

LETTER FROM MR. CHRIS EMMOTT, NEPHEW OF MR. J.RAYMOND EMMOTT

Dear Alessandro Bruni

This is Christopher Emmott writing - nephew of J. Raymond Emmott, the first owner of the Aston Martin car that you have recently bought. I was very interested to hear from Joan Tindale that you would like to know more about him, so I will try to provide some background.

First, I am sure that my uncle would have been very pleased to know that this car is now 'garaged' in Italy, as he particularly enjoyed visiting your wonderful country, both for business as well as for pleasure. On business he made many visits to Como and Milan in the 1950's and 60's, regularly staying at the Hotel Metropole Suisse in Como, from where he bought designs for head scarves, which the Binns Company used to print in a factory in NE England and then sell on to Marks and Spencer.

He was born in 1905, in Cowling, a village on the Yorkshire/Lancashire borders near to the traditional manufacturing centres of the British textile industry, which flourished through most of his lifetime - alas this is no longer the case - and he worked for the Binns Company for over 40 years, being a director from 1932 until after it was taken over by Viyella in 1963. After living in London from the mid 50's, he retired to live near Woburn Abbey in 1971 and died shortly after his 80th birthday in 1986.

His particular hobby was 'sports' cars. He owned many types and regularly changed them, never keeping one for much more than two years. As well as the Aston Martin, I can remember him driving cars such as MG, Bristol, Daimler, an early post war BMW, Mercedes, Sunbeam-Talbot and an Alfa Romeo. As a driver, he liked to travel quickly, but never recklessly, and covering long distances on open roads was a particular pleasure. Of the many cars he owned, I think it is fair to say that the Aston was a real favourite.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to find any photos of him with his cars, but I think that the attachment, taken from a group photo in the summer of 1962, is a good representation of him when he owned the Aston.

I hope that you and your co-owner enjoy the Aston Martin as much as my uncle did.

With best wishes for Christmas and 2011.

Sincerely

Chris Emmott

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