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Star Wars - The Force Awakens. Films don't come much bigger than this. That's why we've gone big on the blockbuster and being Free Car Mag we rather like the techie bits and actually the office is a bit like the Millenium Falcon. Old fashioned, very disorganised, scruffy, but there is some hidden force that makes it all work. More on that later.

There may snow outside when you read this, but just in case there isn't, we've packed some of the pages with rather expensive cars going sideways in the white stuff. You can look and dream, but also with Bentley and Aston Martin you can actually take the wheel in those remarkably wintry conditions.

Free Car Mag was Highly Commended by DS Automobiles in the Editor of the Year category at the recent Guild of Motoring Writers Awards. That's a remarkable achievement as we are not vet a year old. There are a lot of people who make it all work, from the brilliant, but anonymous art team, sub editor Marion King, Chris Allen's web work, and publisher Dee who makes it all run so smoothly. Also the support of Warranty Direct has been crucial.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year. See you again in 2016.



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SPOTTED OUT AND ABOUT

Jamie Murray

PEUGEOT is supporting the sporting efforts of champion tennis player Jamie Murray as his Official sponsor for the next two years. According to Jamie, "This new sponsorship is fantastic news and will prove invaluable in my competition efforts. I'll be very proud to sport the PEUGEOT lion on my sleeve at competitions all over the world over the next two years. It's great to see PEUGEOT extending their involvement with tennis and I am delighted to be a part of their team going forward'.

Jason Kenny

Track cyclist and three-time Olympic Champion, Jason Kenny OBE is the proud owner of a brand new 2016 Kawasaki Z1000SX. "I decided it was time for a change of bike as my trusty BMW was due for it's first MOT and out of warranty – that's how I justified it to myself anyway! After reading 37,000 reviews online while away racing, I decided on the Z1000SX. It seemed to tick all the boxes for me. After a couple of emails to Bolton motorcycles it was organised for when I got back in the UK. Easy as that, top service as always from those guys."



The Lady in the Van If you love Dame Maggie Smith and the writing of Alan Bennett then this is the perfect film. Free Car Mag have seen it and also enjoyed looking at the automotive set dressing as time is marked by the parking of wonderful '80s. '70s and '80s classic cars. The one constant is the van, or vans, in which the Lady lives. We thought it would be fun to try and get that look, even if having an eccentric and incontinent woman in your drive is not an ideal way to live.

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FINN

A TRAINED WARRIOR DESPERATE TO ESCAPE HIS PAST, FINN IS PLUNGED INTO ADVENTURE AS HIS CONSCIENCE DRIVES HIM DOWN A HEROIC, BUT DANGEROUS, PATH. FINN IS PLAYED BY JOHN BOYEGA



Q: What do the new generation characters add to the film?

A: There's something amazing about the new generation characters in "Star Wars." They are obviously younger, and less experienced, and they don't know about themselves as much as the other characters do. They don't have an established view of the galaxy and they are learning.

Finn is definitely the physical representation of the young generation when it comes to the "Star Wars" universe. "Star Wars" has a huge following but there is a small percentage of young people who haven't been introduced to the "Star Wars" universe, or who are more into the expanded universe, but don't know how to relate to the movies. Finn is their direct link. He doesn't know what's going on and is freaked

out by droids and aliens. So, I think the audience will enjoy a relatable character that is going through these situations.

Q: Talk about J.J. Abrams as a director.

A: J.J. Abrams is an actor's director. He understands the balance between the technical and the artistic. He'll get the best out of his crew and his cast. Until we reach a balance, he won't be satisfied. That's what I love about J.J. Also, J.J. is a "Star Wars" fan. He's clued up on "Star Wars" and very energetic on the set. He has his microphone next to him and always beatboxing, playing music. He's a very vibrant young man. From an actor's perspective, he gives you the best notes in terms of a scene and helps you get the best out of your character. It's been fun working





with him. They couldn't give this opportunity to a better guy, and what I've seen so far looks really good. J.J. Abrams-he's got this. He's good.

