



THE CLASSIC 'Y'

The Magazine of The M.G. Y-type Register

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EDITORIAL

The publication of this magazine has come about as a direct result of the overwhelming response to my letter in 'T&CC' of January 1978. There seems little doubt that a need exists for an organisation entirely devoted to the preservation and restoration of the Y-Type M.G. Membership of the Y-Type Register, which was officially founded on 1st January 1978, is open to anyone who owns a Y Type. Membership is free. This first issue of what I hope will be a monthly magazine is also free to all members. Future issues of the magazine can be obtained at a subscription rate of £3 p.a. by anyone with an interest in Y-Types. Cheques should be made payable to J.G. Lawson (address at foot of page six). Contributions to the magazine such as individual car history's restoration notes, etc., will be gratefully accepted by the Editor. The magazine can only appear monthly if sufficient news items and contributions etc., are received by the Editor.

This first issue has been put together very hurriedly and in the midst of a change of address for the Register which was entirely unexpected and unavoidable. I hope members will therefore bear with the Editor etc., until this turmoil subsides. May I appeal to those members who have not yet sent me full details of their cars to do so in the near future so that I can add your details to those to be found on page three. In the next months I hope to see those subscriptions rolling in and later hope to again advertise the Register in 'T&CC' so that we can build on what we have achieved so far.

28th January 1978

Members' Names & Addresses:

U.K.

Mr. J.G. Lawson,

[REDACTED]
Buckinghamshire.

(1953 YB)

Mr. C. Williams,

[REDACTED]
Middlesex.

(1951 YA)

Mr. R. McManus,

[REDACTED]
Cheshire.

(1949 YA)

Mr. D. Graham Eaton,

[REDACTED]
Yorks.

(1952 YB)

Mr. R. Stormes,

[REDACTED]
South Humberside.

(1947 YA)

Mr. T. Chesleigh,

[REDACTED]
London N.1.

(1950 YA)

Mr. R.S.D. Shepley,

[REDACTED]
Yorks.

(Y?)

Mr. & Mrs. P.M. Grafham,

[REDACTED]
Buckinghamshire.

(1947 YA plus one YA
and one YB)

Mr. B.N. Binns,

[REDACTED]
Yorkshire.

(1949 YA)

Mr. C.P. Madden,

[REDACTED]
Oxfordshire

(1951 YA)

Mr. A. Klein,

[REDACTED]
Gloucestershire.

(1950 YA)

Mr. A. Howse,

[REDACTED]
Oxfordshire.

(YA)

Mr. Reynolds,

[REDACTED]
Nottingham.

(1953 YB)

Mr. Mortimer,

[REDACTED]
London S.E.3

(1953 YB)

Mr. Carter,

Merseyside.

(YB)

Mr. J. Oglesby,

Surrey.

(1953 YB)

Mr. Robinson,

Sussex.

(1952 YB)

Mr. D.J. Robinson,

Essex

(1950 YA)

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER

At the time of going to print with this first issue there were 48 Y-Types on the Register. However full details are still awaited from some of the members so I am only able to list below comparative details of nine cars. Still, in doing so I hope this stimulates interest and correspondence so that the Register may in the coming months become more comprehensive:

<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 0343	1947	YA	CDO 32C	XPAG/SC/ B34681	R. Stormes
Y 3412	1949	YA	FJB 510	XPAG/SC/ 13089	B.N. Binns
Y 3681	1949	YA	KNF 188	XPAG/SC/ 13618	R. McManus
Y 4945	1950	YA	UMG 169	XPAG/SC/ 14458	A. Klein
Y 6785	1951	YA	HDL 450	XPAG/SC/ 16539	C.P. Madden
YB 0446	1952	YB	FFR 960	?	Deirdre & Mike Vernon
YB 0485	1952	YB	ECF 764	XPAG/SC2/ 17322	D. Graham Eaton
YB 1524	1953	YB	MG 7317	XPAG/SC2/ 18793	J.G. Lawson
YB 1533	1953	YB	4972 H	XPAG/SC2/ 18432	J. Oglesby

There were a total of 8,700 YA/YB/YT built. Chassis numbers started not at Y 0001 as might be thought but at Y 0251.

NETHERLANDS.

