

PIXIE POSES FOR FREE CAR MAG



Pixie Lott with an original Fiat 500, at the launch of the new Fiat 500. Thank you Pixie.

Picture Michael Ward



This week

It's all about the Fiat 500 this week. Isn't it the cutest car on the road? It ticks all the right small car boxes. The 500 looks great on the outside, but inside it is a work of art. Free Car Mag were lucky enough to be at the UK launch with the wonderful Ella Eyre. You may have noticed her on the cover.

As well as the Fiat 500 we spent some quality time with the SsangYong Tivoli which is a hugely impressive handy sized 4 x 4. We also went a bit bonkers with the blokes from Top Coppers, which is a delightfully silly TV Cop show. Rather more seriously Tom Hardy is the Kray Twins. Yes both of them. Even better the film is choc fool of rather lovely '60s motors.

Which brings us back to the Fiat 500, which comes from the 1950s, but it hard to think of a prettier little car from the last 60 years. Indeed, the new Fiat 500 remains super pretty, with or without Ella on the bonnet.





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Rugby World Cup

ABOUT

Can't wait for the Rugby World
Cup 2015 Opening Ceremony at
Twickenham Stadium on 18th
September? Well, The Rugby World
Cup Trophy Tour Defender will be
transporting the Webb Ellis Cup
throughout the Tournament, which
takes place across 13 stadiums
in the UK until the final on 31
October. Seen here with Land Rover
Ambassadors and Rugby World Cup
2003 winners, Lewis Moody and
former England Captain Martin
Johnson at Tower Bridge.



Ella Eyre & Fiat 500

Ella Eyre performed a specially re-mastered version of the No. 1 track "Best of My Love" by The Emotions, at the launch of the New FIAT 500. Before the event she said, "It's great to be working with FIAT, I loved working on the track - which I am really pleased with - and I'm looking forward to debuting it live in such a unique way."



- 1 Fiat 500, from £10,690 Fiat.co.uk
- 2 Red Herring black roll neck top, £10.00 Debenhams
- 3 Black duster coat, £36.00 ASOS
- 4 Gold horseshoe pendant, £49.06 Amazon
- 5 Black leggings ankle length, £7.99 New Look
- 6 Pointed high heels, £65.00 Office





Ella Eyre gets Funky with the new Fiat 500

The new FIAT 500 and British singer-songwriter Ella Eyre got together and created something beautifully musical...

A star-studded crowd (including Free Car Mag) gathered at an exclusive event in Potters Fields Park, London to witness a specially re-mastered version of the number one track "Best Of My Love" by The Emotions. The new FIAT 500 and Ella performed the track on a giant vinyl record, 15 metres in diameter, with the new car laying down the opening beats.

Commenting on her unique performance, Ella Eyre said: "The icon remastered gig was so unique and I really enjoyed singing such an iconic track, on an amazing stage, accompanied by a FIAT 500."

You can view the 'making of' video at: youtube.com/watch?v=DmkHAyB5RVk

Free Car Mag also took a rather poor video of the proceedings which you can see on our You Tube Channel youtube.com/channel/UCDyl5mxJFnxf5h-GAeAmy6w





Riat 500 refreshed

The original was brilliant, the 2007 reimagining inspired and now the new hatchback and convertible is here to surprise and delight...

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Funky Face

The light clusters integrate the dippedbeam headlamps and turn signals and use innovative polyellptical modules for improved night vision and extra safety - its 'eyes' are always on the road! The lower light cluster integrates the main beam headlights and LED daytime running lights, which adopt the circular profile of the lamp to graphically reproduce the zeros of 500 allowing the New FIAT 500 to stand out even when it's dark.

Pert Rear

The rear of New FIAT 500 is transformed by the addition of exclusive new 'empty' light clusters comprised of an innovative ring-shaped structure with body-coloured centres. Thanks to these new clusters, which are unique to the segment, light appears to emanate from the bodywork almost like an illuminated tattoo! The rear fog light and reversing light, are relocated to the edges of the redesigned bumper trim, finished either in black or chrome depending on the model.









There are two types of second skins, the first features a fashionable. geometric pattern along the belt line only, while the larger skin options cover the pillars and roof - and in some cases the bonnet and tailgate as well. Five patterns are offered: Ethnic (geometric pattern): 'Lord' (classic tartan); 'Comics' (pop decoration) in combination with the new two-colour body paintwork; 'Navy' (nautical patterns) and 'Camouflage' (fashionably military). Like a tailor-made garment, everyone can express their own personality with the distinctive 'Second Skin' collection of the New FIAT 500.



