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### EDITORIAL:

Inside this issue you'll find what was, at the time it was compiled, a complete listing of all the reference material on 'Y's collected by the Register over the years. Since typing the list, I'm delighted to say that David Mullen has unearthed seven more 'Autocar' articles, most by Michael Brown, and these should be appearing in this magazine over the next couple of years.

Now that the cream of the technical literature, as it were, about 'Y' Types has been collected together, listed, and is readily available, there should really be no need any longer to have back issues of 'The Classic Y' produced and distributed. This being our 64th issue, it is quite unlikely anyway that anyone would want, let alone now be able to afford, a complete set. Up to now all back issues have been readily available to order, although this fact has never been widely publicised because their production is tedious and very time consuming. There has, perhaps because of this attitude of mine, in reality been relatively little demand and so I feel safe in now being able to make it official - back issues are no longer available. Instead you will be able to order copies of whatever literature on the list that you require. Thus to obtain the really important material will cost less as you will no longer be paying for copies of, for instance, waffle such as this editorial !

Coming soon are leather key fobs with the Register's emblem on them. Price to be announced. A full 'regalia' list is available if you send me an s.a.e.

7th August 1984.

### WHYPARTS HAS MOVED !

Please note the new address & telephone number:-

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REGISTER NEWS:Recent Discoveries:

<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Year.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Reg'n No.</u>	<u>Colour.</u>	<u>Owner's Name.</u>
Y 1978	1948.	YA.	XPAG/SC/11797	?	Black.	P.Dallwitz.
Y 2412	1949.	YA.	XPAG/SC/12236	?	?	?
YT 2582	1949.	YT.	XPAG/5173	NP-20065 (RSA)	BRG	A.W.Nuttall.
Y 2788	1949.	YA.	XPAG/SC/12742	?	Red	D.Young.
Y/T/EXR/2883	1949.	YT.	XPAG/TR/12644	?	Red	G.Ward.
Y 2953	1949.	YA.	XPAG/SC/13112	?	Black	A.Luckman.
Y 3444	1949.	YA.	XPAG/SC/13287	CJL 930	Maroon	W.Dale.
YT 3623	1949.	YT.	XPAG/TR/13570 (orig)			
			XPAG/TD2/11885 (curr')	?	Clipper Blue	J.Andresen.
Y/T/EXR/3700	1949.	YT.	XPAG/TR/13589	?	Cream	F.Lory.
Y 3975	1949.	Comp'	XPAG/TF/34891	?	Black	G.Buggie.
Y 5020	1950.	YA.	XPAG/SC/B63866 (no longer fitted)			
			XPAG/SC/C10435 (spare)	HSF 585	Green	M.Lewis.
Y/T/EXR/5150	1950.	YT.	XPAG/TR/14879	?	Blue	B.Palmer.
Y 5508	1950.	YA.	XPAG/SC/15339	?	?	?
YB 0512	1952.	YB.	XPAG/SC2/17396 (orig)			
			XPAG/SC2/18254 (curr')	FUD 733	BRG	N.C.W. - tten
YB 1023	1953.	YB.	XPAG/SC2/C10598	NLF 490	Brown	David & Tricia Weddle.

Total cars on the Register as at 15th July 1984: 1,029.

Made up as follows: YA: 539 YB: 238 YT: 175 YRC: 3 Composites/Specials: 9

Unknown (mainly saloons): 65.

Car totals country by country:

England: 531	Madeira: 3
Australia: 215	Cyprus: 3
U.S.A.: 115	Channel Islands: 2
Netherlands: 23	Belgium: 2
Scotland: 22	Lichtenstein: 1
South Africa: 22	Denmark: 1
Wales: 21	W.Germany: 1
New Zealand: 17	Zimbabwe: 1
Canada: 9	Bangladesh: 1
Eire: 9	Northern Ireland: 1
Malaysia: 8	Portugal: 1
Singapore: 8	I.o.M.: 1
Switzerland: 7	
Hong Kong: 4	

New Owners:

644. A.Clampitt,					Singapore,
645. G.Cullingford,				Glos.	
646. D.Stansfield,				Yorks.	
647. A.G.Enoch,					Staffs.
648. D.Weddle,				London,	
650. D.Moore,				London	
651. J.A.Russell,					Middlesex.
652. C.Smith,				Middlesex,	
653. R.Dixie,				London	
654. D.Shearer,					Glasgow,
655. B.Cooper,					Glos.
656. Mrs.K.Taylor,					Hants,
658. Tricia Weddle,				London,	
659. P.Mace,					

660. R.Crowhurst, [REDACTED], Kent, [REDACTED].  
 663. Mrs.P.Viccars, [REDACTED], Victoria, Australia.  
 674. T.Clarke, [REDACTED], ACT, [REDACTED], Australia.  
 675. J.Andresen, [REDACTED], Queensland, [REDACTED], Australia.  
 678. D.E.Hood, [REDACTED], Bristol, [REDACTED].  
 679. R.A.Tucker, [REDACTED], Norfolk.  
 681. D.Brown, [REDACTED], Tyne & Wear.

#### Address Changes/Updates:

577. P.Scrivin, [REDACTED], Gloucester.  
 99. N.P.Herbert, [REDACTED], Middlesex.  
 609. V.P.Fuller, [REDACTED], Surrey.  
 385. D.Stonehouse, [REDACTED], Essex, [REDACTED].  
 618. A.Robins, [REDACTED], York, [REDACTED].  
 266. J.J.Bright, [REDACTED], Avon.  
 589. W.Dale, [REDACTED], Penzance, [REDACTED].  
 454. A.Booth, [REDACTED], Wilts, [REDACTED].  
 624. R.Taylor, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Hants.  
 499. J.Alderton, [REDACTED], Surrey, [REDACTED].  
 277. J.Viccars, [REDACTED], Victoria, Australia.  
 569. A.J.Hardacre, [REDACTED], Surrey.  
 7. R.McManus, [REDACTED], Lancs, [REDACTED].

#### CARS FOR SALE:

258. 1948. YA. Y1634 XPAG/SC/X11400 FRV 632 Black with red interior. Originally exported to Nigeria. Reimported in 1951. 'Good original unrestored condition. Waxoiled. New carpets, recent tyres and brakes. 5 mths tax and MOT. Handbook, manual and spares. £1,400. Contact: Mr.Charles Lang, [REDACTED], Nottingham, [REDACTED]. Tel: [REDACTED].
112. 1951. YA. [REDACTED]. 'Sports saloon ideal for restoration. £500 or near offer. Tel: [REDACTED].
418. 1950. YA. 'For restoration. Many spares. £295. Tel: [REDACTED].
104. 1952. YB. YB 0264 XPAG/SC2/C6788? UMG 600 Black. The oldest YB known to still exist. £750 or nearest offer. Contact: Mr.R.Wall, [REDACTED], Sussex.
14. 1949. YA. Y 3681 XPAG/SC/13618 KNF 188 Green 'The major jobs required to complete the car are as follows: repair to bootlid, repairs to bottoms of doors, new roof lining, rewire, refitting of dashboard. Nearly all parts are available, with the exception of 'D' lamps. The engine has been rebuilt, although it has not run since August 1976 when the car was taken off the road. Offers around £500 to Mr.R.McManus, [REDACTED], Lancs, [REDACTED]. Tel: [REDACTED].
424. 1953. YB. YB 1042 PAU 790. 'Dismantled but complete, less engine and ancillaries. For sale with following spares: Doors, upholstery, instruments. £400 the lot. Contact: Mr.D.G.Hales [REDACTED], Mid Glamorgan, [REDACTED]. Tel: [REDACTED].
794. 1953. YB. 'For restoration. Engine out of car and reconditioned. Body sound, interior fair, some spares. £650. Tel: [REDACTED].
810. 1953. YB. 'MOT'd. Mechanical rebuild and excellent respray. £1,400. Contact: Mr. Hans Bolle [REDACTED], Surrey, [REDACTED].

