

34th Bristol Classic Car Show 20th - 21st April

MGOC Members can receive a discount on tickets by using offer code: **MGOC**

The Footman James 34th Bristol Classic Car Show is the longest running classic car show in the UK which takes place on Saturday April 20th and Sunday April 21st 2013. The show will again coincide with 'Drive it Day' on the Sunday and the organisers are already working with several car clubs to arrange runs to meet and park up at the event. There will also be an auction run at the show by Charterhouse of Sherborne featuring Classic cars, bikes automobilia and memorabilia.

An autotest is planned at the show for the first time and full details of this will appear on the web site in due course.

Further details will be found on www.bccsl.co.uk

Belgian MGOC in AutoWorld

Last year in Belgium AutoWorld celebrated 50 years of the MGB from August through to September 2012. Those MG clubs that are affiliated to the FBVA represented the history of the MGB at Autoworld. Where a selection of very fine MGs were on display, starting with two superbly restored MK1 MGBs. There was a very fine yellow BGT V8, with a fabric sunroof, and another GT, an LE was there to represent the final production models alongside a competition prepared BGT. Described as the



MGBs at Autoworld photo by Michele Douffet

icing on the birthday cake, were two stunning Jacques Coune Coupés, one in beautiful restored condition. These rare special bodied MGBs were built in Brussels, they aroused a lot of interest as few people have seen them before. MGB production ran to 500,000 and the model has won many friends all over the world.

Michael M. Penning the President of the Belgian MG Owners' Club says that BMGOC are "a pretty dynamic bunch of MG enthusiasts and our Club, which is national, organises some 15 events and groups annually over 100 members from both the French, and Dutch-speaking regions. An insight to our agenda can be gleaned from our web-site, where the details of the Committee Members also feature. Our periodical - called *Overdrive* is published four times a year. We are officially registered as a non-profit organisation and, since the onset of my Presidency in 2006, have restructured the Club and moved the Secretariat from Gent to Brussels."

The Belgian MG Owners' Club website is www.bmgoc.be email: info@BMGOC.be

Yorkshire Pudding Run 2013 **SOLD OUT**

Only 4 weeks from being announced and advertised in *Enjoying MG* the Yorkshire Pudding Run was sold out even though the entry list had been extended to 95 cars. Which just shows how popular this event has become and the support it generates from all over the country. For some entrants it will be their fourth time. The City of Leeds MGOC are sorry if you have missed out but there is always 2014 should you wish to secure a place.

Llandudno MGOC - Correction

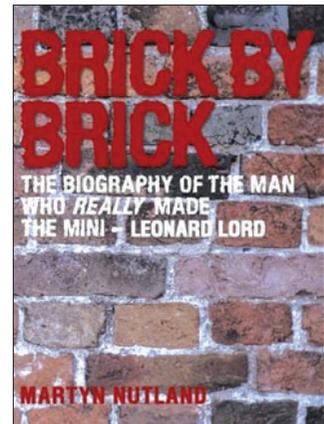
The date for the Snowdon Run was incorrect in the March edition, please note that it is to take place on the 18th AUGUST.

The Snowdon Run finishes at Betws Y Coed on the Green. For

more information contact Mike Baines 01492 513047 or John Smith 079196 71018 or email mg@tanyrunto.plus.com

Cruel To Be Kind

Villain rather than hero, is the mantle usually placed on Len Lord's shoulders by MG aficionados. Just one of the misconceptions that motoring writer, Martyn Nutland, seeks to correct in the first biography of the saviour of Morris Motors and founding father of the British Motor Corporation. Nutland contends that without Leonard Lord MG would not have survived the 1930s. Just as he argues: no Lord, no Mini; no Lord no iconic Austin Healey sports car, and the absence of a plethora of other motoring phenomena. Maybe no British motor industry after the late 1940s.



Martyn Nutland's biography of Leonard Lord - *Brick by Brick*

Naturally, Nutland's deceptively titled book, *Brick by Brick*. The Biography of the Man Who Really made the Mini, Leonard Lord, is of prime interest to us for its MG material and there's plenty there; in content if not volume.

The relationship with Kimber is sensitively handled. Probably not 'best buddies', but men who had much in common; and, in some unexpected quarters.

The author is ruthless, and correctly so, in his assessment of MG's catastrophic financial performance in the mid 1930s. If Leonard Lord had not intervened: 'that bloody lot can go for a start', apropos the racing department, and 'Morrisized' MG, many of the wonderful cars we cherish today would never have happened. Read and discover.

Of course, there's much more to the book than MG. For those with broader interests, Leonard Lord gave us the Morris Eight, the original Mini; plus dozens of BMC vehicles, even down to workhorses like the 'black cab'.

There is even a case to be argued that he gave the world the chocolate Wagon Wheel!

In the aircraft field, Lord was involved with machines that ranged from the Fairey Battle then Hurricane, of Battle of Britain glory, to the Lancaster bomber of 'Dam Busters' fame.

This, for the first time, is the true story of Leonard Lord. A unique social and political history, brim full of intrigue in high places, the machinations of captains of industry, wartime action, industrial violence, avant-garde and glamorous cars and a tantalizing dose of sexual misdemeanour.

Available as a soft back and e-book (ISBN 978 1 4772 0318 7 and -0317 0 respectively) you can read five full 'taster' chapters on Martyn's website martynlnutland.com And buy it from Amazon, Barnes & Noble or (in Australia) Bookworld.

Boadicea Run 19th May 2013

Iceni MG Owners' Club 14th Boadicea Run takes place on Sunday 19th May, Starting at Rougham Airfield Control Tower. Entry is £20 including a bacon roll and hot drink at the start. For an entry form please email boadicearun@gmail.com or send SAE to 12 Meadow Way, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7LZ.

Heritage Motor Centre "Morris the Man"

The Heritage Motor Centre is to host a new exhibition entitled "Morris the Man" which will run from the 23 March - 1 September and celebrate the centenary of William Morris' car making empire. This exciting new exhibition will look at his early life, his first forays as a motor manufacturer and his personal contributions to industry, together with his great philanthropy that helped to give many a step up in life.

William Morris began his working life mending and building bicycles in his mother's kitchen but it wasn't long before he caught the motor car bug. Seeing the market for his own design of car,