



# Marshals Post



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## **Forthcoming events**

Always check the club website and emails from the Chief Marshal to confirm the latest events:

Thursday 12-Sunday 15 July 2018 – Festival of Speed (Sprint)

Saturday 4 August 2018 – Brighton and Hove MC (Sprint)

Saturday 18 August 2018 – VSCC (Sprint)

Friday 7-Sunday 9 September 2018 – Goodwood Revival (Race)

Saturday 6 October 2018 – Tunbridge Wells MC (Sprint)

Saturday 10 November 2018 – AC Owners Club (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 Cath Holmstrom via email [chiefmarshal@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk](mailto:chiefmarshal@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk).**

**Marshals should also notify the Chief Marshal if they have indicated they will be attending, but are no longer able to do so.**

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

## From the Editor's Chair

Welcome to the spring edition of Marshals Post, your magazine that seeks to keep members informed about club matters and marshalling news.

We all know when we sign up as marshals that every day is not going to be the picture postcard of motorsport – sun shining, warm temperatures, exciting racing and no heavy work to do – but it is fair to say that the start of the 2018 season has tested the dedication of even the hardest of marshals!

From the bitterly cold of February, through the arctic March and into the balmy April, you turned out in force at events because of your passion for the sport and a dedication to marshalling that is appreciated by drivers, clubs and other organising officials alike. Like a good boy scout, I made sure I was prepared for every eventuality. I could only imagine the smug look on my mother's face if she knew she was proved right for instilling a 'just in case' packing mentality into me!

But on my own travels, I was reminded that our privileged front row seats comes with a degree of risk. I will never forget the chill I felt and the silence on my post after hearing the words 'marshal down' over the radio following an incident. Fortunately, the marshal was ok in the end, albeit a little shaken from the experience of having a car flip over the barrier and into the catch fencing designed to protect marshals.

All of these experiences serve as lessons for the future, anecdotes to be used to support new marshals as they enter the sport and build up a full understanding of what it is about. I look forward to hearing more throughout the season that underline why we volunteer in the sport.

*The Editor*

## Spring has sprung – or has it?!

The start of the motorsport calendar is always eagerly anticipated by Goodwood marshals, a chance to dust off the winter cobwebs and enjoy some chilly but spring sunshine at the early season events.

Mother nature clearly had different ideas for 2018, and the opening events of the year provided a perfect test to see who packed their kit box with the right equipment!

Given the February date, there is always a strong chance that the Phil Collings Memorial South Downs Rally will require full winter kit. Freezing temperatures mixed with occasional rain tested the resolve of those marshals who attended what is the only rally of the year to be held at the circuit, but they were rewarded with a strong and varied field of entries and a close three-way battle between the Ferrari 308 Michelotto Group B of Lee Jones/Daniel Boshier, the Escort of Ian and Oliver Hucklebridge and the DTR of Dean Thomas/Mark Burt, the Ferrari coming out victorious in the final stage.



It was however the Revival Meeting that stole the show for dramatic weather stories. With the south of England only having recovered from the 'Beast from the East', its little sister came along to have its say over the weekend. It may not have disrupted the racing programme, but conditions for the marshals on post were so severe that some were taken to hospital at the end of the weekend for precautionary checks for hyperthermia. Others were forced to stay an extra night on Sunday as they were snowed into the campsite, while numbers on post on the second day were reduced due to the simple fact of marshals travelling from outside the immediate area were unable to reach the circuit.



Picture by Robert Clayson

There was widespread recognition in the motorsport community for the efforts made by the marshals to turn up and do a professional job in challenging conditions, evidenced by the number of social media posts from high profile drivers. Particularly welcomed by the marshals was the hot soup delivery!

Both events serve as a reminder to all marshals to make sure they are adequately prepared for the weather conditions of the day, in terms of clothing and hot drinks. While the Revival weekend was at the extreme end of cold weather, we must never forget one of the basic rules of marshalling – we look after ourselves first and foremost.



Picture by Erik van der Schaaf

## Recognising the future of marshalling

By Ian Houghton

At this year's first Breakfast Club event at the motor circuit, we were delighted to announce the cadet award winners for 2017. As the ages were so diverse, we decided to have two winners, one for the older age group and one for the younger.

Drawing on our great working relationship with Aston Martin, we approached Aston Martin Chichester to see if they would kindly present the awards. James Parrett, Sales Manager, was extremely keen to help and suggested the Breakfast Club as the back drop and offered to bring along two Aston Martins, something which went down superbly with our cadets and the Breakfast Club visitors.

