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This week

How stupid is Free Car Mag to put Ted on the cover? I mean he isn't real, but he is really funny. Many thanks to Universal Pictures for permission to use images from Ted 2. As far as we are concerned they have made another laugh out loud film. Cars do crash in Ted 2 and that's not entirely unconnected with the A-list Hollywood bear called Ted.

We have really enjoyed the Formula E coverage and celebrate the fact that the Championship is now won and explain what makes these electric racers tick. Certainly, Formula E is different, oddly sexy and so very different from Formula One which has become just a tad predictable

Chris Evans is an issue, so we deal with it and him. Top Gear was quite rightly the best car show on telly. It happened by accident rather than design. A coming together of different talents and a great production team. Maybe that will happen again and in a few years time we will wonder just why anyone doubted Chris Evans could ever pull it off. Or not.

So how stupid is this issue? Please let us know through the usual channels.



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Senna Charity Tribute

Stars of motorsport and film gathered at supercar and classic dealer Hexagon to celebrate the life of F1 racing driver, Ayrton Senna.

The evening raised £72,000 for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals Charity.

Celebrity-filled event was hosted by Sky F1's Natalie Pinkham with guest speakers including Mercedes-Benz F1's Paddy Lowe, ex-F1 drivers David Coulthard and Martin Donnelly. Lotus development driver Carmen Jorda is pictured with the 1987 ex-Senna Lotus 99T.

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Colin Firth

Kingsman is out to buy on DVD and you can read our micro review in Wanted, but we love the threads that Mr Firth wears in the film. We feel that Free Car Mag readers should smarten themselves up a bit with a tailor made suit. It makes all the difference.

Ted Drives



YOU
will
believe
a bear
can
drive...

Ted 2 is out and the foul-mouthed bear is back in the driving seat causing mayhem. We think he's not just misunderstood, he's also in the wrong car

Putting a toy bear that can walk and talk in the driving seat of a car is preposterous, but very, very funny. Ted introduced us to the concept of a bear best friend to John (Mark Wahlberg) and we just went with it. Using wooden blocks he managed to get his mate to work, even though Ted made a bit of a mess in the car park. In the latest Ted 2 though, his driving doesn't just leave a lot to be desired, he actually leaves the road and collides with a barn. Luckily Mark Wahlberg and Amanda Seyfried are unscathed.

Nissan Juke R

First off we love the look of the Nissan Juke R Concept that has just been revealed. It has four-wheel drive, that should keep Ted on the road and it just looks so much more badass than the standard Juke and Ted is a badass bear. Significantly the running gear (engine) comes from the Nissan GT-R, so this is a proper sports car, but with a much better ride height, all the better for a stumpy Teddy Bear. Nissan describes it as the Juke-R 2.0 has been injected with further levels of GT-R testosterone to now reach 600hp (making it really, really quick). Still sporting the iconic 'R' matt black, the new Juke-R 2.0 is bolder and even more Bear friendly.





Motorsport Golf

This is exciting, a Golf for the racetrack. Volkswagen has created this specifically to win races in next season's Touring Cars programme. This is important for Ted as among the components designed to protect the driver are a racing seat with head protectors, a racing safety cell, and a safety tank. The 2.0-litre turbo engine with direct fuel injection comes from the top sporting model, the Golf R, but it is the styling that transforms it. 18-inch racing rims, a chassis roughly 40 centimetres wider than that of the production Golf, and a striking rear wing give the Golf a 'ready-to-race' look and first-class handling. An aerodynamically designed front splitter and carbon rear wing are also among the modifications for the racetrack. And a bear.



Jaguar F-Type R

Ted is a bad bear and as Jaguar are always telling us 'It's good to be bad', so for that reason let's get the sensational F-Type. Indeed, let's go several better and borrow the one that Jaguar are using to test the parachute for the upcoming Bloodhound SSC land speed record attempt. How cool is that, a car with a parachute? The Union Flag paint job is incredible and would get Ted even more attention. The stability of the F-TYPE Coupé and its dynamic ability means it will reach 60mph in just 3.9-seconds with a limited top speed of 186mph, which enabled the successful completion of a vital test for the Bloodhound SSC team. Goodness knows what Ted could do with a parachute, but we think it would definitely help if he drove off a cliff.



