

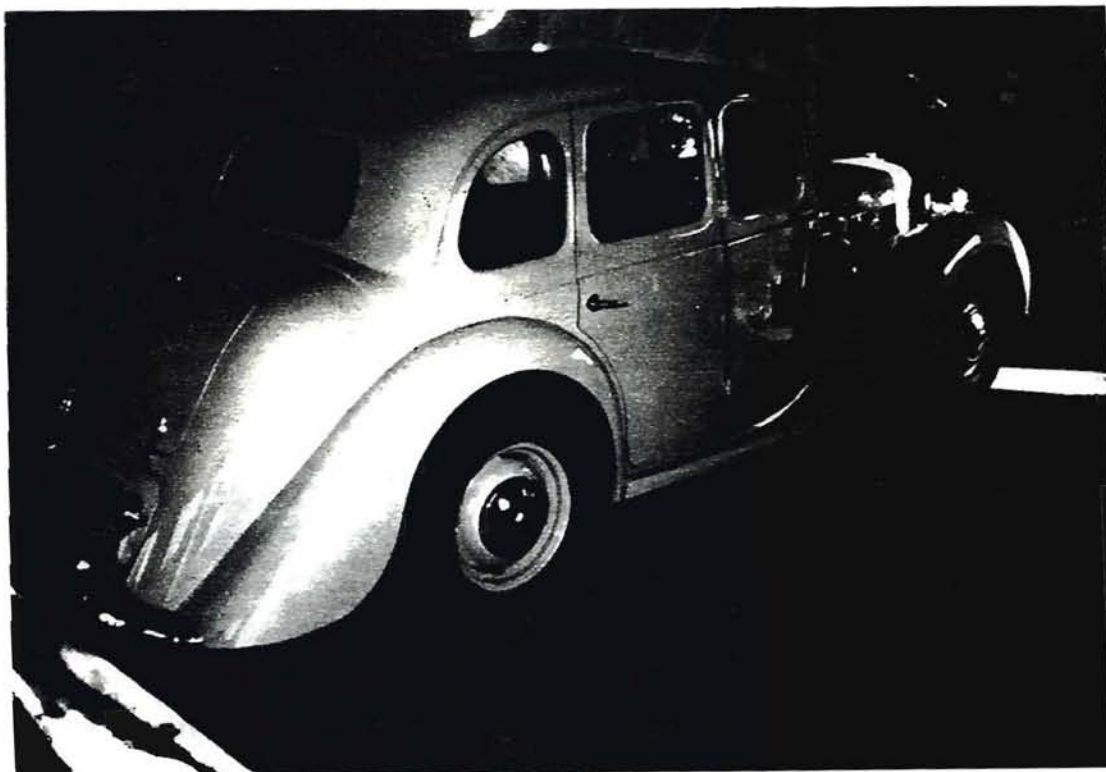
THE CLASSIC 'Y'

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EDITORIAL

Back on 5th August, Miles Harris, from Ballyclare, won Best Newcomer's Award in the Northern Ireland round of the prestigious Benson & Hedges Concours with his newly restored 1953 YB. The car, in the state it was in when Miles acquired it, was pictured on page 67 of my book and in Issue No. 83 (October 1987) of "The Classic Y". The car, as it is now, is pictured below. What a difference three years makes! Meanwhile, the YT pictured in the two lower photos on page 36 of my book more recently won a Concours award (best post-war car) at Tatton Park, Cheshire. What a difference six years makes!



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In Issue No. 92 (April 1989), which contained the first up-date to my book, I said that Y0364 had been found to have body type B.280 (and not, as might have been expected, B.281) stamped on its identification plates. Well now, its neighbour on the production line at Abingdon forty-three years ago, Y0363, has also been found to have body type B.280. So here's a mystery! I would therefore be pleased to hear from owners of early 'Y' saloons (say, before Y1954) as to what their car's "body type" is. Any ideas about why the body type number should change? And would anyone who owns a YT please give me some idea as to the purpose of the strap which hangs down inside the boot from a centrally-mounted position (i.e., in addition to the two luggage strap fixing loops which are mounted either side).