Communication centre

The new Uconnect™ system on the entry-level version includes: FM/AM radio: remote controls on the steering wheel: AUX-IN and USB ports and six speakers as standard. Lounge models are equipped with the Uconnect™ 5" Radio LIVE system which is a touchscreen unit complete with Bluetooth hands-free calling, voice recognition and an SMS reader for reading text messages received on compatible telephones using 'text to speech' technology. The driver can connect multimedia devices via USB or using the 3.5mm auxiliary jack or stream music via Bluetooth using a compatible smartphone. DAB digital radio is also available.

Super safe

There are larger brake discs for more effective and powerful braking, and seven airbags (front, window and side airbags, plus a driver's knee airbag) remain standard across the range as before. Active safety systems include ABS with electronic brake distribution (EBD), advanced electronic stability control (ESC), anti-slip regulation (ASR), Hill Holder and hydraulic brake assistance (HBA) to help with emergency stops.

Top models

Pop has seven airbags, Uconnect™ Radio with six speakers, AUX-IN and USB ports and steering wheel remote controls as well as LED daytime running lights. Pop Star adds air conditioning, body-coloured mirror caps with defrosting function, 15-inch alloy wheels and a 50/50 split folding rear seat with rear headrests while the Lounge adds luxury equipment including a panoramic glass sunroof, rear parking sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, front fog lights, chrome front grille and the touchscreen Uconnect™ infotainment system.







IF YOU THOUGHT ONE TOM HARDY WAS TROUBLE, WELL TWO ARE MORE THAN A HANDFUL IN HIS LATEST FILM: LEGEND.





LEGENDARY KRAYS CARS

You can spot some magnificent '60s motors in Legend. Firstly there are some wonderfully flash Yank tanks in the shape of a Lincoln Continental and also an equally American ,Ford Galaxy. There's a great British barge called a Humber Hawk which knocks Hardy (as Reggie) over. For the wedding scene there's obviously a Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, a fintail Mercedes 200 looks very classy, a Triumph Spitfire seems tiny and a Ford Thames brings a wall down.





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amazing double-barrelled performance.

Together, the Kray Twins take over the city. But as their reign expands, power-struggles, fierce madness, and a woman diminishes their bond; the weak link that could cause their empire to collapse. LEGEND takes us into the secret history of the 1960s and the extraordinary events that secured the infamy of the Kray twins.

"The Old East End and the Swinging Sixties are long gone, and so are its doppelgängers, the Krays; all of it slipped into the alchemy of legend. Lies abound, the facts are elusive, but some truth can still be found... " Brian Helgeland, Director





SUMMER IS OVER, BUT TOP COPPERS MANAGE TO SNATCH BACK THE LAST 99 BEFORE IT MELTS...IT'S THE SILLIEST TV SHOW ON TELLY AND WE MEET THE WRITERS BEHIND IT.

John Kearns (JK, with beard), who plays Mitch Rust and Steen Raskopoulos who plays John Mahogony (SR, without beard) explain what it is all about.

What attracted you to Top Coppers?

JK: The script. I don't think I've laughed at anything written down since April 1993, so I was taken by surprise that there were actual jokes in it. It unnerved me. It didn't seem fashionable. Its whole purpose was to just be as funny as possible. You can't ask for more in a comedy.

SR: It was a combination of the fantastic script and the opportunity to work with John Kearns. As I had hoped, the script was hilarious to perform and working with John was utter joy. Would do it again in a second.

What is the relationship like between **Mahogany and Rust?**

JK: Mahogany and Rust are like brothers, with both thinking they're the oldest. The badge has brought them together and yet they have this bond which goes beyond that. If they both met up outside of work they probably wouldn't say much to each other but they'd be comfortable with that. Mahogany would be buying the drinks.

SR: It's a brotherly relationship – John is the more responsible one while Mitch is more carefree. Individually both of them are pretty clueless but magic happens when they work together.

Which actors from cop shows and films of the Seventies and Eighties inspired you?

JK: The great thing about Seventies and Eighties cops shows is that the theme and show titles were usually the best bit. Starsky & Hutch and Simon & Simon were particular favourites, the latter showing within seconds Simon (I presume) getting a kiss from a killer whale, to both Simons visiting their mum like the good sons they were. As for actors, David Rasche in Sledge Hammer! and Leslie Nielsen in Police Squad! are heroes.



