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Chris Eubank Jr

Boxers... We do like to feature boxers in these pages, don't we? From heavyweight to middleweight and welterweight, we've featured a pretty good spread of styles and personalities. It might seem like a bit of an odd match, a private number plates magazine and a procession of professional pugilists, but boxers do seem to have an eye for nice cars and good personal registrations. And they bring out the best in our photographer: he's always so polite to them.

We met Chris at his fashionable Brighton home, where we delivered his new private registration plates and took the opportunity to chat about his career.

The name Chris Eubank is not only familiar to fight fans: it is literally a household name. For Chris Eubank Jr this could be a blessing, a curse or both. While there must surely be a sense of a paternal shadow to be escaped by proving oneself and one's own career, the advice and expertise of a successful and respected father must give a young fighter certain advantages and inspiration.

"With the last name Eubank, there's always been a lot of pressure to perform. Everyone expected me to be as good as my dad was from my very first fight. It was tough to deal with but I used that pressure to make me train and fight harder.

"My big role models were Muhammad Ali, Roy Jones Jr, Sugar Ray Leonard and my dad, which goes without saying," but Chris Jr says it anyway. "My father's guidance and mentoring has been a big part of my development as a fighter. He's a valuable member of my team and I've learnt a lot from him."

Chris got his amateur experience in the USA, where he moved to as a teenager. First, though, he had to deal with staunch opposition from Eubank Sr, who was firmly against Chris taking up the sport. Chris Sr pointed out that young fighters from privileged backgrounds rarely feature in the ranks of champions and Chris Jr is the first to admit that his has been a life of relative





Chris Eubank Jr's clothing line, NEXTGEN, is available from www.chriseubankjr.com

luxury. Instead, boxing's giants tend to be from harder backgrounds, from environments where early life has a built-in toughening-up process, and the hunger for something better is a constant companion. Young Chris understood his father's argument and acknowledged the truth in it but he is on the record as saying that he doesn't like taking easy routes. Chris went ahead and fought and he did well, winning state and regional *Golden Gloves* championships.

Chris Eubank Jr turned professional in 2011. His first pro bout was against Kirilas Psonko. Chris Jr stopped the Lithuanian in the fourth round and subsequently went on to win his next 17 fights before eventually

succumbing to a close, split decision against Billy Joe Saunders in 2014. At the time of writing, Chris has won 28 and lost two of his 30 fights. He has never been stopped and has won the majority of his bouts by technical knockout.

As a fighter, Chris, like his father, is clearly very aware of the risks the sport entails, not just to himself but also to his opponents. The shadow of his father's 1991 match against Michael Watson, during which Chris Sr's opponent suffered life-changing brain injury, still looms large and dark. Eubank Sr's rival Nigel Benn was the unintentional agent of similar lasting harm to opponent Gerald McClellan a few years later. Tragedies like

that aren't forgotten: they resonate down the years.

Michael Watson's injuries were life-changing for Chris Sr too. His approach to winning changed and he no longer ruthlessly pursued a knockout by raining blows to his opponent's head: instead, he would often concentrate on body blows and settle for a win on points. This profound change in approach was evident in 2016 during Chris Jr's British middleweight title fight against Nick Blackwell. Blackwell was completely overwhelmed by Eubank and had taken such a beating that Eubank Sr intervened from his son's corner to request that the referee step in. He also instructed Chris Jr to