317. 1950. YA. Y5174EXLU. Black. 'Very rare LHD YA. Partly dismantled for respray. Placed 1st in FWV class at Dearborn, Michigan GoF 1977. \$6,000. Contact: Mr. Richard E. Dusek, [REDACTED], Michigan [REDACTED]'
826. 1951. YA. BRG, with beige interior. 'Original example. New tyres, dynamo, starter, battery, floor. Gearbox and brakes overhauled. Woodwork all repolished. Many new parts. Simply stunning. £2,500. Tel: [REDACTED]'
1028. YA. 'Rolling chassis and body. No engine. Ideal for spares. Tel: Peter Clarke on [REDACTED]'

#### PARTS FOR SALE:

4 x YA brake drums; 2 x YA front stub axles; 4 x sets of YA brake shoes and parts; 1 x YA Bellhousing; 2 x YA halfshafts; 2 x speedometers without clocks; 1 x panhard rod; 1 x pair of YA rear shock absorbers. Contact: Mr. L.D. Thorpe, [REDACTED] Surrey, [REDACTED].

2 x pair front wings & one YA front bumper. Contact: Mr. Bown, [REDACTED] Dorset. Tel: [REDACTED].

XPAG/SC?/16029 engine. Almost complete but with damaged pistons. Plus one gearbox, possibly suitable for above engine. Contact: Mr. Roger [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Birmingham, [REDACTED]. Tel: [REDACTED]

YB Workshop Manual & YB Oil Filter. Tel: [REDACTED]

1 x 120 Teeth flywheel £10; 1 x rocker box cover £5; 18 x YA wheel nuts £0.50 each; 1 x used windscreen wiper motor £2; 1 x handbrake twin cable abutment £1.50; 1 x engine control link £1; 1 x spare wheel clamp bolt £0.75. Contact: J.G. Lawson, [REDACTED] Postage extra.

#### 1st REGENCY RUN - LONDON TO BRIGHTON Sunday 20th May 1984.

I'm told the weather started off fine for those participants and spectators who were up early for the start at Battersea Park. For myself, as part of the Len Thorpe entourage heading for Brighton to see the M.G.s arrive, all was cold and very damp. The heavy rain was to continue all day. Still, even if there were no ladies going topless at Brighton most of the M.G.s certainly were. M.G. enthusiasts seem to be a hardy breed and most arrived with the tops down on their Ms, Js, Ps and T-Types. This being the first Regency Run we all wondered how great support for the idea would be. We were amazed! 250 or so M.G.s made the run ranging from 'Old No.1.' (being driven in the rain) through to the latest Maestro. John Thornley's MGB, 'MG 1' was there as also was the K1 Corsica which was especially built for Cecil Kimber. Altogether quite a memorable show. I know you're all wanting to know about the 'Y's' so, here goes. The following Y-Types were to be seen at Brighton (in chronological order as far as possible):

<u>Reg'tr No.</u>	<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Year.</u>	<u>Reg'n No.</u>	<u>Colour.</u>	<u>Owner.</u>
844.	Y ?	1947 or 48	82 JPB	two-tone Green	J. Alderton.
551.	Y 2532	1949	EJY 189	Black.	Mr. R. & Mrs. K. Taylor.
97.	Y/T/EXR 2617	1949	KLU 387	Cream.	J. Finch.
68.	Y/T/EXR 2618	1949	LLH 11	Red.	R. Humphris.
94.	Y/T/EXR 3523	1949	NLU 41	Black.	I. Pattenden.
60.	Y 5968	1950	MJH 327	Black.	R. Darvell.
1010.	Y ?	1951	LXV 342	two-tone Brown.	A. Stewart-Sandeman.
1011.	YB ?	1952	UMG 624	Grey.	L. Morris.
474.	YB 0885	1952	YMG 5	Green.	S.H. Brooks.
264.	YB ?	1953	FTK 505	Black.	P. Mace.
107.	YB 1170	1953	MDF 630	Black.	T. Pennicott.



