

# *A Ford Script*



Our hosts Jos & Catherine Van der Klundert on the  
High Country Run to Castle Hill Station with one of the  
organisers, Donald Wright

**April 2026**

# Official Newsletter of THE MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

## Canterbury New Zealand Chapter.

**Please note that the club will no longer have a P.O. Box**

All correspondence to go to the club email address:

**[canterbury.nz.mafca@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury.nz.mafca@gmail.com)**

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**Next Committee Meeting:**      April 19th @ the Genets      77 Leistrella Rd

**Script closing date: 20th April 2026**

Help us make The Script a success. We would be grateful for any material you feel could be appropriate to include in our Club's newsletter.

CLOSING DATE for contribution to the next Script is **20th April 2026**. Please send to the Editor: [afordscript@gmail.com](mailto:afordscript@gmail.com).

The views expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of those who contribute and do not necessarily represent the views or methodology of the Canterbury Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Thanks goes to MAFC member magazines and web sites as well as other sources who supply material to our club which we reprint in the magazine.

## CAPTAIN'S LOG March 2026

Up until a month ago, I thought the only thing that could upset our Model A outings was the weather.

On the recent High-Country Run earlier in March, Kevin Straw remarked to me about having to pay \$2.20 per litre to top up his tank in Springfield. If only it stayed at that price, we would be so lucky!

As I write this, diesel is now more expensive than petrol, it has doubled in price! Unfortunately, I do not see a quick fix to the current situation, the Model A may only get a run around the block for a while.

On the positive side of things, the recent trip up into the high country by the club emphasized some of the best aspects of belonging to our club. Picnicking in the back country after driving along goat tracks through creeks and streams was special.

Looking forward, we will continue with our planned events and make a call closer to the time of each regarding fuel cost and availability.

Cheers Gerry

## CLUB CAR REPORT February 2026

Nothing new to report this month.

Remember that the Club Phaeton is available for members to use. If your Model A is not mobile, give some thought to borrowing the Club car to join in one of our runs. Guidelines for its use are printed inside the back of the membership list.

**Ken James (ph. 0212225086)** is the custodian of the car and looks forward to your call requesting the use of the car.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you aware that we have a Facebook page, diligently managed by Sandra Olliver?

### **Model A Ford Club Canterbury Chapter**

If you have facebook please go and have a look.

Follow this link: [Model A Ford Club Canterbury Chapter | Facebook](#)

Sandra tries to keep it up to date with photos and stories from recent events. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

## Important WEBSITE update

### “Club Web Site”

Looking at the statistics of hit's that bring views, it seems most visitors for the month of February 2026 are from Canada 598, USA 334, NZ 147, Australia 121, Brazil 108, UK 52, plus visits from many others from Vietnam, Bangladesh, South Africa, Mexico, Argentina, Ireland, India, Algeria, Singapore and Ukraine etc. Looking further into the NZ visits it is very disappointing to see that visits from Canterbury Members for 2026 is very low.

Google followed by Bing and Yahoo are bringing in most of the traffic.

The new Membership List has just been updated and added to the site. I would encourage all members to visit the site and to log into the members only section with your password, if you don't have or have forgotten your password then request a new password. If your member is current a temporary password will be supplied. (If it does not recognise your email please contact me.)

Some of you might still have your 5 digit passwords that were issued years ago)

If your car is not shown in the Members Cars Section, I would appreciate members to forward me a picture so I can include it in the relevant body style model area.

Also any good photo's from recent club events you would like to share, please forward to myself for the website or Sandra Oliver to include on the Clubs Facebook page.

**I have spent a lot of time recently adding new content and video links to the site so please have a look at the site**, any suggestions on any improvement or additional content you would like added to it would be appreciated.

Looking forward to your comments. (Kevin Straw)

**[www.modelaford.co.nz](http://www.modelaford.co.nz)**

If you do not want your car or membership details listed in the secure membership section, we will respect your privacy and exclude it.

# NOTICES

## In Memorium:

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Lorraine Rooney**.

Our condolences go to Martin and family.

## The Future of our Club

Our club has been functioning nigh on 60 years and during that time many of us have put in a lot of time and labour, donated goods and expertise to build the club up and keep it running.