Date	Opponent	Result	Location
23 Feb 2019	James DeGale	Win	The O2 Arena, London, England
28 Sep 2018	JJ McDonagh	Win	King Abdullah Sports City, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
17 Feb 2018	George Groves	Loss	Manchester Arena, Manchester, England
7 Oct 2017	Avni Yıldırım	Win	Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Halle, Stuttgart, Germany
15 Jul 2017	Arthur Abraham	Win	The SSE Arena Wembley, London, England
4 Feb 2017	Renold Quinlan	Win	London Olympia, London, England
25 Jun 2016	Tom Doran	Win	The O2 Arena, London, England
26 Mar 2016	Nick Blackwell	Win	The SSE Arena Wembley, London, England
12 Dec 2015	Gary O'Sullivan	Win	The O2 Arena, London, England
24 Oct 2015	Tony Jeter	Win	Sheffield Arena, Sheffield, England
28 Feb 2015	Dmitry Chudinov	Win	The O2 Arena, London, England
29 Nov 2014	Billy Joe Saunders	Loss	ExCeL, London, England
25 Oct 2014	Omar Siala	Win	Echo Arena, Liverpool, England
26 Jul 2014	Ivan Jukic	Win	Phones 4u Arena, Manchester, England
7 Jun 2014	Stepan Horváth	Win	Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle, England
10 May 2014	Robert Swierzbinski	Win	Liverpool Olympia, Liverpool, England
12 Apr 2014	Sandor Micsko	Win	Copper Box Arena, London, England
22 Feb 2014	Alistair Warren	Win	York Hall, London, England
16 Nov 2013	Frankie Borg	Win	Bluewater, Stone, England
14 Sep 2013	Alexey Ribchev	Win	Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham, England
8 Jun 2013	Tyan Booth	Win	Bluewater, Stone, England
8 Dec 2012	Olegs Fedotovs	Win	Bonus Arena, Hull, England
1 Dec 2012	Bradley Pryce	Win	Odyssey Arena, Belfast, Northern Ireland
13 Oct 2012	Ruslans Pojonisevs	Win	Bluewater, Stone, England
22 Sep 2012	Tadas Jonkus	Win	Arena Nord, Frederikshavn, Denmark
7 Jul 2012	Terry Carruthers	Win	Hand Arena, Clevedon, England
12 May 2012	Harry Matthews	Win	Hillsborough Leisure Centre, Sheffield, England
14 Apr 2012	Paul Allison	Win	Odyssey Arena, Belfast, Northern Ireland
18 Feb 2012	Jason Ball	Win	Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham, England
12 Nov 2011	Kirilas Psonko	Win	EventCity, Manchester, England

Source: Wikipedia

concentrate on body shots to lessen the risk of serious injury to his flagging opponent.

In a subsequent interview, Channel 4's Matt Frei crassly asked Eubank Jr whether he would rather have his opponent in full health or retain his championship belt. Chris understandably berated Frei for the inappropriate and unfair question and declined to answer beyond saying that he wished Blackwell a full recovery.

So, although boxing is a sport, it is also a deadly serious business in every sense of the word. Not only is there a lot of money at stake every time two professional pugilists step into the ring but the lives and health of both fighters are also at risk. As Chris Jr has said, "This is not a game. You play football, you play cricket, you play rugby: you don't play boxing."

Small wonder then that boxers sometimes need to forget the grave nature of their craft and simply unwind and enjoy themselves. In our experience, nice cars are amongst the favourite diversions amongst top fighters and rising stars. In previous issues, we have featured Amir Khan, David Haye and Connor Benn, all of whom have shown a great enthusiasm for nice wheels and striking (get it?) number plates and Chris Eubank Jr shares this love of cars and plates. His choice of

ride is impeccable and refreshingly different from the usual line-up of BMWs, Mercedes and Ferraris: it's not every day you pull up at traffic lights beside a McLaren 720s. It's not hard to guess where Chris Jr's love of cars comes from.

"My dad used to have a big truck and an Aston Martin, which attracted a lot of

attention. When I saw the excitement on people's faces it made me want to get one for myself one day. My favourite car make is McLaren, of course."

Chris's first car was a Pontiac Grand Prix GT 2006 that he drove as a teenager living in Las Vegas and before his current McLaren Chris had a Mansory Bentley Continental GT





Race bearing the ultimate champion's registration, 1 KO, that had been in the family for a while. Chris's new registration is more of a personal number plate: EU13 ANK is, hands down, the best possible representation of his name. No imagination needed, it is read-at-a-glance, as plain as day. Name plates just don't get any better.

To Chris, the pairing of car and registration is a natural match. "If you have a nice car they go hand in hand. I like bespoke and unique items. My dad still owns 111 KO at this moment in time."

A sensible boxer has at least the outline of an exit strategy from the sport. It's not something one can keep doing into old age and, as we've seen, careers can be cut short unexpectedly. "I know I won't be boxing for the

rest of my life so I have to invest my money wisely," Chris says. "I'm investing in businesses and property. I'm also passionate about my own clothing range, NEXTGEN, and there are other exciting projects on the horizon."

So, although he is still very much focused on boxing and has stated his ambition to be world champion, Chris has given thought to his own future. What advice would he give to young boxers who are just starting out?

"I think boxing is an awesome career choice if you have the heart and mental strength to deal with what is, in reality, a lonely life to lead. There are no team-mates: you are alone in that ring and everything is down to you. Most people cannot deal with that kind of pressure, but I still believe it's a great sport

for kids to get involved in as it channels a lot of energy that might otherwise have been used in the wrong ways. It teaches you self discipline and true responsibility.

"If you do choose to do it, then train harder than the person next to you and follow your dreams. Remain dedicated and never lose focus. Surround yourself with like-minded people who can help you grow. Make sure you watch, and have a say in, all the financial aspects of your career. Boxing is notorious for people stealing money from fighters or taking advantage of them in other ways. Be smart and be vigilant. Pay attention."