I know where I might be able to lay my hands on several copies of that useful book for XPAG engine rebuilding, "Tuning & Maintenance of M.G. Cars" by Philip H. Smith (published by Haynes/Foulis in 1978). So, if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy would they please send me a cheque (made out to "J.G. Lawson", please) for £12 (this includes U.K. postage & packing). If I can get you a copy I will send it on, if not, I will return your cheque.

CARS FOR SALE:

907. "M.G. 1952 YB Saloon. Sound for restoring. No engine or gearbox. With V5. Could deliver. £950 o.n.o. Tel: [REDACTED].

728. 1949 'YA'. £4,500. Tel: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

249. "M.G. YT. 4-seater. Green with black rag top. Good running condition. \$15,000. Send I.R.C. or s.s.a.e. for pictures (50c. each). Contact: Andrew Smith, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Massachusetts, [REDACTED] U.S.A."



The cartoon above appeared in "The Wind Machine" (the newsletter of the Sorry Safari Touring Society of California) for March 1990.

LETTERS:

Dear John,

I thought you and other enthusiasts may be interested in a few ways I have found to make rebuilding a 'Y' a bit cheaper and avoid what I think are exorbitant prices that N.T.G. charge and their policy of relentlessly increasing prices twice a year.

1. I have bought several brake and clutch parts from Autela (this firm is the outlet of Lockheed/Borg & Beck). They are mostly for the garage trade but still serve the general public. They have branches throughout the country. Perhaps the storemen in Sunderland are more helpful, but they rang up the technical department and got me a front brake hose, master cylinder repair kit, front wheel cylinder rubbers and an 8" clutch centre plate. They said they could probably get track rod ends and definitely clutch cover and bearing. They didn't list the 'Y' master cylinder or wheel cylinders. The parts I bought were quite a bit cheaper and there wasn't postage to pay. The parts came from the main warehouse in about three days.
2. I have bought oil seals for the rear axle (hubs and diff' pinion) from a bearing supplier in Newcastle. Also, a bronze clutch pedal bush. These parts were vastly cheaper than parts from N.T.G. (diff' pinion oil seal £1.93, N.T.G. £7.20). There are bearing suppliers in most places; just take the old oil seal or bearing along and they will measure them up.
3. Pistons are easily available. I had the block rebored and A.E. pistons supplied. The pistons were £115 including V.A.T.
4. I stripped down the rear springs by removing the centre bolt and just had a top leaf for each spring made at a spring making company. Each top leaf was £11.50 including V.A.T. The old leaves under the top leaf were wire brushed, painted and the leaf re-assembled with a new centre bolt, a couple of cylindrical spacers top and bottom and new rubber interleaves between each leaf. I don't think the rubber interleaves are necessary, but I had bought them some time ago.
5. Gasket paper can be easily bought and many gaskets made by cutting out and laying the gasket over the part and knocking out the holes etc with the ball end of a ball pein hammer.
6. Many engine parts are much cheaper from Brown & Gammons.

I hope these tips may be helpful to other 'Y' Type owners.

Arthur Roberts.
[REDACTED] Tyne & Wear.

REGISTER NEWS

Recent Discoveries

Register Number 916

Chassis Number	Y0363
Engine Number	SC/10131
Licence Plate	MFC579
Body Number	59/211
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	47
Owner's Name	Randle S
Owner Number	1033
Car Location	Warwickshire ENG
Exterior Colour	Black
Interior Colour	R

Register Number 541

Chassis Number	YT3871
Engine Number	TR/13738
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	n/k
Sub-Type	YT
Year of Manuf'	49
Owner's Name	Furler L
Owner Number	1031
Car Location	S.A. AUS
Exterior Colour	n/k
Interior Colour	-

Register Number 547

Chassis Number	YT4061
Engine Number	TR/13855
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	45347-876
Sub-Type	YT
Year of Manuf'	49
Owner's Name	Koster S
Owner Number	1036
Car Location	NSW AUS
Exterior Colour	n/k
Interior Colour	-

