiet lonely for some, then all of us as a committee are available to engage with, talk and keep an eye out for one another so that we are all raring to go again come March 2021.

Thank you and Stay safe.

Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
SW Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

2020 AGM – BMMC South West Region

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Please note, this will be an online Zoom meeting. If you wish to attend please email sw.secretary@marshals.co.uk who will send you the Invite details. This will be an Open Forum meeting, in order to receive questions and comments from members. If a member wishes to send in a written question please send it to sw.secretary@marshals.co.uk

Agenda for the 2020 AGM

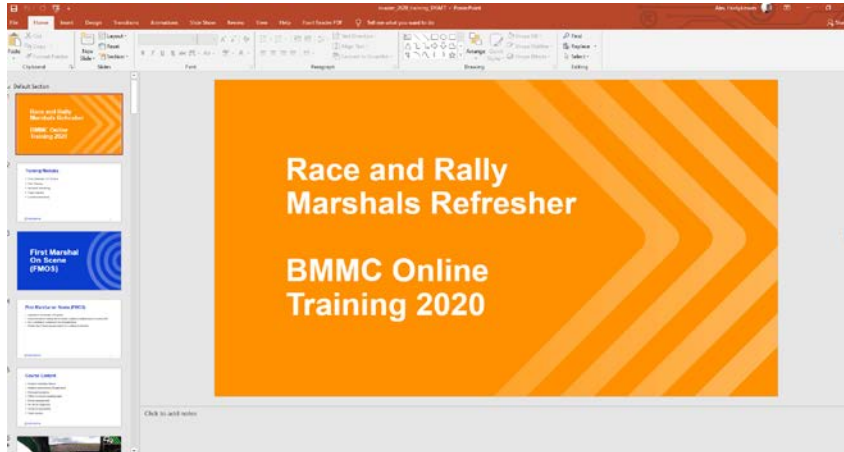
1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Proposal for acceptance of minutes of the last AGM held on 24 November 2019
4. Chairman's report (AH):
 - To confirm Aims and Objectives for 2021
 - To review the content of the newsletter
5. Secretary's report (CS)
6. Newsletter Officer's Report (KC)
7. Membership Secretary's report (GE)
8. Grading Officer's report (AC)
9. Recruitment Officer's report
10. Training Officer's report (AH)
 - To include proposed training date of 10th and 11th April 2021
11. Volunteer Officer's report (PW)
12. Regalia Officer's Report (IH)
13. Social Media Officer's report (RH)
14. Proposal for acceptance of the Officers reports
15. Election/Re-election of Officers: to fill any vacant posts and to seek re-election from committee members:
 - Volunteer Officer
16. Member propositions
17. Any Other Business
18. To agree dates for 2021, proposed as:
 - 18th February
 - 20th May
 - 5th August
 - 9th September
 - AGM: 20th November
19. Chairman's closing remarks

Charlotte
Charlotte Starkie
SW Committee Secretary
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

Marshals Online Refresher Training

A practical training day is planned for 2021, however there will be some online refresher training for marshals of all disciplines shown online over the winter. The format is still to be decided but it is likely that it will be in the form of an online presentation/webinar where marshals can watch relevant sections to their discipline.

The presentations are still in development and it is not possible for these presentations to count as a training signature in your PRC. However, it is vital that all our marshals are kept up to date with the latest rule changes and marshalling matters going into the 2021 season.



Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

Members Q&A

I would like to see if there is anyone from our readership who would be willing to conduct a five or ten minute interview about their marshalling career.

Regardless of discipline, grade or circuit, we would love to share your experiences with our readership.

Similarly, we are looking for people from specialisations such as Rescue, Recovery, Race/Rally Control or any other, often under-recognised disciplines.

The interview would be a handful of questions about why you became a marshal, most memorable experiences and an opportunity for you to impart your wisdom and knowledge on our readers.