Sounds tough but there have also been miles of motoring and hours of fun and good times.

The AGM is due in July, most people on the committee at present have served, in different roles, several times before.

Even if you have flown with us before, each meeting is subtly different so if you think you can help out please consider standing or re-standing for the committee.



This year we need the following:

- **Club Captain**
- **Vice Captain**, and
- **Several New Committee Members.**

We want to keep the club alive and vital and in good heart for at least another 60 years!

## Club Windscreen Transfer:



These have resurfaced if anyone is needing a replacement, or never received one.

Please let Gerry know 02041123717

## Membership List:

A new membership list is now available on the club website. [www.modelaford.co.nz](http://www.modelaford.co.nz)



# NOTICES

The following article was put together for me by Microsoft Co Pilot: (so clever, it's scary!)

## Fuel Tightening in 2026: A Note for Our Vintage Motoring Community



New Zealand's fuel situation has tightened through early 2026 as global conflict disrupts shipping routes and reduces the flow of imported oil. A country that relies almost entirely on overseas supply feels these shocks quickly, and the Government's Fuel Response Plan now outlines how shortages will be managed if conditions worsen.

Follow this link to read the Government's Fuel Response Plan:

[Fuel plan to protect economy amid disruption | Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment](#)

### How This Moment Echoes the Past

Many longtime enthusiasts remember the late 1970s "carless days," when coloured stickers dictated which day you couldn't drive. Those measures only trimmed fuel use slightly, but they left a lasting impression of how vulnerable New Zealand can be when global supply falters. The current situation isn't identical, yet the sense of uncertainty feels familiar.

### What It Means for Vintage Car Owners

Classic vehicles depend on stable access to petrol and aren't easily adapted to alternative fuels or electrification. That makes the current squeeze more noticeable for our community. The main effects are:

- Higher running costs as prices rise
- Less certainty when planning club runs or weekend outings
- A greater need to keep vehicles tuned and efficient

### Practical Steps for the Months Ahead

A few small adjustments can help keep our cars on the road and our events running smoothly:

- Plan outings with an eye on local supply updates
- Combine trips where possible
- Avoid unnecessary idling and keep engines well maintained
- Top up sensibly without contributing to panic buying

Vintage motoring has always been about enjoyment, preservation, and community spirit. Even in a fuel-tight year, those values remain strong and steady.

## Obituary for David Bell by Garth Moore

David Bell, a long-time member of our club, passed away in January after a long illness. When David joined the Model A Club he was a nineteen year old apprentice mechanic working at Garlick Brothers, a small garage in Sydenham. He already owned a 1928 Phaeton for daily driving and was restoring a 1930 Town Sedan.

In the early nineties, David moved from Garlick Brothers to Derek Prentice Classic Cars where he rebuilt Austin Healeys, MGB's etc and eventually SS Jaguars. Over the years that company changed hands and became Upper Classics specialising in restoring rare cars for overseas owners. David grew with the company and became a talented machinist, researcher and restorer. He was responsible for ground-up restorations of a number of SS and early Jaguar sports cars for the European market. One early project he was particularly proud of was a rare Gull Wing Mercedes 300SL. David developed skills in researching the design details of pre-war cars and either locating or making the missing parts. He used the internet to search for information or parts. He kept detailed records of each restoration, measurements, trim details, patterns and any knowledge which may be useful on a future project.

David was highly respected in the classic car world both in New Zealand and overseas. An American collector living in the North Island would fly him up there to work on his cars. European owners were happy to lend him rare parts to copy. He was skilled in overhauling Model A parts, especially differentials and carburettors. David had the ability to become completely focussed on the current project. I recall one of his employers telling me "there is only one problem with Dave, he won't stop for morning tea". If I needed Model A help or advice he would offer to call in on the way home from work but that could be 6-30 or 7pm, he did not necessarily stop when the rest of the staff went home.

Even though he was heavily involved in restoring exotic classics David never tired of Model A's. In the nineties he added a third one to his fleet by building a Race-about on a 1929 chassis. With his partner Chris, he enjoyed many club events. Over the years he spent a lot of time helping club members with their restoration projects, with his own cars often taking second place. Even in the later stages of his illness he followed progress on Ian Smith's SS Jaguar project and provided a large amount of information necessary to complete an authentic restoration.

