

## Man is still united in his praise of buyin' Munich...

HERE'S proof that prices of old BMWs are going up. The Munich firm is opening special centres to restore and maintain bygone Bimmers. Which means cars like the 2002 Turbo, 3.0CSL, Z1 and M1 are likely to firm up in value. A lot. Keep scouring those barns...



Timing is all for those auction part-exchanges



WHILE you were away on holiday there were plenty of Easter bargains at auction, although prices are beginning to climb for the cheaper stuff with reasonable mileage and decent history.

Over the next few weeks there'll be quite a few part-exchanges filtering into the system, so it will be worth popping over to your local BCA to mop up what the trade doesn't fancy.

Here are a few that went through this week:

- 02 VW Golf 1.4E 96,000.....£1775
- 00 Ford Galaxy 1.9 TDi Zetec 82,000..... £1950
- 54 Ford Fiesta Finesse 118,000..... £1950
- 07 Ford Focus 1.6TDCI Studio 81,000..... £4300
- 00 Mercedes CLK200 Avantgarde 58,000..... £3275
- 04 Vauxhall Zafira 1.7 CDTi Life 63,000.....£3650

Nice car, shame they're all gone



## I TELL THE FUTURE

REMEMBER last week I told you to get your name down on the Focus RS500 waiting-list? How prophetic was that? The entire UK run of 101 cars sold out in just 12 hours flat. And each of those enlightened buyers will be looking down the barrel of an easy £5k profit. I *did* tell you...

# Quentin



RICHARD Burgess recently bought a BMW 730d on eBay – a two-owner 53-plater with 147,000 miles, full history and in perfect nick, for just £6,500. He had it checked over by an independent specialist garage who told him the car is superb and good for another 150,000. Richard says: "People slag off eBay, but I can't believe my luck."

QUENTIN SAYS: You're right. Some eBay cars are dogs, but there are also plenty of private sellers who are decent and honest, offering very cheap motors. Never buy unseen...always take someone with you as a witness, always meet at a home address and always check documentation very carefully. Congratulations, Richard. You bought yourself a proper bargain.

# FERRARI'S



Touran... room with a view

It's posh, practical but pricey

THE VW Touran's had a makeover. The seven-seater now looks more Golf-like, with exterior tweaks plus posher interior. There are 39 storage compartments, the rear seats fold to create nearly 2,000

litres of capacity and there's even a BlueMotion engine option promising 61mpg. Unfortunately prices start at £17,000, which is four grand more than a seven-seater Zafira.

WHO'D DRIVE IT  
The 599 richest folk on Earth

THIS week Ferrari took the wraps off their new flagship 599 GTO, one of the most expensive Modena motors ever at around £300k.

Only 599 will be made and, with a top speed of 210 and 3.3-second 60 dash, it's the fastest road Ferrari in the firm's history.

Quicker even than an Enzo (from which the engine is derived), the 6.0-litre V12 cranks out 661 horses and revs to 8250rpm and the whole thing weighs less than a Mazda MX-5, courtesy of thinner aluminium and glass, lightened transmission and exhausts.

The six-speed box can change ratios in milliseconds, while improved body aerodynamics with revised splitter, diffuser and rear spoiler help downforce.

There are even F1-derived doughnuts on the 20-inch rear rims to aid airflow.

As I write, I'm sure there's an army of collectors ready to put down deposits, not least because Ferrari tantalisingly claim the 599 GTO is going to be one of the best-handling cars they've ever made, with "a complete absence of understeer and a truly communicative chassis".

But the 599 GTO will also attract a legion of speculators. Ferrari may try to restrict deliveries to genuine customers, but the black market for this car will be huge, as will the premiums.

What's the betting we'll see places on the waiting-list being touted around at 70 grand-plus?

And they'll sell every single one.



Annoying Pee problems are more common than you might think, with 1 in 4 men over the age of 40 experiencing symptoms from a frequent urge to pee (particularly at night-time) to difficulty getting started. However, despite being very annoying, these problems can be very easily treated. Ask your pharmacist about FLOMAX RELIEF, and help stop a piddling problem becoming a major nuisance.

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**Q** I HAVE been on the look-out for a family-sized convertible for some time, but unfortunately I live in the kind of area where a soft-top has precious-little defence against a hoodlum with a sharp knife. I recently saw a Volvo C70, which had a folding metal roof, but I have never been a fan of Volvos. Can you suggest anything else? - *J Owen, Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales*

**A** I KNOW what you mean about the Volvo tin top - it's no Kate Moss. The Volkswagen Eos isn't bad and neither is the Focus CC. The Peugeot 308CC is another possible, but

if it was me I would go for a BMW 320d Convertible. Your money would be safer and it's a class drive.

**Q** I HAVE the registration PR08OLF, which I need to sell. I have no idea of its value, or the best place to advertise it. Any ideas? - *James Glynn, by email*

**A** I SUPPOSE you're trying to tell me it could spell PRO GOLF. Novelty numbers like this aren't worth a great deal. On a good day you might get two grand from someone with the right handicap. Try it in the classifieds at £1,995ono.

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## DUNE THE DRAIN..

WE'VE all heard the stories of abandoned supercars languishing in deserts, but this one just about takes the cake.

Forlornly forgotten at a roadside in Qatar is a once-proud Jaguar XJ220, with just 600 miles on the clock, looking like it's about to

be broken up for spares. Don't get too excited, though. By the time you'd bought it, shipped it home, paid the duty and VAT and then done a resto job, it would probably stand you at more than the £70,000 or so that it's worth.



Such sad  
sacrilege