Volkswagen Transporter

Ted needs a high driving position and plenty of room for his not always legal stuff. Plus he needs to be safe of course and the brand new Transporter would be perfect. Startline models are priced from £17,745 (panel van, excluding VAT) and introduce a host of new standard features including BlueMotion Technology, DAB+ digital radio, 5-inch touchscreen, Bluetooth phone connectivity and USB connection. Standard equipment also includes Volkswagen's acclaimed Automatic Post Collision Braking system, which automatically applies the brakes after a collision, reducing the risk of a secondary impact. The thing is though we love the idea of bolting on some extras so that he could cause more anarchic fun in the inevitable Ted 3. So a big upgrade to the Crafter will work, especially with a bucket and cherry picker.



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Two variations of the Lotus 3-Eleven will be available: Road and Race; both delivering an impressive combination of high performance, agility and precision. Based on the Road version, the Race includes a more aggressive aero kit, a sequential gearbox and an FIA approved driver's seat with a six-point harness.

With a dry weight of below 900 kg (Race version), the 3-Eleven offers an enviable power to weight ratio, in excess of 500 hp per tonne, and is capable of sprinting from 0-60 mph in less than 3.0 seconds before reaching a maximum speed of 174 mph for the Race version and 180 mph for the Road version

The new Lotus 3-Eleven will enter production in February 2016 and deliveries will commence in April 2016. Production will be limited to just 311 vehicles in total.

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The Trouble with Chris Evans

He's the new TG Presenter Discuss...



Chris Evans is doing what he does best and that's putting on a car show. Indeed CarFest North and South have been incredibly successful events and all in a very good cause. By sheer force of personality he has helped create these events that take place on the 31st July and 2nd August. The thing is, he is now the lead presenter on the world's favourite car programme.

If you saw Evans on the recently rebooted TFI Friday, it was a two hour spectacular which left no one in any doubt that he is a brilliant presenter. The trouble is Jeremy Clarkson is a very hard act to follow.

The response on forums and in newspaper comment columns has been interesting. Here are just a few of the comments that we scooped up and shows the depth of feeling on this subject and we then shovelled them into the quotes of the week on the right of this page.

Just as TG used to be the Jeremy Clarkson Show, then it may well become the Chris Evans Show.

For some that will be great, for others it is the end of days.

Doing cars on telly is difficult. Some of the Free Car Mag contributors have been there and done that and know it is not a precise science. There is a fine line between providing information and entertainment. Clarkson was largely about entertainment and that is exactly what the world wanted. Whether the world wants Chris Evans is another matter. We will find out soon enough.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“It's official the worst drivers on Birmingham's roads are men”

MALES IN BIRMINGHAM HAVE AMASSED A TOTAL OF 1.51 MILLION POINTS

“I was dumbfounded. I was horrified that he gave me a ticket...It's the most expensive banana I've ever had in my life.”

MOTORIST ASTONISHED AFTER BEING FINED £100 FOR EATING IN HER CAR IN TRAFFIC JAM.

“Where is any new talent?”

“Can't the BBC realise that not everyone warms to the juvenile prattlings and dumbing down of programmes by him?”

“He is arrogant and rude.”

“It must surely become Top Evans.”

“What dreadful news that the egotist Chris Evans is the new presenter of Top Gear. Just because he is loaded enough to buy Ferraris, does not, in my opinion make him suitable to replace the wonderful Jeremy Clarkson.”

SUNDAY TIMES READERS ARE NOT TOO SURE ABOUT CHRIS EVANS

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FIAT PANDA VS FORD FIESTA

A small practical hatchback is all the motor that many of us need. But which one?

WHY BUY?

The Panda is a micro people carrier with an appealing boxy shape that is easy to own and drive with a promise of very small running costs. The Fiesta is part of our motoring fabric. A name that guarantees cheap running costs and delivers a fun driving experience too.

WHICH MODELS?

The relaunched Fiat Panda from 2004 to 2011 was much larger and more practical than before, even though the boot space is a bit tight. The 2002 onward Fiesta was fun to drive, not huge inside but did its job for buyers who wanted predictable running costs.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

The Fiat Panda has been a great car and has proved to be decently reliable and the Warranty Direct figures support this. The Fiesta is similar, with marginally less repair costs and spending less time off the road too.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

The cheapest Pandas are now around £500. Some can be quite scruffy though. Later models are around £4000 and tidy private examples are excellent value. Fiestas hold their value better prices start at £600 rising to £4500.

