

Welcome to the Y Type Newsletter

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Welcome to our end of year spread. It is often forgotten that not everyone is on the internet or has access to electronic communication. It is therefore hoped that these twice yearly spreads and the monthly notes provide you with the information that you need about matters 'Y'.

Please do phone me to talk through any issues that you may have to raise about your Y and let us know what you have been doing with your car(s) over the year.

Members' Cars

We have had some very worthwhile contributions to our website from current and former owners; I have included a few photographs for your interest and especially for those who do not have internet access.

Dennis Greenwood's YB0558. Fitted heat shield



Owner and Location . Dennis Greenwood, West Yorkshire, England

Date of First Registration. July 31, 1952

Chassis Number. YB0558

I have also included Tony Stock's YT this month

Owner and Location. Tony & Jill Stock, Cornwall, England
Chassis Number YTEXR 2617

Tony's car has an interesting background; he writes (on the Register Website 'Owners Gallery'):

'Registered from new in UK by first owner John Urbane Bull, a coffee planter from Kenya, on his retirement, having purchased the car in dollars directly from MG Car Co (bodywork originally red).

Passed through several owners in late 50s and 60s according to the original brown log book which we have (advertised by one of them in 'Motor Sport' April 1968 for £35 – on the same page as a 1938 VA Tourer EHY129, which we actually purchased at that time for £170 and subsequently ran for 12 years).

Bought in early 70s by John Finch, who restored KLU387 over a number of years and was a successful concours entrant from 1980 onwards.

Advertised in August 2002 in *Safety First!*, and used continuously since then as regular everyday transport (although we do have a ZR 105+ as back up!). KLU has kept fairly well over the past 30 years and the only problems have been a starter motor chucking its pinion adrift on several occasions and the brake pedal cross-shaft stripping its splines.



Happy Christmas and New Year

When you read this it will be less than three weeks to Christmas. So from the Y Register Committee – *A very happy Christmas and New Year to all you Y owners!*

Y Register Events

MG Spares and Triumph Day Sunday March 2 2014

The first major event of the year is traditionally held over the last weekend of February. However, Live Promotions have re-jigged the show as the *MG Spares and Triumph Day*. The promoters are claiming it will be a 'super show' but they have made the following change – *The previous 9am 'early bird' entry scheme is being discontinued, so stands only have to be ready for a straightforward 9.30am–4pm day. There will also be undercover parking in the lower cattle sheds for those who arrive in a marque-appropriate vehicle, available on a first-come/first-served basis.* It could be quite busy!

We have two main Y events scheduled for 2014 – the 'Spring Run' and the 'Summer Break'.

Y Register Spring Run: May 17/18 2014

This year's **Spring Weekend** will be based in the **Winchester** area. We will be holding our traditional weekend with a dinner on the Saturday and a road run on the Sunday.

The Dinner

The Dinner will be held at The Holiday Inn, Winchester www.hiwinchester.co.uk or telephone 01962 670700. The dinner will cost £25 a head for a three course meal. Menus will be forwarded nearer to the date. Any wine/drinks/extras that you order will be paid by you to the hotel on the day. The exact start time for the dinner will be confirmed in due course.

If you are intending to attend the dinner then please let Chris know by the end of March 2014 at the latest. For those wishing to stay overnight, a special rate of £90 per room bed and breakfast has been negotiated. Please book direct with the hotel quoting Chris Callaghan MGY.

MG90

MGLive! will be re-badged for 2014 as MG90 to celebrate the birth of 'Old Number One' which was launched in 1924. It is remarkable that all these years later the word 'MG' is still synonymous with sports cars and indeed 'safety fast' amongst many of the British public.

Y Weekend in Wales

Friday July 11 to Monday July 14

Lynn and Martin Hadley and their twin sons Andrew and Mark are looking forward to welcoming The Y Register to Llanerchindda Farm near Llandovery next July. Their Classic Car Tours of Mid Wales have gained an excellent reputation over the past few years. The family have combined their enthusiasm for classic cars with superb hospitality and a detailed knowledge of the surrounding area, to create the perfect weekend event for any group of classic car enthusiasts.

We have five YAs, two YTs and four YBs signed up so far and there are still two ensuite rooms available so why not join us for what promises to be a really enjoyable weekend. Further details can be found on our website www.mgccyregister.com or contact me at chairman@mgccyregister.com or phone 07702 102188.

Encouraging all Y owners!

At the events we organise, too often we find that they are not that well supported by Y owners. When one considers that Jack Murray in his role as Registrar has identified 530 'live' Y Types (Y,YB and YT) in the United Kingdom which is approximately 47% of the total of 'live' Y Types worldwide (1,115) as at March 2013, one would have thought that more would be present at the events that we attend and organise. (*Note: 'Live' is based upon those cars where information has been received by the Register since 1991, when the Register gained its independence from the T Register. It does not necessarily mean that the car is roadworthy, it may be awaiting restoration and it is possible some of the cars listed 'live' may no longer be so.*)

We would, therefore, like to see more of you at future events. To help achieve this we need to communicate more effectively with Y owners, whether they are MGCC members or not. Peter Veilvoye, our Chairman, is requesting help from current owners. He writes below:

In order to bring our contact information up to date could I ask all Y owners who are online to email me with their latest contact details? We are not sure how up to date some of our addresses and phone numbers are and we are definitely short of many email addresses. So if you haven't been in contact with us recently please take time to email me with your address and phone number. chairman@mgccyregister.com

Footnote

When compiling these notes it's always much appreciated when someone responds to a request for individuals' experiences of Y Type ownership. I had a phone call from Mike Bowyer who had picked up on my comments in the November *Safety Fast!*. Mike owns a 1950 YA (though built in 1949) JNP 207, which is known to the Register. He explained that he had acquired the car from Jason Waller of *Classic Car Sales* in Great Dunmow, Essex. It is fitted with a TD engine and five speed gearbox and is a bit quick. Mike recalls how he has surprised one or two BMW owners with a turn of speed along the Southend bypass! He provided his earliest encounter with a Y which I thought would be worthwhile sharing with you. Mike used to play rugby for Barnet RFC in the early 1950s before going into National Service in 1957. He recalled how the team for whom he played (the Extra B XV) were transported to away fixtures – well the forwards at least – by the Club Fixture Secretary Don Pollen in his green Y Type. Apparently, Don carried eight players to and from the venue. That's pretty good for a Y! Has anyone else stories of the carrying capacity of their Y or one that they may have owned in the past? Thanks Mike!

I mentioned last month about attending the *Goodwood Revival* and whether any Y owner had made it along to this great event. I had

an email from Julian Bosworth which is included below.

Dear Jerry,

When the postman drops the latest SF! through the letter box I always turn to the Y Type page before reading the rest of the mag. Well done for finding things to say. I was interested in your bit about the Goodwood Revival, I was there in my YB on the Friday. The weather was not brilliant but I think it may have been the best day for wandering around. Lots of rain always helps makes the racing more interesting for the spectators but not so comfortable. My reason for writing is that I think I was the only YB in the car park and last year there were two of us. So let's encourage more to attend and show off our cars which are coming more into vogue. It is a great day out other than the hour queue to get in to Goodwood. I did write to the organisers about the queuing but received no reply. As for photos of the day, I did not take any as whenever there was something of interest the weather was not encouraging. So the camera stayed in my pocket. I will try and do better next year. All the same I enjoyed myself and hope to catch up with other Y owners next year.

Regards

Julian Bosworth

I quite agree Julian and thank you for your comments.