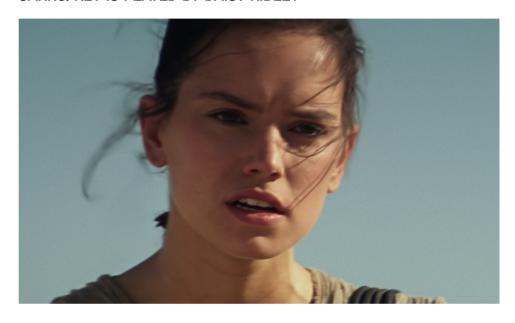
Q: Would you say that J.J. Abrams is celebrating the old in this new film?

A: I will say it's true that J.J. is definitely accepting the new with the CGI but also at the same time he is paying homage to the old with physical effects, and it has been amazing because every time I get in that car to come to Pinewood to film "Star Wars," I always think to myself, "What am I going to see with my very eves today that's going to make me go, 'Wow, I'm filming Star Wars?'!" And there always is something. I feel like it's going to continue like that for the rest of the shoot.



REY

REY IS A RESILIENT SURVIVOR. A SCAVENGER TOUGHENED BY A LIFETIME OF DEALING WITH THE CUTTHROATS OF THE HARSH DESERT WORLD OF JAKKU. REY IS PLAYED BY DAISY RIDLEY



Q: What does it feel like to be a star in a movie that has global appeal?

A: I'm just starting to realize how big a thing it is. When J.J. Abrams told me I got the part, he said that my life was going to change. I could imagine it, but I couldn't feel it, until it began to happen. The people have done it before are coming back and it's like a family. It's like people revisiting things. So, I feel honored that I've been allowed to continue the journey with my part as well as part of the team.

Q: Who is Rey and what is her role in the story?

A: Rey begins in her own world. She goes on this crazy adventure and meets Finn and BB-8 and she finally starts to make these bonds she's never had before. It'll be epic.

Q: Do you feel that Rey is your character now? That you've got this?

A: I realized what this film might be to people. I hope that people will love it. I think they will. I feel like I'm coming into my film family. Every day is fun. I haven't had one day where I didn't enjoy it. There are moments when I think how many people love "Star Wars" and it's scary trying to fit into that world that people know so well and love so much. It's nerve-racking thinking what Rey might represent to these people and whether they'll like her or not.

Q: Were you a fan of the franchise?

A: I remember being in the cinema and watching one because I remember being terrified. But because I was younger than the first generation of "Star Wars" fans, it wasn't such a huge thing in my life—until now. But it does permeate popular culture. It's on magazines. It's referenced everywhere. But it was only until this year that it became a really big part of my life.

Q: What are the life lessons that "Star Wars" offers you?

A: Family is incredibly important, but I also think in fifty years I'll look back and really realize the life lessons that I learned from this part of the journey as kind of a whole. So hopefully, I'll learn some more life lessons on the way.





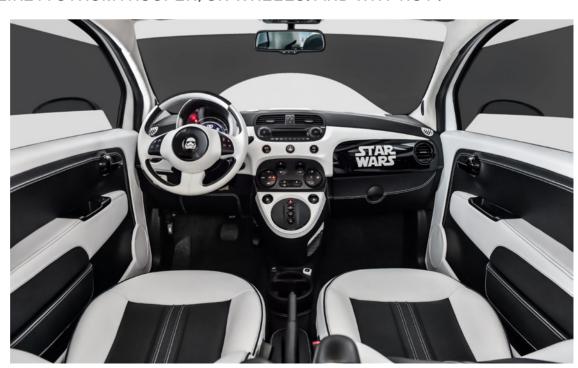
DARK FORCE FIAT

A 500E THAT LOOKS LIKE A STROMTROOPER, ON WHEELS, AND WHY NOT?

isplayed at the recent Los
Angles Auto Show the Fiat
500e stormtrooper is inspired
by the armour of the First
Order Legion, with a two-tone
black and white custom painting of the
car body. The windscreen and the side
windows are wrapped to bring out the
immediately recognizable visor and
helmet of the First Order stormtrooper.