FIAT PANDA

Average Repair Cost
£283.53

Electrical
19.67%
failure rate

Axle Suspension
34.43%
failure rate

Steering
13.11%
failure rate



Warranty Direct Rating: ABOVE AVERAGE TO GOOD

FORD FIESTA

Average Repair Cost
£257.38

Electrical
18.44%
failure rate

Axle Suspension
25.00%
failure rate

Gearbox
12.19%
failure rate



Warranty Direct Rating: ABOVE AVERAGE TO GOOD

SUM UP:

These are both good small cars which make a lot of sense if you want low running costs and an easy life. The Fiesta is sharper to drive. Based on Warranty Direct figures the Ford will be cheapest to own.

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Formula E

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What's not to like about seeing racing cars up close around the world? The championship sees ten teams, each with two drivers, racing on temporary city-centre circuits.



FORMULA E WANTS TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Formula E aims to represent a vision for the future of the motor industry, serving as a framework for R&D around the electric vehicle, accelerating general interest in these cars and promoting clean energy and sustainability. The championship centres around three core values of Energy, Environment and Entertainment and is a fusion of engineering, technology, sport, science, design, music and entertainment - all combining to drive the change towards an electric future.

FORMULA E IS ALL ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

Formula E also operates as an 'open championship', allowing teams and manufacturers the opportunity to showcase their own electrical energy innovations. Working to the technical specifications set out by the FIA, teams will focus their efforts on improving and developing powertrains and battery technology, with the aim of this filtering into the everyday electric vehicle market.



THE SPARK-RENAULT SRT_01E IS AWESOME

Built by French company Spark Racing Technology, led by Frédéric Vasseur, together with a consortium of some of the leading companies in motorsport. Italian firm Dallara, who boast more than 40 years' motorsport experience, have constructed the monocoque chassis. Made from carbon fibre and aluminium, the chassis is both super lightweight and incredibly strong.

Providing the electric powertrain and electronics is McLaren Electronics Systems, the world leader in high-performance technology for motorsport. Meanwhile, Williams Advanced Engineering, part of the Williams group of companies that includes the world famous Williams F1 Team, supply the batteries producing 200kw, the equivalent of 270bhp.

Overseeing all the systems integration is the championship's Technical Partner Renault, a leader of electric vehicles and an expert in motorsport thanks to its Renault Sport Technologies and Renault Sport F1 programmes. Specially designed 18" treaded tyres supplied by Official Tyre Partner Michelin, provide optimum performance in both wet and dry conditions.



AND THE WINNER IS...

Nelson Piquet Jr. is the first Formula E champion. The Brazilian took the title at the end of an incredible day at the Visa London ePrix, with the excitement building as everyone was left holding their breath until the final lap. Piquet drove in a very determined fashion from start to finish, making up a lot of places. He was rewarded with seventh place, enough for him to take the title.

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The great news is next year's Jaguar XJ will be here very soon and it is better than ever. There's new InControl Touch Pro touchscreen infotainment system which offers door-to-door navigation, seamless iOS and Android connectivity. The updated 3.0-litre V6 diesel engine is more efficient and less polluting. All-Surface Progress Control enables smooth, effortless drive-away on low-friction surfaces such as snow and ice – all the driver has to do is steer. There are loads of other enhancements and new R-Sport and top-of-the-range Autobiography models.



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Flash with white 15-inch alloys and silver front X. The x-cite also available in bi-tone finish, with metallic black roof, black front and rear pillars and rear privacy glass. Essentially the X range is all very exciting.

LIVY'S TESTS

Window Wipes

Let's face it, if you can't see out of your windows, bad things will happen. So let's get wiping.

I've never been overly keen on using wipes to clean windows and mirrors, because in my experience they tend to leave very visible streaks when they dry. This is something I hate, as it means that I have to buff the streaks out myself. Bummer.

So the three products I went out and bought all said that they would overcome my greatest fear and not leave streaks.

CarPride: I was surprised to find that it dried quickly, leaving a few streaks

behind. For me it was so, so.

CarPlan Screen Wipes: With high hopes I moved on to the cheapest of the three. This was awful, as it dried with streaks in every direction that I had wiped. This meant that I had to redo this window completely. Nightmare.

Armor All Glass Wipes: This was the most expensive of the three. It did exactly what it said on the box and left my window clean and streak free. That's a win in my book.



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ARMOR ALL GLASS WIPES
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Livy's verdict Armor All Glass Wipes were easily the best. However, in future I will stick to using water, car shampoo and a cloth to as I feel that wipes just don't deliver a streak clean that really satisfies me. For a quick once over though when I'm out and about, they will do.

