



## THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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### EDITORIAL

I must start by apologising to all of you who are awaiting delivery of the Workshop Manuals you have ordered. The process of reprinting copies of such a large book is taking far longer than I first envisaged. In addition to this we have also recently been inundated with orders. Hence the delay. Our printer is doing this work in his spare time and it would therefore be appreciated if members who have ordered Manuals would be patient a little longer. The job is now well under way and we hope to have your Manuals delivered by Christmas.

In the New Year I intend to order a batch of vinyl windscreen stickers based on the emblem shown on the front page of issue no. 8. The design will be reproduced in black on white. It would have been nice of course if the traditional colours of brown on cream could have been used but unfortunately this is not possible. Production of the windscreen stickers has come about with the help of Barry Bray who has obtained a reasonable quote from a company in his area.

On page two you will find certain information which has been gleaned from 'Thoroughbred & Classic Cars'. As I do not get this magazine regularly I feel that the Register may be missing out on spares information and details of cars for sale which are not yet on the Register. Would anyone who gets 'T&CC' every month therefore be prepared to note down regularly information appearing in the magazine which specifically relates to Y-Types or is of use to the Register, and pass it on to me?

I have had one or two reactions to the suggested S. Wales site for our 'rally'. There is some support for it in some quarters (apart from S. Wales !). Meanwhile, Graham Eaton has said he might be able to 'borrow' a field near where he lives (Doncaster, Yorks) for our use. May I suggest that even if this idea does not 'come off' as regards a national rally our many members in Yorkshire might like to hold a 'get together' there?

Member J.H. Sargeant has been showing off his YB again ! (see page two of issue no. 5) This time he and 'HJY 566' were spotted and photographed at the T&CC Concours at Weston Park in August. Finally, next month I hope to bring you another 'M.G.T.' installment and an update on how my own restoration efforts are progressing.

10th November 1978.



## REGISTER NEWS:

<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Year.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Reg'n No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Owner's Name.</u>
Y/T/4264	1950	YT.	LXH 93	XPAG/TR/13961	R. Haywood.
Y 6003	1950	YA.	PPA 510	XPAG/SC/15767	G. Davis.

Total cars on Register as at 3rd November 1978: 137. Made up as follows  
YA: 56 YB: 46 YT: 16 YA/YB Composite: 2 Unknown: 17.

## NEW MEMBERS:

R. Haywood, [redacted] Dyfed. (1950 YT).  
M. J. Debby, [redacted] Yorks. (YA).  
Octagon Classic Cars, [redacted] Kent, [redacted] (1950 YA).

## CARS FOR SALE:

Reg'tr No. 136: 1950 YA in need of complete restoration. For sale at £125. Write for further details to: Octagon Classic Cars, [redacted] Kent, [redacted]  
Reg'tr No. 137: 1953 YB. Roadworthy and in good condition. M.O.T until June 1979. Tel: [redacted] £600.

## PARTS FOR SALE:

Member Graham Davis has lots of spares for YAs and YBs which he wants to sell cheaply. Address: [redacted] Sussex, [redacted]

YA Spares: Engine; Axle; Radiator; Grill; Front Wings and other mechanical parts. Tel: [redacted] Essex.

Jackall pump; Rear wheel bearings (new); 2 x Chrome 'D' lamp covers; Wiper motor; XPAG Timing Chains (new) at £3 plus p&p.; 1 x Nearside rear door; 4 x Door trim panels (red). Contact Mr. Phillips, telephone no.: [redacted]

## THE HATCHBACK 'YC'.

Before the memory of the 1978 Motor Show at the N.E.C. fades from my mind altogether let me tell you about this rather strange dream I had whilst being trampled underfoot by a hundred thousand or so other dreamers at the show all trying to get a glimpse of a car - any car!

I dreamt that one or two of the Y-Type Register's members had put together their combined millions to lease the now vacant British Leyland (Triumph) (!) factory at Speke, Liverpool. There, after acquiring the necessary 'rights' from B.L., they set up the tooling to produce a hatchback version (what else) of the M.G. 1½ litre saloon which would retail at around £10,000.....

John Lawson.

