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We never went away and will keep on coming back. Check out the website for the full stories and so much more. James Hunt is still our inspiration and we always ask ourselves, 'what would James do?' Well he would keep on driving his Vauxhall Chevette into the office every day and stick up for the Great British Motorist.

John Lennon in his Radford mini Cooper visits Free Car Mag in 1967



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He's a hi-viz wearing amphibian with a motor and a croak... **14**

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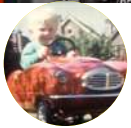
I QUITE FANCY ONE, RATHER SMALLER THAN A MINI COUNTRYMAN...

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the 200 year on the Motorist

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Citroën Ami Driven

The Citroën Ami is like no other car. And that's partly because it isn't quite a car. Technically it's a Quadricycle – a four-wheeled vehicle with limitations on performance (can't exceed 28mph) and weight (must be well under 500kg). In many European countries these can

be driven without a driving licence; in France from just 14-years old. In the UK you need a scooter licence at minimum – so you've got to have passed your compulsory basic training. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Proper Off Roading with the new Isuzu D-Max

From quarries to corner shops, from lugging loads to ferrying families, from off-roading to wind boarding, Isuzu has got a pickup truck for you – meet the all-new 2021 D-Max. A new platform and, most crucially of all, a dramatically upgraded and improved cabin, sees this

working horse extend its desirability and grab a larger market share (10,000 sales predicted by 2025). **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





McLaren 620R Driven by Brown Car Guy

If you've only just managed to get your head around McLaren's unique model range structure, go full face-palm now, because the arrival of recent new offerings from the supercar maker signal that's all about to change. So here then is the McLaren 620R which the company says concludes its Sports Series lineup which featured the 570, 600 and from which was also spun a pure race car in the form of the 570S GT4. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Brighten up Lights

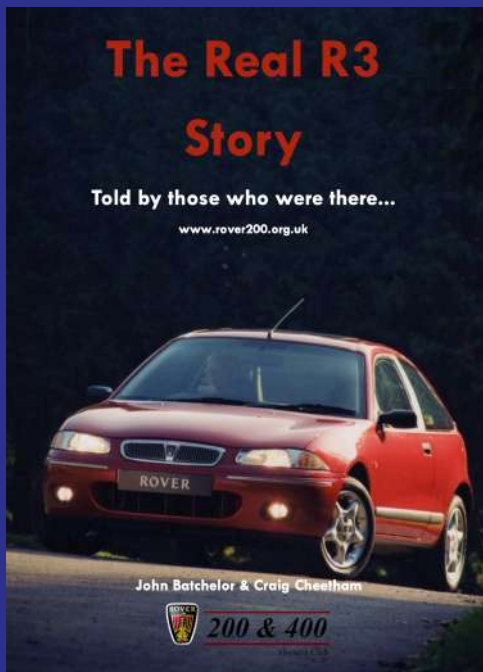
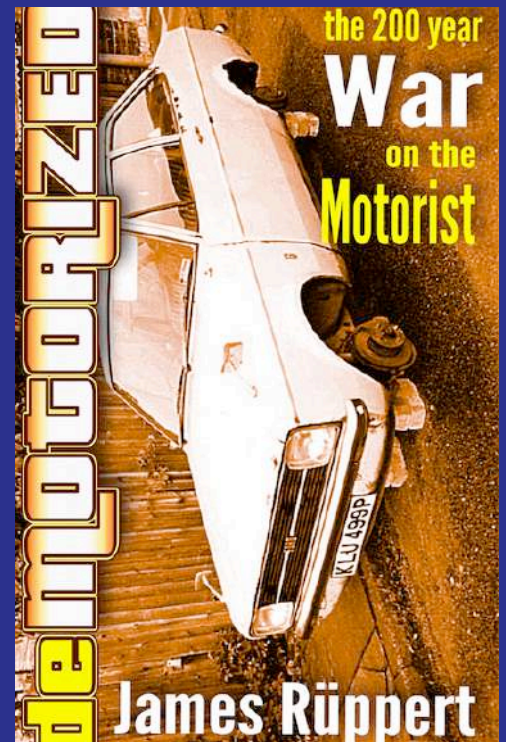
**Hands
On in
FCM**

