



# MG Car Club

Centre/Register/Branch/Natter Bulletin

May 2012



**T**HE RECENT weather has hardly been conducive for pleasurable motoring, but in spite of unrelenting rain it was great to see many members throughout the month of April. Sincere apologies this C/R/B Bulletin is later than anticipated, the schedule here in Abingdon has been demanding for all the staff.

Nevertheless, April proved to be an excellent four-week spell for the Club and good results were achieved in lots of different areas. The month started in fine style with our first race meeting of the 2012 season at Donington Park.

Strong grids, excellent on-track action and favourable feedback from racers mean the Motorsport team deserve great praise for their sterling work in their planning and implementation of the weekend. Our Brands Hatch weekend has now taken place also and I'll talk a little more about that in the next C/R/B bulletin, but despite some challenging conditions the weekend was once again deemed successful.

On the manufacturer front, MG Motor UK also enjoyed a successful April as Oxford's Jason Plato campaigned the MG6 GT Touring Car with vigour in the opening three rounds of the BTCC. I hope you've been enjoying our comprehensive coverage of the MG KX Momentum race team in Safetyfast!

At the Beijing autoshow, MG also presented the "ICON" Concept Car. Love it or hate it, no one can deny the "ICON" got people talking and it remains to be seen whether this car actually reaches production.

The first MGB50 event of the 50th celebration year took place last month. A truly terrific turnout of near 500 cars participated in the road-run which concluded at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon. Of course, this is just the beginning of the the B50 celebration and there is much more to come from the hard-working organising committee.

If you haven't yet purchased your tickets for Blenheim palace on Sunday September 23rd I would urge you to do so soon, not surprisingly they are selling briskly. [www.mgb50.com](http://www.mgb50.com) is the official event website.

April also saw the inaugural weekend event of the rapidly expanding MG6 Register. On the Saturday a good turnout of members enjoyed a talk from SAIC Motor's Andy Kitson at Longbridge, a tour of Kimber House and an evening meal. On Sunday, the Register braved the awful conditions at Thruxton to cheers on the MG KX Momentum racing team in the BTCC. I would like to personally thank Martin Williamson, secretary of the 6Register for his work in pulling things together and the Club's President John Day who attended the Register's Saturday night meal. The Club has laid great foundations with the register and we're confident things will burgeon from here.

I'd like to offer congratulations to the Club's South West Centre for a wonderful looking stand at the Bristol Classic Car Show last month. Whilst I didn't attend the event, the pictures I've seen are excellent and the Centre really did do the Club proud.

MGLive! is approaching extremely quickly indeed and pre-book sales have really stepped up in the last few days. Such has been the demand for some elements of the event that tickets have already sold out, so if there's an activity you'd like to take part in please don't leave it too long.

After the success of 2011, we are keen for many members to enjoy the Saturday Evening dinner which once again takes place in Silverstone's Jimmy Brown Suite. I'm delighted to say that Paddy Hopkirk has agreed to be our guest speaker on the night and I know he'll provide the assembled audience with plenty of entertainment.

Visitor numbers at Kimber House are beginning to increase and we've extended warm welcomes to enthusiasts from all parts of the world in recent weeks. If you're planning to visit Kimber House in the near future please do call ahead to let us know that you're coming. The team in Abingdon are very proud of the experience we offer and we continue to encourage enthusiasts to visit Kimber House.

## Kimber House Contacts Direct Dials

Julian White - General Manager  
[julianwhite@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:julianwhite@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849732

Andy Knott - Safety Fast!  
[andyknott@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:andyknott@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849730

Chris Seaward - PR & Communications  
[chris@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:chris@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849731

John Inness Exhibitions/Merchandise  
[johninness@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:johninness@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849737

Colin Grant - Customer Service  
[colingrant@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:colingrant@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849735

Kim O'Shea - Finance Officer  
[kim@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:kim@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849736

Liz Allsworth - Membership Secretary  
[lizallsworth@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:lizallsworth@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849734

Steve Carr - Competitions Secretary  
[stevecarr@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:stevecarr@mgcc.co.uk) 07779156801

Peter Neal - Archivist  
[peterneal@mgcc.co.uk](mailto:peterneal@mgcc.co.uk) 01235 849739

As always, there are lots of exciting things happening at the Club as the whole team work hard to push the organisation forward. Chris has just returned from a 3 night stint in South America where he was helping SAIC open their new dealership in Montevideo, Uruguay. Chris was accompanied by Doug Wallace, Press Manager for MG Motor UK.

Since 1930 the Club has worked closely alongside the manufacturer and I think it's very positive indeed that our relationship remains so very strong some 82 years after our formation.

Thanks for your continued support, as ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. White'.

Julian White,  
General Manager,  
julianwhite@mgcc.co.uk,  
01235 849732