SR: Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop, Leslie Nielsen in Police Squad, and Paul Michael Glaser from Starsky and Hutch. Although I don't remember any of them having to dve their hair bright red.

What was it like working with the amazing cameos? What did they bring to the process?

JK: What was great about working with actors like James Fleet, Paul Ritter and John Chancer was that you knew you were on to a good thing as they were having fun. With the experience that they brought it was then great to see how funny they thought the script was. In my stand-up career I've looked up to people like Adam Riches and Rich Fulcher as well, so to try and make each other laugh made me realise how lucky I was to call the experience a job. As for Lydia Rose Bewley and Jess Gunning, they arguably steal the show!

SR: In the first week of filming, I got to work with Rich Fulcher and Simon Farnaby, which was very exciting as I am a huge Mighty Boosh fan. All of the cameo performances in the series are great and provide unique moments in the show. Plus, I got to have Diana Vickers and Bekka Bowling play my love interests. What a hassle!

If you could sum up Top Coppers in three words what would they be?

JK: Seriously dumb fun.





Driverless cars "useless as a chocolate teapot"

Says Dr Kevin Curran, an IEEE (Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineering) professor...is he right or wrong?



he reasoning behind the pitch is that modern vehicles are simply more susceptible to electronic attacks which can be more effective than previous 'slim jim' type brute-force car opening attacks. In recent weeks, it has been disclosed that a £15 wireless device can be purchased online which amplifies a modern cars wireless entry system so that the signal travels from the thief's device to the owners keys up to 100 yards away allowing them access to the car and ability to drive away in seconds. We have also seen the astonishing Chrysler hack where a car could be tampered with from over 100 miles away leading to an unprecedented response from Chrysler to such a risk.

One problem with the self-driving cars that we are seeing on a grand scale such as from Google is the sheer amount of computing power used in both the actual driving and the pre preparation stage. In Googles example, the streets in Mountain View, California are mapped in great detail recording measurements such as the height of

curbs and road signs. It is simply the question of whether they are not "playing fair" as to date only a few thousand miles of road have been mapped as opposed to the thousands of millions of miles of road worldwide that need to be done. Having said that, there are many of us who never would have predicted Google Street View on such a large scale was possible - so it is not inconceivable that Google map each street in splendid detail for future autonomous cars.

Previous attempts to commercialize automatic vehicle control have failed because they required dedicated infrastructure and vehicles that must remain entirely under automatic control. New technologies, like CMOS radar-on-a-chip and all-weather LIDAR, will lead to more intelligent, more reliable vehicles. These next-generation autonomous cars will bring man and machine together harmoniously, letting you do the driving but taking over if you got into trouble but for now the cost of recreating safe driverless vehicles is simply too expensive.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I am in an <u>experimental</u>

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SAAB 9-3 VS

Swedish executive cars are smart and stylish and there's not many to choose from anymore,

WHY BUY?

The 9-3 is great value. Trouble is the Saab brand no longer exists, but don't worry you can still get parts. Otherwise it is a safe and stylish buy. The Volvo is a great executive car which is comfortable and good to drive with plenty of standard equipment. Oh yes, and it's safe too.

WHICH MODELS?

Saab 9-3 from 2002 to the end of production in 2011 is a smart looking car with a good range of petrol and diesel engines. Complex model line up, but well equipped. The Volvo S60 was built from 2000 to 2008. A saloon car with a boot the standard spec is good, but the SE is the best buy.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

Saabs like all modern cars can have lots of electrical issues. Otherwise they are tough. Worries over spares supply is currently unfounded. The Volvo has proved to be very durable with well proven components although the Warranty Direct rate it as below average.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Saabs are always cheap, so prices start at just a few hundred, but a late convertible can be over £10,000. The Volvo starts at just £500 and the top money no more than just under £7000. If you want a reliable and tidy model best to pay £4000 to £5000.



SUM UP

Reassuringly Swedish cars that are stylish and great value compared to similar German executive cars.

