



# Marshals Post



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## **Forthcoming events**

Saturday 15 April: Bognor Regis Motor Club (sprint)

Monday 17 April: Goodwood Road Racing Club (sprint)

Saturday 22 April: Brighton and Hove Motor Club Bailey Sprint (sprint)

Saturday 20 May: Metcalf Bentley Sprint (sprint)

Friday 30 June – Sunday 2 July: Goodwood Festival of Speed (sprint)

**It is becoming increasingly important for the organising club to confirm with the MSA that there will be sufficient marshal cover for its event. All marshals are therefore asked to confirm in advance if they will be attending the above events. Please contact Chief Marshal Keith Allfrey ([chief@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk](mailto:chief@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk))**

**Visit the club website on regular occasions for updates and new events as they are confirmed for 2017, along with other marshalling opportunities.**

## **Special offer for club members**

The London Motor Show takes place at Battersea Park between 4-7 May. Goodwood Marshals Club has been offered a special 10% discount on tickets. A special food and beverage area for club members will also be on hand as a good meeting point, with the added benefit of reduced rates on catering. To use this exclusive special rate, members just need to add the promo code GOODWOOD when buying tickets online from [www.thelondonmotorshow.co.uk](http://www.thelondonmotorshow.co.uk).

## **From the Editor's Chair**

Welcome to the first edition of the Goodwood Marshals Club magazine for 2017.

With the winter months now behind us, it was great to get back out to the track and start the season with the visit of the South Downs Rally in February, followed the next month by the Members Meeting. Both events kept our marshals busy and provided an opportunity to dust off the cobwebs before the diary starting filling up in the coming months!

One group of marshals who didn't have much downtime during the close season was our cadets, who spent their days putting the finishing touches on their entries to the annual competition organised in conjunction with our supporters Aston Martin. This is just one way we are building our offer to cadet marshals and nurturing the next generation of volunteers in the sport. You can read more about this, and the winning entry, later in the magazine.

As well as the work the club is doing to recruit and train young marshals, others are never too old to learn something new and it is important to keep up to date with regulation changes. Those at the annual training session before Christmas will have heard details of the new Code 60 flag that may be used at circuits around the UK this year. The club's training officer Sam Waters tells us more about it in this edition.

Finally from the Editor's Chair, a reminder that the Goodwood Marshals Club is your club, and this is your magazine. If you have any suggestions for future articles, please get in touch via the website. Contributed pictures are also welcomed.

*The Editor*

## **A New Year and a New Beginning**

By John Dorkins (Chairman) and Ian Houghton (Vice Chairman)



As some of you may have heard, there have been a number of changes within the Goodwood team.

Ian Stevens has moved onto pastures new and Gabriel Ludlow has taken on the role of Motor Circuit Operations Manager. His team is made up of Tony Cotton (Senior Track Steward) and Judi Derisley, Kirk Elleker and Sam Fairweather (Track Stewards).

Those of you who have been to the circuit recently may have noticed changes already. Gabriel and his new team are extremely keen to drive the circuit forward, making changes and improvements to customer service and the general running of the track.



We FULLY support Gabriel (pictured) in his new approach and have been involved in a series of meetings with Gabriel and Jon Barnett (Circuit Manager) about the future of Goodwood and how we, the Goodwood Marshals Club, can support the circuit far more robustly and positively going forward.

We are all agreed that 'barriers' need to be broken down - and it's true to say that this has already begun with us working very closely together as one team.

It's important that all Club members build on our increasingly positive relationship and we would now actively encourage you all to interact far more closely and openly with the circuit team and with the 'white' marshals present at Sprints and other events.

In the unlikely event that you should have any concerns or issues about any Goodwood staff or Goodwood's approach to anything, we ask that you take these concerns to either Gabriel - who runs an 'open door policy' - or to myself or Ian Houghton.

It's vital that we all now move forward, see this as a new start and support Goodwood even more, welcoming the physical and cultural changes and reflect these within our Club.

We hope you'll agree this is an exciting time for the circuit and the Club.

## **“Control to all posts - code 60” – what does this mean?**

When you arrive on post at circuits across the UK this season, marshals may find an additional flag in their collection thanks to a rule change from the MSA.

The Code 60 flag is now available to be used at race meetings to neutralise a race as an alternative to a safety car, providing all flag points are in communication with race control.

A sophisticated version of the system is already in use in Formula One, known as the Virtual Safety Car (VSC). At club level though, the onus will be on individual drivers and their teams to react promptly when the



Code 60 call is made by the Clerk of the Course and adjust their speed accordingly. Compliance levels are expected to be high due to a one minute time penalty being handed out to any drivers found to be ignoring the flags or any in-car indications.

Those of you with a keen interest in international motorsport may have seen it in use in other countries, particularly in endurance racing. Many drivers and marshals who use online discussion forums have welcomed its introduction in the UK, seeing the advantages to marshal safety as well as shortening the time before racing can resume again after an incident.

Sam Waters, Training Officer for the Goodwood Marshals Club, said: “The introduction of this flag was covered at the annual training session held by the club in December, so many members will already be aware of this.

“It is important that flag marshals are aware of its introduction so they are not surprised if they find it on post. Whether it is being used or not will be clarified at the post chief’s briefing at the beginning of the day, so flag marshals must remember to ask at your post briefing.”

