

The Classic "Y"



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The Newsletter of The M.G. "Y" Type Register

EDITORIAL

I'm sure many of you will be wondering how Dave Lawrence's book is coming along. The good news is that the layout for printing is currently going ahead in Durban and Dave hopes to have the book out in time for this coming Christmas. The finished article should consist of around 270 pages, with approximately 240 photographs, of which 20 may be in colour. Cost may work out at something around £30 inclusive of postage (from a U.K. distributor). This, I believe to be quite reasonable, given that once you see the content you'll appreciate that Dave's effort more than leaves my 1988 book looking shamefully superficial.

Cars for Sale

1953 YB. Body-off restoration, all parts sand-blasted, chassis repainted, all body parts repaired and leaded. Eight coats of paint in Brooklands Green. Rechromed, rewired, new floor. Too much to list. Reassembled, needs interior renewed. Reluctant sale. £5,500. Tel: [REDACTED], Suffolk).

Parts Wanted

Ammeter +30/-30 for 1953 YB, seats or covers for 1953 YB, or even material to make. Prefer green or beige. Must be in good condition. Tel: [REDACTED], Suffolk), evenings."

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FITTING a 'K&N' Filter to the 'Y' Series.

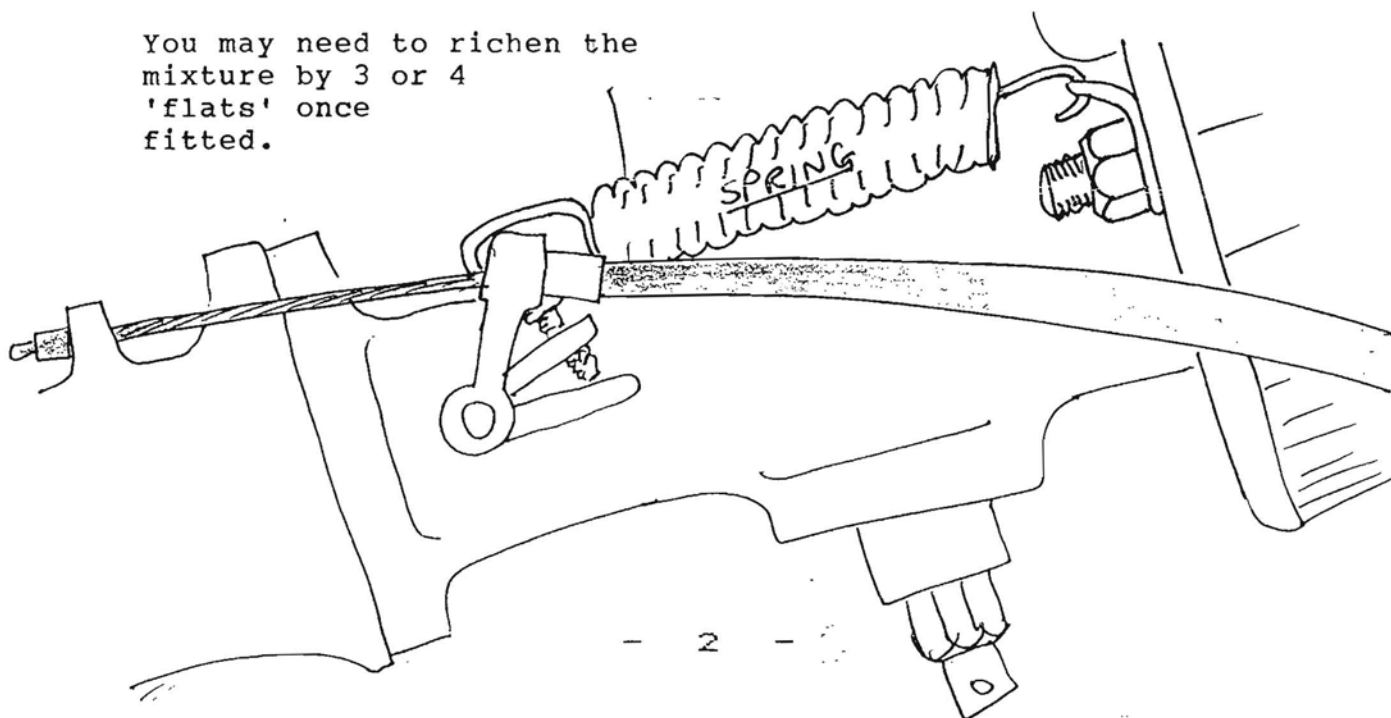
The task is quite easy, except for the bits I have highlighted. Remove the large air silencer from the top of the engine, and put the bolts back into the holes on the rocker cover, or you will have a huge oil leak!! If you have a chain on your oil cap, also put on a 'penny washer' to stop it falling off the 'tab'. Remove the aluminium casting trunk to the carburettor. This is held on with two bolts; save them by putting them back into their holes, for a future concours rebuild. You now have the carb mouth staring at you, and no where to anchor the throttle return spring.