In addition, the black YA 'JLV 949' (827) took the place of also Liverpool-registered, MKA 933/Y 6783 (582) which was unable to appear. On the way to Hastings after the end of the run we also encountered David and Tricia Weddle in NLF 490/YB 1023 (1005). So, we were fortunate enough to see fourteen Y-Types in one day ! I personally can't wait until next year, now. The weather has to be better!

J.G.Lawson.

### Register Reference Library.

I have at last managed to gather together in one place all the various Y-Type related reference material which has been acquired by the Register over the last six and a half years. It is hoped that readers will find the following list of interest. Some of the articles etc have appeared in previous issues of 'The Classic Y' and some may do so in future if we can obtain permission of those concerned to reproduce the material.

#### Material appearing in copies of 'The Motor':

Y-Type advertisement - 'Maintaining The Breed'	19th May 1948.
'The M.G. 1½ Litre Saloon' (article)	28th May 1947.
Continental Road Test No.1c	28th May 1947 ?
'Going West Quietly' (article)	7th May 1952.
'A New M.G. Sports Tourer' (Road Test of YT)	13th October 1948.
Road Test No.11/51.	12th September 1951.
'The M.G. 1½ Litre Saloon' (article)	12th September 1951.
'The 1½ Litre YB Saloon' (description of new model)	15th October 1952.

Modern Equivalents for original M.G. colours (article)

Practical Blast Cleaning Techniques by R.F.Mann.

Smiths Jackall System ( three different articles).

'Perelman's Last Piece' (article about a trip in a YT from Paris to Peking).

Castrol Lubrication Chart (plus supplement giving details of modern equivalent oils etc (YA only)

M.G. YT Lucas Parts Catalogue.

'M.G. 1½ Litre Saloon' (Road Test) from 'Motor Industry' magazine August 1952.

'M.G. 1½ Litre Series Y' (Technical Specification) from 'The Motor Trader' 2nd June 194

'Decoking The 1½ Litre M.G. Series Y' from 'Practical Motorist & Motor Cyclist' Oct '58

#### Material appearing in copies of 'The Autocar':

'An Open 1½' (YT technical description and road test)	8th October 1948.
'Specialized M.G. for the U.S.' (article about plans to rebody 1½ Litre M.G.s with Italian coach-built bodies).	14th May 1948.
'Meet A New M.G.' (Y-Type description)	9th May 1947.
'The New Luvax-Girling Hydraulic Damper'	26th October 1945.
Various letters from readers about Y-Types.	
'Carreg Cennen Convoy' by Michael Brown.	2nd October 1953.
'Day Out - and Straight Back' by Michael Brown.	19th August 1949.
'Weekend and a Quarter !' by Michael Brown.	31st August 1951.
'Making The Grades' by Michael Brown.	9th January 1948.
Page from issue of 27th June 1947 showing car which was driven to Italy (DRX 557) to report the Mille Miglia.	
'Green Mantled' by Michael Brown.	4th August 1950.
Road Test No.1438.	3rd August 1951.
Road Test No.1461.	11th April 1952.
Photo of special bodied YA for an American. Customer converted by University Coachwork Ltd. (from the issue of 16th February 1951)	

