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MESSAGE FROM KEVIN

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Love at first sight...

Can you remember the first time you set your eyes on a Figaro? I can remember mine like it was yesterday. I used to drop my son Daniel off at a train station in Great Missenden and next to the entrance was a small local specialist car dealer.

One day, snuggled within the usual Lamborghini's and Porsche's, Dan clocked a cute little grey car. We parked up to get a closer look but being so early the garage was shut so had to peek through the security fence. Straining to get a closer look, we tried to establish

the make, but with little success. In an instant Dan was smitten!

We returned a few days later only to find it gone it must have been sold as it was nowhere to be seen.

This time we decided to find out more and went and asked the make of the car. 'Nissan Figaro' said the man behind the desk, and, as they say, the rest is history. A few months later Dan was the proud owner of 'Figgy'.

This edition carries a number of similar stories and celebrates those first encounters. Like Tracy Hill's mysterious car in

a pub car park (page 5); Patrick Dutkiewicz, when on a trip to Japan, noticed a car he had never seen before parked in a street (page 8); Belgium dealer Rob Janssen, on holiday in London (page 12); German member Ursula Pressmar - again in Kew Gardens (page 14); and my personal favourite: Ann Wardrop spotted a Figaro in Newcastle whilst on business (page 16).

Now I must confess that living in the UK means the A/C on 'Belle' doesn't get the same use as the demister/heater. However, last year on our Belgium Figgy rally we were blessed with a mini heat wave. Temperatures into

Lauren Verster (a famous TV host in the Netherlands) uses her Fig in almost every show. She bought 'Oscar' nearly 6 years ago from Rob Janssen (see page 12) and uses it daily in and around Amsterdam.



the 90's called for roof down driving & sun caps. A/C switched on (switch up) confirmed it was indeed on, as we could feel the cold air circulating round the cabin, but the status indicator did not appear to confirm this. Simon Smith (forum guru) posted an 'upgrade' on our forum to increase the brightness of the lamp. Last week I carried out the modification on both our cars for a total cost of £2.58! The difference is truly amazing with the lamp now easily visible and even displaying the never seen before 'A/C' in green when on. Read more on page 34.

I am delighted to see

our Chapter activity increasing with more and more local events and initiatives such as dedicated Facebook website pages.

Finally our new website is so close now I can almost taste it! It's been a huge project but we very much hope it will be well received.

Might see you next month at the Ace Cafe London.

Kevin

PS - Thanks again to Janet Penton and all the contributors.

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"I asked whether he had named it Peter because it was quite a masculine colour - Topaz Mist - lovely example too - could be re-sprayed pink ... there was an awkward silence! It was like I had committed the ultimate sin of car questions, but Barrie obliged - he did ask whether I was sure - I was sure"



FROM PETER TO PENELOPE!

A mysterious vehicle in a pub car park set member Tracy Hill on a journey of transformation and name change!

About 10 years ago my husband (Mark) and I were sitting in a pub (no change there!). And we spotted this beauty of a car and wondered what the heck it was, so up we got and had a nosey as you do and found it to be a Nissan Figaro in pink...

Well that just got my juices running and brain working overtime, I wanted, I needed, I had to have this car.

Well life goes on, days turn into weeks, into months, into years and next thing you know I have had two other cars and neither of them Figgies!

We often go to shows and say there's that car and yet nothing ever gets done until one day a few months ago we went to Stockwood Park in Luton and saw another Fig and I was determined this time... so I asked a million questions (it probably wasn't quite a million but it felt like it) of the owners from Eaton Bray,

and they told me of the person they got their car from Barrie Feltham who lives in Stockport in Manchester.

My eyes lit up as I have family who live up in that neck of the woods and thought possibility me thinks... Anyway...

I phoned said gentleman the very next day who just happened to have had a delivery from Spain, got excited and arranged to pay a visit on July 1st 2016.

The Big day September 13th 2016 when Penelope was delivered





One thing led to another: a test drive, then bang my deposit down ... the Fig was mine, all mine ... YAY! Then the fun started

I asked whether he had named it Peter because it was quite a masculine colour - Topaz Mist - lovely example too - could be re-sprayed pink there was an awkward silence! It was like I had committed the ultimate sin of car questions, but Barrie obliged - he did ask whether I was sure - I was sure.

Then I left a very happy bunny - the transformation had begun.

Several emails later, colour swatches in the post, a holiday, working abroad and other interruptions, she was finally ready to meet

her new owner me!

She was transported from Manchester to her new home in Luton on September 13th 2016 where she now resides as my every day car. She is truly amazing and I never expected her to be that good - far above my expectations. We added a couple of extras - a cup holder, a DAB reconditioned original Clarion Radio (yet to arrive ... c'mon Clarion, get a move on!), new speakers, new roof and complete engine clean. And here she is ... I am very proud to introduce you to Penelope in all her glory.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Barrie and his team of amazing people who really did a fantastic job of transforming Peter to Penelope and to my husband who has had

to deal with me talking about her every day - "finally we can talk about something else", he says. He also said he would not be seen dead driving it!!! The wig and disguise outfit is in the car ready, although people might think we're about to rob a bank or something!

Now it's just a matter of getting used to the beep beeps, head turning, whistling and photographs as I drive her proudly around the country bring it on!

Barrie Feltham can be contacted at
<http://figaro-car-imports.co.uk/>

Parked in the drive the paintwork looks stunning





WHY I **LOVE** MY FIGARO?

We asked our members to kiss-and-tell about their love for the Figgy

Patrick & Valerie Dutkiewicz

Just a few years after the launch of the car way back in 1992 I was on a trip to Japan. There I noticed a car I had never seen before parked in the street (see picture on adjacent page). I instantly fell under the charm of what I found to be a Nissan Figaro.

When I returned home to Belgium I went to the local Nissan dealer to see if this car could be imported into Belgium. The dealer told me that unfortunately the Figaro was only available to the Japanese market and they could not help me.

The time passed but in March 2015 on a trip to England we purchased our first Figaro. An Emerald Green example. Since then we have decided to restore Figaros and are already on our fifth car; all have come from England.

My wife Valerie has her Figaro, a superb Lapis Grey example named SUKI. For this spring I am in the process of restoring a Topaz Mist which will be mine. Since starting I have created a fan page on Facebook, the Nissan Figaro Club Belgium. [Read more](#)

"1992 I noticed this car parked in the street and wanted one!"



Selfie of me and Valerie





They give me a good and happy feeling inside and I feel I've found a car that really reflects my personality.



Belinda Wanless

The Figgo's curvy smooth design, chrome highlights, delicate (or bold) colours, beautiful 'classic' cream leather interior and simple dashboard makes my driving experience an absolute pleasure. They give me a good and happy feeling inside and I feel I've found a car that really reflects my personality. They generate many a smile along the way, and many

unexpected conversations with curious and interested people, who generally have no idea what I'm driving.

Figgos drive as well as any normal/modern car and always get me out of trouble. My Figs are daily hard-working cars, and dependable; like good friends, they never let me down and

have beaten worse of the British weather, taken on the Scottish mountain paths, the tiny roads of Jersey and the Lake District, plus snow and flooding, and the daily grind to work. In fine weather of course, we open up the roof and take in the fresh air!

My Figgos always generate curiosity; as I drive by I often

see people looking, pointing and wondering, even taking photos if I happen to slow up a little. Just goes to show how interesting and unusual these little cars are.

There is no other car for me.





DEALER PROFILE

Dutch Member and Figaro Dealer Rob Janssen talks about how his love for the Figaro turned into a thriving business

Ever since my youth I have had a passion for England and for cars and when I turned 18, I bought my first car with many to follow. Since then I found out that hunting down special cars was the thing I liked most about it.

I have owned several types of Bentley, Jaguar, RR, Triumph, MG, Healeys, LandRover and my passion for UK cars was soon established. But as we all know, owning classic British cars can be troublesome, meaning that out of 5 cars that I owned sometimes only 1 or maybe 2 were able to be driven.

Hence I collected more cars to make sure more were drivable....

About 7 years ago I was so fed up with always having dirty hands/nails that I sold my stock of 7 cars to a friend of mine who was opening a garage/shop dedicated to British cars.

With me working in the UK as Consultant for several companies I often saw Figaro's toddling around London and my first thoughts were: aha, another old British built car, so not for me, wanted to keep my hands clean now being over 45. But once I found out they were



Nissan's I changed my mind and bought not even knowing if I could register it over here in the Netherlands.

After some alterations I was able to register the Figaro and I used it as a daily driver and was noticed in my neighbourhood for driving a classic car again. Soon people asked me what 'it' was and where I got it from and soon someone asked me to sell it to him, leading to another search for a nice one in the UK. This repeatedly happened for 2 years meaning I had searched, bought and sold 7 Figs as a hobby, making me learn a lot about the cars hiccups, faults and shortcomings.

Being a good mechanic I sorted out most of the issues found and was able to tackle all that occurred, me sourcing solutions for my problems in Japan as well.

I was able to establish some good contacts in Japan and soon after I ordered my first Japanese Figaro knowing that they are far better quality than the ones that have been driving several winters in the UK making them more rusty than wanted.

Throughout the years I had increasing sales and boosted up my stock and my knowledge of the car, even leading to specialist modifications that only I perform, making the car more reliable when driving faster than they ever were in Japan.

Soon after 'word of mouth' had a snowball effect and more and more people in the Netherlands found the route to my house after seeing Figs both abroad or over here. Teaming up with some well known actors/actresses and TV hosts meant the Figaros were regularly seen in TV shows and in press publications giving it a boost of its own. This has led to mine being the only company (had to make it into a company for tax reasons) in the Netherlands that professionally buys Figaros in Japan, upgrades, modifies, services and sells Figaros over here. I teamed up with a garage that holds all my stock of parts and does all the service work required.