Register Number 1080

Chassis Number	YT4917
Engine Number	TR/14794
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	53208-882
Sub-Type	YT
Year of Manuf'	50
Owner's Name	Geduld CE
Owner Number	1040
Car Location	Swakopmund NAM
Exterior Colour	Green
Interior Colour	-

Register Number 316

Chassis Number	Y5241
Engine Number	SC/X15105
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	3997/3973
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	50
Owner's Name	Neal JS
Owner Number	1041
Car Location	Maine USA
Exterior Colour	t/t Gra/Black
Interior Colour	G

Register Number 986

Chassis Number	Y6446
Engine Number	SC/16150
Licence Plate	UMG308
Body Number	5046/5094
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	51
Owner's Name	Wells G
Owner Number	1030
Car Location	Yorkshire ENG
Exterior Colour	Black
Interior Colour	B

Register Number 1084

Chassis Number	Y6471
Engine Number	SC/X16298
Licence Plate	n/k
Body Number	5119/5624
Sub-Type	YA
Year of Manuf'	51
Owner's Name	Swan P
Owner Number	1039
Car Location	Germiston RSA
Exterior Colour	Dk. Green
Interior Colour	N

Register Number 738

Chassis Number	YB1257
Engine Number	SC2/18135
Licence Plate	8142MG
Body Number	6872/1070
Sub-Type	YB
Year of Manuf'	53
Owner's Name	Heys D
Owner Number	1032
Car Location	Lancashire ENG
Exterior Colour	t/t Blue/Gry
Interior Colour	B

USED CARS FOR SALE AND WANTED—SPARES AND SERVICE

SIMPSON'S offer

1950 Ford Reproduced
SIMPSON'S Car Society by courtesy of 'Autocar'

295 gms.—L1 hand round, removable. 7-7 week-days and Saturdays.—Rowland Tube, Hampstead 6044.

LLOYD

LLOYD 650, first registered 12-12-49, 12,000 miles. Clean condition. £155.—Bishopsgate 576. (2827)

LLOYD in good condition, for cash.—Tel. Valentine 2098 or 4674.

MERCEDES

PANTILES, Guildford 5325.—See "Sports Cars." (C3035)

Mercedes Cars Wanted

PRIVATE buyer requires Mercedes (outstanding drop head); state model, price, full particulars, history.—Box 3500.

MERCEDES-BENZ

MERCEDES-BENZ (Gt. Britain), Ltd., offer:—

TYPE 170 V 4-door Mercedes-Benz 4-door saloon, right-hand steering, metallic green with beige cloth; this car has been completely and thoroughly overhauled and is in immaculate condition throughout.—Victoria 3715.

Mercedes-Benz Spares and Service

MERCEDES-BENZ (GREAT BRITAIN), Ltd., Sales Service and Spares, 111 Grosvenor Rd., S.W.1. Victoria 3715-9. Night Service: Victoria 3143, 3145

MERCURY

SIMPSON'S offer:—

1947 Ford Mercury 2-door saloon, fitted with heater and seat covers.

SIMPSON'S MOTORS (WEMBLEY), Ltd. (American Car Specialists), Tel. Wembley 8891-3903. (C4015)

M.G.

PC M.G. 14-litre sports saloon, 1949, £555, M.G. T.A. 10hp Tickford, 1939, £375.

M.G. T.D. 2-seater roadster, 1950, £565; M.G. T.A. 10hp Tickford, 1939, £375.

M.G. T.C. 2-seater roadsters, choice of 6, 1946 to 1949, £375 to £525.

M.G. T.A. 10hp 2-seaters, choice of 2, 1932, £275 and £345.

M.G. 2-litre 18hp drop head fourseater, choice of 2, 1934, £245 and £295.

M.G. P.B. 4-seater, 1936, £275; M.G. P.B. 4hp 2-seater, 1935, £255.

M.G. 2.8hp 2-seaters, choice of 3, 1933, £155 to £195.