Inside, everything is in black and white, too, with total custom front and rear seats upholstered in leather and Alcantara®. The dashboard is painted in white and it is enriched by the "Star Wars" logo on it. All the details are painted in white/black lacquer, and a First Order insignia can be found on the two-tone leather-wrapped steering wheel.

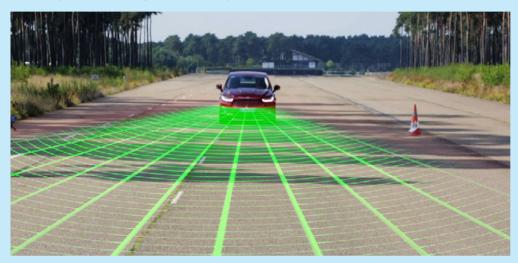
The Fiat 500e stormtrooper was created by Garage Italia Customs.





Beware Zombie Pedestrians

Walking and Texting is bad for your Health



o pavement or road is safe from mishap in these days of smartphone fixated, texthappy 'zombie' pedestrians. More worrying, though, is that many people continue to use their phones and mobile devices even while crossing busy roads.

Ford commissioned a survey of 10,000 people across Europe to dimension the issue of distracted pedestrians - including those crossing the road where there is no official crossing. According to official data, more than 85,000 pedestrians lost their lives on European roads between 2003 and 2013, which recognises car crashes are the leading cause of death in 18 to 24-year-olds.

Most smartphone users surveyed (57 per cent) admitted using their devices when crossing the road, even when there is no formal crossing, and nearly half (47 per cent) talk on the phone. Those aged 18-24 years old were most likely to have used mobile devices or phones (86 per cent), talked on the phone (68 per cent), listened to music (62 per cent), texted (34 per cent), and had an accident or near miss (22 per cent), while crossing the street.

Ford is highlighting the risks posed by distracted pedestrians as part of Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL). The award-winning novice driver programme has provided training for more than half a million people globally through free hands on and online education since its launch in the U.S. 11 years ago.

Brought to Europe in 2013, Ford has now introduced DSFL training in the UK, and across Europe, working together with leading safety organisations. Training also highlights the risks of drink-driving and using social media while driving

Overall, 32 per cent of pedestrians admitted listening to music, 14 per cent text, 9 per cent browse the internet, 7 per cent use social media, and 3 per cent play games or watch TV/videos while crossing roads. Most admitted the behaviour was dangerous, and 60 per cent said they felt safer knowing that autonomous vehicles, or vehicles equipped with semiautonomous technologies, could intervene to prevent or mitigate an accident if the driver did not respond to warnings. Clearly more cars need to be driven by robots so that they don't harm the zombies stepping off the pavements.



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"People started panicking and looking for someone to drive, so I volunteered."

50-YEAR-OLD PUBLIC ENEMY FAN KEVIN WELLS FIRED UP HIS FORD FOCUS AND GOT THEM TO THE GIG ON TIME.

"The most ambitious road scheme since the construction of the first motorway fifty vears ago."

THE PROPOSED TRANS-PENNINE TUNNEL, LINKING SHEFFIELD WITH MANCHESTER, WOULD BE THE LONGEST OF ITS KIND.

"Already started making the films"

CHRIS EVANS TOLD RADIO 1'S SATURDAY KITCHEN THAT THE NEW TOP GEAR TEAM HAD STARTED ...

"It has a large amount of sentimental [value] attached to it".

SON ACCIDENTALLY BUYS SAAB SOLD BY HIS DAD 43 YEARS EARLIER



PEUGEOT 4007 vs VOLVO XC60

Sports Utility Vehicles are all the rage at the moment, but which family 4 x4 is best for you?

WHY BUY?