The fact that I do it as an outgrown hobby and not have to make a living out of selling Figaros means we can live with low margins



and will never get rich from selling Figaros. We believe in a high turnover rate more than in higher margins like normal garages tend to do.

On the other hand, the positivity and smiles that you see on customers' faces when they drive out in their own car of choice makes it all worthwhile. (Dutch) people tend to shop around first and when they notice that other Figs for sale are mostly UK examples with a history of salty winters and not being modified, the way we do, they end up with us and buy one with confidence and warranty.

Meanwhile we received orders from surrounding countries in Europe and I am proud to say that we have cars from my company driving all over Europe from Ibiza to Finland and from Poland to Italy.

We even sell now to the US via a dedicated website that we launched over there. So being 7 years in the Figgy business we have sold nearly 190 Figaros and have a constant stream of cars coming in every month making my stock almost all the time being over 15 units in all colours of choice. We even sell the cars based on their specs when they are still sailing. We see the demand for good quality, non-restored Figs with proper mileage increasing which has led to 2016 being our best year, selling 37 cars.

It helps a lot that we can show the Japanese export certificate showing the actual mileage from 2 and 4 years before because people tend to believe the dealers can mess around with import cars' mileage since there is no history. We do not do that and offer a copy

"Famous Dutch actresses regularly pose in Figaro's for several publications both in print and on TV"



"We do not have a shiny showroom and coffee in a porcelain cup but we do offer the best quality Figaro's people can buy!"



of the original doc stating the history. This has led to a huge confidence with potential buyers. It also helps that all our cars are already fully modified, registered, MOT'd and upgraded when potential buyers see them first time, so the car of their choice can be driven straight away and there is no need to wait for months before a car is prepped.

We do not have a shiny showroom and coffee in porcelain cups, but we do offer the best quality Figaros people can buy!

We regularly ask our Japanese partners to buy other specific cars for us as well, since I still like to search, find, buy and register cars that

are not available in Europe and are meant to be for the Japanese domestic market only. The relationship we have now with the Dutch DVLA is so good that they do not make any issues when registering cars that have no Certificate of Conformity, which means we are the only company that can register cars in the Netherlands and later export them to other European countries with a Dutch Export Certificate. This means that with the "1 Europe" strategy the other countries have to register the cars in their respective country as well.

That's why we now sell several types of Mitsuoka, Honda Beat, Mitsubishi Airtrek,

Nissan models Rasheen, Cube, S-Cargo and Mao's as well.

In fact, we see a growing demand for Mao's, so we stock them now as well (currently 4 available).

Please have a look at our websites:

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www.righthanddrivesportscars.nl

FIGARO KLUB BAVARIA

German Member Ursula Pressmar's love for the Figaro turned one into seven and the creation of a new club!

I was always keen on classic cars and in 1989 bought an MG. Over the years cars came and went, during which time my husband and I visited all major class car events. In 2011 we visited the famous London-Brighton-Run in November.

Parking near Kew Gardens for a visit, it just so happened I noticed two Figaros in a street and was immediately in love. My husband knew about the Figaro and surprised me on my 50th Anniversary with a bunch of flowers with a picture of a Figaro!

The rest of the year we spent looking at Figaros on the internet and became a member of the Club. In March the snow disappeared in Bavaria so we booked an outward flight to Britain.

The first car we looked at was in excellent condition and so we bought her. The owner was very nervous as we told him that we wanted to drive all the way home (about 800 miles) with the car. And after a wonderful stay in Belgium we arrived safely in Sulzemoos near Munich.

All our cars have names (easier to search

something you've forgotten), and the Figaro was baptized 'Pfefferminza', because emerald green is the same colour as our beloved Fisherman's Friend peppermint.

We run a small Classic Car Club named 'F.K.A' and went to the next meeting where our Figaro was much admired. After a little time three of our members decided to also buy one and then two more too found their way to Munich. Visiting Beaulieu in the UK last September with a friend who is a classic car dealer meant another joined the family. When the car arrived in Garmisch Partenkirchen with some other classic cars, one of his daughters refused to leave the car. So next Figaro in our Club. After that, he bought another 5 Figaros and sold 4 of them. The last one was confiscated by his wife. So we decided, to split our Club and the 'F.K.B' was born, the 'Figaro Klub Bavaria'.

Pfefferminza and the other Figaros are always on the road. We drove to Tuscany to the Mille Miglia (more looks to a Figaro than to a Ferrari). Then spent a week in Croatia followed by a wonderful trip to Cornwall in the UK. Fritz even made a trip to Ireland. And all this without any mechanical problems. Munich is

near the Alps so we started to organize a trip there for Figaros only, which last year was the 4th event.

This year we decided to have a 4 days trip to the lake of Konstanz in Germany on 25th to 28th of May, open to every Figaro.

We love the videos of the club events very much and hope that we could join one of the events in future.

Ursula Pressmar

READ MORE ABOUT OUR KLUB

[CLICK HERE](#)





MEMBER PROFILE



After spotting a Figaro on a trip to Newcastle, Scottish Member Ann Wardrop headed home on a mission to find out more!

I met my husband when I was just 16 and knew from the minute I met him he had a passion for cars. We have enjoyed many different cars over the years, some practical due to work and family commitments and others just because of my husband's passion.

There was a momentous point for my husband in 1997 when he purchased his dream car - a 1985 Sierra Cosworth 3 door; he has cherished the car and lovingly had it fully restored in 2003.

As much as I love my husband and the fact he has his dream car now stored snugly in the garage, we have over the last 10 years had the regular 3 to 4 year discussion on what our next car would be. These discussions normally

ended up with me being frustrated that we were even thinking of a new car when generally our mileage was low, the cars are well looked after and I'm too attached to them!

After a really difficult couple of years personally and my husband looking to replace our car again, I selfishly wanted to find and have a car that was mine, one that he could never sell and one that was just perfect for me. My parents had left me a small inheritance and I just knew my mum in particular would want me to spend it on such a car.

So the search began. I looked at everything for months, I think. I wanted small, fun, 2 seater, good to drive and something that fitted with my personality....that was

hard to find. Then one day, when in Newcastle for work I spotted a Figaro. I had never seen one before; I had no clue what it was.....but I fell in love! Returning home I excitedly told my husband the description of what I had seen and he just smiled and laughed, He then found a picture on the internet of a Figaro to which I screamed YES and that was it - I became obsessed with getting one.

On the 22nd March 2014 my car arrived having been driven up from Birmingham. I knew I would be calling her Fifi. My family and friends all knew I was getting her and it felt like a new baby had arrived! The pleasure, smiles and sheer joy I have had from owning and driving Fifi has been incredible. Last year I decided

to spend some money giving Fifi a wee makeover. The Figaro Shop were excellent and after 4 months my daughter and I took the 8 hour train journey from our home in Scotland to Didcot to pick Fifi up. She was stunning! We chose the anniversary weekend to collect Fifi to allow us to then join other Figs in the celebrations and we both had an amazing time before driving Fifi back home to Scotland.

Everyone loves Fifi. She is amazing to drive and I just wish Mum was still here so I could take her for a drive in her - she would have loved that. Fifi is here to stay and now has a home in our garage alongside my husband's Cosworth!



Our Daughter at the 25th Birthday Party

Fifi at our local Children's Gala day Parade





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Photo Fifi meets our car family including Cosworth





WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? H177 VKU

Steve Marciniak Husband of Member Zoe turned private investigator to research the history of their Figaro H177 VKU.

Have you ever wondered what the history behind your Figaro is? With the 25th anniversary of the launch of the Figaro last year we decided to try and find out. Our Fig, H177 VKU, had come with a pile of Japanese paperwork and also had a number of Japanese stickers located in various places.

With the help of a Japanese friend, Google and email we decided to try and discover its history.



Nissan Figaro car number 3183 rolled off the production line in early 1991. The car number can easily be found from the registration plate under the bonnet by the driver's side bulkhead.

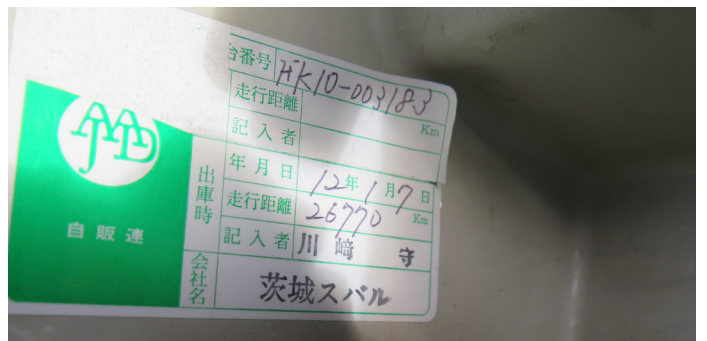


As most readers already know, getting one of the limited Figs was down to an initial lottery with the lucky 10,000 winners being eligible to purchase one of the new Figaros. A further 10,000 came along very quickly after this, completing the full run of 20,000. In our case the paperwork shows that Mr Yoshio Nakashima of Kuroda-ku, Tokyo

signed for his brand new Aqua Blue Figaro on 28/5/1991 at R6 the official Nissan dealer in Roppongi, Tokyo.



From the paperwork with the car, it had its original dealer inspection followed by an air conditioning service before hitting the road, the latter (oddy) verified by a label in glove box stating this. The car was then picked up on 30/5/91 by the lucky owner. The glove box appears to be a common place for garage stickers as future service stickers are also located here.



