LORD NUFFIELD and his Double Legacy written by David Cranston and Peter Morris with illustrations by Valerie Petts

William Morris' legacy is immense. From mending bicycles in the house of his parents to becoming the motoring giant of the UK where the MG insignia (Morris Garages) is universally known sixty years after his death... not to mention the two war efforts in which he played a major role, rebuilding the RAF several times over especially during the crucial days of the Battle of Britain in 1940. His interest in, and philanthropy toward, medicine in particular may have been stimulated by his early connections with Sir William Osler, who was Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford between 1905 and 1919. He endowed the four original Nuffield Chairs of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Anaesthetics, and a few years later Orthopaedics. One of the authors (PJM) held the Nuffield Chair of Surgery between 1974 and 2001 stimulating his long-term interest in William Morris. Ennobled as Lord Nuffield in 1934, this book uses both 'William Morris' and 'Nuffield' or 'Lord Nuffield' when referring to him (mainly but not exclusively 'Morris' before 1934 and 'Nuffield' after 1934).



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