M.G. 8hp 4-seater, 1932, £95; M.G. N.A. 12hp 4-seater, 1925, £245.

M.G. P.A. supercharged 2-seater, 1931, £225; M.G. 8hp 2-seater, 1931, £180, £35.

PERFORMANCE CARS (WIMBORLEY) Garage, Great West Rd., Brentford, Middlesex, Ealing 8841 (4 lines).

West End Show Hall, 107, New Cavendish St., W.1. Museum 8221. (C3041)

CAR MART Ltd.

1949-50 M.G. T.C. radio, 8,000 miles; £550.—Car Mart Ltd, 150, Park Lane, W.1. Grosvenor 3434. (C3034)

RAYMOND WAY.

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RAYMOND WAY. The sole purchase specialists.

1937 M.G. 3-litre drop head fourseater coupe, very attractive pale blue cellulose with upholstery to match; excellent mechanical condition; looks and runs like a thoroughbred should. 2497ms.

FIRE purchase terms on the spot with no references. No formalities or examinations; part exchanges on your present motor cycle or car; always 200 cars under £400 to choose from.

RAYMOND WAY, Canterbury Rd., Kilburn, N.W.8.

8, Maiden Vale 6044 connecting all branches and departments. (Kilburn Park Station, Bakerloo line 150 yards.) (C3047)

NEWNHAMS Ltd

1951 (Dec.) M.G. T.D. sports 2-seater, black with red, 2,400 miles only, B.M.T.A. consent; 2795.

NEWNHAMS House, 235-7-9, Hammersmith Rd., London W.6. Riverside 4646. (C3024)

RIPCO, Ltd., offer:—

1950 M.G. T.D. 2-seater, ivory, red leather, spare unused, one owner.

1949 M.G. T.C. 2-seater, blue, low mileage, one owner; choice 190.

1947 M.G. T.C. 2-seater, green, low mileage, one owner; choice 190.

THE above and many other small mileage cars are inviting your inspection at

RIPCO, Ltd., 16, Albemarle St., Mayfair, W.1. Regent 2952. (M.G.'s purchased.) (C3052)

TOM GARNER, Ltd., offer:—

1951 series M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, duo green with beige leather, 8,000 miles only, B.M.T.A. consent.

TOM GARNER, Ltd., 10-12, Peter St., Manchester, 2. Blackfriars 9265-6-7. (C3020)

CHARLES RICKARDS, Ltd., offer:—

1949 (April) M.G. T.C. 2-seater, finished black, out owner since new, offered at the very competitive price of £495.

Also a good selection of genuine low-mileage cars. Offered with our 3 months guarantee.

56 Baywater Rd., W.2 (near door Lancaster Gate Tube Stn., 5 mins. from Marble Arch.) Pad. 1820. (C3050)

WARWICK WRIGHT, Ltd., offer:—

1950 M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, black, red leather, 10,000 miles.

WARWICK WRIGHT, Ltd., 150, New Bond St., W.1. Mayfair 9761. (C3045)

JACK ROSE, Ltd., M.G. Agents, offer:—

1949 M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, almost unmarked inside and out, many extras; accept £750.—Jack Rose, Ltd., Stafford Rd., Wallington, Surrey, Wallington 5677-8. (C3056)

PARADE MOTORS (MITCHAM), offer:—

1939 T.B. M.G. 2-seater, B.R. green, new tyres, taxed; £365.

1938 T.A. M.G. green, reconditioned engine not run in, new hood, good tyres; £335.

1934 P.A. M.G. green, a specimen; £235.

1935 Hotrod Special Magnette 2-seater; £195.

1939 Tickford drop head T.A.; £355.

1933 J.2; £135.

PARADE MOTORS (MITCHAM), Ltd., 56-57, Monarch Parade, Mitcham, Tel. Mit. 3392. (C3026)

GORDON CARS (LONDON), Ltd., for M.G.

1949 two-seater, blue, 1,700 miles only; £695.