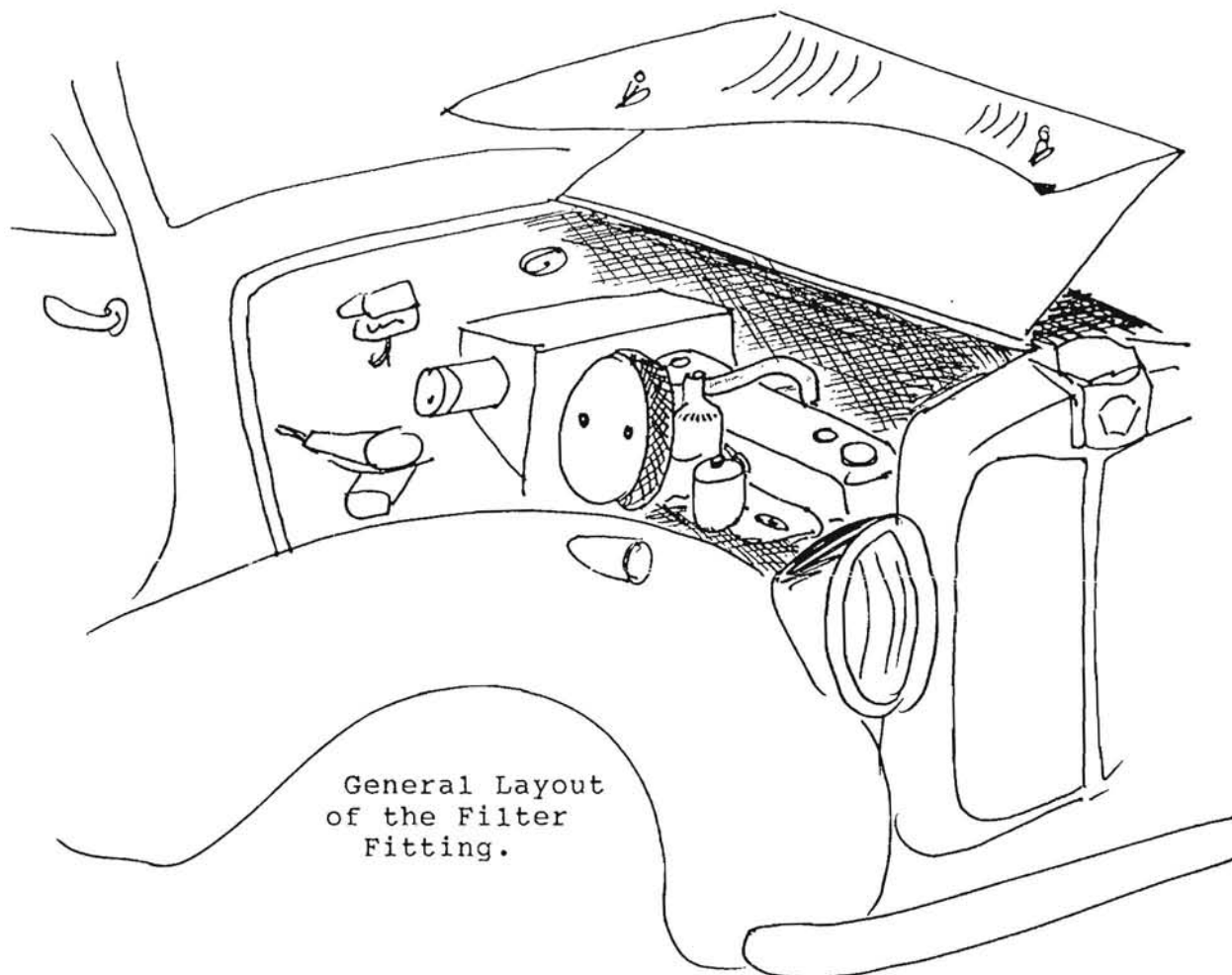
If like me you have a fibre block between the carb and the manifold to stop overheating of the mixture on hot days, your carb will be quite close to the bonnet when it is closed. The type of 'K&N' you require is one with its hole 'low down'. Most are in the centre of the filter back plate; the 'Y' needs one as shown in the sketches. Mine cost £28 with a Stub-Stack thrown in at the MG Spares Day at Stoneleigh this year. You will also need two 3/8" UNF by 1 & 1/2" long bolts and nuts, with four plain and two locking spring washers. These pass through the stub-stack, the backplate, the gasket, and the carb inlet flanges. Put the nuts on the carb side, ie OUTSIDE. Good spring washers are needed or you could ingest a bolt!!!!!!

