



ONE'S OLD ONE, £29K

HOW do you fancy a Daimler Super V8 that was the personal transport of the Queen?

An '88 long wheelbase (naturally) in British Racing Green, it was used by HMQ for 12,000 miles to commute between Windsor and Buckingham Palace.

It still has the aerial for the radio telephone that linked her to Downing Street and the Home Office.

Doesn't sound dear at £29,750. Details on 01344 872911.



Quentin

CHRIS Rolph recently inherited a Porsche 928 S2 from his father-in-law, who bought it new in 1985. It has covered 81,500 miles and has a folder full of Porsche dealer service history. Chris wants to know what it's worth and whether it's likely to appreciate in value.

QUENTIN SAYS: Nice 928s are hugely rare. A one-owner, fully documented car like his is a prince among porkers. I'd say it's worth an easy seven grand, while they're still underrated. Keep it nicely – in a couple of years it'll have romped past the ten grand barrier.



Hot auction deals for buyers who braved the cold

THE snow iced up used car prices, and shivering bargain-hunters were rewarded at BCA's sales this week with some cheap gear.

An 03-plate 1.4CL for £1,550 has to be 2010's cheapest Focus (even if it did have 110,000 miles), while £1,500 is no money

at all for an 03-plate Mazda 6 with 101k. And £1,750's not bad for an 03 Mercedes A170 CDI Classic with 105k.

Have a butcher's at this lot:

03 CITROEN SAXO 1.1 Forte 88,000..... £775

04 HONDA JAZZ 1.4 111,000..... £1,800

03 MG TF 1.8 48,000 £2,000

03 VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1.2E 91,000 ... £1,800

03 VOLVO S40 115,000..... £1,800

Help to repair the small garages

SOME badly needed consumer protection has arrived for 2010.

The Independent Automotive Aftermarket Federation is set to help motorists get better services from independent garages, and to give them the right to have repairs done at any garage they choose.

The new body also promises impartial arbitration and higher standards across the whole industry, ensuring that small garages aren't elbowed out of business by big franchised operators. Details at www.iaaf.uk.com

IT'S ELECTRIC

WHO'D DRIVE IT
The eco-exhibitionists

EVERYBODY'S dream, this. A full-on 400bhp supercar that can deliver a guilt-free 100mpg.

Unveiled at this week's Detroit show and available later this year, the alloy and composite Ford GT-based Revenge Verde isn't just another supercar, it's the Holy Grail of motors.

And that's because it has an ethanol-burning Hp2g hybrid drivetrain with variable displacement, which to you and me means its engine uses alcohol and can go from firing on eight cylinders down to just one, to save fuel.

An electric motor with ceramic magnets that's powered by carbon fibre batteries helps the astonishing economy.

And the Verde's a relative bargain compared to most hypercars. For £122,000 you get 200mph performance, under 200g/km CO2 and 0-60 in 3.5 seconds.

All of which sounds far too good to be true, and we need to see the Revenge actually proving the truth of these amazing numbers soon.

But if it does, it'll outsell every Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati and then some. Suddenly green just got mean.

BATTERY-AIDED VERDE



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Q I WOULD like to know whether it would be wise to buy a second-hand Saab at the moment, given the current position of the company. Are car supermarkets reliable? - *Ruth, Scotland*

A DON'T be afraid to buy a Saab. Despite GM's blunders, they're great cars, especially the old ones. Parts specialists are plentiful, and running one won't be hard. They're still really separate, distinctive and cool, so resale shouldn't be a problem.

Motorpoint have a 2007 9-3 1.8t Vector Convertible (pictured) with just 17k miles for £12,299, which is Astra money.

Q IN December I got a letter from the DVLA asking for my driving licence, so it could be updated with penalty points



from a speeding offence. Until then I had been unaware of the incident, which they say was in April. This is because a neighbour from a few doors down had received all the correspondence, which had been wrongly addressed. I am also required

to pay a £650 fine. Where do I stand? - *Stephen Davies, Ebbw Vale*

A WHAT a mess. A Notice of Intended Prosecution must arrive at your address within 30 days, and any court case must be heard within six months. You'll need your neighbour to act as your witness to confirm that you didn't receive any paperwork. Fight this to the end - it's just another example of shoddy speed camera stupidity. They expect us to obey the law. Why can't they send their damned letters by recorded delivery?

-FLYING ZOOMS TO 200MPH



ENGINE: HP2G V8
POWER: 400BHP
0-60: 3.5
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PRICE: £122,000
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Cool Coulthard is one of sport's best role models

COULTHARD'S TOP RANK

DAVID Coulthard is probably the world's nicest racing driver, and the best motorsport hero to launch Castrol's new world driver ranking system.

Eloquent, charming and self-effacing, he told me that this revolutionary weekly league table could create a proper champion of champions and change motorsport for ever.

"The really best driver can climb into anything from a NASCAR racer to a WRC Focus and show the same searing

brilliance at speed - like Stirling Moss used to," said David. He reckons F1 hogs too much limelight and plenty of drivers in other motorsports are just as talented and quick.

Castrol will minutely analyse the performance of 2,000 drivers across 47 race series to empirically confirm who is the very best behind the wheel.

And despite his retirement, David is still obsessed with being the best. "You never stop being competitive," he said. "But

now I get hung up on the world's best breakfast or having the cleanest house."

Whisper it not but he also told me he's thinking of buying a people-carrier. "I'll make it the best of course. A posh Merc Vito with picnic tables and swivelling armchairs, although my wife's not keen."

Listen to your wife, David. Hers is the best advice of all.

Details at www.castrolrankings.com

TOP 10 CASTROL DRIVERS AND POINTS

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3. Sébastien Loeb 19338	8. Dario Franchitti 17238
4. Rubens Barrichello 18788	9. Scott Dixon 16942
5. Jimmie Johnson 17948	10. Mikko Hirvonen 16683

THE PUG TO HUG

I'M not in the least surprised that the Peugeot 3008 has scooped What Car's Car of the Year award.

My basic 1.6 diesel is a gem that does almost everything an SUV does - except cost a lot.

Brilliant to drive, hugely commodious, wonderfully versatile, plus 45mpg, it's a compelling cocktail of estate and 4x4 that drives like a car.

If you want an all-rounder, the Pug 3008 is the one.



3008 gets the gong