GORDON House, 373, Euston Rd., N.W.1. Euston 6611. (C3023)

Chapstead Motors, Ltd.—See our advertisement in "Sports Cars."

1938 M.G. black saloon, 2-litre, exd. condition; what offers?—Box 3329. (C3046)

1950 M.G. sports 2-seater, type T.D., literally without blemish; £675.

METCALP & MUNDY, 280, Old Brompton Rd., S.W.5. Fremantle 5471. (C3064)

M.G. 1 1/2 saloon, June, 1952, 1,500 miles; £595.—Jones, 25, North Crescent, N.3. (2832)

1950 M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, black with red leather, radio very carefully used; £795.

A. SANDERS, Ltd., Austin House, Castle St., Worcester, Tel. 2382. (C4005)

1948 M.G. T.C. first-class condition recently overhauled; £500.—Box 3303. (C3074)

1951 (May) M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, 7,000 miles.—Ernest Sutton, Tel. Rovers 4. (C4023)

1952 M.G. 1 1/2-litre, 1,500 miles.—Autowork, Ltd., Winchester, Tel. Winchester 4334. (C3010)

1952 M.G. T.D., privately owned.—Tel. Glasgow, Douglas 5077. (C3096)

M.G. 8 J.2 in excellent condition, 1933; £200 o.n.o. 2, Saurtrill Cottages, Green St., Eastbourne, (2721)

2 PARTS, of Kingston, M.G. specialists, sales, spares, repairs.—102, London Rd., Kingston, Tel. Kin. 3348. (C3042)

M.G. N.A. Magnette, 1936; £135 o.n.o.—Spooners, Tressells, Marmarating Tyre, Inverstone, Essex. (2762)

1951 1 1/2-litre M.G., maroon, heater, 11,500 miles; £630.—Belton. (C3051)

1951 1 1/2-litre M.G. saloon, 1,700 miles; £550.—Bally (Finchley) Ltd., Ocean Parade, North Finchley, London, N.12. Tel. E.11.5144. (2910)

1949 M.G. T.C., nice offer throughout; £495.—W. T. Dunn, Ltd., 307, Euston Rd., N.W.1. Eust. 3105. (2507)

1939 M.G. 2.6 drop head coupe, guarantee; £385; payments.—Oldfield, 135 Kensington High St., W.14. Wes. 6631. (C3029)

£325.—1933 M.G. 2-litre saloon, very good condition; genuine offer.—Tom Allers Automotiles, 53, Hill Rd., Wimbledon 3843. (2523)

1949 M.G. T.C. 2-seater, red, exceptional condition throughout; £450.—Curden Motors, Penn. Bucks, Penn 3291. (2629)

CAMDEN MOTORS.—M.G. Midget. See sports car section on special double-page advertisement in this issue.

CAMDEN MOTORS, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, Tel. 2041. (C3035)

1 1/2 saloon, 20,000 mls., duo green, £90 of special equipment; £325.—Oscar Moore, 204, Ballard Lane, Finchley 2920. (2892)

£245 o.n.o.—M.G. P.A. immaculate, good tyres, radio, twin horns.—J.S. Palermo Rd., N.W.10. E.11.4301. (2801)

1938 M.G. 2-litre sports saloon, guaranteed; £225; exchange and terms.—Palmer, 4, Buxell Gardens, Mews, Kensington, W.14. Park 9704. (2925)

1951 M.G. 1 1/2-litre black saloon, 1,800 miles only, extra at new; £695.—John Gray, 20, Hermitage Lane, N.W.2. Speedwell 1242. (C3028)

1949 (July) M.G. T.O. 2-seater, green, green leather, luggage carrier, 24,000 miles, immaculate, mechanically 100%; £565.

H. A. SANDERS, Ltd., 324-330, Euston Rd., N.W.1. Euston 4511. (1761)

1950 (April) M.G. 1 1/2-litre saloon, black, with red leather, one owner, very attractive car; £575.—Northgate Motors, Oldham, Tel. Main 5570. (2950)

T.A. 1937, one owner, never raced, engine and chassis perfect, body just reconditioned (creamed), very attractive and lively performer; £350 or offer.—Oplands 0905. (2657)

545 gms.—M.G. Midget, 1949, 11hp T.C. 2-seater, green, green leather, one owner, small mileage, exceptional condition; terms, exchange.—Rowland Smith—Below.