### What does the rule book say?

*15.1.1.(e) The Code 60 flag will be brought into operation to neutralise a race at the sole decision of the Clerk of the Course provided that all flag points are in communication with race control.*

*When the order is given to deploy the Code 60 flag it will be displayed at the start/finish line and simultaneously at all other posts.*

*All competing cars, when notified of the Code 60 intervention (by the flag signal, or by any other means) will release the throttle, reduce their speed to 60kmh and should remain behind the car in front.*

*Overtaking is strictly forbidden until the green flag is displayed. Any infringements may be penalised by a time penalty of 1 minute, or more.*

*While the Code 60 is in operation, competing cars may enter the pit lane, but may only rejoin the track when signalled to do so.*

*When the Code 60 flag is withdrawn it will be replaced with a waved green flag for one lap. The waved green flag will be shown simultaneously at all posts.*

*Each lap covered while the Code 60 flag is in operation will be counted as a race lap unless specified to the contrary in Championship regulations.*

## **Cadet competition winners visit Aston Martin**

An exclusive partnership has been formed between the Goodwood Marshals Club and a luxury British sports car manufacturer to support youngsters getting into motorsport.

Aston Martin has agreed to team up with us to recruit and support cadet marshals, giving them the best possible introduction to the sport and maintaining their interest until they join the adult ranks.

As part of the agreement, Aston Martin has agreed to provide both a financial contribution to the club and a support package that will see cadets provided with Proban overalls from AWS Racewear and an annual competition which sees the winners receive a VIP factory tour of Aston Martin HQ in Gayden, Warwickshire.



Ellie Pain and Simon Sproule

The first competition invited entrants to write a report on a motorsport event of their choice. The winner, Ellie Pain, provided her account of last year's Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix, doing so in such a way that both captured the excitement of the event and her passion for the sport.

Together with runners-up Jamie Morgan and Jason Moses, Ellie was treated to a factory tour earlier this year. She was presented with her cash prize and goody bag and treated to lunch by Simon Sproule, Vice President of Aston Martin.



Our three prize-winning cadets enjoying the Aston Martin factory tour

John Dorkins, Club Chairman, said: “We see this deal with Aston Martin as the start of a long term partnership. We share a common desire to support the future of our sport and I am excited by the potential opportunities this arrangement can offer to both the club and Aston Martin.”

Read Ellie’s winning article at

<http://goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk/aston-martin-cadet-award-visit/>



## **Beyond the circuit – news from our social media channels**

Have you visited the Goodwood Marshals Club Facebook page recently? If not, you have missed.....

Club members have paid tribute to the great John Surtees CBE who passed away recently. Former magazine editor Stephen Mosley has republishing an article from when he met this racing legend:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1466773423355458>

And a photo is shared from when Surtees met members of the rescue unit:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1467244523308348:0>

Meanwhile, at the Members' Meeting, one driver says a special thank you to marshals:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1456559811043486>

And a reminder that everyone should have received their #ThanksMarshal box of goodies from the MSA:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1437276512971816:0>

Please promote our club to other motor sport fans by liking our Facebook page, sharing our posts and commenting on our topics.

We are also on Twitter. Our handle is @GoodwoodMar5hal. The club recently passed the milestone of 500 followers, and it is a great way to receive quick and timely updates. If you are on Twitter, please help us to increase the number of followers and share our content.

## **Your club officials**

If club members have any ideas, comments, questions or complaints, please put them in writing, with your name, to any member of the committee and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairman	John Dorkins
Vice Chairman	Ian Houghton
Social/Fund Raising Secretary	Alex Gibbs
Chief Marshals	Keith Allfrey / Meredith Hutchins
Webmaster/Deputy Chief Marshal	Alex Gibbs
Track Day Secretary	Gabriel Ludlow
Club Regalia Secretary	John Elleker
Training & PR Secretary	Sam Waters
Membership Secretary	Keith Allfrey
Rescue Crew Chief	Richard March
Company Secretary	Chris Mason
Radio/Comms	Trevor Thomas
Club Director	Brian White
Club Director	Ian Houghton

Committee members can be contacted through the 'contact us' page of the club website [www.goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk](http://www.goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk)

## **Annual General Meeting 2017**

The Annual General Meeting of the Goodwood Marshals Club Limited will take place at 19.45 hrs on Thursday 4 May 2017, at the Spur, London Road, Slindon Common, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0NE. A complimentary buffet will be available for those members attending the AGM.

Please check your email for the agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and full details of how to nominate yourself or others to the committee.

## **Club Regalia**

Goodwood Marshals Club offers its members a wide range of clothing, insignia and accessories for sale:

Cap-- Black/Navy-- with adjust strap- £11.00

Beanie Hat--Black/Navy--one size fits all -£11.00

Sports Holdall Bag--Black/Navy-- £20.00

Gidan T-Shirt--Black/Navy/Grey-multiple sizes--£11.00

Polo Shirt (200gsm) - Black/Navy/Grey- multiple sizes--£13.00

Sweat Shirt (270gsm) - Black/Navy/Grey-multiple sizes--£15.00

Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt --White/Black/Navy--multiple sizes--£21.00

Fleece--Black/Navy--multiple sizes--£21.00

Reversible Storm proof Jacket--Black & Grey/ Navy--£34.00

Round Cloth Badge / Club Logo--Black & White--£3.00

Hi Vis Orange Waist Coat Tabard, with Black G.M.C. Logo Heat bonded on the back. Multiple Sizes--£10.00

All items come with the club logo. Please check that that you have given your correct size before ordering!

For further details and for sizes and ordering information, please contact John Elleker, Club Regalia Officer, on 07737 455706 (If there is no answer please leave a message)

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