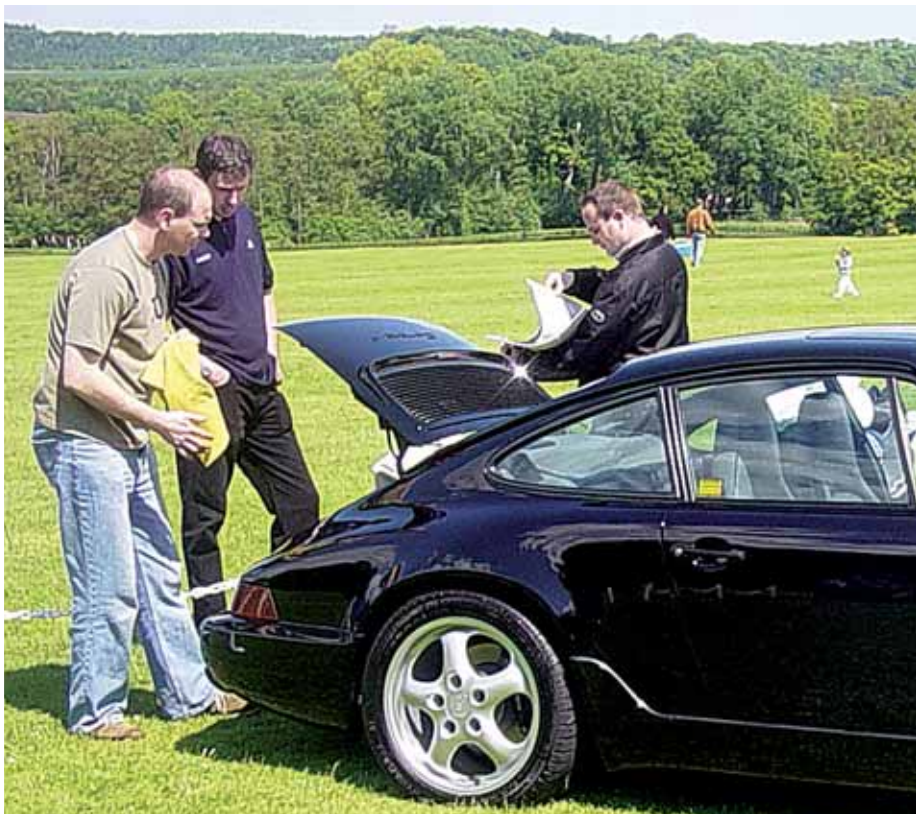


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## A CLOSE-RUN THING

### Porsche 911 Carrera 4

A few miles on the clock this month, and a few hundred quid spent to get the C4 up to scratch. It had to be looking its best for Porsche in the Park – but deciding to enter the concours event meant I had a bit of work to do first. A bit more than expected, actually.

I know it's a poor excuse, but lumbered with DIY and other commitments, I'd neglected the Porsche for a bit too long. Thinking I could leave everything to the last minute, it was only a couple of weeks before the show I really noticed the problems with the front bumper.

The repairs to the bumper following the

'incident' over Christmas sadly hadn't done the job as effectively as I wanted. Small cracks were appearing across the previously damaged section, so as painful as it was, I realised a new front bumper was needed to sort things out once and for all. Plus, with things as they were I wouldn't have stood a chance in the concours event.

Some searching around led to locating a replacement from Jasmine Porschalink in Lancashire. Not only were the staff friendly and efficient, having a bumper in stock at the time meant it was dispatched and delivered the very next day.

It was sent to a bodyshop that had been recommended by a friend, Rawreth Garage in Essex. In less than 24 hours, the boys had completed the replacement and done an amazing job – even it they did say so themselves. Since I'd left it so late to get organised, I couldn't believe the job was done in time. It's a good feeling though, leaving it late and getting away with it!

So, the car was looking good for the Porsche in the Park at Castle Howard, Yorkshire. It was on the *GT Purely Porsche* stand for the duration of the weekend, before giving it a quick wash and having it Zymöled in preparation for the concours.



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It was more like Panic in the Park as Ian Hunt was forced to replace his bumper before getting his 964 up to concours condition at Castle Howard.



The result was an incredible glossy deep black shine. It didn't take a great deal of time or effort to get this result, a credit to Zymöl and the thorough valet the car received six months ago. Being a Bank Holiday car show, rain was naturally inevitable. The new coat of wax meant the water stood no chance of causing problems though, easily wiping off with a Zymöl cloth.

Now it was just up to the 1000 prying eyes and three judges to decide how clean my C4 really was. Most of the vehicles in my judging class had covered only 30-40,000 miles, and were not used on a daily basis, which seemed a little unfair

considering my car had seen a bit more action in its lifetime. I was later told, however, that mileage was taken into account with regards to condition, so it was expected that mine would be a little more weather and road beaten.

In the end, I didn't win – but positive I came close. I'll be willing to spend a bit more time and preparation for the next show, and maybe I could take top honours. But since summer's truly arrived, I'm sure to pick up a few more stonechips and tar spots using the car for what it was intended – open roads and sunshine.

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**Total Mileage:** 123,647  
**Mileage this month:** 604  
**Cost this month:** £630