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No.3 - YB 0615

The original log book shows that 'MON 401' was first registered on 19th September 1952 by the Birmingham G.B.C. and spent most of its life in the Midlands. Its recorded owners over the past twenty-six years have been:

- |    |          |                          |                                     |
|----|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | 25.9.52  | Charles Richards & Sons. | Darlaston, Staffs.                  |
| 2. | 25.3.59  | Alice L. Knight          | Wolverhampton, Staffs.              |
| 3. | 24.3.61  | A.A. Harrold             | Coven, Staffs.                      |
|    |          |                          | (& Later Wolverhampton, Staffs.)    |
| 4. | 14.9.64  | S.J. Chambers            | Wombourne, Staffs.                  |
|    |          |                          | (& Later Chesterfield, Derbyshire.) |
| 5. | 23.8.67  | D.J.S. Taylor            | Chesterfield, Derbyshire.           |
| 6. | 17.11.69 | D.A. McCormack           | Nottingham.                         |
| 7. | 19.7.71  | P.J. Wareham             | Sandiacre, Notts.                   |
| 8. | 15.11.72 | P.G. Carter              | Formby, Merseyside.                 |

Eventually the car was considered 'too far gone' to be a viable restoration project and today, still in its original dark green, it is being used by Peter Carter as a spares source for his immaculate 1949 YA, Y2598 which he purchased this summer. One front wing at least from YB 0615 has been used already on Y2598 and your editor obtained one of '615's walnut window surrounds, a door check arm and a pane of window glass for use on 'Enterprise' (YB 1524). YB 0615<sup>651</sup> now languishes engineless in Peter Carter's back garden near his garage. Sadly, only the badly corroded body (with doors) and chassis remain.....

INDIVIDUAL CAR HISTORIESNo.4 - Y 6315

A bit of a mystery, this one ! Only the continuation log book covering the period 1961 to 1968 (when the car was scrapped) exists. It is known that 'EFV 391' was first registered on 16th January 1951 and that this YA seems to have gone through its fair share of colour changes. It was red when it rolled out of Abingdon. And red it apparently remained until 24th April 1967 when it was registered as grey. It did not stay grey for long however for by 3rd October of the same year it was sporting a two-tone blue finish. It was scrapped in 1968 so it could not have remained this colour for long either ! Known owners were:

- |          |                              |                      |        |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 12.9.61  | Sgt. J.R. Black, RAF Police. | [REDACTED]           | Essex. |
| 14.5.62  | R.R. Barnett                 | [REDACTED]           | Lincs. |
| 27.3.63  | C.M. Clements                | "                    | "      |
| 10.1.66  | J.W. Fletcher                | "                    | "      |
| 27.6.66  | M.B. Tucker                  | "                    | "      |
|          |                              | (& Later [REDACTED]) | Wilts. |
| 19.10.67 | P.G. Carter                  | [REDACTED]           | Lincs. |

Owners possessing original and/or continuation log books for their cars are invited to photocopy them and send them to the editor so that this series can be continued.



Plating/Rechroming:

- c) Veteran & Vintage Car Service, 32 Brookmans Avenue, Brookmans Park, Herts.

Brake & Clutch parts:

- a) Zebra Brakes, 36a Princes Road, Brighton, Sussex.  
b) G.Mott, 1 Albany Crescent, Edgware, Middlesex.  
c) Troy Components, 15 Wellington Street, Redditch. (Brakes & Speedo' cables)  
d) Moreton Motor Spares, Haydon Road, Nottingham.  
e) R.A.Morgan & Vehicle Supplies, Florence Street, Hitchin, Herts.

Anti-theft Devices:

- a) B.M.S.Imobiliser, The Lunken Co., Cheam, Surrey.

Wheel Bearings:

- a) P.W.G. Services, 12 Pantheon Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants.

Wheel Restorers:

- a) John Brown Wheels, 92 Kingsgate Road, West Hampstead, London, NW.6.  
b) Motor Wheel Service Repair Co., 71 Jeddo Road, London, W.12.  
c) Pentonville Wheel Co., 321 Kingsland Road, London, E.8.  
d) Turner & Knight, Southfields Paddock, Popes Lane, Ealing, W.5.

Complete Restoration Service:

- a) Lenham Motor Co., 47 West Street, Harrietsham, Kent.  
b) Jacey Products, 14 Medina Road, Tysley, Birmingham.  
c) M.S.Favell, 1 Meadow Court, Littleport, Ely, Cambridgeshire.  
d) Tula Engineering, Kimpton, Bedford.  
e) Peter.A.Lee, Hopes Yard, Uppingham, Rutland.  
f) Naylor's Airedale Garage, Hollins Hill, Shipley, W.Yorks.  
g) Peter Wood, Westwood Portway Group, Portway Road, Twyford, Buckingham  
h) L.E.Cramer(Motor Engineers), Greattham Road, Watford, Herts.  
j) T.Barker & Co., 19 Currey Road, Greenford, Middlesex.  
k) Bridge Garage (London Colney) Ltd., Waterside, Barnet Road, London Colney, Herts.  
l) Tony Bethell, 1 Wood Vale, Hatfield, Herts.

Carburettors (& parts):

- a) The Carburettor Centre, 426 Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.6.  
b) Auto Technique, Unit 3b., Lye Trading Estate, 137-141 Old Bedford Rd. Luton, Beds.  
c) Boundary Garage Ltd., 161 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey.

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