At this point Google becomes our friend and it's possible to see that Yoshio was a **Chiropractor** working in the greater Tokyo area. Looking at the service record, the car was meticulously serviced at all of the correct time points however, interestingly, at a variety of garages across the greater Tokyo area and few of them Nissan dealers. Our Chiropractor kept the car until 2001 when it was bought by Naomi Kikuta from Gunma-Ken, Ibaraki Prefecture, approx. 100 miles from its starting point.

Amongst the paperwork we have an insurance document for Naomi

which implies that our Fig is the first car that she bought upon passing her test. The document gives the number of years of driving as 0 and has our Fig's details on it.

The car appears to have been a hit as in 2004 Naomi re-registered the car in her married name. It is rare for Japanese families to keep 2 cars and especially one as old as the Figaro as the car tax in Japan increases drastically with car age as it is designed to push older (less efficient) cars off the road. Naomi kept the Fig for a further 3 years until June 2007 when it passed to Kuboya used car company (exporters) in Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture.



At this point it had been kept and run regularly in Japan for over 16 years with two owners running up approx 43,000 miles in Japan. The service paperwork for the initial owner is complete and for the second owner is patchy though service stickers located inside the glovebox and under the engine hood give indications that it was looked after.

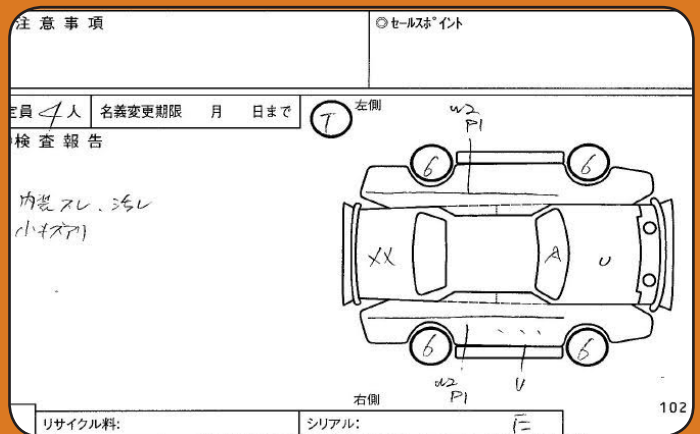
At some point the car picked up a CCH Motor Club (Safety First) sticker. Even Google drew a blank with this club however the Safety First logo appears to be a common 'jokey' term used by car clubs that referred back to Japanese condom adverts in the 70's that used the catch phrase 'Safety First'. For some reason car clubs adopted this common English phrase and it became part of their logo. The parting shot from Japan, the last Japanese "Tenken-Seibi Stecker" sticker showing an end date of June 2007. This is a mandatory sticker showing next annual service date and is a requirement in Japan.



At this point the trail goes from East to West.



Enter Algys from Birmingham and Angela from Sheffield. Angela was searching for a Figaro and at that point Algys was the place to go. An order was placed on an excellent condition Aqua Blue Fig was located at Kubyo and was shipped over and subsequently given the full treatment by Algys (Figs4U).



The car, by now immaculate, was duly picked up by Angela and resided in Sheffield for 7 years. The car was garaged and looked after very well racking up only 10,000 miles. In 2012 we purchased the car (via Barry of Figaro Imports). As the Fig moved to owner number four she had racked up a measly 53,000 miles in 22 years of driving.



We have had the car now for 5 years and she hasn't missed a beat. The car still looks good, it has had cosmetic rear arch work carried out as appears to be the norm, however everything else is original. Last year we took her for a 1,000 mile break to the Ile de Re half way down the French Atlantic coast proving that she is comfortably capable of stretching to longer distances and she remains a head turner.



26TH BIRTHDAY FUN RUN PICS

Sunday 12th February sees 30 Figaro owners fight the biting northerly wind only to be rewarded with a brilliant day out!

To celebrate the cars 26th Birthday (Feb 14th 1991) Members of the Figaro Owners Club and Nissan Figaro Owners Club Facebook Page meet on a cold and wet Sunday!

Kicking off at Epsom Downs with 15 Figs we made our way in convoy down the A24 into Old Barn Garden Centre for a quick coffee and comfort break. Here we met another 15 cars and the numbers grew to 30! We then proceeded on towards Shoreham Airport with again 'reserved parking' for our little cars.

The warm 'Art Deco' building was a welcome change from the cold weather and along with our 'private room' we enjoyed great food. At the end of the lunch Nic stood up and gave out some awards and lit the 26th Birthday cake whilst being cheered by everyone!

We then all jumped back in our cars for a cruise down to Brighton and along the seafront and finally parked up to take more pictures.

Thanks again to Nic and Simon for a brilliantly organised day!





Photo Opportunity!
19 Figaros made it to STOP 4 at
Madeira Drive and attracted the
usual attention



STOP 1 - Epsom Downs where 15 Figs turned up to start the run



Nic (the organiser) looking cool in his outfit.



STOP 2 - Garden Centre cars joined in our reservation





where more
ved parking area

STOP 3. Shoreham Airport



STOP 4. Brighton Sea-front





£800 LABOUR OF LOVE

Read how club member Stuart Cleverley saved the day and turned a distressed little car into a sweet Figaro...

Stuart found the Figaro on Ebay in November 2016. The car was actually listed as spares or repairs by a breakers yard in Kenilworth. His wife Charlotte had been commenting on how much she wanted a Figaro, so after work Stuart went to have a closer look.

Arriving in pouring rain the car

was sat in the corner looking very sorry for itself, bonnet up and with a flat battery.

The breakers yard didn't really know what it was, and had purchased the car from someone in Manchester with no history, only the V5 & one (original) key and an expired MOT (2013).

After hooking up a battery and jumping the car, Stuart was surprised it started first time! The inside was completely ruined, and

someone had slashed the roof when it was sat in a car park in Manchester for well over a year, adding to the distressed state of the interior. The passenger door would not open either and was jammed solid. Amazingly everything worked inside apart from the CD player (no surprise).

Offering a cheeky £800 (starting price on eBay was £650) to his delight (or fear) this was accepted. They even delivered

the car for the price. Even accepting the car was solid underneath & seemed to run well this must have been a huge risk and we agree most people would have walked away but Stuart could see something and wanted to bring the car back from the brink.

The restoration took about 6 months and was a 'joint project' with his Father-in-law Martin.

After the restoration Charlotte



Oh no! What have I gone and brought!



Mould affected all the seats



The result of a year's leaking roof



Rusty gear selector needed fixing



Parts removed ready for paint



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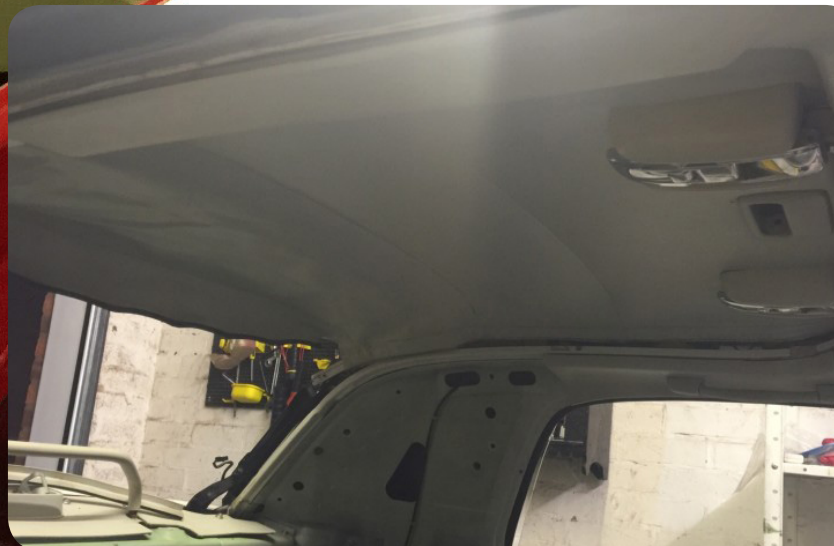
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New roof was urgently needed



New paint completes a brilliant restoration



Replaced dash looks a million dollars

went onto Facebook in search of the previous owner and amazingly found him. He kindly sent her loads of history on the car that he'd forgot to give the breakers yard. We even have the original import invoice & alarm invoices.

MOT time - Stuart feared the worst! However, he was almost pleased when it only failed on a

CV joint & track rod end!

So what was Stuart's opinion for anyone wishing to go down the same path? "We wouldn't have been able to do many of the jobs ourselves if it hadn't been for the forum or the assistance from the club's members"



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Stuart and Charlotte enjoying the fruits of their labour

MEMBERS GALLERY



SEE YOUR FIGARO IN PRINT!



Mary Simcox

LOCATION
Wroxall Abbey, Coventry, UK.

CAR NAME
Fujiko san = translates as
Little (Miss) Wisteria

Mandy Hall

LOCATION

Rockingham, Western Australia under a jacaranda tree.

CAR NAME

Tilly





Tina Taylor & Frank

LOCATION
Eynsham Hall, Oxfordshire, UK.

CAR NAME
Frankie

Sharon & Chris Foulkes

LOCATION
Chipping Campden, Cotswolds, UK.

CAR NAME
Jessie





Nazzareno Calandriello

LOCATION
Battersea Car Boot Sale, London, UK.

PHOTOGRAPHER
Betsy



Dubravka Vandeppeer

LOCATION
Brighton seafront, UK

CAR NAME
Lulu

TOTAL COST
ONLY
£2.58!