495 gms.—M.G. Midget, 1949, 11hp T.C. 2-seater, red, twin horns, small mileage, carefully used, excellent condition; taxed; terms, exchange.—Rowland Smith—Below.

365 gms.—M.G. 1939, 2.6-litre sports saloon, black, sliding head, brown leather, very good condition; terms, exchange; 140; open 7-7 week-days and Saturdays.—Rowland Smith, Hampstead (Hampstead Tube), Hampstead 6041. (C3012)

M.G. T.D. 2-seater, black, spare unused, exceptional condition throughout; £785; trade enquiries—H. C. Paul, Ltd., 32, Bruton Place, W.1. Mayfair 0821-2. (C3040)

1951 M.G. T.D. with loose covers, luggage rack, unmarked, 8,000 miles; £325.—Britton & Colonial Motors, Ltd., Upper St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2. Temple Bar 1528. (C1057)

1951 (March) M.G. 1 1/2 saloon, chrome with red leather, one owner, fitted heater, etc., 10,000 miles; £325.—Gibsons Sports Cars (Christchurch), Ltd., Lyndhurst Rd., Christchurch, Hants, Tel. 1681. (2769)

1937 M.G. TA 2-jen., black, with extras, excellent condition; £295, trade and part exchange enquiries invited.—G. P. Morley, Ltd., 54, Streatham Hill, S.W.2. Tulse Hill 4188. (C3016)

1949 M.G. green, 15,000 miles, new hood, screens, etc., brakes renewed, garnier, Winton; offers over £325.—Leese, 10, Adelaide Rd., Surbiton, Surrey 1426. (2739)

1949 M.G. T.C. 2-seater, green, beige interior, new tyres, spotless condition throughout; £515.—Brown & White (Leeds), Ltd., Roundhay Rd., Leeds 7. Tel. Leeds 33405 (4 lines). (2554)

XXX 1930-1946 (July) M.G. T.C. sports 2-str., finished black, silver wheels, red leather, Blumel spruz wheel; really immaculate appearance, delightful performance; written guarantees, terms, exchange, below.

XXX Quite exceptional 1949 (June) M.G. T.C. sports 2-seater, green, red leather, red wheels, all-over tonneau cover, twin horns and fog lamp; immaculate appearance with outstanding performance; thoroughly recommended; written guarantee; £545, terms, exchange.—W. P. Edwards, 200, Gt. Portland St., W.1. Langham 0012. (C3003)

1939 1 1/2-litre M.G. saloon, reconditioned engine, exceptionally maintained; £385; also choice of 7 other 1 1/2- and 2-litre saloons and drop heads; also 1939 TA drop heads.—Speedsters, Ltd., Horley 628. (See Sports Car column.) (C4020)

1952 (Jan.) M.G. 1 1/2 saloon, grey, with red leather fitted H.M.V. radio, twin horns, Rimbellisher, loose covers, carpets, etc., guaranteed 3,000 mls., as new; £1,025.—Gibsons Sports Cars (Christchurch), Ltd., Lyndhurst Rd., Christchurch, Hants, Tel. 1681. (2727)

1946 (June) T.C. 2-seater, black, beige upholstery, excellent condition, new Exco radio, chrome horns, fog and spot lamps, Blumel's steering wheel, aero screens, tonneau cover, new side curtains, five good tyres; £495.—Eagle Garage, Snaresbrook, E.11. (2693)

1951 (April) M.G. Mark II T.D. carefully used in 14,000 genuine miles for daily work and sometimes rallies not without success; reason for sale is purely personal and gladly given to genuine enquirers; £300 or nearest offer.—Bourne House, Wintourhouse. (2678)

