

UGLY DUCKLING SHOWS ITS FEATHERS

"I had always wanted something with some style about it," explained David Kelly. "I had previously owned a 1939 Morris Eight and was looking for something with a bit more panache when I saw the Y-type advertised in the *Exchange & Mart*."

David discovered the car was the one used for the *MG Enthusiast Magazine* Y-type Mini-Profile back in April 1984 and, although five years use had taken some of the shine off the glossy example photographed, he immediately fell for the car and bought it on the spot.

"I ran the car for a while just as it was but, after about a year it started to show signs of its age. After all it was made almost 40 years ago and it must have been ten years since the previous owner, Mike Parker, restored it to the condition in which it was featured in *MG Enthusiast*."

"I had always wanted to take a car back to its basics to then fully restore it so while I was on with the rebuild I

To many people the Y-type saloon is seen as the Ugly Duckling of the marque but beauty is in the eye of the beholder and enthusiast David Kelly believes he has found his ideal MG

endeavoured to find out as much as possible about the car as I could. Documents showed it was originally Autumn Red and I decided to return it to its original colour, although Mike had chosen a rather nice Ivory when he rebuilt it.

"The car has, understandably, also had a lot of owners but I was only able to trace one prior to Mike Parker. One thing I did find out though was that it had been used as a 'student bus!'

"MYW 10 originated in the London area and then spent some time in Wales



before returning to the capital where it had a number of student owners in Clapham Junction ran it between 1969 and 1973. Needless to say if any of those students aspired to MGs after they qualified and by chance happened to be readers then I would be delighted to hear from them to help piece together the car's history.

"Although many people say the Y-type is the Ugly Duckling of the marque I don't quite see it that way – but then you have to remember that I have been steeped in Morris folklore so any MG is regarded as fast and comfortable. And, compared to my Series E, the Y-type is more of a glorious swan!

