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Our little magic cars ignite imagination

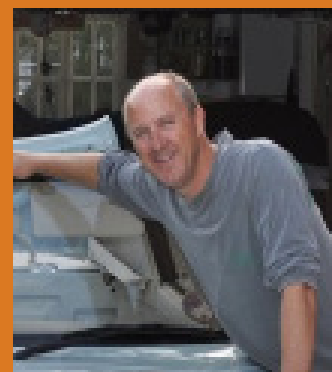
Park your Figaro anywhere and you can bet your bottom dollar that within minutes it will receive affectionate glances and inquisitive questions. So it didn't surprise me at all that when school governor and club member *Jacqui Cottam* took her Figaro named 'Felicity' into school and asked her year 3 children to write a story about her, the children's imagination went into overdrive. The 'little magic car' became the centre of the most amazing adventures including travelling to the North Pole to help Santa deliver his xmas presents, swimming with mermaids to find sand monsters and travelling to space in a rocket but only after she'd finished

her homework! Enjoy these wonderful stories on page 14.

Last month we were contacted by UK publication *Classic Car Weekly* to help them write about the car's 25th Anniversary. The article (which included 6 of our members') was published on the 3rd February 2016 and provides a quick overview of the car from an independent point of view. Although we agree with most of the content we would question the comments regarding rust, valuations (which were way out) and MPG which was laughable. Apart from these errors the information is good and the report more than fair. If you missed it you can read or download it [here](#). The upside of the process of assisting them also provided us with

some entertaining and personal contributions from many of our members to the question 'Why I Love My Figaro'? This new series starts today on page 10.

Turning to page 26 sees another impressive contribution from Simon Smith. This month Simon covers a topic 'how to fit a low coolant alarm'. Now I confess this subject won't be keeping you awake at night but there is a cautionary tale here about the age of our cars and hence the items within it, like hoses in the engine bay. These can become old and fail and unlike modern cars the Figaro has no temperature gauge or warning light. If the hoses fail the result could be very expensive. Replacing old hoses the addition of a coolant alarm will provide



additional peace of mind.

With the 25th Party Celebrations getting closer I pretty much know what's going to occupy my time over the next 12 weeks. The great news is we have over 200 cars booked to attend. So those of you lucky enough to attend get your little baby ready and prepare to be part of what may go down in history as the largest Figaro Party on the Planet!

Kevin

HELP! We desperately need content for our June 2016 Issue so please get in touch if you have a story, news or pictures and together let's make this a great summer edition :)

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MEMBER PROFILE

Member Janet Penton sent in this story penned by her 'little happy car' which has no name but many admiring glances

“Congratulations, the item is yours. Please pay now!”

An Ebay email was my initial contact with Janet and Jonathan Penton, my new owners yes ...the husband won me at an online auction on behalf of his wife some 8 years ago now didn't realise I'd been in Canterbury for so long! Jon had been happily bidding for vintage vehicle bits and pieces for some time before splashing out on a cute little "item" like me! Ebay auctions are a bit of fun as far as the husband is concerned; whereas Janet has plenty of stress from other sources, so leaves that sort of stuff to Jon though she did manage to keep urging the bidder on as the price increased I didn't come cheap!

Jon had done quite a bit of research online before deciding on me. The seller had put lots of photographs of me (18) from different angles, so he felt reasonably confident that I was in good condition! The only thing he was a bit worried about was the state of the driver's seat, which would seem to indicate more use than the clock suggested. Janet wouldn't have known what to look for! However, I proved to be a good purchase and I'm pleased that J&J think I'm worth spending money on to keep me in good nick.



Decisions... The Battlebus or Figaro?



J&J set off with the cash to collect me on 29th September 2007. Janet drove the battle bus (a rather elderly Mercedes estate car) to Royston in Hertfordshire she hadn't done much driving for a while and knew she wouldn't have the confidence to jump into a strange little car like me and drive home via the M25 and M2. Luckily the husband was happy to do so. He's an engineer, so no problem discovering how to open the petrol cap! Janet would never have found that! His maths is a bit better than hers too, so he wasn't quite so fazed by the mileometer - kilometre meter!?! they did think about changing it got the gear, but it proved to be not quite so simple and not necessary now that Janet's had plenty of time to get keeping within the speed limit down to a fine art.