OWNER WORKSHOP

How to upgrade the Air Conditioning "ON" LED

CONTRIBUTOR: SIMON SMITH (FORUM TECHNICAL GURU & GLOBAL MODERATOR)



I've always found it difficult to see the A/C LED light as it's very dim (as shown) so decided to have a look to upgrade both Figs. The original set-up has a 12V feed with a 680 Ohm resistor with green LED and measuring it at around 15mA.

I bought a replacement 3mm ultra bright LED and 560 Ohm replacement resistor to match the requirements for it, these came in packs of 10 but were cheap. I decided to go for a warm white rather than a green as the panel already had green film in it.

The parts I choose are listed below, note if different LED's are used you need to match the required resistor and check which way round the LED's polarity is. I have listed below some useful calculators.

Before starting make sure the ignition is off or the battery is disconnected so there is no power to the LED.

To fit I removed the cream heater control knobs and unclipped the panel. Unclipped the small circuit board containing the LED and resistor.

Having measured with a multimeter I worked out the LED polarity and referred to the new LED specification to ensure it went round the correct way (LED's normally have a longer lead and also a flat section in the resin to denote the polarity)

Using a soldering iron and needle nose pliers I carefully de-soldered the resistor and LED and removed the excess solder to open up the holes in the board to refit the new components.

I then inserted the new components (LED the correct way round) and soldered them in and clipped the excess leads. Then a quick test by switching on the AC and then refitted to the panel. I used glue gun to hold it in place as one of the clips had come off.

Then fitted the panel back followed by the control knobs. Here is the end result, much brighter!

PARTS USED

1/2W Carbon Film Resistor $\pm 5\%$ 560 Ohm (pack 10)
[Buy here](#)

3mm LED Ultra-Bright Warm White Clear Lens 20mA I600mcd
[Buy here](#)

Tools Used:

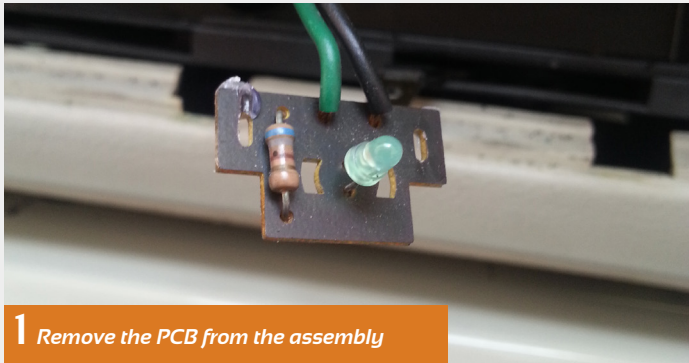
- Wire Cutters
- Needle nose pliers
- Soldering Iron
- Solder
- Flux (If needed)

Useful References:

LED Resistor calculator Wizard: [Click here](#)
Resistor colour code calculator: [Click here](#)



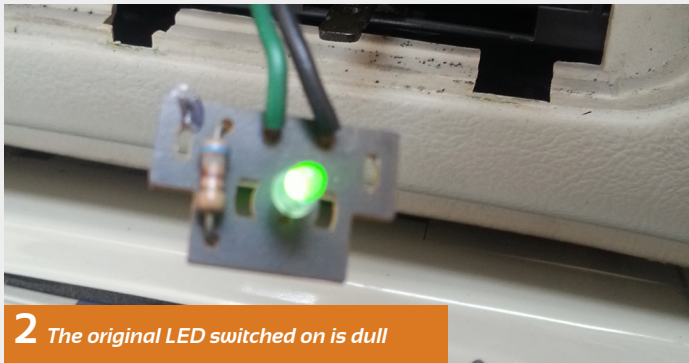
KEVIN (EDITOR) DECIDED TO CARRY OUT THE MODIFICATION ON 'BELLE' SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED - [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



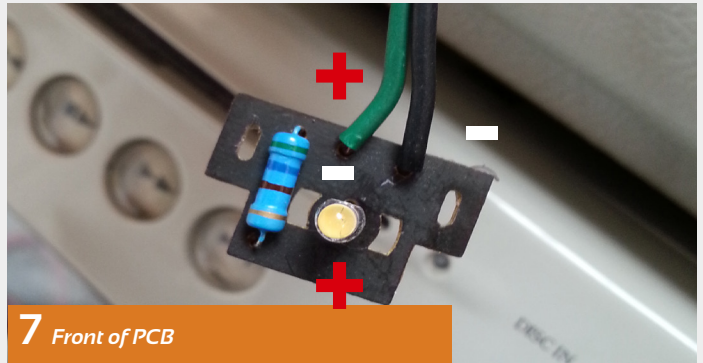
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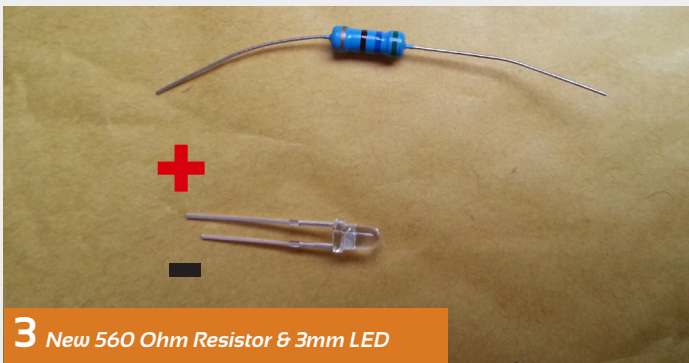
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2 The original LED switched on is dull



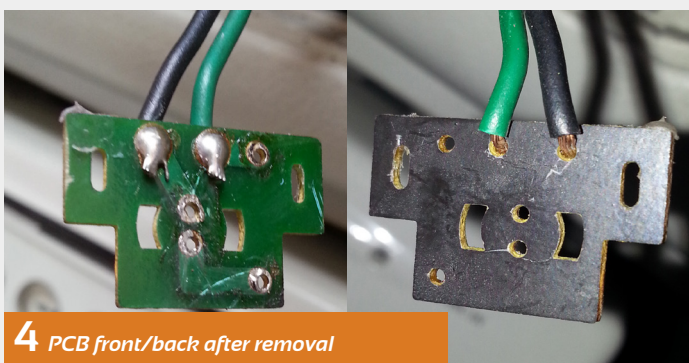
7 Front of PCB



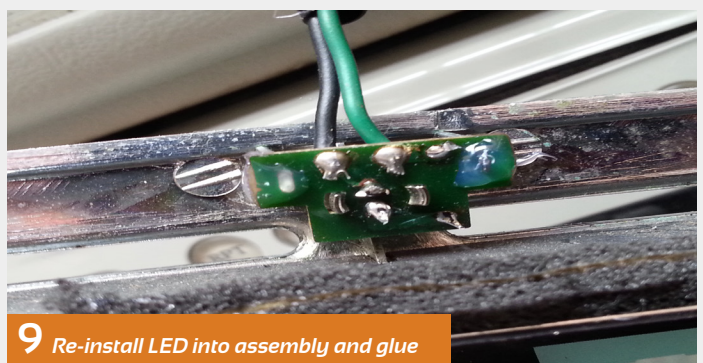
3 New 560 Ohm Resistor & 3mm LED



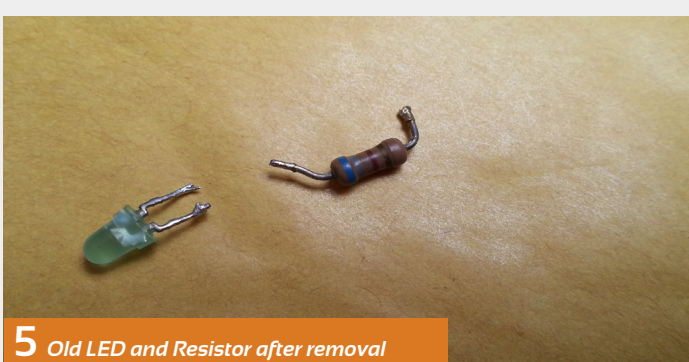
8 Ultra Bright LED is much brighter!



4 PCB front/back after removal



9 Re-install LED into assembly and glue



5 Old LED and Resistor after removal

Please note we are providing this info in good faith from available sources. As with anything you should only carry out work with the correct tools and skills. We are not responsible for anything occurring from this information/advice.. You are doing so at your own risk!

NEXT EDITION - Door panel removal

A YELLOW SUBMARINE

Sunny yellow Figaro, Suzanna, has gained a new nickname; The Yellow Submarine, after owner Jane Ellison-Bates drove her into floodwater more than 3ft deep in the Yorkshire Dales. Suzanna herself takes up the tale of her near death experience.



I spend most of my days relaxing on our drive with a lovely view of a wooded garden with Barden Fell as a backdrop. I share the drive with my boyfriend Swanky Skoda, who sometimes goes off all over the country. Apart from the big silver trees which drop debris on me all year (catkins, seeds, sap, leaves, twigs and branches), it's a very nice spot.

My owner stays in the house working most days, but sometimes she gets dressed up and off we go into the nearby towns for meetings.

It was one such day last November that my horrible adventure took place. Owner came tripping out all suited and booted early in the morning, and I remember thinking she wasn't dressed for being out and about outside at that time of year. We made our way down the dale and eventually into a town about 40 minutes away. When we got to our destination I knew I was going to be there all day as we drew up outside the business centre and Owner lugged in all her gubbins to deliver a day's training in Marketing.

It's not very scenic there, but it is interesting watching all the cars going back and forth from the

Enterprise Car Hire place next door to the business centre. I always feel a bit sorry for those cars, living their lives without the love of a proper owner. Mind you, after what happened next to me, thanks to MY owner, I'm thinking actually they perhaps don't have it so bad!

