

Dutch trucker's £40,000 parking tickets in a year

A FLORIST told me about a Dutch trucker who regularly delivers tulips to the UK.

He's very proud of having racked up £40,000 worth of parking tickets in a year.

He sticks them up on his wall at home and has never been asked to pay a single one. Not fair...



Seized Blenheim up for grabs

A LOT OF BRISTOL

FANCY a cheap Bristol? Being auctioned by order of the High Court Enforcement Office is a left-hand drive Bristol Blenheim with 14,822 miles, complete with the registration OIL 6000.

Back in 2003 this rare and sought-after left-hooker had an astonishing new price of £109,000, but if there aren't enough punters at the sale you might just nick it.

Further details on 0118 950 8611 or www.tsaction.co.uk

Quentin

At your service

THE other day John Howard of Essex found a card under his wiper offering a vehicle mileage correction service. It said: "We can reset any vehicle's mileage to any new reading for any reason. We do not keep any records of our customers." John is horrified that people are advertising to clock cars in supermarket car parks. Is it legal?

QUENTIN SAYS: Yes. You would only break the law if you knowingly sold a car with an altered mileage without informing the buyer. I agree that it's scandalous and the law should be changed.

I didn't know these rogues had become so brazen. I'm not going to print their website address or contact details, but I will pass the flyer on to Essex Trading Standards.

Bon Anniversaire Clio



Unwrap a Clio at a 1990s price for one weekend only, 21st - 23rd May.

For one weekend only you can buy a Clio Extreme 1.2 at only £7,450*, the same price as it was in the 1990s. Visit your local Renault dealer or for details of other great 20th birthday offers visit Renault.co.uk/Clio20



The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the new Renault Clio 3-door Extreme 1.2 16V 75 are: Urban 37.2 (7.6), Extra Urban 57.6 (4.9), Combined 47.9 (5.9). The official CO₂ emission figure is 139g/km. (NEDC) - Vehicles manufactured at plants certified to ISO 14001 and with CO₂ emissions of 149g/km or less or biofuel-compatible (ethanol) (B15). Petrol is 90% recoverable at the end-of-life, and at least 5% of plastic used in new vehicles are made from recycled materials. *1990s prices based on Clio 91 1.2 3-door as shown in the 1991 price guide. Saving refers to Clio Extreme 1.2 16V 75 now at £7,450 (Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price of £11,045), after a saving of £3,595. Saving applies to vehicles ordered between 21st - 23rd May and registered by 30th September 2010. Limited availability. Promoter: Renault UK Ltd, The Renault Office Park, Dorken Way, Marlow Cross, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 0NS. For full Terms & Conditions visit renault.co.uk/Clio20 at participating dealers only. Renault



SOCKET

If you think Hondas are middle-aged, think again. Their new CR-Z two-door hybrid coupe is set to become one of the most desirable cars on the planet.

Looking like nothing else on the road, with a wonderful swooping roofline, it's a lulu to drive.

Think very hi-tech Ford Puma and you've got it. An electric motor gives the 1.5litre engine a sort of supercharger effect, delivering 57mpg, 117g/km, delicious performance and some of the best steering responses this side of a BMW. In short, the CR-Z handles and steers delectably.

You can choose between Sport, Normal

and Eco modes but, hybrid or not, you'll probably leave it in Sport, simply because it's so much fun.

The modified six-speed Civic gear box has short, snicking throws and the VTEC Jazz engine spins gamely to 6,000 rpm with a raspy exhaust note.

WHO'D DRIVE IT
Hundreds of thousands probably

Sixty comes up in just under ten seconds and top speed is 124, but even if you're heavy-footed you'll still get mid-50s mpg.

I was going to make rude remarks about the CR-Z being a girlie car, but it's not. Any red-blooded bloke will adore its looks, attitude and driver involvement.

This is one of Honda's best cars yet, and the world's first truly sporting hybrid coupe. Best news of all, it's less than £20k. Sustainability never looked sexier.



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Fancy Tom Cruise's cruiser?

HERE'S a cheap but challenging chunk of movie memorabilia... an '82 Mercedes 280SEL used in Mission Impossible is up on eBay for just £1,500.

Don't get too excited, though. There may be lots of supporting documents and

photos showing Tom Cruise and Vanessa Redgrave inside the car, but the seller says it needs comprehensive restoration, including a trailer to pick it up.

Looking at the pictures, it might well be an impossible mission...



**HELP!
You ask
me**

Q IT'S my husband's 40th birthday soon and I really want to hire him a Bugatti Veyron. Could you give me any idea of the cost? I know it's not going to be cheap. - *Sandra King, Hampshire*

A NO, it's not. You'll need to love your hubby very much to fork out the £16,500 required to hire a Veyron for a day. The weekend rate is a

swoon-inducing £45,000. Buy him some Bugatti socks instead.

Q I WANT to buy a new car but am concerned that many come without a spare wheel, and you only get a can of tyre sealant for a flat. I think this is dangerous. It also means that once you've used the sealant, the tyre is scrap. What can I do? - *Paula, Rotherham*

A YOU'RE right! Manufacturers are cutting down on full-size spare wheels. In fact, only a third of all models sold in the UK carry proper spares. The solution is to buy a steel spare from the manufacturer and put a tyre on, but you'll also need a jack and wheel-brace. Dealers should offer spare wheel packs as an option. It's a let-down.

T ROCKET

CR-Z IS ONE OF BEST HYBRIDS ON PLANET

Honda's coupe is prettier than a blank cheque



Electric motor gives extra grunt to the sweet-spinning Jazz engine



Steering and ride are a tour de force...the CR-Z drives much better than an Insight



Citroen's C-Zero is a real sparkler

PLUGGY LITTLE TODDLER

I'M the first to drive Citroen's new C-Zero electric town toddler.

Based on the Mitsubishi i MiEV (which is also very good), it's plusher, with satnav, aircon and ABS. And

barrelling it round a race circuit I can report that it handles even more crisply.

Range is 80 miles, you can plug it into a normal electric socket and top tilt is a brisk 85mph. There's no word on

price yet, but it's likely to undercut the i MiEV and could also be sold on a monthly lease.

To get your name down early, go to www.citroen.co.uk



The M3 gets orange appeal

Wow..BMW's tangerine dream is fastest ever

BMW have released details of their fastest M3 ever, the GTS. Chucking the limiter in the bin means the 450-horse 4.4-litre V8 can top 190 and blister to 60 in 4.4.

At around £115,000, you get plastic side windows, dual-clutch seven-speed box and a fire extinguisher. Just the ticket for a bracing burn down the autobahn.



DB4 was used for Goldfinger

BOND'S £50K ASTON

A 1964 Aston Martin DB4 used in the film Goldfinger has been found in a barn after 36 years.

Used by the special effects team at Pinewood studios to test the machine guns and ejector seat for 007's silver

DB5, it needs a ground-up restoration and is being offered by Bonhams next week, with the tantalisingly low reserve of £50,000.

The smart money is investing heavily in classic cars and prices are going

mental - the last Goldfinger DB5 was sold for £1million (and that was just the publicity tour car).

This one's going to smash through its estimate and then some. More at www.bonhams.com