Lots of club members seem to personalise their little figs with a name, but I don't have one Janet just calls me her "little happy car". I get lots of admiring glances mostly from men but I enjoy the attention from whomsoever it comes. particularly in Sainsbury's car park adjoining Canterbury's coach park. These days we get lots of trippers from all parts of Europe eager to visit our lovely city and, of course, do some shopping. The visitors alight from the coaches nearby and spot me in the car park they are

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The original seats (left) have now been reupholstered (above) and look lush



FROM THIS

We suspect the Figaro will be a breeze after Jon's handy work restoring this Humber



TO THIS

usually fascinated by the sight of me because the Figaro is very rarely seen in Europe and I am so very pretty!

Now that Janet has joined the Figaro Owners Club, she leaves some brochures on my front passenger seat so that interested admirers can find out more.

She and Jon are hoping to have me all spruced up in time for the 25th birthday party. I've just got two newly upholstered front seats (see adjacent page).

Once they've got enough money in the bank, I'm going back to Broadstairs to have the back seat done and new vinyl to replace that which is sticky! I wonder if anyone else has that problem Janet had assumed it was due to the use of some unsuitable cleaning fluid, but it seems that this may be what happens to vinyl as it ages. She tried powdering me with talc, but that didn't work!

I need a new rear bumper too (slight dent.... Janet's fault but it's going rusty anyway!) hoping that Jon'll manage to fix that after all, he's

renovated lots of different vehicles throughout his career including, a Humber, (see above).

It's my turn now so I'm glad the husband's helping Janet to keep me up to scratch and I'm a much more practical proposition than the very posh Humber which only does 8 miles to the gallon however it's horses for courses so who knows what the future may bring now that people are celebrating the big moments in their lives in so many diverse ways.

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Do you have an interesting story about your Figaro and or ownership? Maybe you've been somewhere interesting or you are restoring your car. We are always looking for our members to share their stories with other members so why not get in touch.

POETS' CORNER

My Figgy Year

*Well New Year has started with a bang
And my diet has already failed.
But luckily my year in my Figaro
Will all run smooth and steady*

*It starts with the Ace Café run in London.
Our Figgies will be sporting a theme
Of the 50's Rock and Roll style
As our chrome will dazzle and gleam*

*Then it's onto the Big Birthday Bash
On the glorious Wroxall Abbey estate.
With over 170 cars booked in already
The convoy up single tracks will leave me in a
state!!*

*With a vintage fair and themed fancy dress
With stalls and games, it will be a great day out.
Celebrating our Figgy's 25th silver Birthday
That's certainly a reason to scream and shout*

*It's Belgium for our overseas tour this year
And the sights and tours look the best
With pretty villages, beer and chocolate!
Driving on the left could put you to the test!!*

*There are 16 other Figgy based events
So our Figgy calendar is well and truly full
Up and down the country we will go
So 2016 we cannot call dull*

Happy Figgying!!

Ian Martin



Car Owner: Pascal Snel
Location: Castle "de Haar" Amsterdam
Photographer: Pascal Snel
Camera: Nikon 5100

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Imagine sitting behind the wheel of your beloved Figaro- wearing a timepiece that harmonizes with the unique styling and tells everyone you are the proud owner!

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on a off-white dial face printed with dark plum numerals in the distinctive Figaro font and a highly polished logo shaped crown. The 25 year anniversary logo with fascia coloured accent is displayed on the dial. The shock resistant Miyota battery operated quartz movement from Citizen Watch Company provides precise and reliable time. The Figaro watch comes standard with a medium grain Bone White leather strap with polished stainless steel buckle.



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WHY I **LOVE** MY FIGARO?

Following the overwhelming response to a request last month here is a new series. Pictures and words by our Members.

Member Carla Wells

Just the thought of my beautiful Figaro MayBelle brings a big smile to my face.

This transcends onto everybody she meets, it's the 'MayBelle affect'.