On the rear bolt I also put a tab I made from a bit of steel, that went under the nut and had a lug ^{for} the return spring ^{of} the throttle to connect to. See sketch. You can buy rear plates with vent pipe connections on, but I simply drilled a hole in the backplate, and rivetted on an old BMC 'B' series engine heater pipe. A piece of 1/2" hose then joined the rocker cover vent to the air filter, with two jubilee clips.

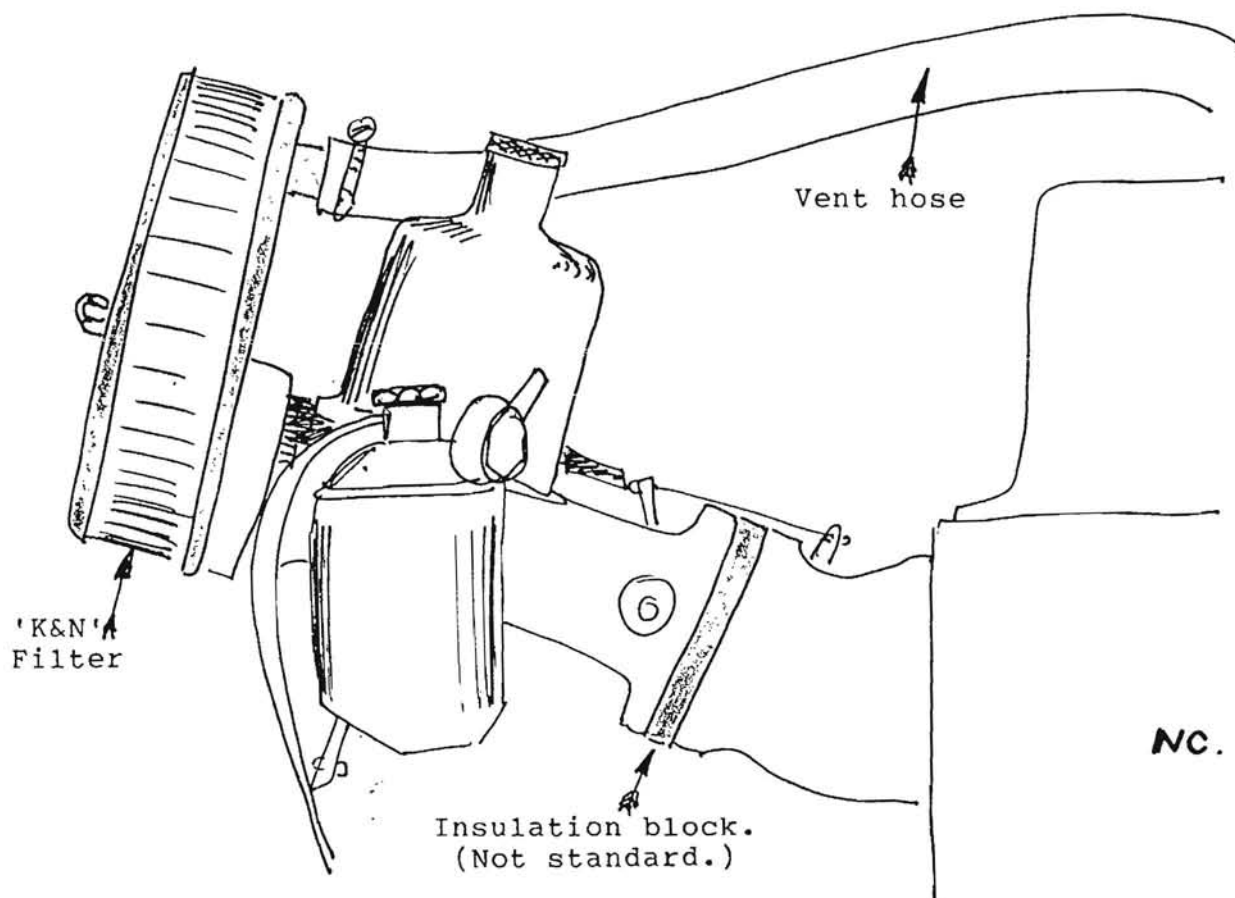
The 'stub-stck' eases the air's entry into the carb mouth, or the right-angled inlet edges will affect air flow.