'40,000 Miles with a 1½ Litre M.G. Saloon - and how a supercharger was added',  
 from 'Motor Sport' September 1953.  
 'Abingdon's Four-Door Enigma' from an Australian magazine.  
 'Time For Misty Eyes' (review of Lombard RAC Golden Fifty Rally featuring Len Shaw's YB  
 'HMO 909')  
 'M.G. 1½-2½ Litre Quick Check-Over Data Sheet'.  
 'On The Road With The 1½ Litre M.G. Saloon' from Motor Sport April 1953.  
 Wm.M.Collingburn Y-Type trimming service details (with advice about pitfalls etc).  
 Two pages showing two original publicity photos.  
 Relevant extracts from Jonathan Wood's book, 'British Postwar Classic Cars'.  
 'The Victorian Bathtub' by Richard.L.Knudson (about the YT), from 'Wheelspin' May 1975.  
 Y-Type article by B.J.Rompere, from 'Wheelspin' May 1975.  
 'Have You Ever Felt That You Were Meant To Buy That Car?' by Ron Gay, from 'Wheelspin'  
 December 1978.  
 'Y-Type Steering Column Electrics' by Harvey Cole.  
 'Love At First Sight'; from 'Popular Motoring' March 1981.  
 'Y-Type Y Not?' by Peter Davis (includes Y-Type drawing by A.Morgan).  
 'M.G. YA-B' by Jonathan Wood; from 'Thoroughbred & Classic Cars' April 1978.  
 'MGB Front Suspension Rebuild' from 'Practical Classics' December 1980.  
 Walt Genther's Carburettor Service Manual (S.U. overhaul manual).  
 'Discovering The Y-Type' by J.G.Lawson.  
 Complete listing of all cars identifiable by chassis number known to exist.  
 \*Australian Imports' Parts 1 to 20. (complete).  
 'Cars Worth Keeping - M.G. YB' Part 1. by Phil Reckless.  
 'Cars Worth Keeping - M.G. YB' Part 2. by Phil Reckless.  
 'Variations On A Theme: The XPAG Engine - 1939 to 1955'.  
 'M.G. Saloons.. with particular reference to the Y-Type' by Dick Knudson, from M.G.  
 Magazine, issue no.11 Fall/Winter 1982/83.  
 'The Year Of The Y' by John Dugdale (also from above magazine) describes the trip to Italy  
 in DRX 557 to report on the 1947 Mille Miglia.  
 Y-Type advertisement - 'In Leicestershire or Leicester Square'.  
 'Drive Test - M.G. YT' by Ron Gay, from 'Restored Cars' Sept/Oct 1976.

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#### MEMBERS' TIPS

Mel Fry: The first four numbers of the body number appear on a small plate affixed  
 to the rear of the sunroof (e.g., on Y 4884 the body number is 3910/387 and  
 the number '3910' is stamped on the plate). The plate cannot be seen unless  
 the sunroof is removed from the car.

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## DISCOVERING THE 'Y' TYPE

(Update No.1 )

Following publication of the original article under this title in the December 1983 issue of 'The Classic Y' I received several additional pieces of information which corrected or added to what I had set down as a hopefully definitive resumé of the Y's production history. This updated information is reproduced below. For those who did not receive a copy of the December 1983 magazine, a copy of the original article can be obtained for £1 inclusive of postage. All orders to J.G.Lawson, please.

- (1) YTs were supplied in Black with the choice of a green interior.  
(I.Pattenden)
- (2) YB 0305 has an RF95/2 voltage control box and all chrome headlamps.  
(Alan Albert)
- (3) Engine block colours: Early YAs (to what chassis no.?) were greyish-green.  
All later cars were dark red.  
(John Lawson)
- (4) YAs & YTs had a clutch plate of 7½" diameter and not one of 7".  
(John Lawson/David Muller)
- (5) Not all exported XPAG engines had 'X' in their designation.  
(J.Daniel Howard/John Lawson)
- (6) Upholstery colours were:  
YA/YB: Dark red with beige piping.  
Dark green with beige piping.  
Beige with brown piping.  
YT: Bright Red (Regency Red) with beige piping.  
Bright Green (Shires Green) with beige piping.  
Vellum Beige with bright red piping.

All the YT combinations were 'T' Type colours and came from the Abingdon factory. The saloon interiors were supplied by a Morris factory.

(Mike Collingburn)

- (7) The following engines have the letters 'RS' in their designations. This has been positively confirmed and it is tentatively suggested that this designation means that the engine has been re-sleeved (any other ideas?).

RS 19094 fitted to YB 0696 owned by Mr.& Mrs J.C.Booth of [redacted] Suffolk.  
RS 4223 was once fitted to Y 5802, owned by A.E.Board of [redacted].  
RS 4457 fitted to Y 7028 owned by Colin Biles of [redacted].