It was dark and raining heavily by the time Owner appeared, wearily dragging her banner, tablet and portfolios. It took us ages to get out of the town, we were queuing for ages in convoys of other cars, all of whom were grumpy like me because we just wanted to get home. I don't really like lots of other cars unless they are Figs like me.

We made a stop on the way home at the Old People's house that we go to where the grey haired people live who always kiss and hug Owner. We didn't stay long but then we stopped again just down the road. Owner parked in an enormous puddle and had trouble with her umbrella as she battled through wind and rain, coming out of the building with a smelly bag of human food. Curry again. The Big Man and Swanky Skoda must be staying away tonight, I realised.

Off we went again, and soon

came to a roundabout which seemed to be completely underwater. Traffic cones were floating! Owner hesitated, then we cautiously made our way through – I only got a bit wet -about halfway up my polos - and so we carried on.

There was lots of water on the roads so it wasn't fun and when we got about halfway home we went through the pretty stone arch at Bolton Abbey and then had to stop. The car ahead was turning round and we could see that beyond it was a car who was stranded in the middle of a flood. The poor thing! Owner talked to someone who said the road was obviously not passable. Owner was not happy, especially when she realised she had to reverse back through the narrow stone arch (reversing is never her strong point and she has bumped me a few times). It was dark and she couldn't see; I was getting all steamed up myself and my heated rear window isn't what it used to be. She made it through the arch but then was really struggling to see in the pitch dark and was obviously trying to guess where she thought there was a bit of a drive she could reverse into.

Ouch!!! That wasn't it, that was

a wall; thanks Owner, that hurt - again! Oh heck; she's upset now, I thought. That doesn't help. Let's just get home. We were going to have to retrace our way now back to the big road that we crossed a while back, the A59. It was going to be a long way round the other way, and in this awful weather. Maybe we should just go back to the Old People's house, I thought, but then that would mean crossing that flooded roundabout again and it must be even deeper now. She must be thinking the same and so we pressed on for home. She was very tense.

The big road was utterly terrifying; in some places it was completely underwater and enormous lorries kept passing us going in the other direction, throwing water all over my roof and bonnet. Owner was gripping my steering wheel till her knuckles were as white as my roof and biting her lip; she couldn't see every time the tidal waves came from the lorries and my wipers were going ten to the dozen. After what seemed like an age we got to another roundabout and started heading up the other dales road we used to take to our old place in Grassington. At least it was familiar territory. Owner pulled in



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to a big car park outside a pub to use her phone.

The wind was howling across the car park so hard that I started rocking while she made a phone call. She was talking to some nice people who live in our village. She was asking if she thought it was possible we could make it home; she was obviously really worried because she knew so many places on the road were likely to be flooded. Owner's friends thought she might be able to make it (they hadn't been

outside lately) and discussed possible routes. Owner and I didn't really like the sound of any of them but they have a big car that runs on all 4 wheels and they said they would come and fetch her if we decided to give up further on.

So, off we went again. The road up to Grassington was bad but at least now there were no lorries throwing water over us, so we started to feel a bit more optimistic as we put some miles behind us. By now we had been

battling our way home for a long time and we were both flagging. I was so wet from ploughing through so many floods. Owner made me hurry through all the puddles across the road as she said it's bad to hang about in the water, and we had to keep our momentum going.

As we came out of Grassington there was a really bad flood on the bend though and I really faltered and spluttered; I wasn't sure I could go on, but we were only 15 minutes from home now

and we'd come so far! I kept trying my hardest and we carried on. Then there was another really deep bit, and Owner really didn't think I could carry on but I did; I was being so brave. Owner looked for a layby and pulled me over to ring her friends again. She said she was not sure we could get the last mile down Hartlington Raiques which tends to flood and was wondering about going on further, past home and down the New Road, but that seemed so far and we were already exhausted. Just



"Owner', Jane Ellison-Bates, has had Suzanna since 2013 and will be hosting the club's annual rally this year in the Yorkshire Dales'



then Owner spotted some rear lights on the hill ahead on the Raikes. "Someone must have got through", she said jubilantly and turned me down to follow.

We found out later that the other car we'd seen was a big 4 x 4 which had been coming from the other direction (Burnsall) and had realised he couldn't get through so had turned round and was going back the way he'd come, that's why we saw his rear lights.

As we turned down the Raikes we were driving in a river with rocks and stones washed off the moor behind us and as we rounded the bend to the dip Owner put her foot down on my accelerator knowing this was probably the last and hardest fight of the

journey.

She screamed as we hit the lake and saw in my headlights that it stretched forever and was deep, so deep. My wheels left the road and I realised I was floating, drifting sideways as the floodwater river we had travelled down in met the swirling floodwaters rising in the bottom of the dip. I couldn't carry on anymore and my engine died as Owner sobbed and sobbed saying she was so sorry for doing this to me!

A drama queen at the best of times, she was truly hysterical. I tried to fight off the water, but my seals were not up to it and water started pouring inside my footwells. Owner was getting wet and cold feet as she was wearing silly shoes and pop sox, not even proper socks! She wriggled about to try to get them above the water level as she started making phone calls for help.

Her friends from the village promised to head out in their 4x4, but then as they started to make their way out to us, she realised that even he would not be able to reach us; the lake stretched so far and deep ahead. Next she phoned 999 and asked for the fire engine to come from Threshfield. He was already out rescuing other people in floods but would come as soon as he could.

I was getting so cold and wet and so was Owner; she was trying to rescue her belongings – she put her handbag and tablet on my dashboard - and her curry, of course -but there was no room for the rest of her stuff so that all got ruined. Owner was now sitting in water so much had poured inside me.

After a while someone waded out from behind us, who lived at the nearby house; he tried to persuade Owner to get out but she didn't want to leave me and she couldn't really get out and waded in the deep water in her silly shoes and no coat. Then her friends arrived on the other side of the flood lake and he waded out to us because it was too deep to drive 4x4, but he fell in a deep bit up to his chest so he was even wetter than Owner! At least something made her giggle through the tears! The 999 people called and the Wet Man spoke to them, because Owner was still gibbering and crying because she thought I was dead, and he told them it was 4ft

deep in places so they couldn't bring Fire Engine through either. Eventually we saw his big blue lights flashing beyond the water and two firemen came wading out and one rescued Owner, putting her over his shoulder and the other took her bag, tablet - and that wretched curry!

After they had carried her to the farmhouse they came back and somehow pushed me through the lake and into slightly higher land in a farm gateway and abandoned me. Everyone was saying what a terrible shame it was because I was such a lovely car and I was obviously ruined. I was beginning to think so too.

It was a long and horrible night on my own in that field, full of water and all alone.

Next day though, Owner came with the Nice Man from the garage in Grassington and towed me there with water sloshing about in my rear lights and inside me. He told Owner that my engine was probably done for. She was very, very sad.

But we Figs are made of strong stuff, and against the odds, I survived. Owner had lots of people tell her that they had lost cars in floods on the Raikes, so they all think I'm a little miracle to have survived. Nice Man took out all my carpets and seats and had them in his office for two whole weeks. I felt very bare sat in his car park. He did all sorts of careful tending under my bonnet and then carefully resuscitated me. After all his trouble it was a pleasure to start up for him. Owner came to visit in Swanky Skoda and brought a big white box called a dehumidifier to help dry out my seats and carpets.

Because she was feeling so

terribly guilty for half drowning me, and so relieved I didn't need a new engine, she said that as a treat I could have new sound proofing fitted whilst I was stripped bare, thereby proving that every cloud really does have a Silver Lining.

Unfortunately things did not end quite so well for Sally Satnav who lived in my central console and was underwater that night. Owner forgot all about rescuing her; too busy saving that Dopy Dopiaza. I still miss her, but her replacement Tommy TomTom is quite cool.

Over the following weeks I had a few health issues as a result of nearly drowning; my battery which had been new in September also didn't recover well and had to be replaced; my courtesy light sensor stopped working, my microchip board for the roof and boot mechanism alarm corroded so I started bleating all the time till Owner got that disconnected and one of my inner wheel arches was detached and scraped on my wheel. Oh, and I'm a bit smelly apparently, but hopefully that will wear off in time! I need to get myself back in good shape as I'm going to be seeing all my friends this summer; they are coming to visit and I'm taking them rallying for three days in the Yorkshire Dales, so I hope to see you then too. One thing's for sure, you can rest assured I'm not taking anyone down the Raikes!



FIGARO MASTERCCLASS

Leather Seat Renovations

CONTRIBUTOR: [Toby Brooks - The Figaro Shop](#) EMAIL: info@thefigaroshop.co.uk

This month I want to talk with you about one of my favourite features of the Nissan Figaro, the interior. I want to focus specifically on the leather work and front seats.

This really is, in my opinion the finest part of any car. You simply can't beat the look, the smell and the overall wow factor of new leather. I love all the textures, patterns and feelings, it's so tactile.

I'm using the club car 'Belle' as my subject. Last year we had the pleasure of completely re-trimming the club car. I hope you managed to see her during one of the many events last year.

The Fig's leather seats are extremely well made and also quite complicated, this is mainly as a reflection of the flutes being made as individual sections. Modern cars' seats are almost always just a stitch line and although it looks good it doesn't have the same feel and authentic look.