David is survived by Chris, his two sons and four grandchildren.

Garth Moore

## Obituary for David Bell by Brent Miles

### David Bell

David was mostly known to our Model A club members, particularly the longstanding membership for his expertise and knowledge of the Model A.

He had, over the 50+ years of his membership provided his help and knowledge to many club members with a particular prowess in differential set up.

He had found methods of improving on the original design of many component parts of the Model A to give greater functionality and performance.

David however, due to the nature of his ability was involved in the classic car restoration business where his work enabled him to take part in the of restoration of various classical models, of note the The Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing sports car famous for its upward-opening doors, now worth In the Millions category.

He also developed a great degree of expertise in the Austin Healey.

More so he became a specialist in early Jaguar restoration spending hours in research to the extent that he became the go to Guru for anything early Jaguar down to the finest details of having the correct screws or bolts in the right location

Such was his ability he was taken along with partner Chris by the owner of a particular restoration to the Essen Car show in Germany. The restored Abott bodied XK 120 Jaguar was driven along with other restorations from Holland to the car show.

His work mates record him as being quiet, unassuming, diligent and a pleasure to work alongside.

Cars aside, David was a family man, proud of his sons Johnathan and Andrew and their respective achievements in their chosen fields and of his Grandchildren, 2 in Australia and 2 in Canterbury.

He spoke often of his younger years and interests in fishing, boating, water skiing, and family holidays. He was close to his parents now deceased, his father an engineer of capability, and his sister Adrienne in Australia

He was eternally grateful for the support, love, and dedication shown by Chris during his time of need during the long months of his ill health.

David is sadly missed by all who were associated with him.

Brent Miles

# COMING EVENTS



Just a wee reminder, when traveling in groups, to leave a good gap between each other, allowing modern cars to pass. Thank you.

**2026**

**Please note** that The **April 9th to 12th** , Timaru & Oamaru with Run through Dansey's Pass has been **POSTPONED** until a later date, due primarily because of the uncertainty of the current global fuel crisis and it's flow on effect.

## **April 16th Ladies Morning Tea @ Terra Viva**

**Location:** Terra Viva Cafe  
196 Roydvale Avenue, Burnside, Christchurch

**Time:** 10.30am

A table has been booked at **Terra Viva** for 8, but I will need to confirm numbers so please send me a text or phone me if you are keen to join us. All welcome!!



**Organiser:** Gill Lake 0273346031

## **May 17th North Canterbury Run**

Visit to 2 Car collections at Russell and Gaelle Sherwin's and Alan and Barbara Hill's with lunch at the Oxford Diner

**Time** Meet at the Peg at **9:30 for 9:45 departure.**

**Please plan to come along in Era Clothing** as we missed judging for the "**Rosalie Bayler Memorial Era Picnic Award**" due to the inclement weather on our Era Picnic Day

Please contact **John Olliver 0210 253 2177** or

**Peter Bayler 027 685 5780** if you will be attending , as they need numbers for the Oxford Diner, (by **Wed May 13th**)



## **June 13th Mid-Winter Xmas Dinner**

**Time** 5.30pm for 6.00pm

Pot-Luck Dinner at Peter Bayler's home in Rangiora.

Bring along a dish to share. Also, BYO own drink, plates, cutlery and glasses.

## **July 12th AGM with Lunch at the Hornby Club**

**Time** Meet at 10:30am, Meeting starts at 11:00am Lunch 12:30pm

## Past Events



Sunday 8th March dawned the making of a warm sunny day, just perfect for a model A run in the high country .

After meeting at the Springfield hall, 19 model A's ,1 classic Land Rover and 3 moderns left after 10am. We were 1st to leave in our modern vehicle because our mission was to park at the car park at the summit of Porters pass to make sure everyone made it over the pass, which everyone did.

On to Castle Hill station where our hosts Jos and Catherine Van der Klundert talked about arriving in New Zealand in 1984 and farming land in Prebbleton ,then a cropping farm in Darfield and now Castle Hill Station on 8000 acres running merino sheep, Angus cattle and a few trophy stags. They also talked about some history of the area. What I found interesting is, despite the limestone landscape, they still have to apply 200 tons of lime annually.