Interview: Angela Banh

Story: Rick Cadger

Location photography: Stan Thompson



Years to Come

Philip Emile Evans owns Philip Evans Estates, a family run estate agency in Mid-Wales, established in 1980.

A keen follower of registrations, Philip originally bought 52 PE in 1977 for £105.

A random copy of *Exchange and Mart* some years later advertised 53 PE which was added to its stablemate for £980.

The pair were later part exchanged with Regtransfers for 9 PE.

In the following years, family numbers were purchased, including 4 BE and BET 114N for his wife Bethan, 6 EE and E11 NOR for his daughter Elinor and both 6 ME and LER 1 for his daughter Meleri.

1 PEE was also purchased through Regtransfers and 4 LET proved a perfect fit

for their Property Management and letting business.

Philip has been a customer of Regtransfers for over 20 years and compliments us on their first class service. Registrations have proved a great investment that will be enjoyed and admired for years to come.

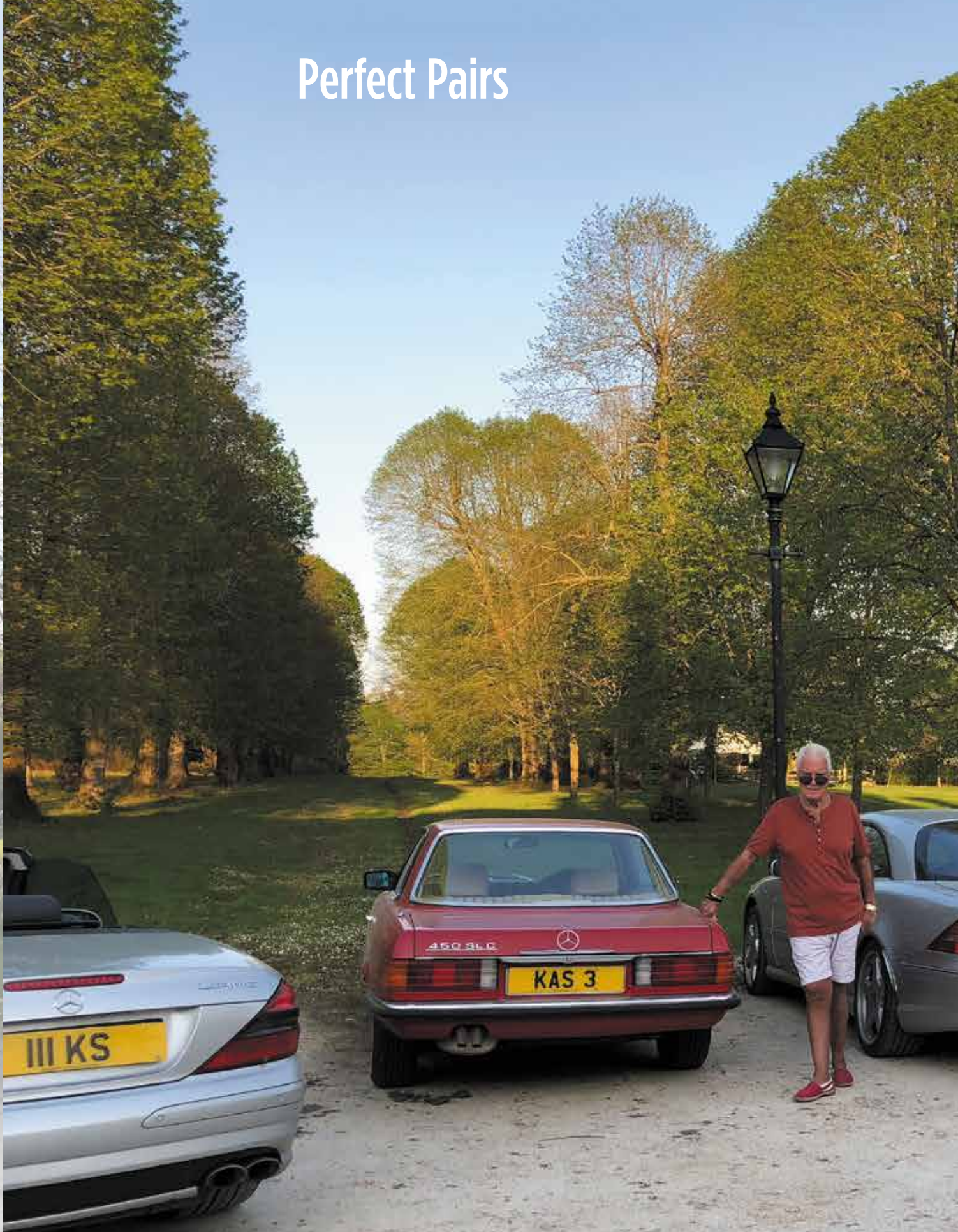


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Perfect Pairs



A lot of fun things come in pairs. Just think about it. We're sure we don't have to prompt you. When you're lucky enough to have a pair of beautiful cars, wouldn't it be a shame not to put your name on them?