On the day, James was kind enough to surprise us with additional goodie bags for the cadets as well as receiving beautiful engraved glass monolith awards.



Jason Moses was the winner in the 15-18 years old category, the runner-up was Ellie Pain. In the 12-15 years old category, the winner was Katie Pain.

Our congratulations to all!

If you're a cadet and aren't involved in this year's awards yet, please contact John Dorkins via email at [chairman@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk](mailto:chairman@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk).

### **Winners announced in anniversary badge competition**

Members will recall the competition run at the end of last year to design a limited edition club badge to mark our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We were honoured to have the Duke of Richmond as head judge for the competition, who reviewed the entries shortlisted by club committee members.

Alex Gibbs produced the winning design in the adult category, while the winning design in the cadet category was produced by Katie Pain.

Of the two winning entries, the Duke of Richmond selected the design of Alex Gibbs as the overall winner.

Alex's design will now be produced as cloth badges for overalls and pin badges. The date of when these will go on sale to club members, together with the first look at the badge design, will be announced soon.

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

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

The club echoed the sentiments of the McLaren Formula One team in remembering their team founder, who lost his life in a testing accident at Goodwood in 1970:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1921998594499603>

There have been plenty of photos taken at this season's opening events, including these at the Bognor Regis Motor Club sprint event from our club secretary Jo Saunders:

<https://www.facebook.com/goodwoodmarshalsclub/posts/1884261258273337>

And more information from the MSA about what to do if you have been selected at random to have your Personal Record Card to be checked:

<https://twitter.com/MSAUK/status/1004725371328172032>

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. 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 committee and chosen charities for 2018**

We were delighted to welcome more than 40 club members for the Annual General Meeting at the end of April, a positive sign of the level of interest shown by members in the running of their club.

The audience heard from club directors Ian Houghton and Brian White about the successes of the previous year, which including December's track day which raised a record amount for last year's chosen charities. Club chairman John Dorkins gave thanks to all volunteers who help to run the club, recognising the hard work put in away from the circuit and between events.

Stepping down from the committee this year with our grateful thanks was Kate Dorkins (Hon Secretary) and Meredith Hutchins (Chief Marshal). Shortly after the meeting John Elleker also stood down from the Committee after an amazing 20 years in a number of different positions.

In their place, the club welcomes Jo Saunders as Honorary Secretary, Cath Holmstrom as Chief Marshal and Mark Bowen as Regalia Officer, supported by other members of the committee. Details of the full committee can be found on the next page.

Nominations were received on the night for the chosen charities for 2018. After a selection was put forward by club members, a vote was held and the successful charities were Cancerwise and Acts of Kindness. A third charity is to be added shortly to support one of the Duchess of Richmond's chosen charities.

If you are interested in the work of the committee or wish to support the volunteers in their work, please get in touch – we will be delighted to hear from you.

## **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
Treasurer	Kirk Elleker
Hon Secretary	Jo Saunders
Chief Marshal	Cath Holmstrom
Webmaster	Alex Gibbs
Track Day Secretary	Gabriel Ludlow
Club Regalia Secretary	Mark Bowen
Training & PR Secretary	Sam Waters
Membership Secretary	Keith Allfrey
Assistant Membership Secretary	Rob Foote
Rescue Crew Chief	Richard March
Magazine Editor	Richard Andrews
Social/Fundraising Secretary	Clive Shingleton/Richard Green
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)

## Club regalia

Goodwood Marshals Club is delighted to launch its new Regalia lines. From now on, Regalia is available to two ways:

1. The below items will be available to purchase at each of our Goodwood based events at the following prices:

Cap-- Black-- with adjustable strap - £8.50

Beanie Hat--Black/Orange--one size fits all - £6.50

Snood - Black - £7.50

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

Umbrella - £17.50

AWS Leather Gloves - £6.00

2. Additionally, we have now agreed a deal with 'Wear Your Logo'. They provide a massive range of clothing, from T-shirts to hi-vis items, which can now be ordered in any colour with the Club Logo and, if required, your name. This provides you with superb and varied options at great prices. Order via their website at [www.wearyourlogo.co.uk](http://www.wearyourlogo.co.uk). They will produce the item and send it directly to you.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADD YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, otherwise you will not be allowed to order.

We look forward to seeing some of your creative designs.

In the unlikely event you have any issues please contact:

[clubregaliasecretary@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk](mailto:clubregaliasecretary@goodwoodmarshalsclub.org.uk)