



A rare Allard Palm Beach arrives at ZMS for work

Whichever classic you own, it's always good to know there's a specialist for that particular model. So when it comes to Mark I and II Ford Consuls, Zephyrs and Zodiacs, Erith-based Zodiac Motor Services is the place to go for servicing and repairs, as well as something more substantial such as an engine or gearbox rebuild or bodywork restoration.

ZMS boss Kevin Dipchan's love of Mark Is and IIs began in 1968 when his dad bought a yellow and black Mark I Consul: "I was two years old and I can remember it turning up in the evening at our house. It replaced a Wolseley 14/60 and we used it as a family car."

From that day on, big Fords started playing an increasingly large part of Kevin's life, as he explains: "There's something about the styling of the Mark II in particular, and I'll often stop and look at one. When I was small I promised myself I'd buy one."

Having a brother six years older than him meant Kevin got stuck in with cars at an early age – when his brother bought an Ambassador Blue Mark III



ZMS can handle everything from simple servicing to major mechanical overhauls, including sorting out any necessary bodywork, painting and retrimms

Three of the best

RICHARD BARNETT meets ZMS, specialists with a life-long love of three wonderful Fords