Why not let the world know who they belong to?

Check out the photo above where Keith A Sellers, from Sussex, has done exactly that with his two great matching KAS plates.



At Regtransfers, we have a number of paired plates sharing combinations of letters covering a wide range of initials. Each are 'mirror images' of the other, so they'll always stand out in a garage, or on display at an event.

For more information about these plates, or to make a purchase, contact us today on:

01582 967777

The Best Possible

When Rod Callaby discovered that the best possible representation of his surname on a number plate, CA11 ABY, was to be issued in 2011, he decided he had to have it. Unfortunately, someone else got there first and Rod was unable to secure it.



"When I realised that I was never going to find out who had bought 'my' name plate I contacted Regtransfers," says Rod.

"They were very professional and said they would trace it and get back to me, which they did. Regtransfers negotiated a price and now I am the proud owner."

Rod, from Gosport in Hampshire, has a company called Calmac Metal Finishers Ltd who have been in business for 28 years. "I am the CAL," he reveals, "and my partner, Colin MacIntosh, is the MAC."



www.calmacmetalfinishers.co.uk



Still looking for your perfect plate?

There are literally millions of private registrations for sale at Regtransfers. In fact, ours is the biggest selection in the country and we just know we have what you're looking for!

Our website has lots of ways to find what you want. We have a simple search where you can just enter anything and hit "Search". Alternatively, we have themed searches and collections to help narrow the field a little. So, if you're looking for a name, a birthdate, a set of initials or a football team, we will steer you in the right direction.

If you have something specific in mind that you can't find, or if you still need a little inspiration, give our team a call and we'll help you find your perfect plate.

Call us now on
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Little Red

In 2009, Ken Cothliff from Leeds had the opportunity to purchase a Mk1 MG Midget, using the cash from the sale of his late wife's BMW 318.

"I've always wanted one of these," says Ken, "and eventually located 856 XUF, a red 1962 car, at a specialised dealer in Newton, central Lancashire. I went to see the car and immediately fell in love with it. So many Mk1 Midgets and Mk2 Sprites were converted for competitive operations, due to the very lightweight bodywork with no winding window mechanisms, folding hood mechanism, or door handles. This one was completely original – except for the number 856 XUF which had been changed at some time. It is bright red, as was my late wife's BMW, so I named it Little Red."

After several year's research and investigation, Ken managed to trace

a previous owner in Chertsey, Surrey. "When I contacted him," says Ken, "he gave me as much of the previous history of the car as he knew and told me he had done restoration work including a re-spray. He had photographs taken at the time, and, lo and behold, there amongst the pictures was a photo showing the car with the original plate 2183 FN."

The owner had been approached by someone who wanted the 'FN' plate and so he sold it, re-registering the car with 856 XUF. Unfortunately, there was no record of the buyer of the plate.

"I tried searching the web," says Ken, "and eventually, in 2013, found the number at Regtransfers. I approached them, but the price was beyond my budget at that time."

Meanwhile, Ken had the cherished plate A1 RYY on his Jaguar X-type. "It had

been on the vans used for my business, Air Supply, for 15 years," he recalls. "I closed the business due to illness in 2009, sold the van and transferred the number to my car."

Ken is a keen aviation historian and he eventually sold the A1 RYY plate to a director of Leeds Bradford airport. "I then had the cash," he says. "so I quickly rang Regtransfers to establish if 2183 FN was still on their books and it was. So the purchase was made and, in late 2014, 'Little Red' was reunited with her original number, first issued in Canterbury 15 April 1962."



Ken's book, *Yeadon Above and Beyond: The Illustrated History of Leeds Bradford Airport*, is published by Air Supply



A piece of history

One of our avid readers, Terry Robinson from The Wirral, was browsing the listings pages when he came across something that more than rang a bell. In 1963, he tells us, he purchased an Allard Allardette rally car in a specialist sale at Alexandra Palace in North London.

"In 1969," Terry says, "I sold the 1 WMC registration to racing driver

Bill McGovern for £25. Unbelievable in today's world. But it clearly demonstrates how this market has developed in the past 50 years."