If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with me at sw.chair@marshals.co.uk

Alex
Alex Hodgkinson
South West Chairman
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

South West Secretary's Update

We welcomed Alex Hodgkinson as the new Chair, at the Zoom meeting held on 24th September 2020 (Photo of us enjoying the meeting below). Alex was nominated as Chair after Wendi stepped down in the summer, and I was nominated as Secretary and Vice Chair at the same time.

The AGM is fast approaching and this year you can join us from the comfort of your home, as the meeting will be held on Zoom. Click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83294375369?pwd=WVpOS1FTS2dRMGhQd0JzWHZyQ0lCdz09>

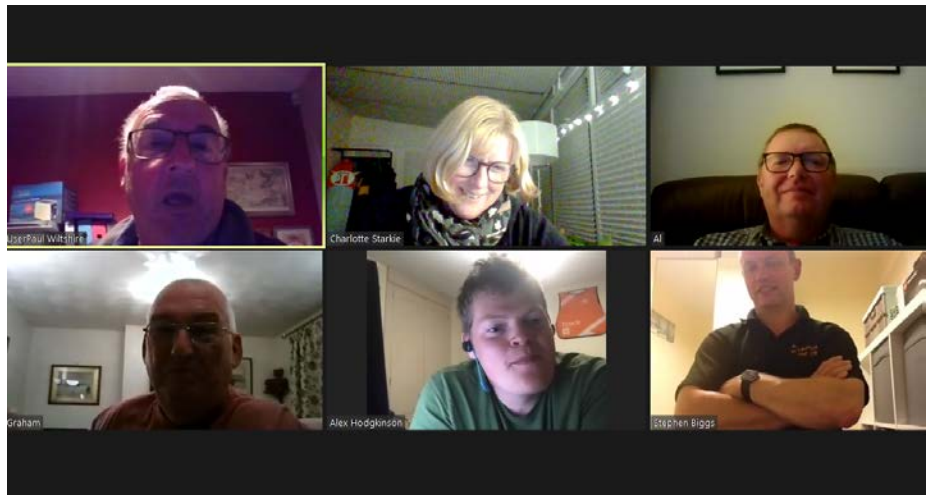
Meeting ID: 832 9437 5369, Passcode: 823871. If you want details on how to phone in, please get in touch by email or on 07402 898150.

The meeting will commence at 2pm on Sunday 22nd November 2020 and will start with an open forum where members can ask questions or raise any points they may have. If you can assist by emailing questions to me that will help enormously, otherwise we shall see you in the meeting. The meeting will discuss membership, recruitment, training days for 2021 and will ask how we can make better use of the newsletter that is sent out every other month to members. We want to hear from you and want you to help put some articles together for us, so please get your creative juices flowing. The agenda is currently being put together and you will be able to find it on Facebook. Otherwise it can be emailed or posted to you if you get in touch.

Don't forget to join/follow the BMMC South West Facebook and Instagram pages. If you have appropriate photos or videos that we can share with members please email them to Rob Hambly, our social media guru. There is also a SW page on the BMMC website <https://www.marshals.co.uk/southwest/committee/>

As the 2020 season draws to a close, I reflect on what could have been a disastrous and lonely year, but I would like to thank those who participated in marshalling, as it really is a hobby that brings people together. Despite a reduced calendar we continue to support motor racing, meet new people and experience new situations.

It's now time to dust off my broomstick as I prepare for a track day on Halloween!



Charlotte
Charlotte Starkie
SW Secretary
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

My First (and Second) F1 Experience

So, bit of background – I have been marshalling for 4 years now and pretty much stayed at Castle Combe until someone suggested Pembrey and have now done events at both tracks for the past year or so. When I passed my assessments and was no longer a trainee, I decided I would apply for the F1 as I expected it to be a different experience.

My application went in and I was accepted (yeah!) and then Covid. Motorsport UK wrote to us all but basically initially had no information to give us – then came the email asking us to confirm if two events went ahead would we be willing to marshal given the risks of Covid. Then another email asking if people would take on the role of flagging as they were short in this area. I put my name forward, said I could do both events but would need to camp as I was outside the 1 hour commute.

