

Jaguar BBQ

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I'm on the way to a game of golf.....

- on the A46 near Coventry pulling away from a roundabout when the engine suddenly drops power, the dashboard lights flash and there's a strange clicking noise.
- I put on the hazard lights and pull over on to the hard shoulder.
- I try to restart the engine but ☹️
- A little smoke is coming from the bonnet and, just when I was thinking about investigating it, it gets a little worse and I think "maybe not!"

Now what?

- I look around inside for any stuff to take and get out.
- Then I remember the boot and the essentials that are in there – the golf clubs of course!
- I'm now thinking "she's gonna blow!"
- Time to move away to a safe distance just in case.
- So lets have a look!

It's a smoker! (Note the golf clubs to the left)



Trouble is the clubs need moving further away as its getting worse (see the flames) and I know that cars explode in the movies!



And I'm thinking I don't want to go back to get anything else out.



So the sat nav, the golf trolley and the
cd collection are going to cook!



After a 999 call the Fire Brigade arrive



With a big shiny fire engine



They need their smoke masks



And they fill the car with water while a nice policeman directs the traffic



And I've even blocked the A46 for a short while!
(Hope it was on the radio!)



Anyone want to buy a 2nd hand car?



One careful owner!



A non smoking owner!



It wasn't me Guv!



The lads have a look to see what went wrong – an electrical fault's the verdict. (I think it was Al Qaeda personally)



They've decided not to repair it roadside – don't they realise I've got golf to get to?



OK let's go! Maybe I can still make the
tee time



On the way to the knackers yard it started smoking again



And so the epilogue.....

- My car went off to be extinguished again
- I got dropped off at Rugby railway station
- I picked up a rental car later at Melton Mowbray
- I'm waiting to hear from my insurance company as to whether they think its a write off or not! (They did say it was my fault though!)

Credits

- Thanks to the police and fire emergency services – they were great, just like on the telly!
- Robbie the breakdown man who just loved the call to the insurance company “Which bit of “burnt out” didn’t she understand?”
- By the way, no animals or children were harmed in the making of this epic tale

What a brilliant day! Most fun I’ve had for ages.

Must do it again sometime.

(I was sorry to miss the golf though!).