The photo Terry has kindly supplied shows him competing with the Allard in the 1969 Dowsetts AutoCross, organised by the Falcon Motor Club - our near neighbours, at Tottenhoe in Bedfordshire. The club started life

in 1948 when a group of motor car enthusiasts met at the Crown and Falcon Public House in Puckeridge, near Stevenage in Hertfordshire. It is still going strong and runs a wide range of motorsporting events.

www.falconmotorclub.com



Bill McGovern is best known for becoming the first person to win three British Touring Car Championship (then known as the British Saloon Car Championship) driver titles. He won three consecutive titles between 1970–72, with a George Bevan prepared class D Sunbeam Imp.

- Wikipedia



1 WMC was issued in 1959 by Middlesex County Council and is currently available exclusively through Regtransfers.



As a magazine subscriber and customer of Regtransfers, Ian Bevis from Birmingham always enjoys reading our magazine and was hoping that we could feature his BMW i8 and its fine number plate that he purchased from Regtransfers for his 40th birthday.

Ian is a successful entrepreneur who has been running his own business since 2001. As managing director of Chameleon Web Services, he employs more than 20 staff and his team help to grow businesses across the UK using the power of the Internet building brand guidelines, logos, websites, search engine optimisation, Google Adwords management and marketing services.

Ian has had a passion for cars since he was born and has been lucky enough

to own some of the most impressive cars produced today including top of the range BMWs and Porsches. Since the age of 18, he dreamed of owning a plate to represent his nickname 'Bev'. Ian had long been frustrated by the fact that it wasn't possible to get a plate beginning with the letter I to represent his first name. He purchased L8 EVS, which was the closest he could find, but it just wasn't right.

Ian was looking for number plate ideas for his 40th birthday when he learned that the registration plate 18 EVS was to become available at auction. He quickly contacted Regtransfers to arrange for the registration to be secured.

"This was the ultimate plate for me and I had been looking for this for 22 years. It was a great purchase and Regtransfers

did a great job to ensure that I won it in the auction. I have finally got the plate I had dreamed of for so long."

The number plate first went onto a BMW 335D, which was a birthday gift to himself. Ian has subsequently acquired a BMW i8 from a Leicester City footballer, so the plate suddenly has two meanings as the 18 also looks like i8.

"I am chuffed with the number plate and I have since purchased two more registrations. At the moment I am looking to purchase more number plates for my business vehicles so hopefully, Regtransfers will come up trumps again."

www.chameleonwebservices.co.uk



Words of Wisdom

Richard Cunningham's great grandfather had the absolutely splendid name of Wisdom Broadway, and Richard had the good fortune to have the forename, 'Wisdom' bestowed upon him.


Coupled with his lucky number '7' you really couldn't get a better combination

than RWC 7, which Richard found through Regtransfers and proudly displays on his Porsche.

Since 2007, Richard's company, R W Cunningham Metals Ltd, which specialises in catalytic converter recycling, has relied exclusively on recommendation and repeat business.

He also runs two highly successful holiday caravan parks at Loch Watten in Caithness, Scotland and Boston, Lincolnshire. Both are set in delightful rural landscapes, as you can see from the background picture.

www.oaktreeholidaypark.co.uk
www.lochwattencaravanpark.co.uk

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Under the Hammer



It is now common practice to apply the word 'antique' to a collectible object at least 100 years old. By that definition, many vehicle registrations easily fall into that category.

Whether they qualify or are simply of great potential value because of their inherent desirability, their value on the open market continues to increase year upon year.

Both private and government-sponsored auctions have yielded spectacular prices over the last few years and the trend shows no sign of abating. Number plates are fast becoming an essential part of any investment portfolio.

Here are some examples of the prices achieved at recent events:

Casa Hotel Chesterfield 13, 14 & 15 February 2019

Top prices achieved (including estimated fees and taxes):

31 O	£34,035
1 ASN	£32,480
63 SVJ	£31,184
1 WTM	£29,888
IG 3	£28,203
4 DDY	£25,222
1 WCR	£21,594
AAM 11N	£19,520
1 OMH	£18,483
666 M	£17,446
6 YT	£16,539
112 S	£16,021

Crowne Plaza Hotel Reading 15, 16 & 17 May 2019

Top prices achieved (including estimated fees and taxes):

37 O	£46,218
911 CM	£32,739
IG 9	£32,480
1 VJM	£26,648
3 XP	£22,371
31 LLY	£21,853
2 KSN	£21,334
70 AKS	£21,075
222 G	£19,779
333 M	£19,779
7 NAV	£19,779
7 XT	£19,779



The Regtransfers Auction

Not to be outdone, we have successfully hosted our own online auction for many years.

It works just like a conventional auction, allowing you to bid on

registrations or sell your own with the assurance of having us oversee the whole transaction.