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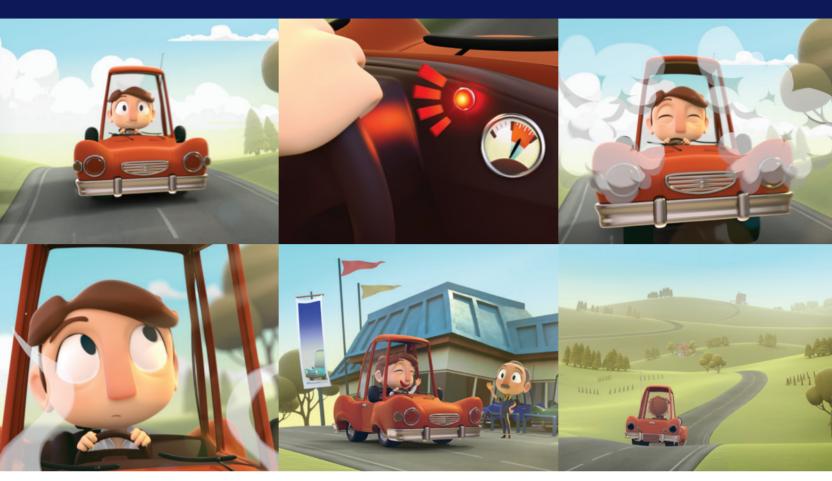
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The completely new Mazda2 Sport Black now offers sporty styling enhancements and extra equipment. Available in two free-of-charge paint colours - Soul Red Metallic and Snowflake White Pearlescent. Powered by 1.5-litre 90ps SKYACTIV-G petrol engine. It is available with 0% APR Mazda Personal Contract Purchase (PCP). Optional exterior graphics and contrasting colour door mirrors allow for new levels of personalisation. So make it your own.









MEGANE RENAULTSPORT CUPS

There are two new Mégane Renaultsport models. The 275 Cup-S offers high-end performance at entry-level price, replacing the 265 - with more power, but no price increase. It has upgraded

'Cup' chassis and a wide range of performanceenhancing options available. You can order a Mégane Renaultsport 275 Cup-S for £23,935 and the Mégane Renaultsport 275 Nav at £25,935.





Just 300 examples will be available in the UK. Featuring Perla Nera Black metallic bodywork, it is specified with a unique clear-backed metallic vinyl wrap along each side of the car. DS 3 Dark Light adds the Signature DS LED Vision headlights, 17-inch black diamond-cut Bellone alloy wheels, chrome door mirrors, Dark Light' badging on the front wings and tailgate. Inside, there are Sports seats, black leather, auto lights & wipers, auto-dimming rear view mirror, aluminium sports pedals and premium mats. That all adds up to a really stunning prestige package.

LIVY'S TESTS

Tyre pumps

Like all good drivers I like to make sure that my tyres are properly inflated and I can do that in a number of ways and that's what this test is all about. What I have decided to do is compare different methods of pumping a tyre up, Some are manual and hard work, others you can plug into the car battery from the socket and others need to be attached to the mains. There's also a bit of a price difference as one is jolly expensive. So is there really a winner here, or just a different and possibly costly way of pumping up a tyre?



CLARKE SHHH AIR 100/24 £718.80



FOOT PUMP ROLSON DOUBLE CYLINDER FOOTPUMP £5.99



12V PLUG IN COMPRESSOR £4.99

Livy's verdict The Clarke Compressor is brilliant if you are using air tools and maybe a spray gun. It is overkill for pumping up tyres, but very quick provided you are near a powerpoint and have the correct inflator attachment. The Rolson foot pump is fine, but a bit too much like hard work. I preferred the simple convenience of the Plug Compressor we bought from QD. Maybe I'm just lazy.

TOUCH ZERO

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HIT

Strap your Touch Zero One to your active playing hand. In the heat of the game, the built-in sensor records the number of hits and shows the power of each one on the watch display. When the match is over, dig deeper with the Swatch Touch Zero One App for extra info and statistics - including calories burned, the average hit power and a breakdown of the different kinds of hits.

CLAP

You're in the stands or the sand and you're doing all you can to encourage your team - put power in your claps to show your support and make as much noise as possible! The Touch Zero One display shows the total number of claps and the average power of your applause on a scale of O1 to 99. Check the App for an overview.

STEP

Touch Zero One counts your steps, plus calories burned, distance traveled and activity time - all on your wrist. Hook up to the App for a graphical activity overview: how many steps walking vs. how many running; total calories burned; 31-day step counter memory. On the watch, you can set a daily step goal in kilometers or miles.

COACH

Coach is the guy who motivates and rewards you - with an ice cream cone if you reach your daily step goal: and the closer you get, the bigger the ice cream! To spur you on, the App lets you choose between 3 built-in coaches with different personalities and motivational styles: LAZY DUDE, TOUGH GUY or SUPERHERO.