Having recently said goodbye to my faithful Mitsubishi Lancer which I kept for thirteen years; I have a new daily driver that is my dad's 2003 BMW 530d (e39). My dad purchased it back in 2006 from BMW North Oxford Garage with only 16,000 miles on the clock and one former

keeper. Overall, the car is in very good condition but as it is now coming up to eighteen years of age, it is starting to show one or two minor cosmetic issues.... **Read the full Guide by Kiran Parmar at www.freecarmag.com**



Here are books written by some of our contributors and friends. We would encourage you to go to our related www.bangernomics.com Site to buy books and things that supports what we do. Sticking up for the Motorist.



Old cars don't die, they simply become Bangers. Affordable, practical and reliable transportation for the people. They don't need to spend a fortune on a brand new motor, get into debt or trapped into a spiral of despair, better known as an easy payment scheme. Others may specifically want a Banger Van, LuxoBanger or Happy Shopper (see inside for details). This Bangerpedia contains 755 models on offer in the UK car market, with descriptions, basic specifications, brief buying tips and a ridiculous rating system. James Rüppert is best known for writing Bangernomics, Demotorized and telling the fine readers of Autocar which used cars to buy every week.

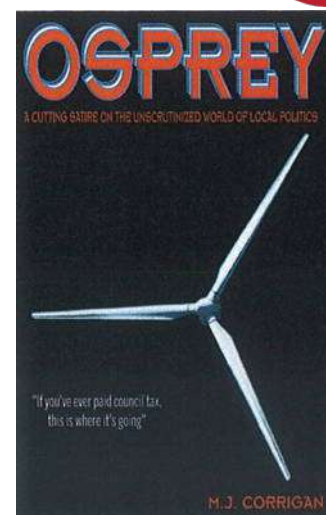
This is the not quite definitive history of how parking became an industry, governments overtaxed motorists, carmakers lied about how safe and environmentally friendly they were and tested their emissions on monkeys and humans. Also why robot cars are so dangerous and electric cars are not the answer. Also, who is behind the ongoing plan to Demotorize the world. Printed in 2020 it predicted the future with terrifying accuracy. Buy it before it gets banned. Now updated with a Chapter all about what happened recently in 2020 to screw the average motorist. **Bangernomics Books** available also as PDFs to download at www.bangernomics.com

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the launch of the third generation Rover 200 (R3), the Rover 200 & 400 Owners Club has published an 80 page full colour booklet with contributions from many of the Rover Group team that were involved with the development and launch of the car. This booklet is available to purchase online for £10 from the club. <https://www.rover200.org.uk/shop>



Despite appearances it isn't a fact and stat based history of the boxy Bertone designed version of the British Leyland Mini. The author, Frank Kirtley, does know his cars, but not to the extent that it would bore someone who wasn't into vehicles. The book itself looks great on your bedside table, not least because the cover features a period (1980s) Dutch registered Innocenti 120 with a moon roof and added wing damage, pictured on a dusty European mountain pass. This suggests, as you read a few chapters in, that the story inside may well be 'based on a fairly true story'. Driving around Spain and France in a boxy mini whilst involved in a cold war spy plot is a massive plus point. It is straightforward, there are some twists, but it is delightful to be able to get into the back seat of the Inni and go along for the wild ride.

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PEUGEOT 205 GTI - CORRIGAN
AMBERLEY PUBLISHING £14.99

Covers the engineering and design features that made the 205 so special. Within a stylish design, it offered a variety of lively petrol and diesel engines while the suspension, with MacPherson struts at the front and torsion arms with trailing arms at the back, offered excellent ride and handling. Soon the first GTI version was produced with an eager free-revving 1600 engine. In 1986 a 1900 version was introduced. Drawing on his personal experience of driving a renovated Peugeot 205 GTI, Matthew Corrigan also provides advice on restoration, parts, and other ownership tips.