Life is all about experiences and adding to the movie strip in your mind, the adventures I have had with MayBelle have created so many.

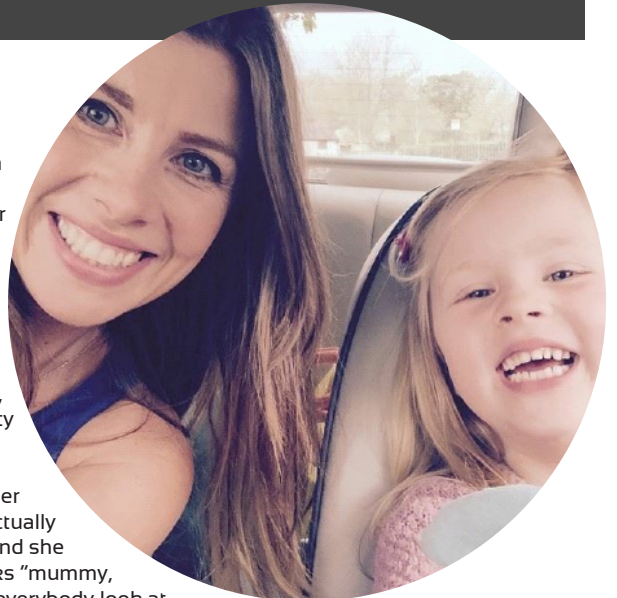
The most memorable so far has to be packing her up on a Friday afternoon after a day in the office and driving to our first Festival.

Barmouth from Cheshire, our furthest trip yet. The feeling of excitement from start to finish of the journey.

Driving on with her roof down into the night for 3 plus hours, whizzing around the lanes, it started to drizzle but it didn't faze us, it just added to the excitement, me, MayBelle in the dark, roof down, Bruce Springsteen playing, belting along...the exhilaration had me shouting at the top of my voice "THIS IS SO COOOOOOOOL!!!!".

I'll never forget that experience. She gave me that and it was a feeling that money cannot buy.

If offered a Porche or Ferrari over MayBelle, it wouldn't be up for debate. Nothing beats her quirkiness, individuality and style. My 5 year old daughter Autumn actually hugs her and she always asks "mummy, why does everybody look at our car?". I reply "because she's SO COOL my darlin, she's just so COOL!!".





Member Brian Akre

No car I have ever driven elicits as many smiles, waves and thumbs-up as my little Figaro. It's rolling sunshine -- a bright, happy little car.

It's not for everybody. It's slow. Its design is a bit feminine, with its curvaceous lines and pastel

shades. It is terminally cute, yet endearingly humble.

I bought my Figaro entirely ignorant of its most fascinating feature: Women adore it. They walk up and want you to tell them what it is. It is a non-threatening, four-wheeled ice breaker.

Had I known this when I was a single, shy 20-year-old, I would

have flown to Japan to buy one. Problem is, that was in 1977. The Figaro wasn't produced until 1991.

Bad timing.

My Figaro is a rare left-hand-drive conversion. I had considered selling it in my home country, the United States, after it became legal to import Figaros there on January 1st.

But that won't happen. My kids adore it, too.

I also own two classic roadsters from the 1960s. But last spring, my 16-year-old daughter didn't hesitate a second when I asked her to pick the car in which I would chauffeur her and her date to the prom: the Figaro, of course!



Member Jane Ellison-Bates

My Figaro never fails to make me smile, but more to the point I love the way other people's faces light up when they see her too. Even other Figaro owners are drawn to her, as her Primrose Yellow 'custom colour' seems to really epitomise what the brand is all about – fun!

I call her Suzanna after the bride in *The Marriage of Figaro*, but really she is 'sunshine on wheels'. She's perfect for me as a PR/marketing person professionally, as she is all about getting noticed! She attracts more attention than the flashiest of expensive and modern company cars.

I love that she is (touch wood) reliable and brave. Unlike some of her softer friends who are wrapped in cotton wool (or covers and garages at least), Suzanna winters out. Living in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales she tackles 1 in 4 hills, snow and flooding as my every day car. Having wondered before I got her whether she would be an impractical novelty I have found her totally dependable, even if occasionally passengers do find it a bit of a squeeze in the back. She has even been known to jumpstart more youthful and swanky cars occasionally!

