



THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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EDITORIAL:

Last month I announced the appointment of Tom Boscarino as Technical Adviser for U.S.A. and Canada. I'm now pleased to be able to follow that announcement with the news that Walt Genther, also of New York State, has volunteered his services too as a Technical Adviser. Walt has worked on M.G.s in the past and his knowledge and experience will, I'm sure, be of great value to our American members. Walt is, of course, visiting the U.K. this July (see the Editorial of issue no.25). Walt's address appears on page 16.

I have recently been in touch with Peter Wood of the Westwood Portway Group (Portway Road, Twyford, Buckingham, MK18.4EB). Peter informs me that his stock of Y-Type spares (mainly mechanical) is so vast that the publication of a list is impractical. Therefore, when you want spares, why not send your 'wants lists' to Peter and he will give you a quote as regards availability and delivery time before taking your money! One or two members who have visited the Westwood Portway Group have recommended it for efficient and helpful service. I think that's something we could do with more of in this world! Whilst on the subject of spares etc there are one or two organisations which were not mentioned in our recommended suppliers lists published in Volumes I & II which may be very helpful to Y-Type owners. Avon Tyres Ltd (Home Tyre Sales Dept., Melksham, Wilts, SN12.8AA) still manufacture the following tyre sizes: 5.00 x 16"; 5.25 x 16"; 5.50 x 16". Edgware Motor Accessories of 94 High Street, Edgware, Middlesex have comprehensive stocks of rubber trim and upholstery items. Auto Interiors of Richmond Lodge, Lutton Gowts, Lutton, Spalding, Lincs, PE12.9LQ can supply do-it-yourself reupholstery kits which include top quality Connolly leather (send a sample of your old leather for matching purposes).

I notice that BL Heritage Ltd are offering photocopies of Y-Type instruction manuals and handbooks and I have contacted them for details. I hope to tell you more next month. This trend by BL to rediscover their illustrious past is to be congratulated. It's long overdue! Talking of original literature brings me to Colin Dye, whose double garage full of Y-Types (2½!) and spares in Bognor Regis, I recently visited. Colin has the chassis Y4888. This car apparently once belonged to Lady Samuelson and was a well kept and low-mileage example until she sold it and the new owner promptly rolled the car and wrote-off the body! Anyhow, to get to the point, Colin managed to retrieve from the car some of the original brochures which had come with it when it was originally purchased. We managed, by

reference to these to compile the following list of technical publications which related to the early Y-Type in pre-BMC days:

Technical Literature	L.1.	-	Introductory Booklet.
"	"	L.2.	- Handbook ?
"	"	L.3.	- Workshop Manual.
"	"	L.4.	- Parts List.

All the above publications we believe to be 1947 issues. I wait with anticipation to see what BL Heritage Ltd can supply !

Lastly, I mentioned in the Editorial to issue no.25 the saloon-type fitting of the windscreen wipers on Y/T/EXR 4264. Rob Haywood, the owner, informs me that this was a 'one-off' modification to replace the burned out original motor.

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MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

David Chapman: 'I'd like to commend to all members of the Register the garage which has just sorted out the shock absorbers for me. As members will know, removal of the front ones is, to use said garage owner's own words 'a sed of a job !' - not one which I felt competent to tackle, not being two trained octopuses with steel fingers ! The garage owner is Roger Spearman, and his garage, the High Ongar Service Station, High Ongar, Essex. (this is on the road from Epping to Chelmsford). Tel: High Ongar (0277) 362333. I can thoroughly recommend his work, which is personally carried out. His rates are amazingly reasonable especially if one is not in a hurry as he can fit work on your car around more urgent jobs. He is an enthusiastic owner of a number of interesting cars and is willing to tackle any job - from full engine overhauls to coachwork and trimming, taking in expert welding as well. A real engineer of the 'old school' - though NOT old. For my shock absorber work he made up several peculiar-shaped spanners which he still has - so if anyone wants front shockers sorted, get over there ! Now, has anyone any ideas about replacing the ashtrays in the backs of the front seats ? I have one missing and one with a crack. My address is: [REDACTED], Middlesex.'

Bill Hancock: 'Following re-trimming I find that I am unable to turn the handle to lock the sun-roof. I would appreciate any help anyone may be able to give. My address is: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] New South Wales, Australia.'

Chris da Costa: Wishes to purchase a YA half-shaft. Address: [REDACTED], London S.W.10;

Colin Dye: Y-Type windscreen wiper motors are the same as those from Morris Minors except for the location of the fixing screws. Champion 187Y 'long-reach' plugs are alternatives which can be used in Y-Types.
If your Y-Type has been laid-up for the winter and it is difficult to start syphon out the old petrol from the carburettor bowl and fill it with new petrol - it works wonders !

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 4888	1950.	YA.	LPO 900	XPAG/SC/C9877	C.Dye.
YB 1340	1953.	YB.	MGY-053	XPAG/SC2/18281	K.Graham.

Total cars on the Register as at 2nd May 1980: 422.

Made up as follows: YA: 124 YB: 84 YT: 102 YA/YB/TF Composite: 3
Unknown (mainly saloons): 109.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

New Members:

225. A.Jones [REDACTED] Sussex.
226. D.E.Halsey [REDACTED] Sussex.
227. L.Crook [REDACTED] Sussex.

CARS FOR SALE:

Reg'tr No.412: 1947 YA. Engine runs, body reasonable, ideal for rebuild.
£350. Tel: [REDACTED].