After a presentation of a box of goodies as a thank you for having us, health and safety talk, toilet stop and a cuppa, we set off on the farm track into the landscape. We went up and down hills and through a stream among the amazing views of the mountains, highway, the valley to castle hill village and the layers on the side of some hills. We passed by some handsome Angus and Hereford bulls watching the cars going by disturbing their lazy Sunday morning zzzzzz .



## Past Events

We settled for lunch on top of grassy hill where we all could park up. Mind the cow patties!!! and enjoyed each other's company, the views and the warm sun. Jos showed us the boundaries to Flock Hill Station and the site where the tent scene was filmed from the film "The Lion Witch and Wardrobe" ( We will take more notice next time we watch the movie) and other stations.

Upon leaving to head back the way we had come, 1 car stalled and had to be crank started and towed out up the hill. We were last to leave the lunch spot and came upon a line up of cars. Wondering what was up, we went to investigate and a car had stalled in the stream after going through the deep water hole. Glen jumped into the water, boots 'n' all, to help connect the tow rope from Fred's trusty Land Rover, to pull the car out . We went ahead through the stream in our modern to be of some assistance if necessary on the other side. These 2 men where the hero's of the day helping to rescue the stranded cars out of the stream and we all enjoyed the entertainment amongst the cheering and clapping from the onlookers. 1 car had a sack on front to stop water entering the engine, good idea!

Some of us stopped at Springfield pub on way home to quench our thirst and continue the companionship from our day in the high country .

Thank you Bob Scott and Donald Wright for organising a great day on a warm sunny Sunday.

Murray and Wendy Marshall



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvbNY2s3Egs>

<https://www.logolites.com/products/led-headlights-and-bulbs/led-headlights/>

I have had these in my Model A for about 2 years, and have found them to perform well above my expectation. They are a complete pre-focused headlight in the bulb including the reflector, just like those very small LED's in modern cars.

**If your reflectors are tarnished or badly marked, these bulbs still perform perfectly as the reflector is in the bulb, in-fact the bulb is the headlight.**

(Kevin Straw)

**These bulbs are a MUST for those going on The “IRISHMAN”  
Rally or those that do regular night driving.**

AUTHENTICALLY SPEAKING

# Drive system from the camshaft. Distributor to the oil pump.



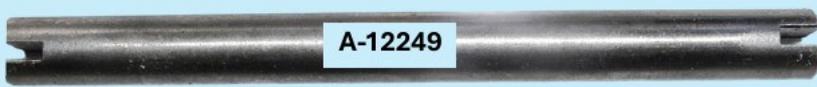
Starting from the distributor.



This is a drilled modified shaft to allow lubrication to the top bush with a small hole in the camshaft locking screw.

The next union is the distributor shaft A-12178 to the coupling shaft A-12249.

**Important.** Never use a one-piece shaft, as a 'D' connection between the two parts acts as a universal to alleviate any minor positioning differences with the cylinder head.



Next in line, the connection from the distributor shaft to A-12249. Above.

This is an offset 'D' connection. As pictured at upper right.

The next connection is at the camshaft where the above shaft meets the A-5650 the Oil Pump Drive Gear Bearing.



A-6600-B  
Oil Pump

Camshaft

A-5650



A-5650 is held in place by a spring.

Next in line below the camshaft, is the oil pump. A-56630-C. A tongue drive connects the two.

There is a machined 'D' slot in the pump shaft to unite with a tongue from the Oil Pump Drive Bearing.