THE MANCHESTER HEINKEL
MATTHEW CORRIGAN £8.99

Here is the forgotten story of the only plane to be shot down over Greater Manchester in World War Two. The Heinkel He111 was brought down in a dog fight over Stockport in May 1941 and the plane landed near a farm. Amazingly the four German crew members survived and were One eyewitness, a local solicitor, went over to the site of the crash to help and put the German pilot under citizens arrest. Matthew Corrigan heard the story growing up and was surprised that there was so little records or information about his momentous event, so decided to research and write this book.

OSPREY - MATTHEW CORRIGAN
EMPIRE £8.95

OSPREY -- Overhead System Producing Renewable Energy is an audacious scheme to harness high-altitude wind power. Is it a breakthrough in clean energy or a far-fetched fantasy designed to extort millions? Set in recession-hit Manchester, Osprey is a brilliantly satirical novel that lifts a lid on everything from phone hacking to climate change hysteria. Topical, controversial and worryingly believable, OSPREY is a tale of panic, greed and people on the make.

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Stay at Home Get Net Zero...



West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) wants people to stay at home after Covid-19 to help meet net zero and Paris Agreement climate targets.

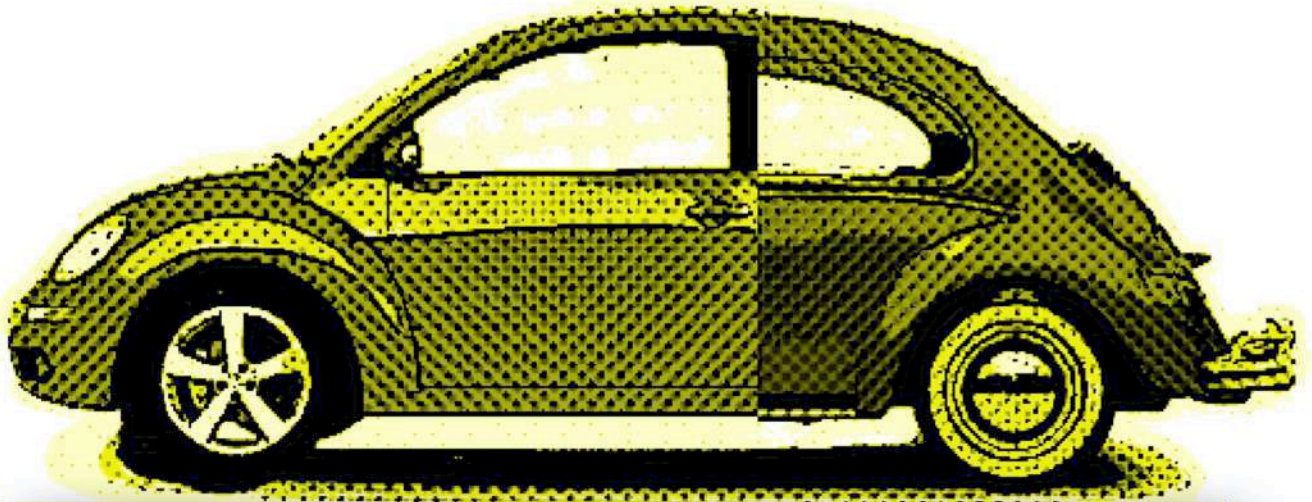
WMCA has published a 5-year plan (2021-2026) (1) (2) as part of its policy for achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2041. As always, car use is top of the 'behaviour change' hit list regardless of whether the car is petrol, diesel or electric. By 2026 the percentage of trips by car should fall from the current 63% to 59% and to just 35% by 2041. Personal and retail trips are also targetted for a 25% reduction by 2041 along with 35% of people working from home or local hubs 50% of the time.

ABD Environment spokesman Paul Biggs said: "From the outset of Covid-19 restrictions we have been concerned about the exploitation of the pandemic for other agendas under the guise of 'Build Back Better' and wondered if we'll ever get our freedoms back. The post pandemic plans of national and local governments suggest that we won't unless voters stand up to environmental totalitarianism that is bypassing any proper democratic process or cost:benefit analysis."

Reducing the UK's less than 1% contribution to global man-made carbon dioxide emissions to net zero by 2050 would reduce global average temperature by an unmeasurable 0.014C by 2100. Similarly, even if all the countries signed up to the Paris Agreement keep their emissions reductions promises, the reduction in carbon dioxide emissions for 2016 - 2100 achieves only 1% of the emissions reductions required for the 1.5C target (3). The costly climate agenda is all about controlling YOU, not the climate.