M.G. Cars Wanted

THE CAR MART, Ltd., wish to purchase M.G. Cars—320, Euston Rd., N.W.1. Euston 1212. (0965/R)

ROWLAND SMITH'S

ROWLAND SMITH'S the M.G. buyers—Hampstead High St. (Hampstead Tube), Ham. 6041. (0948/R)

M.G. in good condition, for cash.—Tel. Valentine 2098 or 4674. (1847)

M.G. wanted in exchange for 1939 Austin 10 saloon.—45, Shirehall Park, N.W.4, Hendon 1648. (2687)

PERFORMANCE CARS urgently require M.G. cars.—Great West Rd., Brentford, Middx. Ealing 8841. (W3041/R)

1 1/2-litre saloon or T.D. M.G. wanted.—S. P. Exline & Sons, Ltd., 24, Commercial Rd., Woking 310. (0697/R)

URGENTLY required, 1947-51 M.G. 1 1/2 saloons.—Gibsons Sports Cars (Christchurch), Ltd., Lyndhurst Rd., Christchurch, Hants, Tel. 1681. (1286)

REQUIRED immediately, good M.G. all models.—G. Edwards, Amersbury Lane, Harpenden, Herts, Tel. 112. (W2000)

JACK ROSE, Ltd., M.G. Agents, wish to purchase good M.G. cars.—Jack Rose, Ltd., Stafford, Wallington Surrey, Wallington 6677-8. (W3056)

ROSE & YOUNG, Ltd., urgently require low-mileage M.G. all models.—65-69, Stenham Hill, Stenham Hill S.W.2 (1 minute Streatham Hill Station), Tulse Hill 8464. (W3057)

MAYFAIR GARAGES, Ltd.—Particularly good casual buyers of all models M.G.; telephone or write for buyers to call.—Mayfair Garages, Ltd., Eldersden Street (opp. Selfridge's clock) Mayfair, W.1. Mayfair 3104-5. (0696/R)

M.G. Spares and Service

TOULIN MOTORS, M.G. Specialists, Staines Rd., Bournov. See displayed advertisement page 20. (0149/R)

PERFORMANCE CARS.—M.G. sales, service, spares.—Great West Rd., Brentford, Middlesex, Ealing 8841. (W3041/R)

UNIVERSITY MOTORS, Ltd.—Largest stock of M.G. spares outside the factory.—7, Hertford St., London, W.1. Oro 4141. (0805/R)

M.G. spares, most cars in stock for all models, 1930 to present, including valves, guides, springs, rockers, bushes, shafts, etc., replacement camshafts, rockers, dynamo, load springs, wheels, hubs, vertical drive assemblies; prompt postal service, c.o.d., and guaranteed workmanship in all our repairs.—A. E. Witham, Queens Garage, Queens Rd., Wintourhouse (Station) S.W.19. Liberty 1083. (0433/R)

MORGAN

CAR MART Ltd.

1950 Morgan 3/4 2-seater, 10,000 miles, £495.—Car Mart, Ltd., 320 Euston Rd. N.W.1. Euston 1212. (C1039)

SIMPSON'S (Edwards)