Reg'tr No.413: 1950 YA. Almost restored. Reconditioned engine. £700 o.n.o.
[REDACTED]

Reg'tr No.421: 1950 YA. Complete car. Dismantled for rebuild. Many
spares. £350 o.n.o. Tel: [REDACTED].

Reg'tr No.422: 1953 YB. Complete with some spares. For restoration.
Original handbook and logbook. Offers welcome. Tel:
[REDACTED] (evenings).

PARTS FOR SALE:

Bonnet, radiator, radiator grille. Tel: [REDACTED]

XPAG/SC engine, gearbox and other parts. Tel: [REDACTED].

Bonnet and differential. Tel: [REDACTED].

I-Type spares. Tel: [REDACTED] for details.

One complete XPAG engine - £180. Three gearboxes - £50 each. All items
in good condition. Tel: [REDACTED].

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS

PART II

<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Ext.Colour.</u>	<u>Int.Colour.</u>	<u>Ship.</u>	<u>Arr.Date.</u>	<u>Del.Date.</u>
Y 1049	SC/10897	Black	Red	Stafford	N/K	29.7.48
Y 1089	SC/10893	Black	Red	"	N/K	5.8.48
Y 1038	SC/10760	Black	Red	"	N/K	31.5.48
Y 1095	SC/10831	Black	Red	"	N/K	4.6.48
Y 1058	SC/10906	Black	Beige	"	N/K	23.4.48
Y 1062	SC/10871	Black	Beige	"	N/K	22.9.48
Y 1059	SC/10908	Black	Beige	"	N/K	10.5.48
Y 1063	SC/10872	Black	Beige	"	N/K	10.5.48
Y 1096	SC/10835	Black	Beige	"	N/K	5.6.48

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Y 1060	SC/10912	Black	Beige	Stafford	N/K	18.6.48
Y 1057	SC/10905	Black	Beige	"	N/K	11.6.48
Y 1056	SC/10899	Black	Beige	"	N/K	5.8.48
Y 1064	SC/10873	Black	Beige	"	N/K	5.6.48
Y 1036	SC/10743	Black	Beige	"	N/K	2.11.48
Y 1061	SC/10869	Black	Beige	"	N/K	5.6.48
Y 1032	SC/10722	Black	Beige	"	N/K	9.8.48
Y 1001	SC/10774	Grey	Green	"	N/K	12.7.48
Y 1098	SC/10840	Black	Red	"	N/K	11.5.48
Y 1047	SC/10894	Black	Red	"	N/K	2.6.48
Y 1035	SC/10742	Black	Beige	"	N/K	6.9.48
Y 1046	SC/10893	Black	Red	"	N/K	15.7.48
Y 1537	SC/11301	Cream	Green	Drina	N/K	13.8.48
Y 1465	SC/11336	Maroon	Beige	"	N/K	7.10.48
Y 1664	SC/11393	Black	Red	Melbourne Star	N/K	26.10.48
Y 1780	SC/11527	Maroon	Beige	Socotia	30.11.48	10.12.48
Y 1820	SC/11589	Black	Red	Port Campbell	23.12.48	23.12.48
Y 1821	SC/11603	Black	Beige	"	"	15.1.49
Y 1871	SC/11644	Black	Beige	Tekoa	23.12.48	10.2.49
Y 1868	SC/11645	Black	Beige	"	"	7.2.49
Y 1856	SC/11688	Black	Green	"	"	13.1.49
Y 1876	SC/11628	Black	Red	Nestor ?	23.1.49	30.4.49
Y 1875	SC/11632	Black	Red	"	"	17.2.49
Y 1884	SC/11651	Black	Red	"	"	2.2.49
Y 1874	SC/11631	Black	Green	"	"	3.2.49
Y 1872	SC/11642	Black	Green	"	"	2.2.49
Y 1873	SC/11647	Black	Green	"	"	2.3.49
Y 1869	SC/11657	Black	Beige	"	"	2.2.49
Y 1894	SC/11698	Black	Green	"	"	2.2.49
Y 1937	SC/11658	Maroon	Beige	Trevose	25.2.49	17.3.49
Y 1885	SC/11689	Black	Beige	"	"	28.4.49
Y 1897	SC/11699	Grey	Beige	"	"	1.3.49
Y 1893	SC/11701	Grey	Green	"	"	25.3.49
Y 1898	SC/11702	Grey	Beige	"	"	4.3.49
Y 1921	SC/11727	Black	Red	"	"	28.4.49
Y 1920	SC/11729	Black	Red	"	"	7.4.49
Y 1919	SC/11731	Black	Red	"	"	10.3.49
Y 1938	SC/11734	Maroon	Beige	"	"	13.4.49
Y 1948	SC/11762	Black	Beige	Waimana	28.1.49	9.3.49
Y 1870	SC/11624	Black	Beige	Newborough	8.2.49	21.3.49
Y 1935	SC/11722	Maroon	Red	Huntington	18.2.49	2.3.49
Y 2050	SC/11823	Maroon	Red	"	"	1.3.49

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