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COVER STORY

FIGARO SPARKS IMAGINATION

To improve writing skills Club Member and School Governor **Jacqui Cottam** asked her Year Three Children to create stories about 'Felicity' her Emerald Green Figaro. The response was exceptional with all 60 children in year three taking part in the exercise. With typical 7 year old imagination they had Felicity 'In Space', as a 'Police Car' and even meeting the Queen and visiting Downing Street.



Jacqui always drives to the school in her Figaro 'Felicity', as the children love her, and are always asking questions about her. One day she told them that she was not always well behaved, and often disappeared on adventures on her own (when she was busy at school). They were enthralled! And so the seed of an idea of a writing competition was born.

The idea was to spark their imaginations, encourage their writing and allow them to create their own Felicity adventure. The response was huge, with all 60 children in year 3 taking part! They had *Felicity 'In Space'*, as a 'Police Car', even meeting the 'Queen' and visiting Downing Street. Judging the competition was so difficult, that the School expanded the list of 3 winners to 9, as the standard was so high, they just couldn't choose!

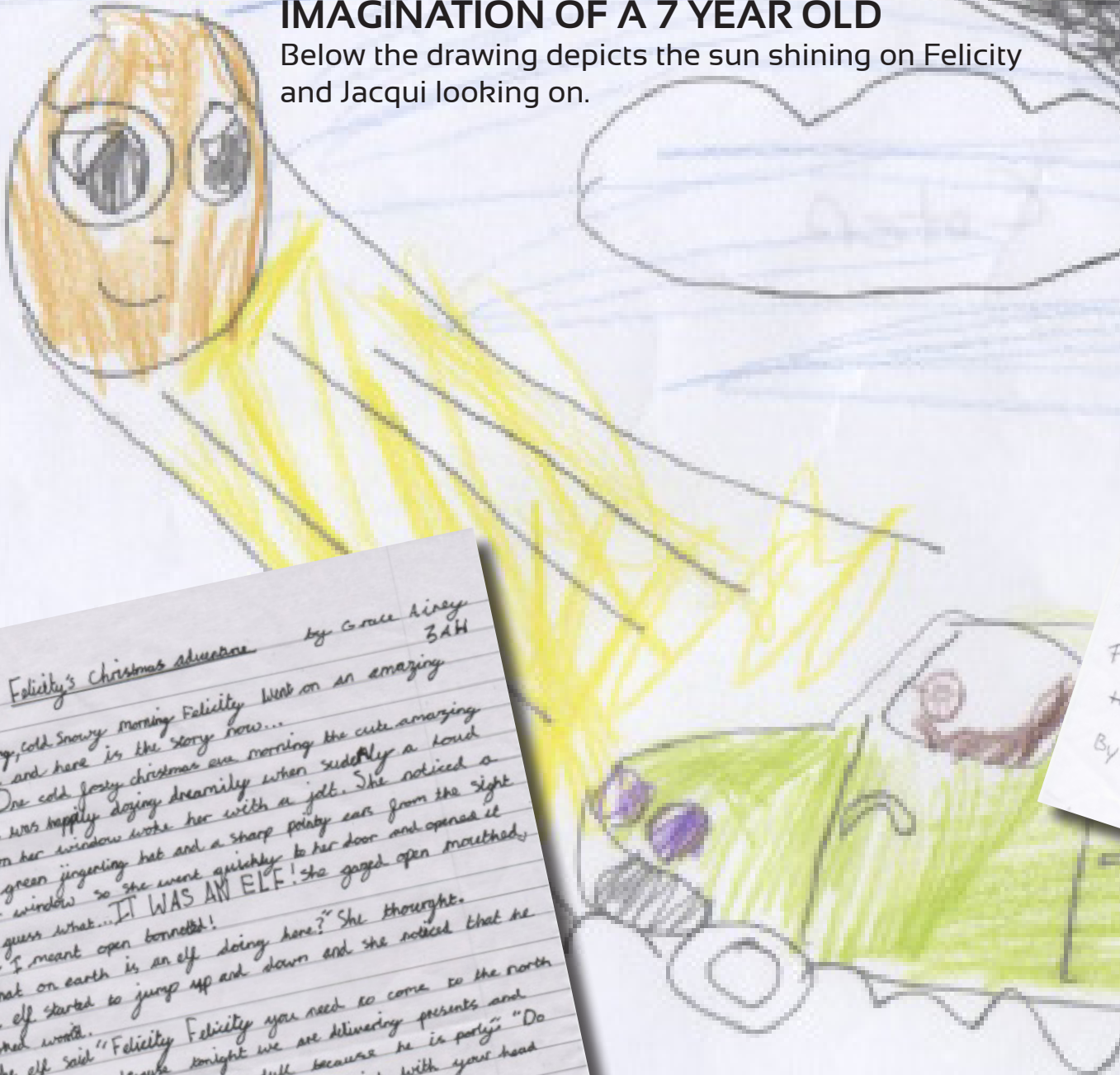
This is also when the club got involved. Jacqui contacted Kevin and asked if it would be possible to write a note of thanks to them all for their stories and tell them about the club. We also agreed that we would cover the story in this magazine.