You may need to richen the mixture by 3 or 4 'flats' once fitted.





General Layout
of the Filter
Fitting.



'K&N'
Filter

Vent hose

Insulation block.
(Not standard.)

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THEY SAY IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY....

The M.G.C.C. Y-Type Register est. 1991.

D.Doubtfire, [REDACTED]

The M.G. Y-Type Register of South Africa est. 1991.

D.R.Lawrence, [REDACTED], Republic of South Africa.

The Australian Y-Type Register est. 1992.

A.L.Slattry, [REDACTED], Australia.

M.G. 'Y' Register Danmark est. 1993.

F.Neumann, [REDACTED], Denmark.

North American 'Y' Registry est. 1997.

J.Keller, [REDACTED], New Jersey, [REDACTED], U.S.A.

North American 'Y' Registry est. 1997.

W.R.Musselman, [REDACTED], Washington, [REDACTED] U.S.A.

I know that some of our readers also own 'T' Types, as well as 'Y's, so I'd like to ask them to "send me your body numbers". As part of our on-going research into points of originality, I am trying to put together a database on 'T' Type body numbers (this is perhaps the only area of 'T' Type originality which has never before been adequately researched). Just a note of your T's chassis number and body number will suffice, please. The same goes for Morris Eight Series Es, for that matter.... JGL.

GUARANTEE PLATE ISSUE LEDGERS

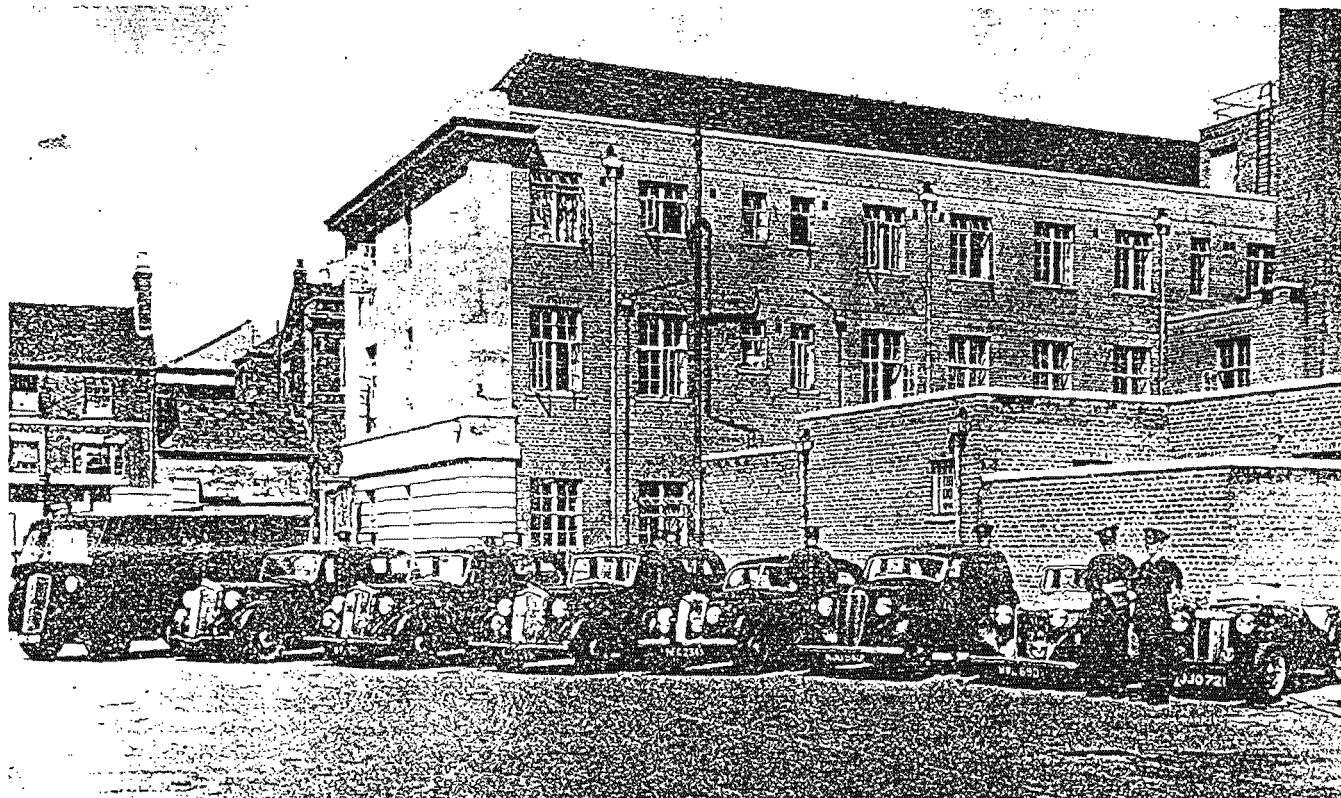
THE YBs - Pt. IV.