In the series of images you can see the front seats being prepared. Firstly the covers are being removed; it's often amazing how dirty and

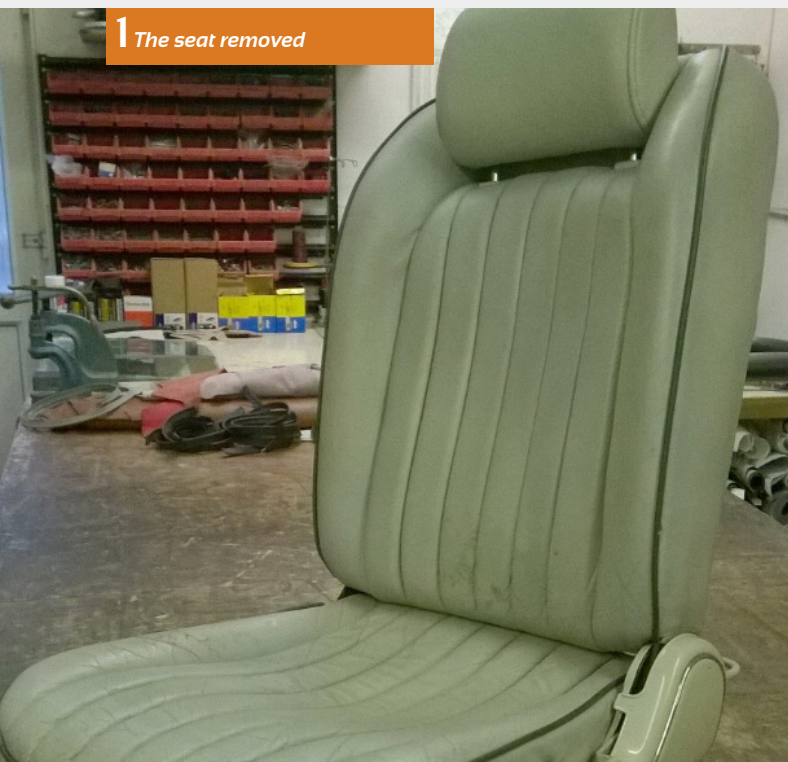
worn they are. After 25 years sometimes the leather just tears as you pull off the cover.

We don't reuse any of these parts, they are too flattened and worn.

Photo 1 and 2

Then we can start to build the new covers, first with foam, followed by carefully forming the famous fluted shapes. One at a time all by hand, each cover is bespoke to its chair.

1 The seat removed



2 The seat covers removed



Photo 3-4-5

Once the flutes are all rebuilt, using slightly thicker and more pert foam we can start to assemble the covers. First the piping is folded and then the sides and front are hemmed and stitched into place. It's at this stage they start to look like covers.

3 Flutes need to be rebuilt



4 Thicker foam is stitched in



Photo 6 and 7

Once the piping is in place and the flutes finished the sides are joined on, that's one cover made, ready to fit. Following this it's three more covers, two headrests and any optional work like map pockets and embroidery.

6 Sides are joined as one cover



7 Options can include map pockets



5 Piping is hemmed and stitched



Photo 8

I can't stress enough that even once this is done the job is only part complete. 50% of having an amazing looking seat is in the fitting. You can have the best covers in the world but without good fitting they will always look out of shape.

We spend hours cleaning, heating, stretching, pummeling even after the cover is on the frame. These seats are amazing but you have to put the work in to get the results.

8 The completed seat ready for fitting

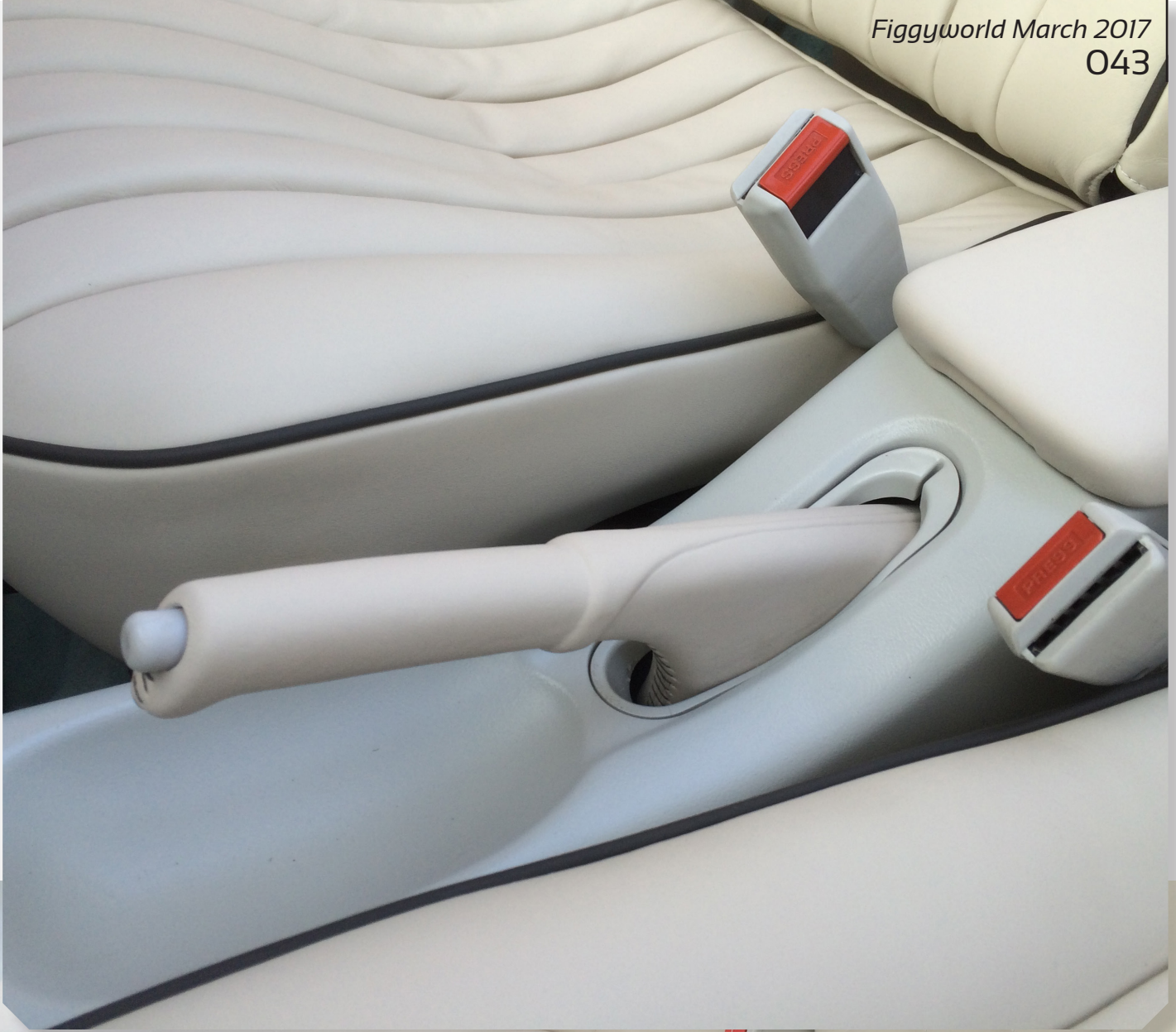


OPEN DAY

If you would like to learn more 'The Figaro Shop' are having an open day on **Sunday 14th May in Didcot, near Oxford** and will be displaying some of their recently finished interiors.

See our **EVENTS CALENDAR**
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You can see the finished article in the final shots. If anyone needs any advice on seat fitting, repairs, making your own seats or any aspect of interiors I'm more than happy to answer your questions.



As always these articles are the advice and opinion of Toby Brooks and The Figaro Shop. We can't be responsible for anything that happens as a result of trying to follow these instructions.

NEXT EDITION
Engine Rebuilds



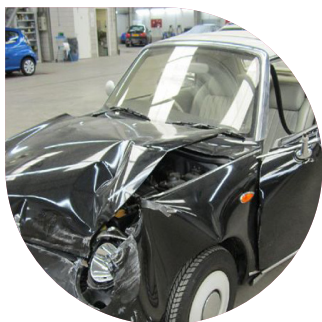
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When insuring your Figaro we highly recommend an 'Agreed Price' at commencement of your policy as this will provide a 'no questions asked payment'. As the Official Nissan Figaro

Owners Club we are authorised by insurance companies to provide insurance valuations on the Nissan Figaro. We can now provide on-line valuations for only £15 for our members (normally £25). Order your Certificate today.

Save 15% on Mud Flaps

You may not know this but the original Figaro mud flaps are no longer available so we have been working with a specialist company to recreate them. Well the great news is they add a final finishing touch to your car.
DISCOUNT CODE: FIGARO1

SAVE 10% on Car Covers

You've emptied your piggy bank to buy your Figaro so why not ensure she's kept clean and shiny! It's a known fact that using a car cover will extend the life of a car in addition to,

hopefully, maintaining its value. .
DISCOUNT CODE: FOC7



Save 22% On Rust Protection

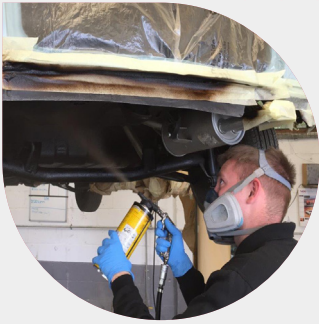
If you drive your Figaro all-year-round we highly recommend you get it treated with Waxoyl or an equivalent product. The original design of the car with its deep cavities is an ideal breeding ground for rust especially in areas along the under door seals. In cold conditions salt is applied on roads which ends up deep inside the cars body. Waxoyl which is a flexible weatherproof skin helps

prevent corrosion.
DISCOUNT CODE: FOCWX

Save 7.5% on Boot Rack

The club works with Autolink UK who supply a purpose-made boot rack for the Figaro. This luggage rack has marine varnished hardwood slats to put the luggage on, giving a more classic look. Easy to fit and remove, it comes complete with fitting kit. Aftermarket item, made in England, easy to fit and remove.
DISCOUNT CODE: FIGARO77





Save 7.5% on Service Kit

This Service Kit is provided by Autolink UK and is an ideal solution if you are planning on going on a long trip and contains Oil, Air & Fuel Filters and Spark Plugs.