They were all so thrilled the club were involved, and that some of their 'Felicity' stories would be published and read by Members of our club all over the world. Local paper the *Westmorland Gazette* also ran the story, and the quality of the writing was so good, their local town Councillor and Governor asked for the stories to be made into a book. The publication which has been produced and will be sent to the **Open Arms Charity school in Kenya**, where children who have been orphaned, are taken into families, and receive an education and a childhood they may not have otherwise had.

Their first language is English, so for them to see and read stories from children the same age in another country will be a brilliant thing. So Felicity and Figaro cars really have captured the imagination of the next generation!

IMAGINATION OF A 7 YEAR OLD

Below the drawing depicts the sun shining on Felicity and Jacqui looking on.



Felicity's Christmas adventure by Grace Airey
3AH

One freezing, cold snowy morning Felicity went on an amazing adventure and here is the story now...

One cold frosty Christmas eve morning the cute amazing Felicity was happily dozing dreamily when suddenly a loud bang on her window woke her with a jolt. She noticed a glass green jingling hat and a sharp pointy ears from the sight of her window so she went quickly to her door and opened it and guess what... IT WAS AN ELF! she gaped open mouthed. "Sorry I meant open bonnet!"

"What on earth is an elf doing here?" She thought. The elf started to jump up and down and she noticed that he looked weird.

The elf said "Felicity Felicity you need to come to the north pole right now because tonight we are delivering presents and Rudolph's nose has gone very dull because he is party!" "Do you think that you could guide Santa's sleigh with your head lights?"

Felicity burst out loud with a yes and said "It sounds like an amazing trip dude!"

They both flew together in a big puffy hot air balloon to the north pole and finally they both got there and Felicity suddenly she noticed that her lights were broken and Santa screamed. Her ears upset and a little bit mad.

So the elf called jingling had to make some new lights for her and everything was back to normal.

After a little while they attached Felicity to Santa's reins and they all got a mince pie and Felicity ate her's through her bonnet!

Finally they got to set off up into the deep, dark dull sky to deliver all the presents for all the people and guess what... THEY DELIVERED AT HER HOUSE! Finally they arrived at home and Felicity's presents were AMAZING!

The End!

FELICITY'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE
Story by Grace Airey A

One sunny day Mrs Cottam was busy in the garden planting bulbs so she was going to be busy for a long time. Felicity the little green car decided to go on a adventure. She had never been to the seaside before so she decided she wanted to go. Felicity is a magic car and has lots of magical powers. When Felicity got to the seaside she decided to go under the water to see if she could find any freinds. So she swims 2 miles but then she meets a mermaid called Jasmine who was nice and friendly she had snow white hair and her tale had a snowflake with shimmering stars on it and she asked lots of questions about felicity. Then Felicity moves on and she comes to a small village. She sees lots of creatures that are on holiday shopping and then suddenly she saw a sand monster. The sand monster was filled with sand and he didnt have a heart. But he was freindly and felicity wanted to help him so they looked in the shops and excitedly they found a heart. The sand monster was so happy! Now it was time for felicity to go home so she said bye to her new freinds and set of home back to Mrs Cottam.

he end
Jessica Park Age 7
3AH

SAND MONSTERS AND MORE...