Chassis No	Engine No.	Completion Date	Chassis No	Engine No.	Completion Date
YB/0442	SC2/17332	18/04/52	YB/0488	SC2/17382	16/05/52
YB/0443	SC2/17314	18/04/52		see YB/0454	
YB/0444	SC2/17312	22/04/52	YB/0489	SC2/17324	16/05/52
YB/0445	SC2/17330	23/04/52	YB/0490		
YB/0446	SC2/17351	23/04/52	YB/0491		
YB/0447	SC2/17346	24/04/52	YB/0492		
YB/0448	SC2/17317	24/04/52	YB/0493		
YB/0449	SC2/17313	24/04/52	YB/0494	SC2/17331	19/05/52
YB/0450	SC2/17334	25/04/52	YB/0495	SC2/17348	19/05/52
YB/0451	SC2/17343	25/04/52	YB/0496	SC2/17325	19/05/52
YB/0452	SC2/17336	25/04/52	YB/0497	SC2/17316	19/05/52
YB/0453	SC2/17347	29/04/52			
YB/0454	SC2/17382	29/04/52	engine changed to SC2/17380 on 07/05/52		
YB/0455	SC2/17338	29/04/52			
YB/0456	SC2/17372	30/04/52	YB/0498	SC2/17337	20/05/52
YB/0457	SC2/17376	01/05/52	YB/0499	SC2/17361	20/05/52
YB/0458	SC2/17358	01/05/52	YB/0500	SC2/17362	21/05/52
YB/0459	SC2/17328	02/05/52	YB/0501	SC2/17359	21/05/52
YB/0460	SC2/17339	05/05/52	YB/0502	SC2/17357	21/05/52
YB/0461	SC2/17373	05/05/52	YB/0503	SC2/17355	04/06/52
YB/0462	SC2/17363	05/05/52	YB/0504	SC2/17356	04/06/52
YB/0463	SC2/17364	06/05/52	YB/0505	SC2/17327	04/06/52
YB/0464	SC2/17370	06/05/52	YB/0506	SC2/17378	05/06/52
YB/0465	SC2/17366	06/05/52	YB/0507	SC2/17319	05/06/52
YB/0466			YB/0508	SC2/17360	05/06/52
YB/0467			YB/0509	SC2/17398	05/06/52
YB/0468			YB/0510	SC2/17412	05/06/52
YB/0469			YB/0511	SC2/17395	05/06/52
YB/0470	SC2/17374	08/05/52	YB/0512	SC2/17396	06/06/52
YB/0471	SC2/17381	08/05/52	YB/0513	SC2/17413	06/06/52
YB/0472	SC2/17365	08/05/52	YB/0514	SC2/17407	09/06/52
YB/0473	SC2/17353	09/05/52	YB/0515	SC2/17408	09/06/52
YB/0474	SC2/17320	09/05/52	YB/0516	SC2/17417	12/06/52
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YB/0477	SC2/17321	12/05/52	YB/0519	SC2/17400	12/06/52
YB/0478	SC2/17371	13/05/52	YB/0520	SC2/17425	12/06/52
YB/0479	SC2/17288	14/05/52	YB/0521	SC2/17384	12/06/52
YB/0480	SC2/17367	14/05/52	YB/0522	SC2/17416	12/06/52
YB/0481	SC2/17379	14/05/52	YB/0523	SC2/17401	13/06/52
YB/0482	SC2/17354	15/05/52	YB/0524	SC2/17419	13/06/52
YB/0483	SC2/17368	15/05/52	YB/0525	SC2/17422	13/06/52
YB/0484	SC2/17369	15/05/52	YB/0526	SC2/17421	13/06/52
YB/0485	SC2/17322	15/05/52	YB/0527	SC2/17397	13/06/52
YB/0486	SC2/17377	15/05/52	YB/0528	SC2/17418	13/06/52
YB/0487	SC2/17375	16/05/52	YB/0529	SC2/17383	13/06/52