It's a great alternative for buyers and sellers alike. So, why not take a look?

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Quick and Easy

Charlie Corder, from King's Lynn in Norfolk, was reading through our latest magazine and was very interested in having his own registration featured.

"I bought my number plate from Regtransfers early in 2018," he says, "and have never stopped loving it since."

“The whole transition was so quick and easy.

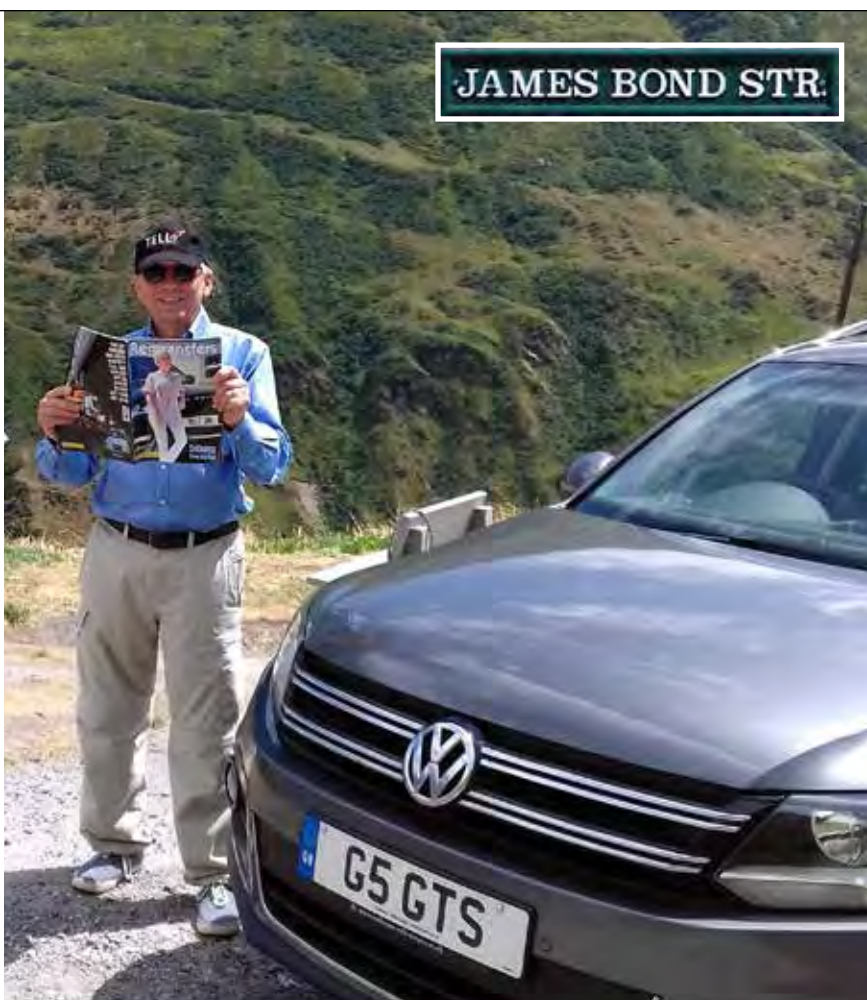
Charlie Corder, Norfolk



Graham Sinagola came across the Furka Pass on Furkastrasse while travelling in Switzerland. The location is well known as the stretch of road where parts of the film *Goldfinger* were shot and has acquired the unofficial title, 'James Bond Strasse'.

So, Graham took the opportunity to pose there with his VW sporting its G5 GTS number plates and his copy of *The World of Personal Number Plates*.

"I occasionally have 'Boy Racers' itching to overtake me as they think I want a race," says Graham, "but, of course, it's my initials - not a GT car! I do hope one day to put G5 GTS on a sports car. It's a pity I can't put it on my Triumph Herald Convertible."





I've Been Everywhere!

Arthur Fish from Preston in Lancashire started his own company, A J Fish Painting and Decorating Contractors, in 1976. But it wasn't until 1997 that Arthur discovered the vast range of registrations offered by Regtransfers.

"I spotted 857 AJF for sale," he recalls, "and, thinking it a good idea, I decided to purchase it." Arthur did a lot of driving since his business included nationwide contracts with clients as far north as Aberdeen right down to the

south coast, so he changes his car every two or three years.

"As the saying goes, 'I've been everywhere'," says Arthur - and his registration has gone with him on his travels. "But I have been retired for the past seven years, so my driving is local now.

"I have never regretted buying my number plate. People ask if I bought it for an investment, but no, this is part of me and my family and I look forward to many more years of driving with my personal number."

