

Photo Shoot

Some of you may have spotted the article in the May edition of Practical Classics on Platform Sharing. The chosen cars were, HB Viva GT, VX4/90s, HC Viva, Magnum, Panther Lima Mk1, Jensen Healey and Jensen Healey GT.

The photo session was a day affair and was to start at around 9.00am on Friday 2nd May at the Vauxhall Heritage Centre, Luton. The centre has an interesting collection of Vauxhall cars from veteran to modern day and prototypes.

Friday morning was a cold one, a heavy frost over night meant the roads had been salted, the last thing you really want. The trip there was fairly light on traffic and I arrived just after 9 o'clock. A welcome coffee and biscuits was soon consumed and the hanging around started. Yes, there was a lot of hanging around. The weather was clear blue skies and a chilling wind. Another cup of hot coffee was called for. The cars were arranged and rearranged for the group photo followed by a number of different individual shots. With lunchtime approaching Vauxhall kindly laid on a boot full of sandwiches and cold drinks, and the water heater was replenished for more hot coffee. Thinking the day was coming to an end, wrong, it was now time for the slow motion shots, first one then another car took up position until all seven had passed by the lens, followed by two and three cars simulating to pass one another. Finally the day came to an end at 5.30pm. and I made my way back home up the M1 with the rest of London! It was an interesting day learning the tricks of the trade but would have benefited from a spot of warmer weather. The results of the day can be found in the May edition of Practical Classics.

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