TIME

No matter where you are, you're in the world of time, and like every Swatch Touch, the Touch Zero One has 6 functions: time 1, time 2, date, alarm, chrono (stopwatch) and timer. You can also use the App to set time 1, time 2, date and alarm and to choose different ringtones.



DAVANTI TYRES

New performance tyre brand Davanti, has impressive EU labels boasting outstanding wet-grip performance and consistently low noise ratings across the range. Combining expert engineering experience with the latest advanced tyre technology, every Davanti tyre is produced with innovation, quality and performance. So why not give them a try? Find your local dealer here.

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JAGUAR DESIGN A STORY OF STYLE £90

This book by Nick Hull tells the great Jaguar styling story in fascinating detail from the earliest Swallow motorcycle sidecars, which the fledgling firm began producing in Blackpool in 1922, through the famous icons - such as the XK 120s, the Mk 2 saloons, the E-type and the XJ6 - to the very latest stylish preeminent cars produced so successfully today.

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STEAMBOAT BILL JR.

The Cohen Film Collection's Steamboat Bill Jr. starring silent film icon Buster Keaton, will be reissued across the UK on 18 September, screening in a new restoration accompanied by a specially-commissioned score from Carl Davis. Steamboat Bill, Jr. is a disaster-struck romance that features the silent maestro's most notorious stunt work.

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NEXT ISSUE

We bump into Sir Chris Hoy who was best known for winning everything on two wheels and has now switched to four, with equally impressive results. Plus Jenson Button gets to have a lot of fun in a Rallycross car with David Coulthard joining in. We also look at a film called The Life about Porsche fan James Dean. It's all in the next Free Car Mag.































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The Brits are coming

r rather, these Brits are going to the Frankfurt Motor Show, so ten cars were joined by Business Secretary Sajid Javid and industry leaders flew the flag for cars made in Britain. The minister was there to support the automotive industry's growing contribution to the UK economy, at an event in historic Greenwich, organised by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The industry now supports almost 800,000 jobs across the country – around 160,000 of which are in manufacturing – while the sector now makes up a greater share of overall UK exports than ever before at 11.8%. With year-on-year increases in productivity and technological innovation that is amongst the best in the world. That's why the best of British is going to Frankfurt.

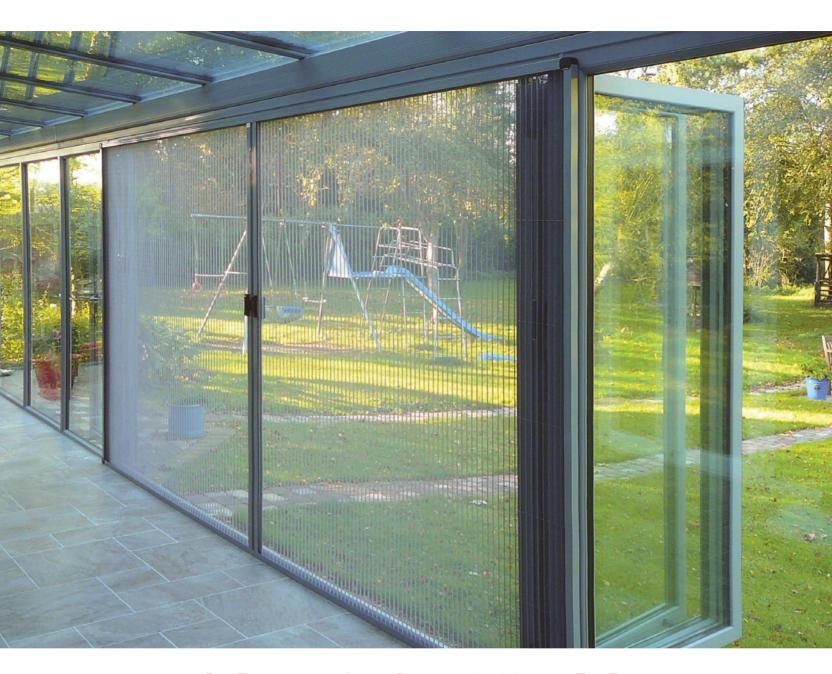
The cars and where they are made: (from left to right)

Vauxhall Astra (Ellesmere Port) Aston Martin Rapide (Gaydon) Honda Civic Type-R (Swindon) Toyota Auris Hybrid Touring Sports (Burnaston) Bentley Flying Spur (Crewe) Range Rover (Solihull) Rolls-Royce Dawn (Goodwood) Jaguar XF (Castle Bromwich) Nissan Qashqai (Sunderland) MINI Clubman (Oxford)









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