The 4007 is a spacious family vehicle for five if a bit tight for seven, but there is loads of standard equipment which makes it great value. The XC60 is not quite as versatile as the 4007, but it is a smooth and comfortable vehicle that is great on long journeys. More costly to buy.

WHICH MODELS?

The 4007 from 2007 and every model has 7 seats, climate control, alloy wheels and automatic headlamps which is impressive, as is the 2.2 diesel engine. The XC60 was introduced in 2008 and came with electric windows, steering controls, climate and cruise control. Quality finish.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

The 4007 has very low average repair costs according to Warranty Direct's Reliability Index. By comparison fixing a Volvo is much more money, but on the whole both have very good records when it comes to reliability, so not much to worry about.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

The 4007 can be bought from around £5000 which will buy a 2.2HDi in GT or SE specification. £11,000 will buy a 2011 model with up to 40K miles. Prices for the Volvo starts at just over £7000. £12,000 gets a 2010 SE with 78,000 miles, whereas a 2012 D4 R Design is £19,000.



SUM UP Both are great family cars, but the Peugeot is the practical choice and the Volvo is the quality and more expensive one.

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"Cylinder Head £1500" - Source: Warranty Direct data, 2012

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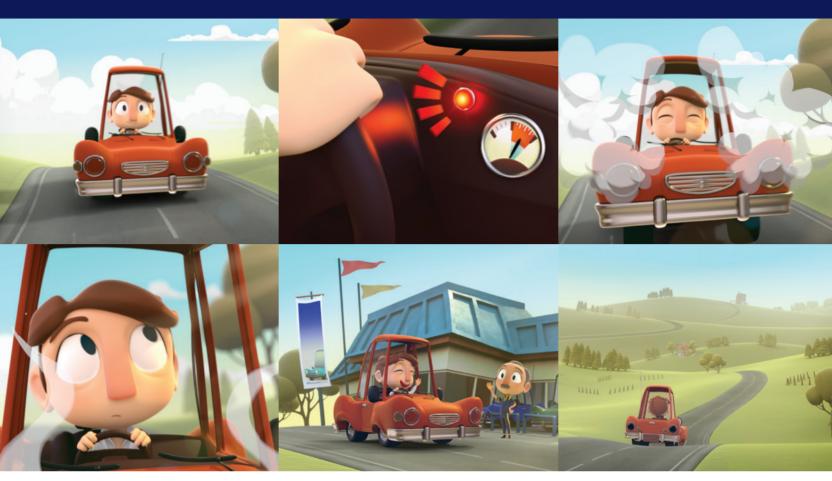
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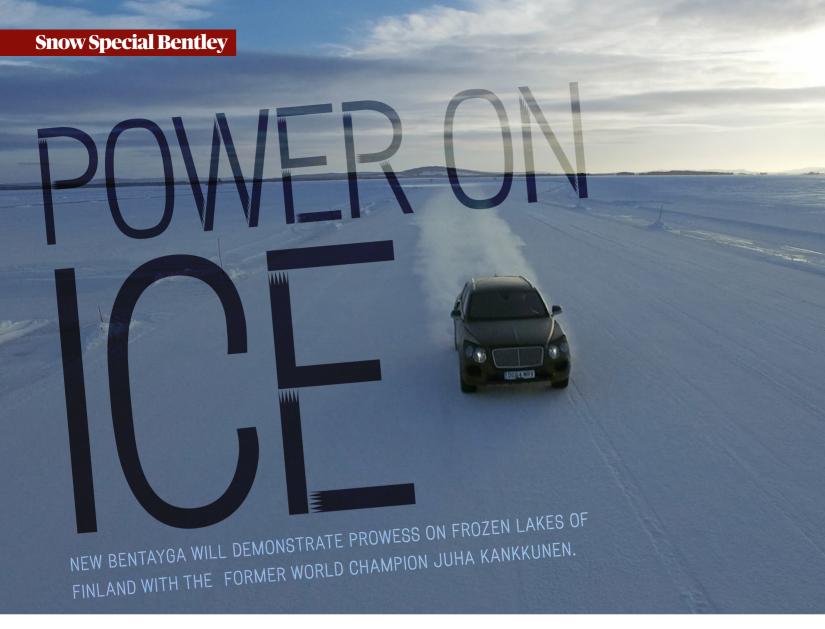
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he most powerful, most luxurious, most exclusive and fastest SUV in the world, the Bentley Bentayga, makes its ice-driving debut in 2016 at Bentley's flagship customer event, Power on Ice.