Much to my surprise I got picked..... to flag!

Luckily a friend of mine was also picked so we travelled up 'in convoy' with neither of us really knowing what to expect, but armed with our access codes on our app and our temporary wrist bands and car pass stickers.

The site reminded me of a track test day – with very few people there – sign posting was good and we got to our P2 campsite (I am glad I didn't have to have the regular Covid test as those classified as P1 had too).

First day on Friday and the morning brief was similar to a race day at Combe or Pembry, PC, IO, 3 incidents, 2 flags (and the addition of a JCB driver and doctor). All the marshals who had been before talked to about how short of incident marshals we were, but everyone accepted that this was the way it had to be.

There were rules that had to be followed, as I was flagging it was necessary to wear a mask all day as the flag post did not allow for the 2m social distancing, which wasn't great in the heat – but had to be done.



On both weekends the temperatures soared and with no ability to get any refreshments, apart from drinking water at the taps outside the toilet blocks, the circuit provided a breakfast roll (which was always hot!), a packed lunch and an evening meal. They also provided additional water drop offs of cold water which was very welcome and on the second weekend the added bonus of ice cream.

But my abiding memory will be the other marshals, although I was a rookie, it felt like everyone was learning something new due to the situation and as usual the PC's and IO's explained the differences between this and a 'normal' meeting. All the marshals that I meet were grateful to be there in this unique time and helpful and friendly (although some of them got up VERY early!) and I made a couple of special friends as I was introduced to Jack Daniels Fire and Bacardi Spice! 😊



Will I go back – absolutely, I want to see the event with the public in attendance – but I am sure that the camaraderie and laughs that all the marshals have will be the same and that’s a massive reason for me applying again.

Helen
Helen Magee

COVID-19 Marshalling Experience

Welcome All,

We're coming to the end of the 2020 motorsport year. From my point of view the committee always ask us "committee members" to contribute to the monthly magazine, so here is my effort.

My original plan was to marshal at Gurston Down, Prescott, Thruxton, Castle Combe, Wiscombe Park, Manor Farm and Watergate Bay. As we all know it all went against us thanks to the coronavirus. So, with all this in mind, and thanks to the MSUK and Government rulings this all went "tits up", please forgive the phrase. My original plan was to marshal at Gurston Down, Prescott, Thruxton, Castle Combe, Wiscombe Park, Manor Farm (Charmouth) and Watergate Bay, and take my caravan.

So, allowing for the MSUK and Government rules, I ended up with a different motorsport marshalling season, starting at Castle Combe on the 7th July, and following the MSUK guidance rules of strict COVID-19 restrictions. As is always typical and after weeks of sunny weather, Combe on 4th July was wet, but at least we had a good day of motor racing, and we were all learning how to cope with the requirements of COVID-19. Survived that one! The thing about that meeting was all the help we had from the team at Castle Combe, and I have to thank Steve Weston and Richard Beard for their "Pod Casts" help and advice, prior to the commencement of the meeting. This was all very helpful in giving me confidence in starting to marshal in 2020.

Having completed this meeting, I gained considerable confidence to attend other motorsport events, and therefore ended up attending other events at Thruxton (CSCC, BRSCC and BTCC) at which I could camp overnight, and Wiscombe Park for 3 weekends in September.

Forgive me, and I may be telling you, our membership to "suck eggs" but I always tell **post members not to touch any equipment without wearing gloves, or protective equipment!**

I may well have got some of the above incorrect, but at least I have been able to do some marshalling under COVID-19 rules, which proves the MSUK protocols work, and I have further meetings planned for the rest of 2020.

Best Regards

Ian
Ian Harrison
SW Regalia Officer
British Motorsport Marshal's Club

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 Lille. Members will also be able to get a full 100% refund on off the peg probans under the current subsidy. Details of which can be found at: <https://www.marshals.co.uk/blog/bmmc-proban-overalls-new-supplier/>

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