DISCOUNT CODE: FIGAR077

Manufactured by Kyosho, this car is a perfect copy of the real thing and makes an ideal present or gift for the Figaro lover in your life! Material: Diecast Colour: Emerald Green/white.

DISCOUNT CODE: FOC-CHR14



Save 10% on Figaro Decal Stickers

These are reproduction Nissan Figaro decal stickers. Original artwork as close to the original as possible (unavailable now). The stickers include very simple instructions for a foolproof application.

DISCOUNT CODE: FIGDISCI



Save 10% on Internal Plaques

The internal plaque is ideal for positioning inside on the dashboard top. Make your Figaro stand out from the crowd with these fantastic additions!

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Save 10% on Figaro Tokyo Nouvelle Vague Plaques

The external plaques are supplied as a pair and designed to be located on both sides of the car using the high impact self adhesive tape provided.

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Save 10% on Figaro Lockable Glove Box Latch

Keep your personal items secure with this lockable glove box latch. Any Figaro key will lock this too!

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Save 15% on Seat Care

One of the main appeals of the Figaro is the superb leather seats. To keep these in tip-top condition the club works with the Leather Repair Company who produce a range of quality leather care, repair & restoration products.

DISCOUNT CODE: figaro 15



Save 10% on Figaro Toy

Detailed miniature Nissan Figaro 1:43. Beautiful detail miniature with original wheels and sunroof.

Save 10% on Owners Plaque

Priced at just £29.99 plus delivery, this is the ideal gift (or treat for yourself) or for any lover of the Nissan Figaro. Beautifully presented in a custom presentation box and engraved onto 1mm thick stainless steel, these Figaro Owners Plaque can come with either a black velour backing for display purposes or 3M tape so it can be stuck anywhere!

DISCOUNT CODE: FIGDISCI

Save 10% on Figaro Door Sill Tread Plates

These superb high quality tread plates have been produced in partnership with the club by BERMECA. The company, based in Istanbul, manufactures tread plates for a range of car brands.

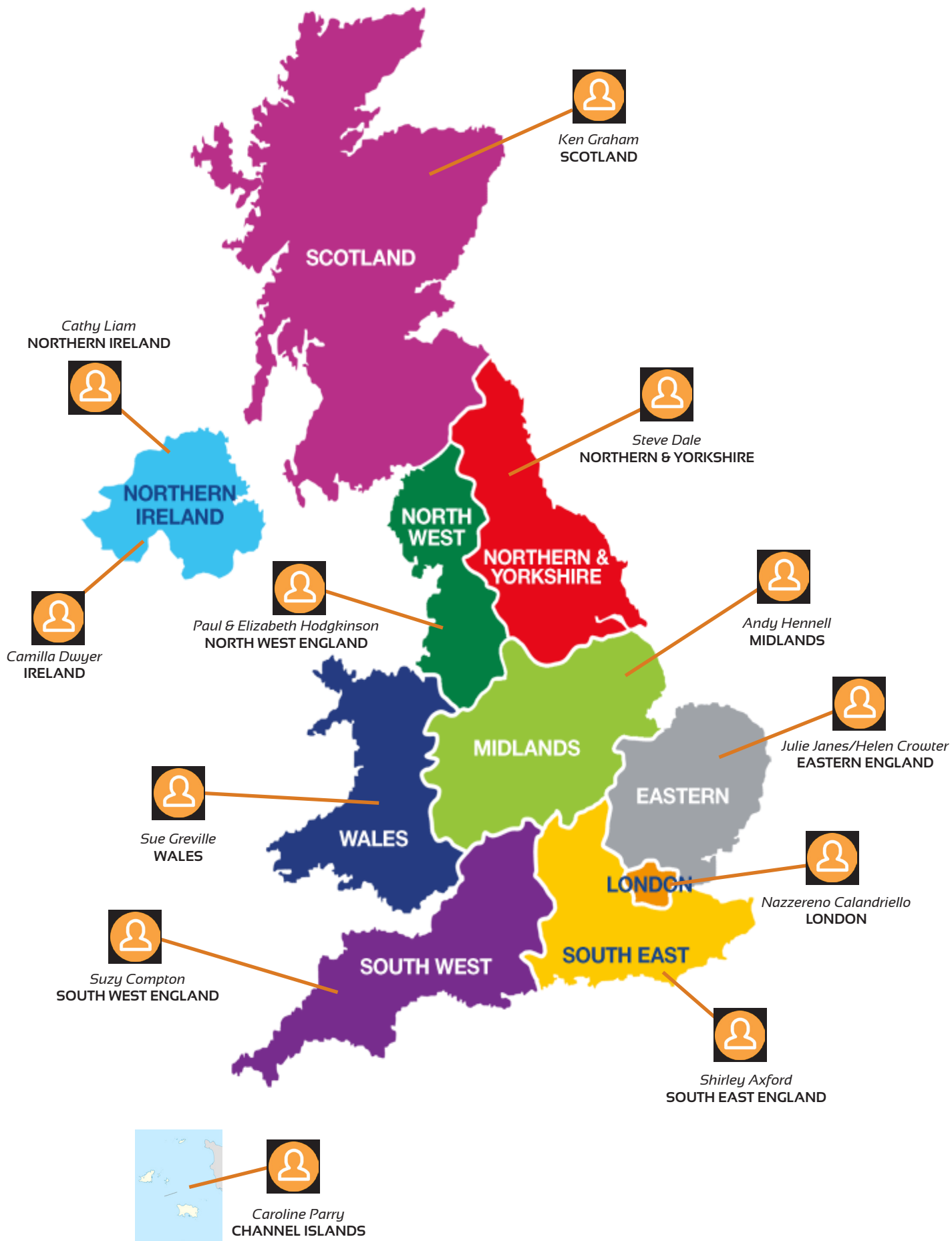


CLUB CHAPTERS

Each Chapter has a 'Coordinator' who's role is to keep in regular contact with members in those chosen UK Regions/Rest of the World Countries*



UK LOCAL CHAPTER AREAS



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CHAPTER UPDATES



AUSTRALIA

Chrissie, Mandy and I were very excited to display our Figaros at the inaugural Kwinana Rotary Club Show n Shine held on Sunday 19th February 2017 at the Perth Motorplex as it is our first get together and show! Car shows in Australia are often run by major clubs and you will see some amazing examples of customised bikes, cars, trucks and camper vans from many Australian, US, UK, European and Asian manufacturers. We arrived at 9am and proudly parked, lining our two cars up (Chrissie's is in for repairs). We took a walk around the market stalls and other vehicles and when back at our Figs we happily chatted with interested visitors who had never seen them before and we encouraged them to have a sit inside. Many cars are so beautiful they have a 'do not touch' sign but as these are daily drives we are happy to share the driving love!! We made new friends and were invited to more events throughout the year. It was also a stinking hot cloudless day that reached to 37 Deg C!! The Rotary club told us 'we had 91 cars on show, 24 market stalls and between 450 and 500 attendees.

Stefanie Scott - AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER COORDINATOR.

NORTH WEST

We are planning a get together date to be confirmed. It will involve an initial meet at a cafe then a drive out in convoy taking in some of the beautiful scenery around the south lakes in the Lake District. The route will take us through some of the stunning tourist attractions and some of the more remote areas with plenty of photo opportunities along the way. Finishing up either for a picnic or a pub meal out whichever suits

**Paul & Elizabeth
NORTHWEST CHAPTER
COORDINATOR**

MIDLANDS

We are just about to send a message out for a trip around the Cotswold's. Its about 50 miles and takes around 3 hours Sunday 19th March 2017. Had a drive out this weekend - very lovely countryside. Got lost a few times. Will be checking it out again to get it right!

**Andy & Trish
MIDLAND CHAPTER
COORDINATOR**

NORTH EAST & YORKSHIRE

The North East and Yorkshire chapter launched it group Facebook page this month and acquired almost 40 members within the first week. Why not take a look?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/368871560156856/>

**Steve Dale
NORTH EAST & YORKSHIRE
CHAPTER CORDINATOR**

SCOTLAND

The Scotland Chapter will be listing some events soon. We are currently planning our 'Spring Drive Out' on either 23rd or 30th April and a 'South Glasgow/ Ayrshire Run' sometime in May. The Scottish Classic and Retro Show on Sun 30th July in Lochgelly, Fife will also be publicised - and Figaro Owners' Club interest has already been registered!

**Ken Graham
SCOTLAND CHAPTER
COORDINATOR**

FRANCE

It has been a busy few months with the final registration of my

Figaro in France. A lengthy, expensive but worthwhile task as during my investigations into the homologation process I found out the legal period of time for driving on Non-french number plates on an imported car here in France is only 5 days (be careful if your still on UK plates)

So since the notification of my registration of the car I have been inundated with Emails and calls from other Figaro owners in France asking for help about the process, which I have found out to be slightly different in each region, with the discretion of individual inspectors being the main culprit. I will be writing up a process report in the next issue that will help guide through the French administration and if done correctly is easy and painless (except for the chequebook)

**Ian Wright
FRENCH CHAPTER
COORDINATOR**

HOLLAND

Here by a small up date for the 6th Figaro rally in June the 4th. We will drive this year in the Province North-Holland.

