



# WELCOME TO THE YTYPE NEWSLETTER



Jo and Jerry represented the Y's 70th year on a very wet day at Stony Stratford on New Year's Day

### **Looking Back at the 70th Anniversary**

The principal activity in the Y Type world has been the 70th Anniversary of the Y. This was enthusiastically taken forward through a number of activities and we must thank supporting Registers and Centres in the MG Car Club and both the MGOCC and the MGOC.

### **MG and Triumph Day at the NAC – February 2017**

We began with an awareness-raising exercise at the *International MG and Triumph Day* at the NAC in February.

### **Brooklands MG Experience and the Practical Classics Show at the NEC – April 2**

In April we enjoyed further promotion at the NEC and Brooklands *MG Experience* – both on the same day! The NEC event was the *Practical Classics Restoration Show* and your

scribe's YT was featured on the stand of our sponsors Stewart Miller & Peter James Insurance. It was they who, with the close help and attention of Phil Beck, added so much to the *Round Britain Relay*.

Our Brooklands invitation was arranged through the auspices of the *MGCC South East Centre*. We were asked to find 20 Ys to be one of the attractions in order to celebrate the

70th Anniversary. This we did with surprising ease – especially with the early 9.00am start for the cavalcade. Neil Cairns in his YB duly led the Ys in and to the chosen parking area. Thank you to all who participated, which was very much appreciated, and to the South East Centre. I unfortunately was at the NEC and was unable to make the event, which was very disappointing.

Y Types on display at Brooklands. Photo: Neil Cairns







Y Types enjoying the Spring Run



Chris and Annette Callaghan's Y Type in good company during the Register weekend

**Y Register Weekend and Spring Run – May 2017**

Another excellent weekend arranged by Chris and Annette Callaghan. This year they chose a superb hotel, Elcot Park Hotel, near Newbury. Annette made a special effort to decorate our dining room with a 'Ys at Seventy' theme.

The weekend was enjoyed by well over 30 Ys of all types and on Saturday evening Marc Hanson provided us with an illustrated lecture on his exploits in his YB UMG 662 in the last two Classic Monte Carlo runs. This was well-prepared and thought out – well done, Marc! A special award was given by Mollie Murray in memory of our well-loved Registrar, Jack Murray. Mollie's award was the Helping Hands Trophy – fittingly awarded to Neil Cairns.

The traditional Spring Run was from Elcot Park to Nuffield Place, Huntercombe, near Henley-on-Thames. This was another thoroughly enjoyable event and Chris and Annette summoned up the weather gods to deliver a lovely sunny day enjoyed by everyone. The popular vote for the best of the different Ys went to: YA Gary and Sue Gibbs, YB Neil and Janet Cairns and YT Peter Vielvoye.

**Y Register at MGLive! 2017**

Gosh, the sun shone at Silverstone! How often has that happened? Too often it's a sea of mud. The Register was allocated a pitch outside the Club Marquee. The photo shows Chris Callaghan, chairman of the MGCC Y Register, on the left presenting John Day, the President of the MGCC, with an oil painting commissioned in respect of the Club's eight years' ownership of Little Gem YB 1170.

The picture depicts the naming of Little Gem when members of the Y



Register committee first viewed the car at Kimber House and Suzie Arnell pronounced "she's a little gem". Painted in oils by Kevin Parrish, the picture is hung in the new Archive wing at Kimber House.

**The Round Britain Relay June – July 2017**

The idea for this came from Register Member Julian Bosworth and he put together an imaginative but 'doable' event, spread over two months. It started in London and finished at Abingdon. 53 Ys covered 37 50-mile stages around England, Scotland and Wales (apologies, Northern Ireland!). In order to complete the 1,800-mile trip the routes covered a clockwise and anticlockwise route. The 'baton' was beautifully crafted by Peter Vielvoye and depicting the letter 'Y', carefully carved out of rosewood split into two. A side each was given to the two route leaders and then passed on at the culmination of each stage. The two were then symbolically joined together at Kimber House and accepted by Club Chairman Ian Quarrington. The overall event was masterminded by Little Gem owner Maggie Grafham. We must thank our sponsors *Stewart Miller and Peter James* – well-known Classic Car Insurers.



The start from Lakeside of the Round Britain Relay. Photo: Paul Grafham



Y Relay reaches Caerphilly



Relay Baton reaches Gloucester during June

**Autumn Break – the Isle of Wight September 2017**

Our final event of the year was wonderfully well organised by the indefatigable Peter Sharp and his wife Gillie. A great break with some 28 attending and around 17 cars present.



Y Types ready to head off and explore the Isle of Wight