

## THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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### EDITORIAL:

Inevitably, I suppose, the M.G. Owners' Club have had to increase the prices of their copy Workshop Manuals. Our Manuals will now therefore retail at £12 to U.K. customers and are still available from Mick Dobby.

More bad news comes in the form of the nasty rumours presently circulating in this country concerning the possible imposition next year of a 'car possession tax'. These rumours have been rife for some months and although I have a healthy contempt for the 'popular press' there seems to be some truth in them. When I have a free moment (when?) I may write to Mr. Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, in an attempt to learn the truth or I may wait until the 'White' or 'Green Paper' is published. Whatever happens it is obvious that if we were to have to pay £60 p.a. for the privilege of keeping our cars locked up in garages (or in pieces in the attic?) our ideas and plans for the future would probably have to change dramatically.

Some good news now as a welcome relief. Some of you may remember that way back in issue No. 16 I said I would let you have a report on the effectiveness of Limousine Car Polish by Picreator Renaissance Products Ltd.

All my report has been squeezed out month by month and I am only mentioning the subject here and now because I believe I have found a more effective and more easy to apply finishing product. It is called 'Permaglass' and it is distributed by Curlew Marketing of 46 High Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1JL at £6.80 for 16 fl.oz. Permaglass is not a polish as such but a Polymer Sealant. Put the car through a car wash or wash it down by hand and then apply Permaglass with a damp cloth. In a short time a chalky haze will form and this is then simply removed with a soft dry cloth and the paintwork 'buffed up' to a really deep shine. This takes very little time and the polishing effort necessary is far less than that required with a hard polish like 'Limousine'. An average car takes about 4 fl.oz of Permaglass (and the chrome can also be polished in the same way) so there is plenty left in the 16 fl.oz. bottle. Permaglass in effect coats the paintwork in clear plastic and it only needs to be reapplied every twelve months. It is as well to note though that once it has been applied an ordinary wax or polish cannot be applied over it. In the U.S.A. Permaglass is distributed by Cliffdale Motors/Intrex Ltd U.S.A., 3500 West De Pauw Boulevard, Suite 2033, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

On 19th July David and Jenni Miller from [redacted] California paid us a visit. They are both M.G. enthusiasts of long standing and have carried out restoration

run meetings and published magazines both in Australia and California. I had a most enlightening and enjoyable day hearing of their experiences (for instance, how would you like to attend an M.G. gathering on board the 'Queen Mary' at Long Beach?). Then on 24th I visited Tony Brier in [redacted] to be present when Walt Genther of New York took delivery of his 1953 YB (YB 1099), for shipping back home. First a word about Tony's facilities and spares stocks. Tony carries out very thorough concours rebuilds on T-Types and all work, including the trimming, is done 'in-house'. The standard of his work, using new parts wherever possible, has to be seen to be appreciated. He has a comprehensive range of parts suitable for Y-Types and now I've seen for myself what he has and what is possible I believe there is no real need for our members to shop anywhere else. Indeed I myself came home loaded with new parts for 'Enterprise'. If you wish to visit Tony's workshop (and it is worth it just to drool over the TF's he has that you'll never be able to afford) give him a ring to arrange a time and I'm sure he'll be pleased to see you. His telephone number is [redacted]

Walt Genther, like David Miller, has had plenty of experience over the years working on and restoring M.G.s. Once again I was impressed with the depth of the American enthusiast's knowledge and dedication. Once again this was another wonderful day which was almost impossible to take in. Thanks everyone - this is what having a Register is all about, the chance to meet and make friends with people who have similar interests to yours and to have an enjoyable time.

To conclude this marathon Editorial I leave you with this piece taken from the 'Malta Times':

'Ford Prefect light grey 1955 model, owner died, in very good condition. Phone [redacted]

26th July 1980.

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS PART V

<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 4342	SC/X14105	Green	Beige	King Alfred	5.4.50	6.4.50
Y 3005	SC/X12901	Green	Green	Cromarty	24.2.50	3.3.50
Y 2670	SC/X12605	Elizabethan Grey	Green	Empire Star	28.2.50	7.3.50
Y 4146	SC/X13998	Maroon	Red	Ramon de Larrinaga	29.4.50	17.5.50
Y 4147	SC/X13994	Maroon	Red	"	"	29.6.50
Y 4637	SC/X14485	Black	Red	Chitral	19.5.50	24.5.50
Y 4636	SC/X14452	Black	Red	"	"	5.6.50
Y 4635	SC/X14460	Black	Red	"	"	24.5.50
Y 4686	SC/X14466	Black	Green	"	"	24.8.50
Y 4690	SC/X14468	Black	Green	"	"	30.5.50
Y 4681	SC/X14347	Green	Beige	"	"	30.5.50
Y 4682	SC/X14125	Green	Beige	"	"	23.5.50
Y 4689	SC/X14484	Black	Green	Exmoor	25.5.50	5.6.50
Y 4688	SC/X14467	Black	Green	Gausdal	15.6.50	20.6.50
Y 4687	SC/X14491	Black	Green	"	"	1.8.50
Y 4699	SC/X14328	Green	Beige	Provider ?	24.7.50	26.2.51
Y 4545	SC/X14359	Black	Beige	?	16.6.50	16.6.50
Y 4773	SC/X14126	Sun Bronze	?	Avonmoor	31.8.50	8.9.50
Y 4470	SC/X14210	Black	Red	? *	14.9.50	29.9.50
Y 4402	SC/X14187	Green	Green	? *	14.9.50	26.9.50
Y 4443	SC/X14249	Maroon	Red	? *	14.9.50	21.9.50
Y 5508	SC/X15339	Black	Beige	Melbourne Star	25.10.50	27.10.50

\* Cars shipped from Brisbane, Queensland.



