

# REGISTER UPDATES



## MGB

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I'll begin with a reminder about upcoming events that are being supported by the MGB Register: Firstly there is the Abingdon Works Centre Summer Day Out on 22 July to Mapledurham House, which is a beautiful Elizabethan house and a working mill situated by the River Thames. It is still the home of the descendants of the original family, the Eystons who were connected to MG through the record breaker George Eyston. There will be road runs starting from Abingdon, Aylesbury and Alton. Please contact Richard and Gill Martin on 01235 529331 if you would like to come along. Secondly there is the Midget Register September Road Run on 2 September (please note the date is the 2 and not the 22 as quoted in my previous notes) that starts at Toddington Station near Stow and is a scenic drive to Coughton Court near Alcester. Please contact Dennis Wharf on 01296 714232 for further details.

For all of you who came along to Silverstone I hope you came and made your presence felt at the MGB stand and met some of the committee members. I am sure there will be full reports on the weekend elsewhere in *Safety Fast!*.

I've heard good reports that the European Event of the Year in Germany was a great success and was bathed in glorious sunshine. The photograph below shows a Dutch MGB fitted with an extremely rare Ashley Hardtop at the event.

On a final note, this is a lesson for all of you MGB owners that have pack away hoods! We had spent a lovely day at the Classic Car Action Day at Castle Combe Race Track a couple of weeks ago. Having checked the weather forecast it was 'wall to wall' sunshine, so for only the second time in ten years we decided that we wouldn't need to take the hood with us. Driving home in my shorts, headscarf and sunglasses we hit a torrential downpour. With rain pouring down on both sides of the windscreen and my sunglasses and mascara running into my eyes, I pulled over as I could not see a thing. We discovered a golf umbrella, which is always in the boot 'just in case' and when placed at a certain angle covers the entire cockpit of the car. So there we stayed for more than half an hour, while rain pelted on the umbrella, we occasionally lifted the tonneau to disperse the pond that kept forming behind us. It did not go unnoticed that, as I pulled over, three modern convertible cars also pulled into the lane where we were parked. They put up their hoods at the touch of a button and I am sure I saw them driving off with smug looks on their faces! So the moral of this story is always find room for your hood no matter how sunny it is when you leave home!