On the last of the three cars mentioned above, the 'RS 4457' is stamped on the original engine number plate on the lower right-hand side of the engine block. The car's battery box plate shows 'XPAG/SC/16838'.

(Colin Biles/John Lawson/A.E.Board/J.C.Booth/Colin Dye)

- (8) Details of the three 'YRC's (which were omitted from the text of the original article) can be found in issues 42 (July 1981) and 45 (October 1981) of the magazine. The latter magazine contains a photographic comparison between the YT and YRC. copies of the photopage can be obtained for 30p inclusive of postage.



### SAVE A 'Y' !

Looking through past issues of 'The Classic Y' I have noticed that even over the past two to three years a large number of 'Y' Types have been advertised as being 'broken for spares', 'Basket' cases apart (i.e. those cars with totally rotten bodies and chassis) there is little need for any 'Y' Type to be broken up.

The vast majority of 'Y' Types that have been broken up were scrapped for their engines/gearboxes to satisfy the lustful demands of 'T' Type owners. Only 7,500 or so 'Y' Type saloons were ever built. Of these I doubt whether between 750 and 1,000 survive in the world today in one piece. So, 'Y' Types are rare and are becoming rarer as so many have been broken up.

So I appeal to anyone reading this to try and influence a friend to take on a 'Y' Type advertised either as 'for spares' or 'incomplete', and save it!

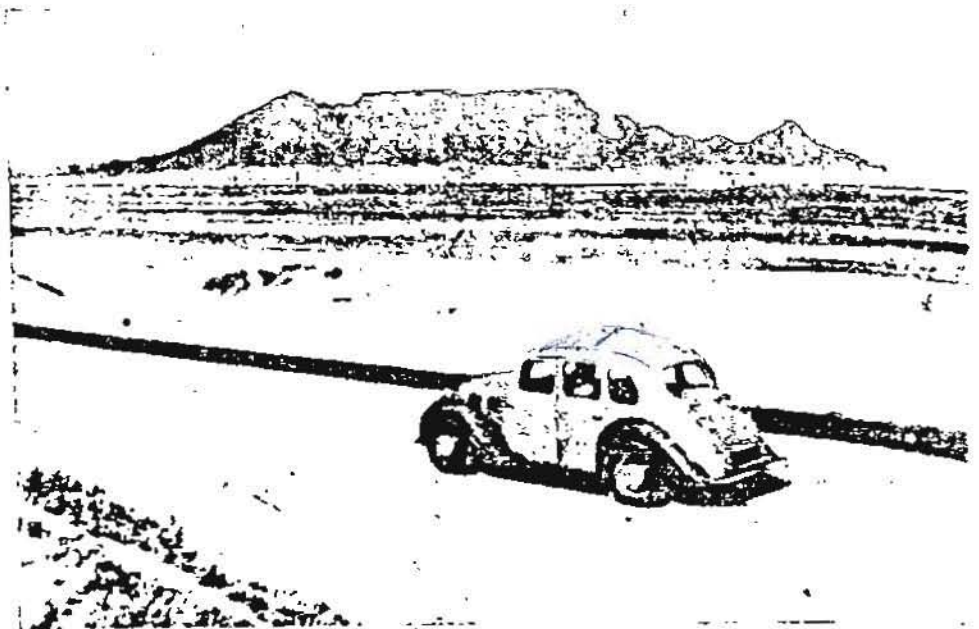
Recently a car was advertised minus engine and doors ! I have four spare doors if anyone wants to take on such a car (I'll give them away free if anyone saves the car). I might even be persuaded to throw in a good condition rear seat squab !

David Mullen.

### CARS FOR SALE: - late entry.

751. 1950 YA. 'UMG 190' 'For restoration. £500.' Contact: Mr. Hans Bolle, [REDACTED], Surrey [REDACTED]. Tel: [REDACTED]. Also for sale, one YA rear axle and two YA rear wings.

Devil's Peak, Table Mountain, and the Lion's Head as a background to an M.G.



This one is especially for our South African readers ! It comes from 'The Autocar' of 7th December 1951 to whom thanks go for permission to reproduce it here.