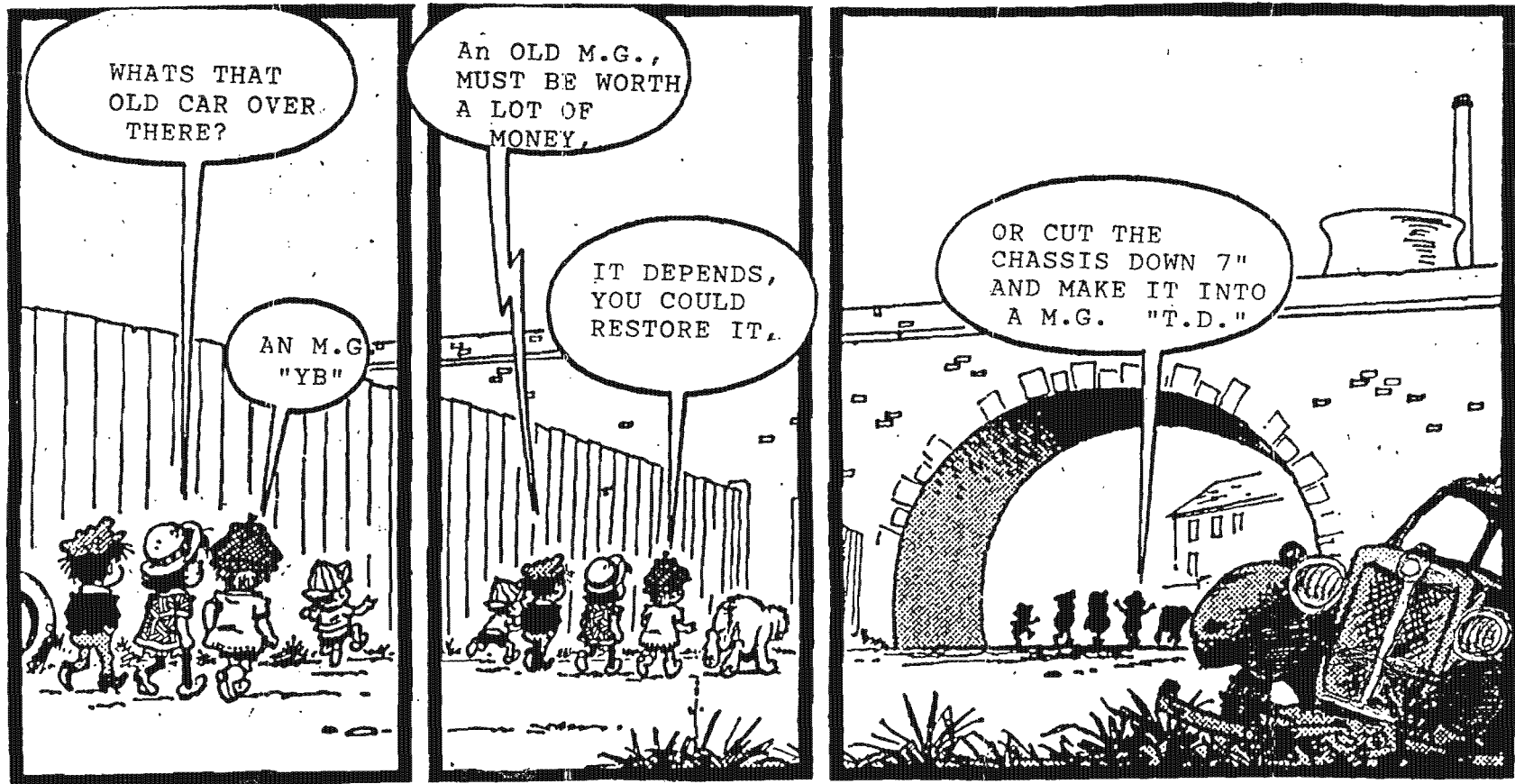
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YB/0531	SC2/17414	13/06/52	YB/0553	SC2/17436	23/06/52
YB/0532	SC2/17411	13/06/52	YB/0554	SC2/17405	23/06/52
YB/0533	SC2/17415	17/06/52	YB/0555	SC2/17448	23/06/52
YB/0534	SC2/17410	17/06/52	YB/0556	SC2/17440	23/06/52
YB/0535	SC2/17406	17/06/52	YB/0557	SC2/17442	24/06/52
YB/0536	SC2/17402	17/06/52	YB/0558	SC2/17443	24/06/52
YB/0537	SC2/17399	17/06/52	YB/0559	SC2/17450	24/06/52
YB/0538	SC2/17437	17/06/52	YB/0560	SC2/17441	24/06/52
YB/0539	SC2/17431	17/06/52	YB/0561	SC2/17452	24/06/52
YB/0540	SC2/17403	18/06/52	YB/0562	SC2/17446	24/06/52
YB/0541	SC2/17424	18/06/52	YB/0563	SC2/17445	24/06/52
YB/0542	SC2/17426	18/06/52	YB/0564	SC2/17447	25/06/52
YB/0543	SC2/17404	18/06/52	YB/0565	SC2/17449	25/06/52
YB/0544	SC2/17427	19/06/52	YB/0566	SC2/17451	25/06/52
YB/0545	SC2/17435	19/06/52	YB/0567	SC2/17392	25/06/52
YB/0546	SC2/17434	19/06/52	YB/0568	SC2/17454	25/06/52
YB/0547	SC2/17433	19/06/52	YB/0569	SC2/17453	25/06/52
YB/0548	SC2/17430	19/06/52	YB/0570	SC2/17391	25/06/52
YB/0549	SC2/17429	19/06/52	YB/0571	SC2/17455	03/07/52
YB/0550	SC2/17438	19/06/52	YB/0572	SC2/17460	03/07/52
YB/0551	SC2/17428	19/06/52	YB/0573	SC2/17458	03/07/52