Power on Ice is an unforgettable four-day experience that provides the opportunity to push a full range of Bentley cars to their limits. Running throughout February next year, guests will be among the first to explore the Bentayga's extraordinary capabilities in one of the most beautiful and challenging environments in the world.

Two days of exhilarating ice driving training are provided by the vastly experienced Bentley Ice Driving Team. Leading the tuition will be four-time World Rally Champion and two-time ice-speed record holder, Juha Kankkunen – who personally designs each of the ten ice tracks.

A range of Bentley models, including the brand's performance flagship, the Continental GT3-R, will take on the challenging off-piste tracks. Thanks to their all-wheel-drive systems – and Bentley's new Drive Dynamics Mode with optional Responsive Off-Road Setting in the case of Bentayga – each of the models can constantly adjust the distribution of power between front and rear wheels depending on available traction, ensuring optimal grip is delivered.

The home of the event will be the unique Chalet Ruka Peak. Relaxing evening meals featuring contemporary Finnish cuisine and a traditional smoke sauna will afford guests time to unwind after an adrenaline-fuelled day. Night time husky-sled safaris to an historic reindeer farm complete the immersion into Finnish culture and ensure a truly unique experience.

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Snow Special Range Rover Sport SVR

A FULL FAT RANGE ROVER SVR AND POLAR EXPLORER VS WINTER

and Rover Ambassador and polar explorer, Ben Saunders, swapped his snowshoes for winter tyres to put the Range Rover Sport SVR through its paces at a unique yet familiar test track near the Arctic Circle.

On a full-scale replica of the Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit carved in the snow on Lake Udjaur and with instruction from Land Rover Experience instructor and former rally champion, Finland's Minna Sillankorva, Ben tackles the unique challenge of driving on ice behind the wheel of Land Rover's performance flagship, the 550PS Range Rover Sport.

Range Rover Sport SVR is the fastest and most powerful Land Rover to date, capable of accelerating from 0-60mph in just 4.5 seconds. It is the first model to wear the SVR designation which will be adopted by future Land Rover and Jaguar high performance models.

Ben Saunders, who has led expeditions to both the North and South Poles, said: "Obviously, I had an amazing day. It was my first time driving on ice and the most fun I've had on four-wheels. The performance of the Range Rover Sport SVR is simply breathtaking and its poise in the corners was astounding given the slippery conditions."

Ben's experience was aided by a sophisticated suite of features to enhance all-terrain performance, including the latest generation of Land Rover's advanced Terrain Response®2 system, which automatically tailors a range of vehicle settings to suit the conditions. In addition, permanent four-wheel drive with a two-speed transfer case, and a 50/50 percent torque split front-to-rear delivers Land Rover's trademark capability.

Mike Cross, Chief Engineer Vehicle Integrity, said: "We pride ourselves on the all-terrain capability and composure of our vehicles, putting them through intensive hot and cold climate testing. The Range Rover Sport SVR is the most dynamic model we've ever produced and combining these qualities showcases the unique talents and expertise of our dedicated engineers."

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The Discovery Landmark adds to HSE Luxury model spec with new interior and exterior features. It has full length roof rails in a bright finish, black bumper vents, grille and mirror caps complement silver bonnet and tailgate

badges, and 20-inch 5-split spoke alloy wheels. The Discovery Graphite, not surprisingly has grey highlights and 19-inch 7-split spoke alloy wheels. Here are the coolest 7-seaters anyone can buy and enjoy...







