

1. An idea takes shape

A long time ago, a very good friend of mine, Roy Winkler, foolishly suggested we do the [classic Monte Carlo rally](#). We were young and up for that sort of thing and so, having found an old MG Magnette on a mountain top in Wales, we fettled it, threw a rod, fettled it again and finished the Rally. Somewhat later in our lives, he rang me and said did I want to help build a 2CV based Pembleton. I was old and up for that sort of thing and so I said "yes", and after Team Winkler was created, [a very special car](#) was born. My experiences with Roy led me to think that another 2CV based "special" might be fun, and after a trip to Holland to the factory, I ordered a [Burton sports car kit](#); with Roys help, Team Noble has been created. We intend to transform an old Citroen Dyane into a Burton sports car, and this blog will hopefully depict the transformation from an ugly duckling into a beautiful swan.

Finding a donor car was the start. With 2CV "barn finds" going for over £1,500 I decided to go for a Dyane, the less attractive but equally suitable donor. An advert on the web, and a round trip from Surrey to Northamptonshire to pick up the car, on to Stafford to the excellent [ECAS 2CV Parts Ltd](#) works to pick up a new chassis and then back to Surrey now gives us a donor car sitting in the garage gradually being undressed.

