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Friends reunited – at Murketts

Two old friends were reunited at Murketts of Cambridge recently after a gap of more than 30 years.

Gerry Johnstone, competition manager of Gerry Johnstone Motorsport in Cottenham, dropped in at Murketts' new Vauxhall showroom in Histon Road, Cambridge, and couldn't believe his eyes when he came face to face with the DTV Vauxhall Magnum that he helped to build for drivers Gerry Marshall and Australian saloon car champion Peter Brock to race at the Spa 24 Hours race in 1977. On that occasion, the Vauxhall ran strongly to finish second overall and win its class, enabling the Shepreth-based racing team to carry off the prestigious Coupe du Roi, the Manufacturers Award and the Index of Performance against more powerful 3-litre opposition.

In 2005, the 150mph racing car was discovered rotting in a barn and was rescued by Cambridge-based enthusiast Adrian Goding. He then tracked down Gerry Johnstone and one of his mechanics, who set about restoring the car to its former splendour. The rebuild was completed in March 2006, since when Adrian has been racing the car on a regular basis at historic racing car events.

Murketts sales manager Stewart Lebentz commented: "We were astounded when Gerry walked into our showroom and asked if this was the original DTV Vauxhall he helped to build all those years ago. It's wonderful to see a piece of history come to life in this way."

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