

A MID-CENTURY CURIOSITY

Comments are invited from members about this rather grand oak fridge which was recently saved from the dump when a restaurant closed in Norwich. The large fridge, with an external motor mounted in the roof space above, had been at work in Adriano's Trattoria for over 20 years before the building was refurbished to make way for a new restaurant.



The framework is solid oak and the doors oak-veneered. The interior is enamel with wire shelving and a meat bar with hooks. There is a supplier's label and brand name of 'Marco Made in England' above the double doors.

It has been working happily in its new domestic home for the last three years with an annual service by Barry Skinner who also looked after it through its commercial working life. Although its exact age is not known, apparently, such fridges were quite common in country farmhouses in the 1940s and '50s but were often painted white to make them look 'more modern' and they are quite rare in their original state.

Has anyone else come across a similar item?

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