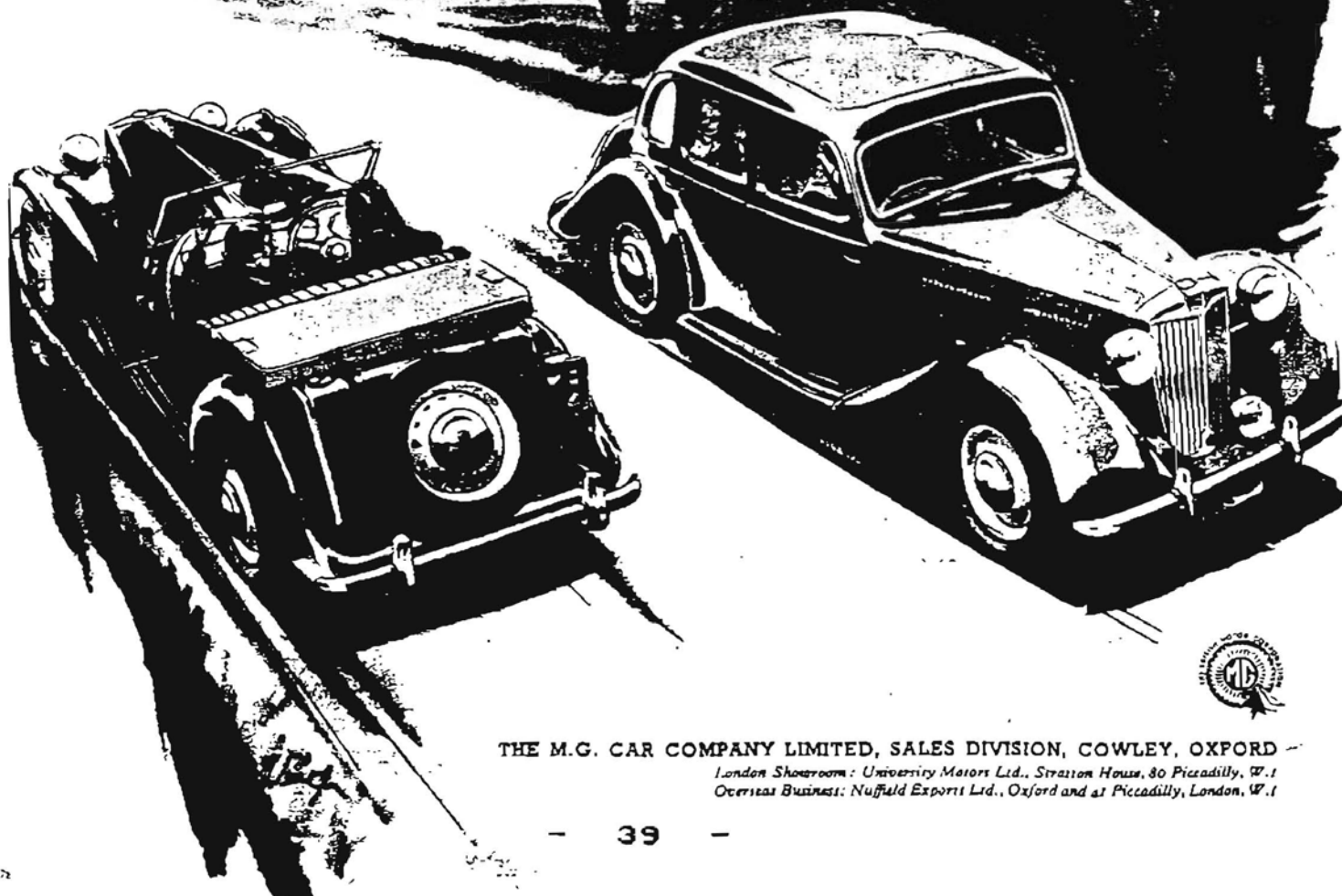
1939 Morgan 4's, new engine, immaculate condition, £275.

SIMPSON'S MOTOR SALES (LONDON), Ltd., North Rd., Putney, Tel. 1956 pl 7073. (W3011)

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MEMBERS' TIPS

David Mullen:

Beware of overtightening bolts securing the timing cover to the sump as the threads are only soft aluminium and are easily stripped (the same applies to the bellhousing sump bolts). I know this from experience, having stripped one during my engine rebuild last year! It's very easy to do, so make sure the threads are clean and that you are fitting the correct bolt. Sometimes you find "odd" bolts fitted in these areas, where this has happened at some time in the past.

Check that the two screws securing the distributor base plate are tightened down properly as mine had worked loose, causing the base plate to shift and inducing all manner of rough running as the points were affected. The two little bolts were the last thing I checked in trying to find the fault and as I had only just rebuilt the engine you can guess how my imagination was running wild with what had possibly gone wrong. "New old stock" distributors for the XPAG engine are now very expensive. Does anyone know of a more modern one that will do the job with perhaps minor modifications?

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