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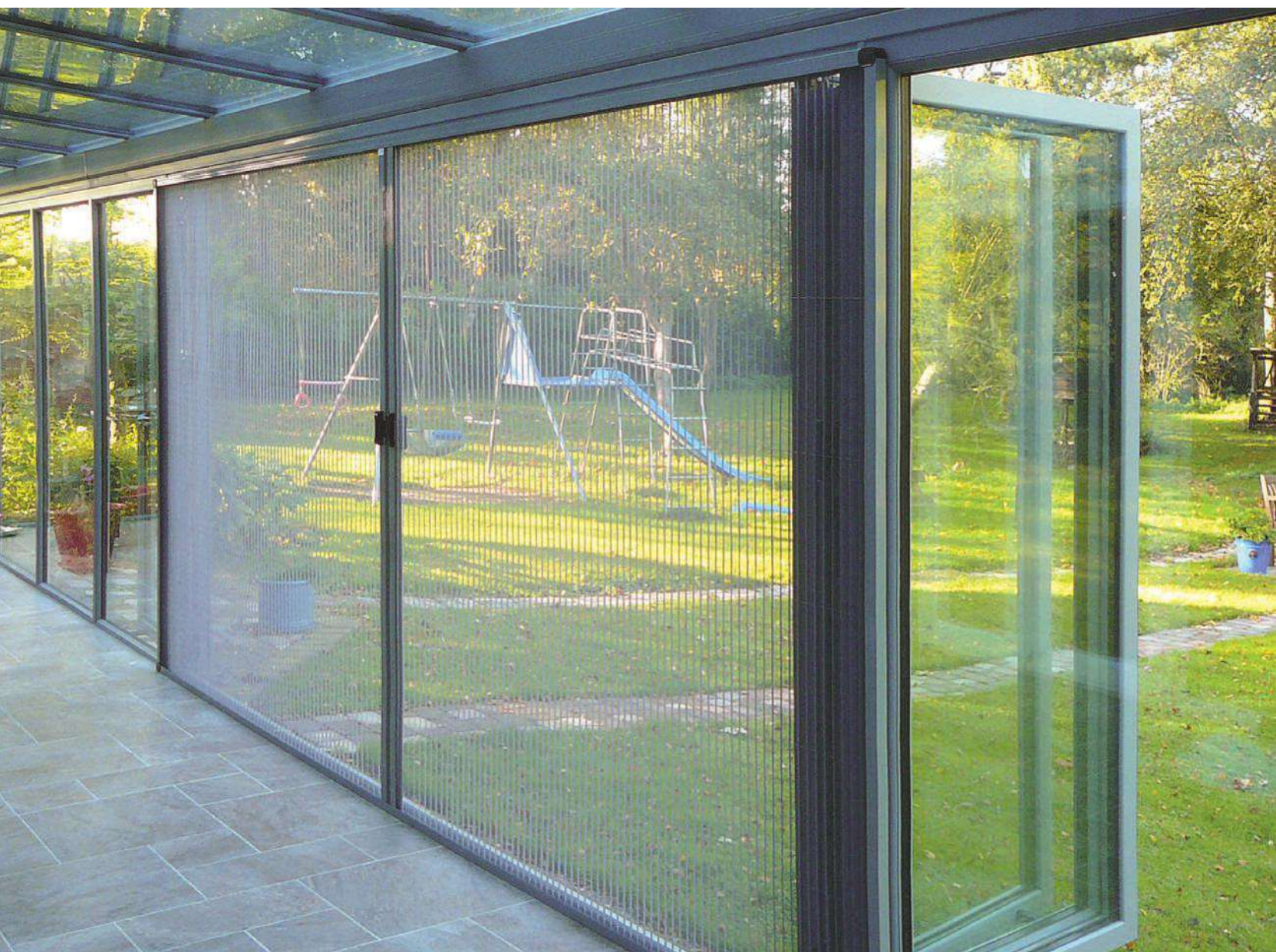


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