Arthur's wife, Linda, has her own personal number plate, F4 LAF,

incorporating her middle name of Ann. This was purchased as a surprise present."

"My wife and I are now both environmentally friendly," says Arthur, "each owning hybrid vehicles."





Y 1 plate when you can have 2?

Ben Sadler, from Suffolk, originally purchased A1 BTS in memory of his late father who owned a Vanden Plas Princess with the 4-Litre Rolls Royce engine. It was a 1966 model but time had taken its toll and it was not in the best of condition. "I sold it on eBay," says Ben, "and the money I received covered buying the plate, which I have had for a few years now."

The A1 BTS plate includes Ben's middle initial 'T' for 'Touzel', his mother's maiden

name. "The registration first went on a Freelander," he recalls, "and then a Peugeot before ending up on the Mini." Ben sold a Triumph Stag he had owned for a few years to purchase the AMG bodywork SLK. It was a 10-year-old car with only 40k miles and in very good condition. So, rather than highlight its age, he went for another plate. He checked the Regtransfers site and found Y1 BTS was available. "I had good a deal plus they

sorted out the log books etc. The number plates came the next day, just before Christmas. So all round good service."

In his spare time, Ben videos weddings using HD cameras. "It's something I have done for about 25 years," he says. "In order to travel to the weddings, I use either car with the personalised plate."

Some people knock them but I see it as an investment and I know that mine have gone up in value."



“The plates came the next day just before Christmas. So, all-round good service.”



Penalty points are costing UK drivers over £132 million a year in higher insurance premiums, and last year 1.45 million UK motorists took part in retraining courses after committing driving offences to avoid accumulating points and a fine. This is hardly surprising as points can stay on your driving record for anywhere between four and eleven years and can see you lose your licence if you collect too many.

Unfortunately, driving offences are extremely common and can get even the most law-abiding people in trouble. Whether it's a speeding ticket through the letterbox or a court summons for something more serious, over 2.6 million

motorists in the UK have penalty points on their license.

But which cities in the UK have the most points? Using the latest figures from the Department for Transport, we have revealed the worst postcodes around the country for drivers with the most driving penalty points.

Whilst the postcode district TS2 in the city of Cleveland, North Yorkshire, is the worst area for percentage of drivers with points, two postcodes in Bradford appear in the top 5 worst cities, meaning Bradford is the worst city for drivers with the most points. Just last year, it was revealed that Bradford drivers are still lagging behind the national average

when it comes to passing their practical driving test.

Similarly, three postcodes in the town of Taunton, Somerset appear in the top 10 worst postcodes for drivers with the most penalty points. Whilst this may be an indication of poor driving in the area, the increased number of drivers with penalty points may also be as a result of particularly efficient speed cameras in the area. Five camera sites in the Avon and Somerset area have captured almost 135,000 speeding drivers between 2016 and 2018, making them the most active speed cameras in the country.

Here are the top 10 worst postcodes for drivers with the most penalty points:

Post code	Town City	Qualified Drivers	Those with points
TS2	Cleveland	353	48 (13.6%)
TA14	Taunton	2458	313 (12.7%)
BD9	Bradford	13655	1728 (12.7%)
BD13	Bradford	17885	2220 (12.4%)
BS40	Bristol	10842	1321 (12.2%)
PH35	Perth	247	30 (12.1%)
TA11	Taunton	7486	909 (12.1%)
BS13	Bristol	16808	2030 (12.1%)
TA10	Taunton	7992	965 (12.1%)
PH39	Perth	323	39 (12.1%)

For more information on the worst UK postcodes with the most penalty points, you can view the interactive map on our blog at www.regtransfers.co.uk



This works

David Chorkum, from Chesterfield, selected TH15 WKS, as the car is a Mini John Cooper Works and he says it seemed appropriate to have

the statement, "This works". David is a chauffeur to several VIPs. "But discretion is the word," he points out, "so I can't really name these people."

He gets to drive some really expensive cars with interesting number plates and says, "it's amazing how private number plates catch the eye."

Lucky 7

Tony Littlewood from Oldham in Lancashire purchased his Aston Martin Virage Volante over 20 years ago as a retirement present to himself.

"I only use it a few days of the year," he says, "as I will only drive it with the top down and I still love driving my daily driver, a 2003 XJ8, which I bought from new and which now has 100,000 miles on the clock but looks almost as good as the day I bought it. Both aluminium cars and both a great buy."

At the time, Tony was having flying lessons so when he saw H1 AGL he grabbed it. "As any pilot will tell you," he says, "the abbreviation HAGL stands for 'Height Above Ground Level' as opposed to MSL, which indicates 'Mean Sea Level.' If you are a skydiver it is also rather important to use AGL as using MSL by mistake could mean you hit the ground rather earlier than anticipated!"

