

ANDREW NOAKES

Award-winning motoring journalist, editor and lecturer, author of acclaimed automotive books and freelance motoring contributor to print, digital and broadcast media. Expert knowledge of automotive industry, technology and history. Excellent written and oral communication skills, organizational abilities, team leadership and editorial management experience.

Personal Details

Date of birth	24 January 1970
Nationality	British
Marital status	Living with partner
Location	Shropshire, UK
Affiliations	Guild of Motoring Writers (deputy chairman) Midland Group of Motoring Writers (committee member) Society of Authors
Driving licence	Full UK licence since 1987
Nearest motorway	M5 junction 4a/M42 junction 1, M54 junction 6
Nearest rail station	Ludlow
Nearest airport	Birmingham International

Key Skills

- **Automotive journalist and editor** for more than 20 years; proven ability to craft successful, creative publications on time and within budget; extensive knowledge of magazine production including InDesign and QuarkXPress page layout, flat-planning and cover design
- **Experienced technical writer and sub-editor** with the ability to report engineering topics readably; experience in editing technical text to improve clarity and readability; many published articles and books about cars and vehicle engineering
- **Editorial photographer and picture editor** with extensive experience of art directing photo shoots; image manipulation using Photoshop
- **Lecturer in higher education** with eight years' experience of planning and delivering teaching sessions, assessment design, curriculum development and academic management including course review and revalidation, exam boards and academic conduct adjudication
- **Project manager** with experience of recruiting, training and managing successful teams, setting up systems and developing effective partnerships internally and externally
- **Web designer/programmer** with experience of creating websites using Joomla! and Wordpress content management systems, HTML/CSS, Perl and PHP scripting, SQL databases

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Career

- 2006–present: Senior Lecturer in Automotive Journalism, Coventry University; acting course director on several occasions 2008–15; led postgrad course review 2014–15
- 2002–present: Freelance motoring writer; clients include Bauer, Haymarket, Future, Dennis, Dorling Kindersley, CBS, BBC, Haynes, Crowood, Parragon; motoring editor, *Equipped* magazine
- 2000–02: Editor in Chief, *Classics and It's on the Net*; led two editorial teams and development of new title; consultant and troubleshooter on other launches
- 1996–2000: Editor, *Retro/Classics* successfully taking over during launch phase and delivering first issue; led redevelopment and relaunch of title in 1997 improving circulation and profitability
- 1996: Deputy Editor, *Fast Car* writing and commissioning features and managing production
- 1995–96: Technical Editor, *Fast Car* responsible for technical features and advice column
- 1994–95: Staff Writer, *Fast Car* writing news and features
- 1992–94: Freelance motoring writer contributing to *Car Mechanics*, *Practical Motorist*, *4x4*, *Car Design & Technology*, *Active Life*, *Evening News* (Worcester)

Education

- 2002: Time & Process Management course (Communication Skills Europe)
- 1996: Editorial Management course (PMA Training)
- 1991: Donington Super Trial (Jim Russell Racing School)
- 1990: Outdoor Development course (Impact Training)
- 1988–92: Loughborough University; B.Eng Hons Automotive Engineering and Diploma in Industrial Studies; sponsored by Ford Motor Company

Awards

- 2014: CU Teaching and Learning Excellence Awards – Digital Literacy (nominated)
- 2012: CUSU Most Innovative use of Technology in Learning (winner)
- 2007: Guild of Motoring Writers Timo Mäkinen Trophy (winner)
- 1999: Kent Natural History Photographer of the Year (second place)

Interests

- Cars: history, engineering, motor sport etc; service/repair own cars; current fleet includes a sprint/hillclimb MG Midget, Land Rover Defender and BMW M3
- Vintage watches: collector of vintage mechanical wristwatches
- Food and drink: keen amateur cook and interest in wine and malt whisky
- Entertainment: blues-influenced music and classic radio/TV comedy
- Sports: occasional golfer; follow cricket, rugby union and motor racing