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## BARRIE'S 488: A SNIP AT £240k

YOU know that Ferrari you promised yourself as a kid?

Well, fair play to hairdresser Barrie Stephens because he started 2020 with one on his drive. Barrie, 49, treated himself to a £240,000 Ferrari 488 after working his way from a 15-year-old YTS apprentice on £27 a week to owning five salons in Leicestershire.

He collected his dream motor from Britain's top supercar dealer, Tom Hartley, on Christmas Day. Barrie said:

"I've worked hard for this over the last 30 years but it was extra-special to get the keys on Christmas Day."

Tom said: "It's a normal working day for us. 'We've been doing it for 25 years now.'"

Tom's son Carl, who co-owns the business in Overseal, Derbys, revealed that supercar prices have dropped by 20 per cent over the past year, meaning some of the world's dreamiest

motors are now a "bargain". Their stock includes: Bugatti Chiron – was £2.7million at start of 2019, now £2.4million; McLaren P1 – was £1.295million, now £1.1million; Lamborghini Aventador Roadster – was £380,000, now £330,000; Aston Martin DBS – was £220,000, now £180,000.

I just need five balls and two Lucky Stars.

KEN GIBSON



RED LETTER DAY... Tom with Barrie and new Ferrari

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READER'S  
CAR OF  
WEEK



THIS is one of those cars that still looks prestige and grand in the 2020s, as much as it did when new in 2003.

Martin Dunaway has sent in this beauty of a Benz.

It's an early example of the second-

generation CLK Convertible, powered by a 2.6-litre V6 with 170 horses. Tasty.

Martin says: "I have had it two years and still absolutely love its looks."

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# MASTER SHEFF



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Used car specialist

**Q** WHEN my wife bought a car last year, we put down a £3,500 deposit and never missed a payment. Sadly, she died and now the company wants the car back. Am I eligible to get my deposit back, as we only had the car for seven months? I asked to take on the debt but they refused.

PHIL REED

**A** The fact the finance company wants to take the car back suggests your wife was on a lease deal, rather than PCP. There are different methods for paying money back in the event of a death. I hate to be the bearer of yet more bad news but if it was a lease then it is just a rental contract and you are not entitled to any money back. Seek proper legal advice. You need to be 100 per cent

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certain about your rights.  
**Q** CAN you give a value for my Spitfire mk3, first registered in 1969? It is a soft-top with roll-bar and seatbelts. It's had extensive work carried out and is very reliable. I am thinking of selling it.

PETER WALKER

**A** A good, solid mk3 Spitfire like that ought to be worth eight to ten grand.

Stick it on for £9,750 and see how the land lies. You might be better waiting until the spring before listing it.

**Q** I have a Citroen C4 automatic with 127,000 miles on the clock. In 2016, at 50mph, it would ram into third and not change up or down. The garage said it was a build-up of pressure in the box and fitted an electronic hydraulic control unit. I asked if it would ever happen again. They said no and if it did, they would repair it for free. But now it is doing it again.

NIGEL WHITE

**A** A deeper problem with the gearbox could be causing the recurring issues. I bet the 2016 repair won't have been warranted for three years. You might be best off getting rid but see what the diagnostics say.

## THREE AUDIS UNDER £10,000



2002 (02) Audi A2 1.4 SE 5dr, 73k, £2,495, private seller, Rochdale, [autotrader.co.uk](http://autotrader.co.uk)

Lightweight construction, frugal engines – a city car for a green age. That this one is a low-mileage minter is a bonus.



2010 (60) Audi A5 Sportback 2.0 TFSI S line S tronic quattro 5dr, 80k, £9,500, H&S Autos, Chertsey, Surrey, [handsautosales.co.uk](http://handsautosales.co.uk)

This thing is rocking all the spec and the mileage is reasonable too.



2006 (06) Audi TT Coupe quattro 2dr, 75k, £5,000, VFU Cars, Canterbury, Kent, [vfucars.co.uk](http://vfucars.co.uk)

Audi is killing off the TT as we know it, so buy a good, clean example of an early one while you can. Et voila: A beaut of a mk1.