

BITS AND PIECES

ON WINDSCREEN WIPERS

Some time ago I obtained some replacement wiper blades from Halfords and have been in one of the "spares draws" ever since. I have been asked several times as to where members might get these replacements.....my reply has been the same.....HALFORDS..... Freda has just checked with Halfords on a recent shopping trip and, you guessed itthey no longer stock 8" refills. I have been asked to get some for a member on the Channel Islands and am currently searching for a new source. My local "Motorsparses" have put some on order for me and as they say....."Watch this space"...but HUTSON at Pawson St have plenty of complete units in stock.

A TIP FOR NEWER MEMBERS

Always carry a towel in the cockpit....the hand size not the bath ! Stow this where the driver can readily reach it. Possible locations are under the driver's seat or to the right of the driver's seat up against the wheelarch. In certain conditions with hood up and sidescreens on these little cars can steam up very quickly. "Soddes Law" says this will happen just as you enter a town you don't know and it's the rush hour. Heat on full and direction up the screen and full two stage fan may not copethe towel will !

ANOTHER WORD ON PETROL

After converting "BITZ" to run on unleaded it has suddenly occurred to me that "pinking" has gone completely. I used to run her on BS 4040 and I have to admit I often obtained this at Tesco. When pressed a little hard at low revs she "pinked". I used to drive her in such a manner as to avoid this nasty sound.....but have recently realized that with running on super unleaded from our local village TOTAL pumps.....the problem has gone away. So far I have had no problems with the converted head other than an occasional noisy tappet when starting from cold. As the engine warms up this sound quickly dies away. I have been keeping an eye on those new petrol pipes I fitted between filter, pump and carburetter. So far there has been no problem, but this unleaded stuff is said to catch fire more readily than the good old real petrols we used to buy.