Starting the day at Berkhout with coffee and fameuze Dutch apple pie. Than we drive for about a hour in a Figaro convoy to a very nice lunch location. After lunch we will drive the last part, Everybody Will drive for them self with a route book. Ending in a very pitoresk little village at a restaurant for diner at a beautiful harbor. Normally the day will be organized by Tanja Hess and me, but due to personal circumstances she can not help this year. Tanja and Edwin be part of the day, as participants and helping hands during the day. Pascal Snel a loyal Figaro driver, will help me now and hopefully also in the future. His enthusiasm and love for the Figaro makes him a valuable asset for our team And we are very happy that he said yes to the question whether he wanted to help. Soon more news about our fantastic 6th Figaro tour trip!!!!

**Brigitte and Pascal
HOLLAND CHAPTER
COORDINATORS**



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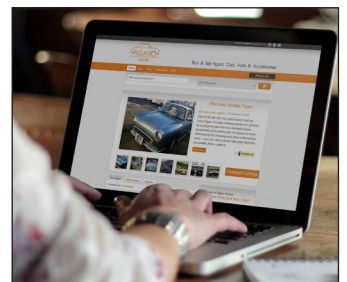


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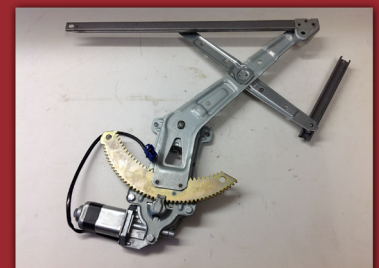


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EVENTS CALENDAR

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April 2, 2017

Old Warden - Shuttleworth

Hundreds of classics will be on display in the paddock opposite the hangars for the 6th Classic Rally & Autojumble. Vehicles from both the pre and post war era will be on display, as well as some of the iconic cars of the 80's. Judges will be on site all day looking for class winners and 'Best in Show'. Visitors will be entertained with a live arena featuring celebrations of our motoring heritage from the 1940's to 1980's plus a selection of trade/autojumble/craft stalls. www.classicmotorshows.co.uk/old-warden and find "Nissan Figaro Owners Club" on Gemini Event's drop down menu, and book/pay online. They will aim to park everyone together as a Club booking

April 8, 2017

Worcestershire Classics Tour 2017

The route circumnavigates the county boundary of Worcestershire. Starting and Finishing at THE OLD WAGON & HORSES, Kidderminster Rd, Ismere, Nr Stourbridge DY10 3NX. This is an arduous route which may not be suitable for all classic cars. There are narrow country lanes, A,B & C roads, dual carriageways and at least two long steep hills. After a 'bacon booty briefing' we commence the 150 mile(approx.) drive, intertwined with planned rest stops.

April 8, 2017.

London Ace Cafe Meet 2017

Club Members are invited to attend this informal get-together to meet other members, share the love for their Figgy and enjoy the food! If you've never been before it's well worth the drive!



April 22, 2017.

InCarNation 2017

Brighton's famous seafront road, Madeira Drive will again host the UK's finest on four wheels.

28th April – 30th April 2017

Donington Historic Festival 2017

Our Club has been invited to attend this event and we invite members to join us and display their car throughout the event in the in-field parking Figaro area!

April 29, 2017.

Eastbourne's Magnificent Motors Magnificent Motors is established as one of the biggest FREE motoring spectaculars

on the south coast. With more than 600 vintage and classic cars, motorbikes, buses, and more expected to display on Eastbourne's Western Lawns and Wish Tower Slopes with live music entertainment in tow throughout the weekend!

May 7, 2017

Total Retro Show 2017

We have been offered a club stand at the Total Retro Show 2017 and are looking to get a few cars together so that we can show them what the Figaro is all about

May 7, 2017.

Figgies at Felbrigg 2017

Chapter Coordinator Helen Crowter is organising this brilliant day out. You will be meeting at the beach café for drinks and a few photos before heading off to Felbrigg Hall which is a National Trust property near the north Norfolk coast. Our route of about an hour will take us through Sea Palling, Happisburgh, Mundesley and other seaside villages along the way. Felbrigg Hall are reserving an area of their car park for us and are offering us discounted entrance rates.

May 14, 2017.

Figaro Shop Open Day/Rally/ Stoner Country House Visit 2017

This event is being hosted by The Figaro Shop and includes an Open House and Figaro Rally (in convoy) to the historic Stoner Country House.



Details are still be agreed along with the draft timetable below...

9:30 – 10:30 Arrive The Figaro Shop and introduction and refreshments

10.30 – 11.30 Walk around workshop along with brief lectures on Servicing, Welding, Restoration & Maintenance topics

11.30 – 12.30 Scenic Drive in convoy to Stoner Park Country House

12.30 – Arrive at Stoner Park, Stonor, Henley-on-Thames RG9 6HF

16.30 – Stoner Park Closes

May 14, 2017

Herts Auto Show 2017

Our club has been invited to display our cars at this prestigious event. The show is a charity event. All proceeds raised by exhibitors and the paying public goes to.

Featured event



June 1-5, 2017.

Yorkshire Figaro Rally 2017

Staying at Skipton, 'Gateway to the Yorkshire Dales', this 4-night foray into God's own country will take you on a whistle-stop tour of some of the UK's most magnificent scenery. The routes traverse the Yorkshire Dales National Park as we explore the 'Southern Dales', taking in Wharfedale, Malhamdale, Coverdale, Ribblesdale and Wensleydale.

SOLD OUT

June 4, 2017

Cherished Vehicle Farm Fun Day

It's intended as a fun day out – Cherished Vehicle drivers and their vehicles have free entrance if registered in advance – other visitors £2.50 and children under 10 free. There will be plenty of parking and easy access to the site – Allington Farm, Chippenham, Wiltshire. There will be good food – the famous Allington Farm sausages and burgers – as well as others, and drink and ice creams. We have ordered good weather specially!

June 11, 2017

Lulworth Cove Rally

The event will start at the Smugglers (DT3 6HF). More info will be published on the website soon.

June 17, 2017

Bath Festival of Motoring 2017

Our club has been invited to display our cars at this event. As exhibitors our entry will be free. Donations towards the charity will be sought but not demanded.

June 25, 2017

The Haynes 100 – 2017

Members of the Nissan Figaro Club are warmly invited to attend the Haynes 100. This is a great event with many classics from the last one hundred years attending, and all vehicles get to do two circuits of the village parade, as the roads are closed, to allow a colourful cavalcade drive through, to waving and cheering crowds!

July 9, 2017

Kimbolton Country Fayre 2017

The club has been invited to attend this event which is

now in its 26th glorious year, a spectacular charity event for the whole family, organised by volunteers from The Rotary Club of Kimbolton Castle and The Sporting Bears Motor Club.

July 9, 2017

Planes, Trains & Figaros 2017

Chapter Coordinator Helen Crowter is organising this brilliant day out. We are meeting on Sunday 9th July at 10.30 at Flixton Air Museum (Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 1NZ) where we will be parking in front of the historic planes on display in the grounds, giving us the opportunity for some fantastic photos.



July 16, 2017

A Drive Through Time

See more about this event on our website...

July 28th - 30th, 2017

Silverstone Classic

Our Club has been invited to attend this event and we invite members to join us and display their car throughout the event in the in-field parking Figaro area! THIS IS A BRILLIANT DAY OUT AND ALONG WITH THE FUNFAIR IS A GREAT FAMILY EVENT TO ATTEND.

July 28-30, 2017.

Carfest North 2017

Details will be released as soon as we have heard back from the organiser.

September 3, 2017

Cornwall Figaro Rally 2017

Club Member Patrick Light is organising this 4 nights, 3 day Rally around the sights of what Cornwall has to offer (North and South coast), 2-3 attractions to be visited per day and roughly a 90 mile per day pre planned route with maps. £ 15 for a rally pack per car (car flag, car sticker, rally maps, name badges, clip board and car plaque). Last night will be a Pirate fancy dress night!! A trophy will be presented to the best turned out Fig at one of the attractions.

September 3, 2017

Tetbury Classic Car Show

We have a few members



September 3rd 2017

CORNWALL FIGARO RALLY 2017

Club Member **Patrick Light** is organising this 4 nights, 3 day Rally around the sights of what Cornwall has to offer (North and South coast), 2-3 attractions to be visited per day and roughly a 90 mile per day pre planned route with maps.

PRICE: From £15 for the Rally Pack

attending this event so why not pop along with your Figaro and join them on the 6th September!

September 17, 2017

Surrey Classic Vehicle Gathering

Fancy a fantastic day out with other Figaro owners and classic car enthusiasts? This event is great and there's loads to do for children & all the family. Bring your own picnic, or visit the Café



September 24, 2017

Time for Tea! Shuttleworth 2017

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea in the grand setting of The House at Shuttleworth, Old Warden, Bedfordshire. Formerly the home of the Shuttleworth family, the House will be open for viewing where visitors can find more about the history of the family and Richard Shuttleworth and Old Warden park.

November 10-12, 2017.

Classic Motor Show NEC

Details will be released as soon as we have heard back from the organiser

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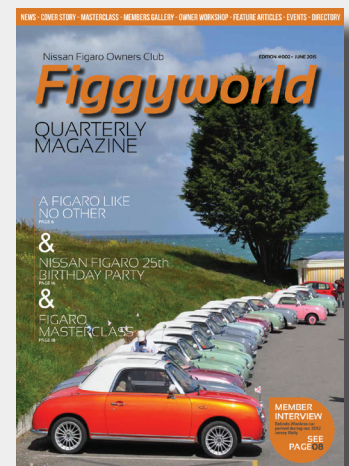
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