As Tony's 70th birthday looms, he concedes that the Aston is, "a bit fast for me," so, sometime soon, both the car and its registration will have to go. "I will be selling it privately after it has been exhibited at Gawsworth Hall Classic Show," he concludes.

"I have always been interested in car registrations," Tony recalls, "and I can remember like yesterday - even though it is half a century ago - how it came about that I 'sort of' purchased my first one." Tony had just left university and was sat reading the Sunday Times at his parents' home when he came across an advertisement for a car registration bearing the full initials of



his father, George Kershaw Littlewood. "What's your lucky number Dad?," he asked. After teasing by claiming his lucky number was 13, Tony's father finally admitted it was 7.

"Well there you are then," Tony declared. "You've got to buy it - a Daimler Consort bearing the registration GKL 7 for £100".

After some discussion, it was obvious that Littlewood senior was not actually that bothered. So, Tony proposed that he would buy the car for £50 and his father could have the registration for £50.

"The deal was done," says Tony, "and I went to collect the car, which was in Walton-on-Thames, only 200 miles south. When I got there the gentleman selling the package enquired if I had ever driven a car with pre-select fluid fly-wheel transmission [*Eh? - Ed*]. A quick lesson and spin round the block and I shot through London and on to the M1. I well remember that, even in those days, I got some funny looks as I overtook most cars on the road." The Daimler Consort had an upgraded gearbox for 1950

models and could do over 80mph. Not bad for 1970. "I remember it was pouring down," Tony recalls, "and I stopped twice at service stations where I put in almost as much oil as petrol!"

"Unfortunately I had no garage for her and eventually, no matter how much I waxed and polished, I decided it was time to let her go to another home. I just got my £50 back. The number plate was eventually sold for four figures and even that had a strange twist to it. After the registration was advertised in a national newspaper, I received a phone call from a gentleman who enquired if GSL 7 had yet been sold. I apologised for wasting his time as obvious there had been a 'typo' and they had printed it wrong. "Not an issue," he said, "I collect '7's." He must have been the only buyer on the planet who wasn't actually concerned with the whole registration and duly paid the full asking price. Thanks, Dad; 7 was certainly a lucky number!"

Tony also has the superb 1 AGL registration and his son has W12 RAL on his Range Rover.





In the Pink

Before her current Audi, Jayne Walker had another which sported the superb P1 NKH, which she also acquired from Regtransfers.

As you can see from the photo, Jayne, from Nottinghamshire, recently treated herself to the beautiful red Audi TT shown here.

"I really wanted a number plate to compliment the colour as it was the beautiful red that made me purchase the car," she tells us. "6 is my favourite number and so I thought that S6 RED (Super 6 Red) really finished it nicely. Great service from Regtransfers, again. Very quick and smooth and Shane, who I dealt with, was lovely,"

Jayne collects designer handbags and has her own YouTube channel, *Mrs Pinky Crazy Bag Lady*, devoted to her obsession and where she posts daily videos of her lovely car and number plate being used every day.



Stewartie Adams from Ayrshire tells us, "I found the Regtransfers website and started looking for a suitable number. I found UK57 STU - my place and year of birth together with my name."

Stewartie was the guitarist and vocalist with Scottish band Tytan and Lyin' Rampant, but had to give up his career as a musician to become a full-time carer for his father [inset].



It Fits the Bill

Richard Alcock, from just outside Colchester in Essex is a die-hard *Blues Brothers* and *Commitments* fan and runs a tribute show - *Committed To The Blues Brothers* - that features a live 12-piece band which tours all over the country.

After deciding they needed a comfortable tour vehicle, with the help of a Chrysler 300c and some awesome body-wrapping, the Bluesmobile was born.

No Bluesmobile would be complete, however, without the perfect number plate.

So, wife Kay got MU51 CBB (Music BB) for hubby Rich - who plays the parts of Jimmy Rabbitte and Elwood Blues in the show - from Regtransfers.

"We get so many comments when we are out and about," says Richard, "and the number plate really is the icing on the cake."

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Graham Fox, from Hampshire, met his wife, Denise when she was just 15 years old and he was 16. But, since she was two or three, Denise has always been called 'Nisi' - so that is the only name Graham has ever known her by.

"When this plate became available," says Graham, "it was, obviously, a no-brainer on my part. She was much harder to win over, until seeing it on your website, whereupon she fell for it."



Nick Miller purchased D111 SHY from Regtransfers last year and held it as a gift for his girlfriend's 30th birthday. Her name is Nicola Dishman but she is known by her nickname Dishy.

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