Members of the Oxford City Police Traffic Department ready for inspection in the yard of St Aldates Police Station.



The Perishers



.....Or was it 5"? (With appologies to Maurice Dodd & Dennis Collins.)
From the M.G. press I see that 'Y' types are still broken up for TD s.

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THE MASSIVE SUMMER MAGAZINE CLEAR-OUT!! *

Most of the magazines listed below have specific 'Y' content:

Autosport	15/02/52
British Car	04-05/96
British Car (Eur)	08/96
Enjoying M.G.	04/81; 02/82; 08/82; 05/83; 07/83; 09/83; 03/84; 04/85; 07/85; 07/86; 11/86; 05/88; 02/89; 02/91; 01/96;
Gathering of the Faithful (West)	
programmes:	'81; '82
M.G.C.C. 'T' Register Yearbook	'91
M.G. Enthusiast	02-03/85; 10-11/90
M.G. Magazine	No. 29 (1988); No. 31 (1989)
Octagon Bulletin:	11/82; 09/83; 10/83; 11/83; 12/83; 01/84; 08/84; 10-11/84; 09/86
Options	11/84
Practical Classics	12/84
Restored Cars (Ausl')	09-10/76
Safety Fast	05/74; 06/74; 02/76; 09/91; 10/91; 06/94; 08/94; 09/94; 10/94; 12/94; 01/95; 02/95; 03/95; 05/95;
The Automobile	12/86
The Centenary of the British Motor Industry official programme	
The Sacred Octagon	08/81; 04/82; 12/82; 10/89; 12/89; 08/93; 10/93; 12/93; 06/94; 10/94; 02/95; 04/95; 06/95; 08/95; 10/95
Thoroughbred & Classic Cars	01/81; 06/82
Wheelspin (M.G.C.C. Victoria)	09-10/84

Offers for any or all of the above to: J.G. Lawson, [REDACTED], please. Don't forget that the postage on magazines can be high! Depending upon how these go, there might be another batch of "goodies" for disposal next time.

* N.B.: There are no "massive summer magazines" in the above list....
(except, maybe "Options"!)