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Just 133 examples of the striking 695 Biposto Record will be built for worldwide distribution. An exclusive 'Modena Yellow' finish embellished with 'Tar Cold Grey' trims. enamelled '695 Record' badge on the side and aluminium bonnet. There are also 18-inch

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THE STREETS OF LONDON WERE SWATHED IN LAND ROVERS, ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE.



Land Rover ice cream van, a specially tailored Paul Smith Defender and the first ever Series Land Rover from 1948, and a unique 'Defender 2,000,000' were just some of the iconic vehicles that wowed Londoner's on an otherwise dull winter's day.

All proceeds from the auction of 'Defender 2,000,000' will be donated in their entirety to Land Rover's humanitarian and conservation partners - the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Born Free Foundation.

The 'Defender 2,000,000' vehicle features a plethora of distinctive finishing touches. A map of Red Wharf Bay - where the design for the original Land Rover was first drawn in the sand - is engraved into the aluminium fender, which contrasts with

the exterior Indus Silver satin paint. A unique 'no 2,000,000' badge sits on the rear of the vehicle, which is mirrored on the interior console. The design is finished with Santorini Black wheels and wheel arches, roof, door hinges, grille and mirror caps.

Inside, the leather seats also feature the 'Red Wharf Bay' graphic and 'no 2,000,000' logos have been stitched on the headrests. A bespoke aluminium plaque, signed by everyone who helped to assemble the vehicle is fitted to the driver's seat plinth. On the front and rear, S90 HUE registration plates - a reference to the first ever pre-production Land Rover, registration 'HUE 166' - complete this one-of-a-kind Land Rover Defender.

Watch a brilliant film: https://youtu.be/ GtzTT9Pdl0



NEXT ISSUE

It will be 2016 by then and quite honestly we have no idea what we will be doing at all. I mean that's next year for goodness sake. However there just may be a look ahead to 2016 and the Range Rover Evoque Convertible which is probably the best car of next year without even trying. Also, Miss Moneypenny may be involved...

























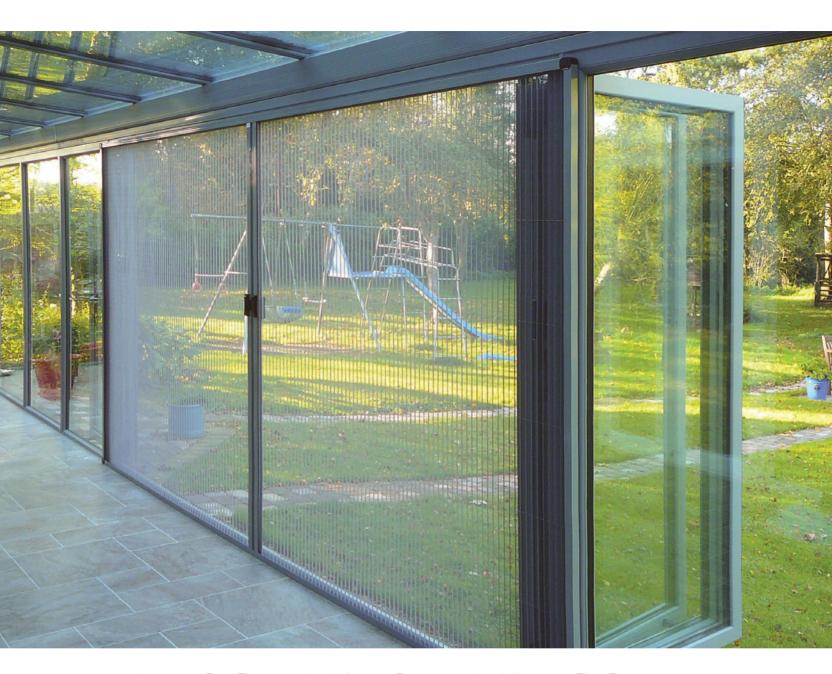






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