



The Classic 'Y'



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Spares Wanted

A set of boot hinges for a 1948 Y-Type. Contact: D.J. & C.A.Ray, [REDACTED],
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Cars for Sale

Over 25 years ago, in the early days of the Register, I went to visit Graham Eaton of [REDACTED] near Doncaster. He was the owner of a YB at that time, but eventually he let his TCY subscription lapse and we lost touch. I was very surprised and pleased, therefore, to receive a letter from him recently - he is still at the same address, and he is still interested in Y-Types. He has recently been on the look-out for a 'YA' to purchase and went to view one in Kendal. As it turned out, the car requires much more time devoting to it than Graham believes he can give it, so he has sent me a fairly detailed description, in case anyone is braver and fancies bringing yet another Y-Type back from limbo... - JGL.

Dear John,

The car is located in a lock-up in Kendal where it has resided for 20 years, virtually untouched. The engine was running O.K. and has been started since. The car does need a rebuild but isn't that bad, although it was difficult to give it a proper inspection in the garage. The chassis appeared to have a plated section near the back axle and was generally coated in rust - it didn't help that its last outing was a rally in a muddy field! The green-and-black bodywork didn't look too bad. The sills were quite strong in most places, but there were some holes. Door bottoms (skins) had rust breaking through, and no doubt plenty of filler. The boot lid and number-plate/spare wheel access seemed O.K. as did underneath the back-end. I couldn't see any holes in the wings, but the hand-paint job could be covering a multitude of sins. Chrome, apart from the front bumper, might be serviceable. The interior is well-worn and would need replacing. The garage is dry and so the car isn't getting wet. A S.O.R.N. declaration has been made and owner is keen to sell as soon as possible. If anyone is interested, I can put them in touch with the owner. Contact me (Graham Eaton) on [REDACTED].

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The Sacred Octagon 04/79	"The 'Y' Series" by R.L.Knudson (13)	
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- Abbreviations in 'published in' column:
AUS: Published in Tony Slattery's Australian Y-Type Register newsletter **or**
original of item sent to Tony Slattery to assist in setting up his
Australian Y.T.R.
RSA: Published in David Lawrence's South African Y-Type Register newsletter
or original of item sent to David Lawrence to assist in preparation
of *Let There Be Ys*.

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