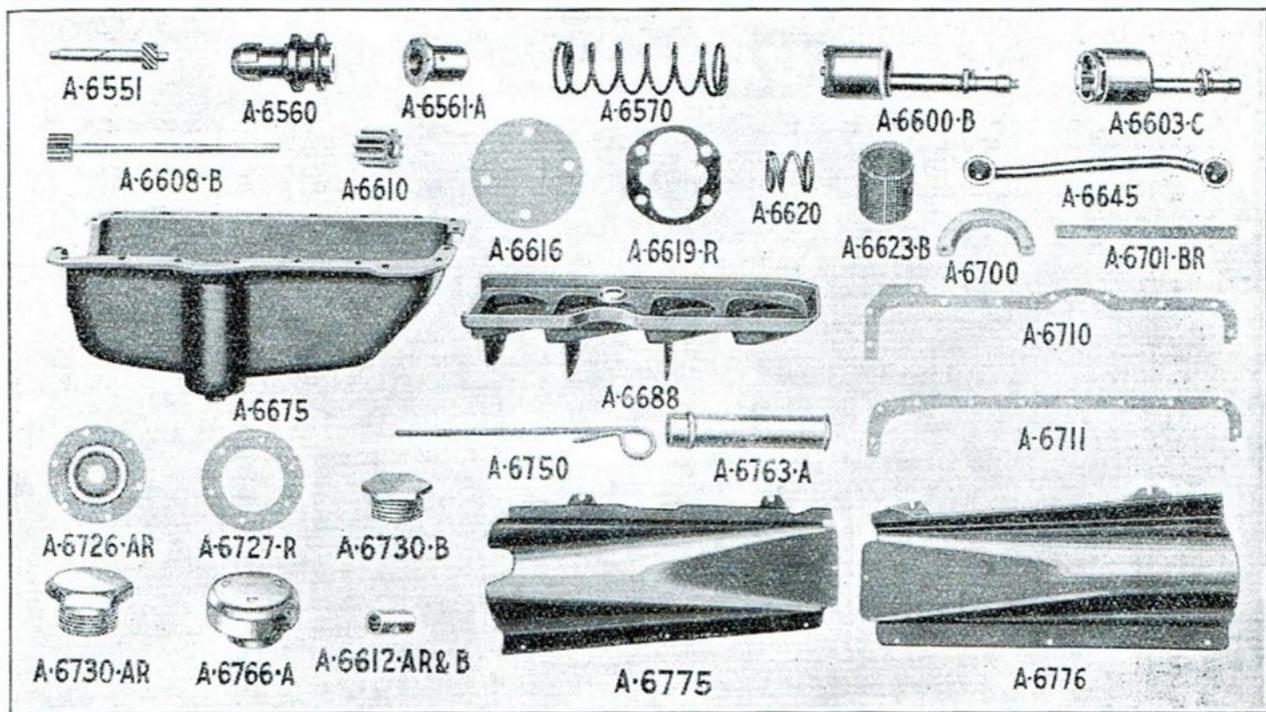
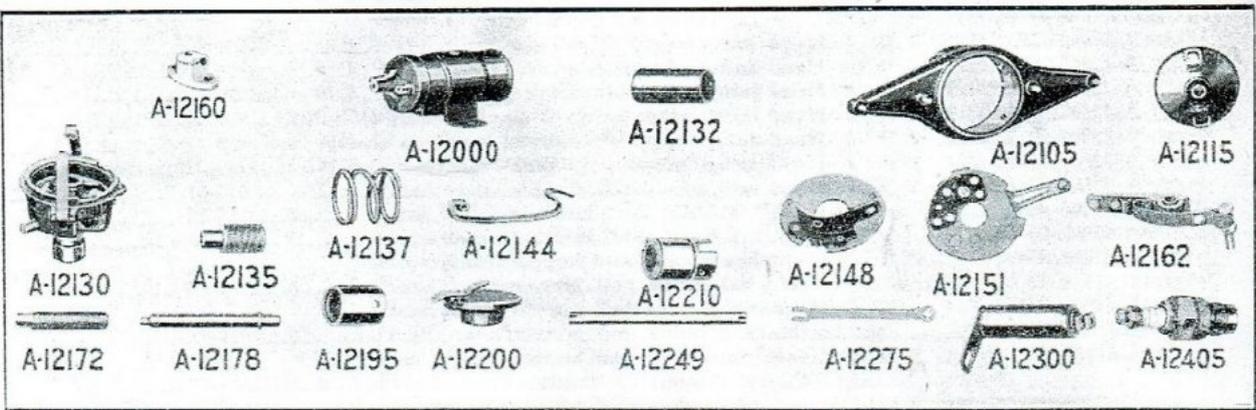