Mr. E. van Beilen,

Leeuwarden

(YA)

Mr. J. Koerts,

Leidschendam

(YA)

Mr. Oudejans,

Badhoevedorp

(YA) x 2

(YB) x 1

Mr. N. van Straten,

Harlingen

(YA)

Mr. E. van Wijk,

Wageningen

(YB)

Mr. A. Karelse,

Schaesberg

(YB)

Mr. M. Quaedvlieg,

Voerendaal

(YT)

Mr. S. van Lune,

Hatten

(YA)

Mr. K. Jansen,

Leiden

(YA)

Mr. A. Bron,

P/A D. Samson,

Alphen a/d Ryn

(YA)

Mr. J. Bekker,

Den Haag

(YB)

Mr. P. Jansen,

Den Bosch

(YB)

Mr. G. Jansen,

Utrecht

(YT)

INFORMATION & SPARES ETC.

WANTED & FOR SALE

Mr. C. Williams would be interested in purchasing a YB in roadworthy condition.

Mr. B. Binns would be interested to hear where he could get his YA resprayed to a high standard and yet at a reasonable cost. His car's engine will also require a rebuild. Any information on this would also be most welcome.

A set of hub caps for the 16" wheels of Mr. McManus's YA is required. He also requires an official Workshop Manual.

Mr. Graham Eaton and Mr. Lawson would like some tips on how to go about restoring rusted and corroded body panels such as those at the foot of the passenger doors, below the spare wheel compartment and the box section adjoining the running boards. Has anyone any ideas on the type of rivet extractor needed to remove the door check arms from their fastening points on the central door pillar?

Mr. Graham Eaton also requires a Workshop Manual.

Does anyone know of a reasonably priced yet dependable upholstery service?

Mr. Stormes requires a gearbox and two rear shock absorbers for his YA.

Members can purchase a 1/43rd scale model of a 1948 YA in metal from: Lambert (Ley Street) Ltd., 309 Ley Street, Ilford, Essex. The model is by D.G. Models and price in made up form is £6.95 incl., postage. As a kit which you assemble yourself the car can be purchased for some £2 less, I believe - Editor.

N.T.G. Services, 21 St. Margarets Green, Ipswich, Suffolk. Have a comprehensive selection of Y-Type spares. Free catalogue supplied on request.

CONDITION OF CARS ON THE REGISTER

It might be useful to members to know in what state fellow owners' cars are at the moment so that, for instance, those who have undertaken a complete rebuild can advise those who, like the editor, are just commencing a restoration. Details given below will hopefully enable correspondence between members to be more meaningful:

Cars in roadworthy condition:

Mrs. M. Grafham; Mr. B.N. Binns; Mr. R. McManus; Mr. A. Howse; Mr. T. Chesleigh;
Mr. J. Oglesby

Cars undergoing restoration:

Mr. J. Lawson; Mr. P.M. Grafham (plus one for spares); Mr. C. Williams;
Mr. C.P. Madden; Mr. D. Graham Eaton; Mr. A. Klein (to be completed summer '78);
Mr. R. Stormes; Mr. D.J. Robinson.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY MOTORING FESTIVAL

This event is organised by the Royal Agricultural Society of England and is held at the Royal Showground at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire (south of Coventry). The 1978 event is to be held over the August Bank Holiday (26th to 28th August inclusive) and is to include the largest gathering of veteran/vintage/classic cars ever to be assembled in the U.K. The organisers have invited the Y-Type Register and its members to attend this event to promote our interests and we may, if we wish, enter the Concours competitions which are going to be held. Entries can either be on an individual basis or we can enter a team of up to ten cars representing the history of the type through its years of production. At best this may be an ideal opportunity for the Register to advertise itself professionally and to try and carry off the various prizes which will be offered. At worst the show itself could be a convenient first meeting place for all our members to talk amongst themselves and admire each others cars. I know that several of you may be able to bring your cars along as they are currently roadworthy (see page five). Others, like myself however, whose Y-Type is being slowly dismantled for complete renovation, will only be able to bring themselves.

Would anyone who would like to attend with or without their car or would like to enter the individual Concours competition please contact the Editor who has entry forms, copies of the rules and regulations, and details of on-site and other accommodation. If a minimum of five cars in reasonable condition can be guaranteed to appear, the Inter Club Team Trophy Concours competition will be entered by the Register.

SILVERSTONE - May 27th & 28th 1978

) M.G. Car Club annual weekend. Racing on Saturday, Concours and Autotest on Sunday - Many Y-Types to attend.

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