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>
YB 0991	1953	YB.	MWK 479	XPAG/SC2/17873	A.Brier.

Total cars on the Register as at 25th July 1980: 434.  
Made up as follows: YA: 139 YB: 87 YT: 102 YA/YB/TF composite: 3  
Unknown (mainly saloons): 103.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Address Correction: 222. J.Helder, [REDACTED]  
Victoria [REDACTED] Australia.

CARS FOR SALE:

- Reg'tr No.432: 'YA. Partly dismantled. Sensible offers for whole car or parts. Tel: [REDACTED].'
- Reg'tr No.433: 'YA. Complete. For spares or restoration. Log book available. Offers. Tel: [REDACTED].'
- Reg'tr No.434: '1947 YA. Rebuilt, resprayed, new chrome, new wiring, new exhaust, new rubber mouldings, loads of spares. Just needs finishing. Genuine reason for sale. £800 o.n.o. Tel: Preston Capes [REDACTED].'

PARTS FOR SALE:


One set of mahogany sunroof surrounds, new. Only cutting, drilling and varnishing necessary. £15 plus postage. Contact Barry Bray, [REDACTED]

YB Workshop Manual & Handbook. Perfect condition. £20 o.n.o. Tel: [REDACTED]

2 x YA read wheels (no tyres). Free, buyer collects. Tel: [REDACTED]

MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

David Miller: Requires an original 'D' light (left hand side) with clear glass section for use with reversing light.

Apparently a batch of XPAG engines prepared for Wolseley were delivered in error to M.G. at Abingdon and they were fitted out for installation in, among other types, some YB's before the mistake was realised. Installation therefore proceeded and consequently some YB's have 'Wolseley' engine blocks identifiable by the symbol  stamped low on the left of the block near the front. Engine XPAG/SC2/18397 fitted to the editor's YB is one such engine. Why don't you just run out and check yours?

Early YA's apparently had push-button starters.

Walt Genther: Anyone living in the U.S.A. or Canada who owns a Y-Type and would like to attend a regular gathering in New York State is invited to write to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], New York [REDACTED]. The gatherings are hopefully to

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be a joint venture with Tom Boscarino of Islip Terrace.

Although not original the fitting of support struts to the front wings just ahead of where they join the running boards (in a similar way to those fitted to the rear wings) cuts down vibration at higher speeds and will prevent the paint on the outer surface of the wings cracking.

AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS (continued)

Chassis No.	Engine No.	Ext.Colour.	Int.Colour.	Ship.	Arr.Date	Del.Date
Y 5388	SC/X15208	Green	Green	Melbourne Star	19.10.50	2.11.50
Y 4931	SC/X14715	Black	Red	"	25.10.50?	2.11.50
Y 5015	SC/X14907	Green	Beige	Burmout	28.2.51	?
Y 4639	SC/X14462	Black	Beige	Peebles	19.1.51	13.2.51
Y 5927	SC/X15804	Green	Green	Lidvard	23.1.51	30.1.51
Y 6004	SC/X15810	Sun Bronze	Maroon	"	"	6.4.51
Y 6121	SC/X16005	Black	Green	Trewidden	8.2.51	24.4.51
Y 6103	SC/X15885	Green	Beige	Avonmoor	21.3.51	22.3.51
Y 6032	SC/X15922	Black	Red	Derrycunihy	13.3.51	28.3.51
Y 6197	SC/X15919	Black	Red	Brisbane Star	18.4.51	4.5.51
Y 6153	SC/X15996	Maroon	Red	"	"	11.5.51
Y 4837	SC/X14588	Black	Red	Chanda	9.3.51	7.3.51
Y 6369	SC/X16200	Black	Green	Trevince	6.4.51	19.4.51
Y 6404	SC/X16242	Green	Green	Suevic	16.3.51	8.5.51
Y 6561	SC/X16364	Red	Beige	Waiwera	8.5.51	20.6.51
Y 6493	SC/X16244	Black	Maroon	"	"	31.5.51
Y 6448	SC/X16168	Black	Red	"	"	1.6.51
Y 6481	SC/X15318	Red	Red	"	"	28.5.51
Y 6506	SC/X16302	Black	Green	"	"	29.5.51
Y 6531	SC/X16370	Green	Green	"	"	5.6.51
Y 6283	SC/X16064	Maroon	Beige	Trelyon	25.5.51	7.6.51
Y 6327	SC/X16046	Black	Red	Pacific Unity	25.5.51	30.6.51
Y 6699	SC/X16528	Black	Red	Ionian Meon	13.7.51	20.7.51
Y 6673	SC/X16443	Sun Bronze	?	"	"	16.8.51
Y 6535	SC/X16367	Green	Beige	"	"	27.7.51
Y 6568	SC/X16501	Black	Green	"	"	28.7.51
Y 6765	SC/X16600	Black	Red	"	"	30.7.51
Y 6545	SC/X16224	Green	?	?	27.7.51	3.8.51
Y 6800	SC/X16577	Green	Beige	?	26.7.51	9.8.51
Y 6774	SC/X16551	Black	Red	Raexenor	24.1.52	?
Y 6801	SC/X16578	?	?	Otranto	14.2.52	?

This concludes the YA's - YT's coming soon !

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