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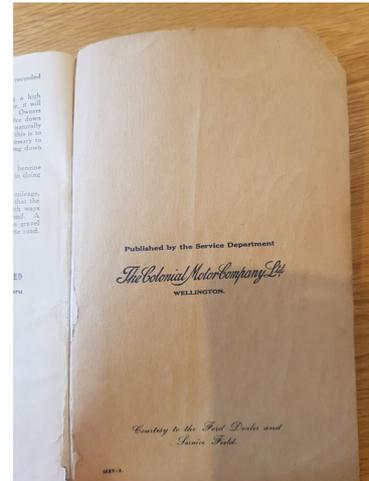
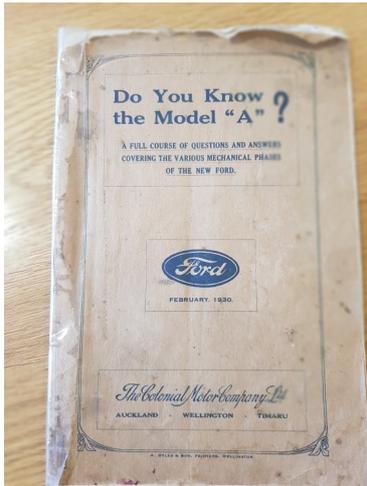
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# Member Contribution by Les Pearson



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## Member Contribution



### DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

A Course of Questions with Detailed Answers Covering  
Various Mechanical Phases of the NEW FORD.

#### ARTICLE 6.

### THE SERVICE BRAKES.

**Question 11.** What is the material and thickness of the FORD brake lining?

**Answer 11.** The brake lining used in the Model A FORD is composed of closely-woven asbestos and brass wire and is 3/16-inch thick.

**Question 12.** How does this brake lining differ from the lining generally used in other makes of cars?

**Answer 12.** The chief feature of the brake lining used in the FORD car is that it is ground to a smooth, even surface, and to uniform thickness, thus eliminating the "high spots" found on other brake linings. Another feature of this brake lining is the closeness of the weave, allowing more material to be used and making a more uniform and durable surface.

**Question 13.** What is the length of the FORD brake lining? What area does this give for the FORD four-wheel service brakes?

**Answer 13.** The length of the FORD brake lining is 14 inches. This gives a total area of 168 square inches for the FORD four-wheel service brakes.

**Question 14.** How does the FORD spring suspension add to the effectiveness of four-wheel brakes?

**Answer 14.** When the brakes are applied on any car, they tend to cause the axles to revolve with the wheels. On most cars equipped with the usual semi-elliptic type of front springs, this tendency of the axles to rotate controlled by the springs. This is not so bad when the car is at rest and the springs have no other work to do. When, however, the car is in motion, and the springs are constantly flexing, an uneven action is introduced into the performance of the brakes which of course means uneven braking action.

In the Model A the tendency of the front and rear axles to revolve is resisted by the radius rods, thus giving even braking under all conditions.

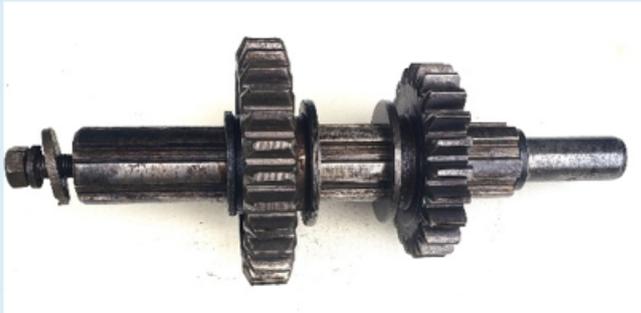
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**\$595.00**  
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### **1931 Ford Model A coupe.**

Registered with a current wof , this drivable car is a two seater, left hand drive, manual, petrol car. It is in tidy condition and is garaged in Rangiora.

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## **WANTED**

### **Wanted to Borrow**

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If you can help please phone 3797 370 or email me [george.earlyfordparts@xtra.co.nz](mailto:george.earlyfordparts@xtra.co.nz) or call and see me

George Spriggs, Early Ford Parts, 10 Grafton Street, Christchurch.

## Wanted to borrow or ?

Any one with 1928 Tudor glass patterns or old glass, windscreen, doors and the rear wind down glasses.

Any suggestions on who to go to for glass be appreciated as well.

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