

2CV project to help fight food waste

Highly skilled team of 50 transform Dolly the Citroen 2CV in just six weeks

A very special 2CV made a dramatic public debut at Bicester Heritage on May 15 – called Dolly and labeled the 2CVat70 project, it arrived suspended from below a helicopter! That was not the only unusual thing about this Citroen, because it has been kitted out as one of the world's smallest food trucks, complete with a state of the art kitchen that includes a charcoal oven and a bar on wheels.

The 2CV's exterior has also seen an incredible makeover, led by technology company 3M and a team of five partners who have wrapped the car and given it a psychedelic finish. After its Bicester debut, the finished article then wowed the crowds at The London Motor Show from May 17-20, at London's Excel.

There is a serious purpose behind Dolly too, as she will also travel the UK this summer as the new British ambassador for tackling food waste in partnership with food waste charity Food Cycle. The Citroen will do a day or two a week for the charity, and will be able to cook food that supermarkets and food outlets are planning on throwing away, right there in the car park, and send it over to homeless shelters. The 2CVat70 will also be able to travel to farms and go into the fields to cook up soups and other items



Dolly has been fitted out with an array of state-of-the-art catering equipment.

from unwanted vegetables.

There is a nice food link to the origins of the 2CV 70 years ago as well – the model was intended to help motorise the rural population of France, and one of the design requirements was that the car should be able to carry a basket of eggs across a freshly ploughed field without breaking them. The 2CV's legendary suspension will once more be called into action to prove its prowess in this regard as British free-range eggs producer, St Ewe, has gifted the 2CVat70 project

10,000 eggs. The plan is to set up breakfast kitchens for the homeless, setting them up with a good breakfast and hoping that might be the day that turns their life around.

Some of you might be wondering how the low-powered 2CV copes with lugging a complete and luxuriously equipped kitchen around everywhere it goes, conjuring up progress that does full justice to the model's nickname of the 'tin snail.' However, not all the kitchen and bar items need be carried at the

same time, and Dolly typically weighs just 150kg more than a standard car when equipped for any one job. We are reliably informed that the 602cc air-cooled twin is still perfectly able to haul it along at a decent lick. And that is just as well because in its first week the project had racked up no fewer than 20 bookings!

Thanks to the generosity of so many sponsors, Dolly is able to live up both charity and commercial events. You can follow its progress at major sporting, motor and food events



Making a dramatic entrance at Bicester Heritage, suspended below a helicopter

across the UK and also around the world across social media platforms, while for further information on appearances, bookings and enquires, email: hellodolly@2CVat70.com

Tradition blended with modernity

Some of you may have noticed a rather big wedding in London on May 19. Perhaps of most interest to classic car enthusiasts was

the fact that after tying the matrimonial knot, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle travelled from the official reception at Windsor Castle to the

subsequent party at Frogmore House in a Jaguar E-Type. And not just any E-Type, but a Jaguar E-Type Concept Zero leased especially for the occasion.

Engineered by Jaguar Land Rover Classic at the company's new 'Classic Works' in Warwickshire and unveiled in September last year, the E-Type Zero is based on the 1968 Series 1.5 Jaguar E-Type Roadster. However, while it looks much like any other Jaguar E-Type, performance comes from a specially-designed electric powertrain developing 220kW. Together with its lithium-ion battery pack, this has the same dimensions and a similar weight to the XK six-cylinder engine it replaces and it has been put in precisely the same location, so the car's structure, suspension and brakes have not changed. As a result, it drives, handles, rides and brakes like an original E-Type. It is faster though, sprinting from 0-62mph in 5.5 seconds – about one second

quicker than an original E-Type!

Tim Hannig, Director of Jaguar Land Rover Classic, said at the time of its unveiling: "E-Type Zero combines the renowned E-Type dynamic experience with enhanced performance through electrification. This unique combination creates a breathtaking driving sensation. Our aim with E-Type Zero is to future-proof classic car ownership, and we could use this technology to transform any classic XK-engined Jaguar."

Of course, the cynics amongst us might point out that even taking the scenic route, from Windsor Castle to Frogmore House is only a couple of miles, meaning there was little chance of the newlyweds running out of charge on the journey and getting stranded...



Showing their green credentials, the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex drove this E-Type Zero to their wedding party.