

Bentley (better late than never)

In 1931, the Autocar magazine was due to road test the new 4 litre Bentley. AF Rivers Fletcher set out to deliver the demonstrator from Cricklewood, but a gearbox malady forced him back. Bentley Motors Ltd then went into liquidation and the test was cancelled. Sixty years on an elderly gentleman rang Autocar's road test editor, Andrew Frankel: sorry for the delay, but would it be convenient if he delivered the Bentley? Later that day, the octogenarian Rivers turned up in the 4 Litre he'd attempted to deliver almost a lifetime earlier. This time the test went off without a hitch.

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