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We went to see this in the cinema and it was great. What you have here is a Bond film if it was allowed to be truly British and eccentric. Colin Firth is brilliantly British of course, and so well turned out as you will have seen at the front of the mag. Samuel L Jackson is the sassy nod to the American market. Watch it on DVD now. amazon.co.uk



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GENTS, DRIVING A MINI IS NOW JUST HALF THE STORY, YOU CAN NOW MAKE A FASHION STATEMENT BY WEARING THEIR CLOBBER...

MINI have got together with six talented young Italians and the heads behind the Pitti Uomo gentleman's fashion fair to design the first MINI Capsule Collection. What we now have are six premium accessories that combine Italian craftsmanship with creative and innovative details – inspired by the new MINI Clubman. We are rather naughtily calling it Clubman Clobber.

Next time we will take a quick look at the all new MINI Clubman which you can actually drive rather than wear.

ALBERTO PREMI > GENTLEMAN'S SHOES

For Alberto Premi, making shoes is in the genes – his father has been a shoe designer for more than 30 years. The shoes in the MINI Gentleman's Collection are urban yet elegant. They are made of the finest hand-cut upper leather combined with a modern, ultralight micro sole.



< SUPERDUPER GENTLEMAN'S HAT

The SuperDuper label is known for combining traditional millinery with modern design and striking details. Its round form is classical, its materials are high-class: the result is the ultimate gentleman's hat. This was handmade using premium-grade felt and traditional methods. The inner band is inspired by the leather of the premium upholstery used in the MINI Clubman, while the colourful double seam takes its cue from another characteristic MINI element.





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TYG SPECTACLES GENTLEMAN'S SHADES

The abbreviation TYG stands for "Three young Gentlemen", referring to the three founders of this Italian eyewear label. Sunglasses are an indispensable asset for the gentleman. This pair combines high-grade acetate with brushed metal for an individual, elegantly sporty touch, just like the the stylish MINI.



PIJAMA > GENTLEMAN'S BAG

Pijama was set up in 2006 by fashion designer Monica Battistella and architect Sergio Gobbi. "Stylish flexibility" is probably the best epithet for the bag, created this year to celebrate the MINI Gentleman's Collection. It can be used as a backpack, briefcase or shoulder bag. Its clever inner bag system, just like the new MINI Clubman, offers maximum storage space. Notebook, smartphone or sunglasses – everything has its own place.



PAOLA BOTTAI > GENTLEMAN'S FRAGRANCE

Paola Bottai specialises in men's fragrances and has always been fascinated by the world of smell. "Classy, cosmopolitan and a little mysterious" is how Italian perfumer Paola Bottai describes the fragrance in the MINI Gentleman's Collection. It contains woody notes but also spices that evoke distant lands – because the MINI gentleman, says Bottai, "let the details speak for themselves".



< PRORASO GENTLEMAN'S SHAVING KIT

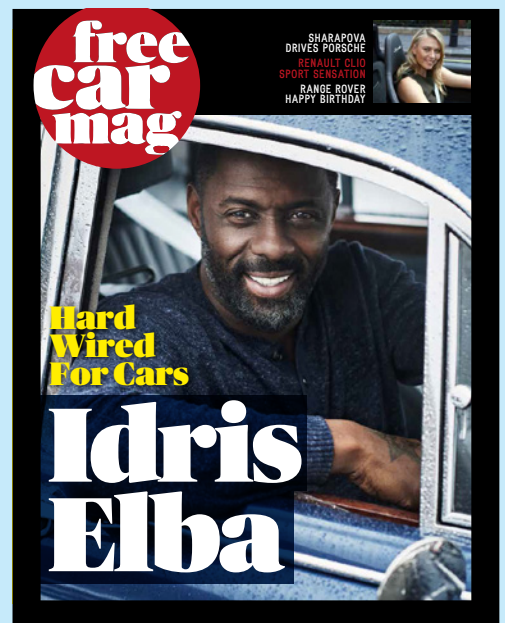
Products from the Florence-based Proraso brand are wet-shave classics. Using a cutthroat razor is the oldest – and arguably most demanding method of shaving – and second nature to any gentleman. Facial grooming takes on a particularly stylish note with the vintage barber-look shaving kit from the MINI Gentleman's Collection, consisting of a classic shaving brush, pre-shaving cream, shaving cream and aftershave balm. The kit's packaging was designed by Italian illustrator Pietro Nicolaucich.





NEXT ISSUE

David Walliams solves some classic crimes and tells us how he coped with a Morris Minor Traveller in his new TV series Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime. We decide to go Morris Minor mad and there's even a James Bond preview and all the usual Free Car Mag stuff and nonsense.



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