Story by Jessica Park aged 7



"The response was huge, with all 60 children in year 3 taking part! They had Felicity 'In Space', as a 'Police Car', even meeting the 'Queen' and visiting Downing Street. Judging the competition was so difficult, that the School expanded the list of 3 winners to 9, as the standard was so high, they just couldn't choose!"

Page 1 SPACE by Tina Tabrizi

Once upon a time there was a green car called Felicity. She lives with our beautiful teaching assistant Mrs Cottom. One day Felicity looked up at the shining stars. She hoped she could go to outer space Sunday but HOW? one early morning Felicity woke up and decided to get some fresh air. Outside she saw somebody making a rocket. What luck! So Felicity sped off to see the man that was making the sparkling rocket she asked "When will the rocket be finished?" The man replied "Tomorrow" He also said "Why did you ask?" Felicity blushed and answered "Because I want to try it." The man said "We

Why didn't you say so! It will be ready tomorrow then you can go into outer space!" "Oh thank you!" cried Felicity so after breakfast ^{her} breakfast (is over!) she told Mrs Cottom all about the rocket. "Well coughed Mrs Cottom you can go if you do your homework about oil and why cars need oil." "Ok" whined Felicity. So the next day Felicity finished her homework and of she went to see the rocket. When she went in suddenly she missed Mrs Cottom she still saw Mrs Cottom waving from the window. Then she opened the door and came running home Mrs Cottom asked "Why didn't you go?" Felicity replied "Because I missed you!" Mrs Cottom hugged Felicity and lived happily ever after. The End.



Jacqui with a few of her class and the publication which contained all the stories

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TO
ATTEND

The fun
kicked
off on the
Friday
after a
rather tasty
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ON THE ROAD ACE CAFE

Saturday 9th April 2016 - Ace Cafe London, Ace Corner, London, NW10 7UD

Next month the Ace Cafe meet kicks off the first of 18 events. Last year we had over 70 cars attend (see pictures above). If you've never been before it's well worth the drive and the foods great too.

The event is open from 11.00 and closes at 15.00. In addition to this amazing venue where you can park your car in our

'Figaro Car Parking Area' there will be the following attractions..

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- Buy some club merchandise
- 4 Awards up for grabs
- Meet Kevin and the team
- See some lovely Figaros
- Shop at THE FIGARO SHOP Trade Stand
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OWNER WORKSHOP

How To Fit a Low Coolant Alarm

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

BACKGROUND

A common issue with Figaro's is head/gasket/piston damage caused by the failure of hoses, thereby causing loss of coolant and over heating. Figs only have a temperature gauge and no warning light, so if you don't keep an eye on it then you may miss it going right up and then dropping down once the sensor is no longer surrounded in water. I'd always recommend checking your hoses and replacing with new ones.

I looked around at a number of sensor options, including engine temperature and coolant level. These can be very expensive, but can come with useful features.

Having read through some "other" car forums see <http://www.mdouk.co.uk/forums/viewtopic.php?t=38102>

I found a cheap simple pre-made kit which warns by LED and buzzer if the sensors are no longer together in water. So I decided to buy this basic kit.

The kit comes with two sensor wires with terminals which just attach to screws you drill into the expansion tank. However I thought this a bit crude and could cause electrolysis and issues with the terminals over time. I therefore instead attached the two wires to a float switch (rated at 110 degrees Celsius) which I installed in the expansion tank at the half way line between MIN and MAX and added some sealant around it before tightening up the nut.

I ran the wires from these around the engine bay and through an existing rubber grommet, which I made a hole in and added some sealant around the cable, into behind the driver side dash and connected these sensor wires to the kits wires. For the kits power connections I took a feed where the Fog light had been taken from and added a mini in-line fuse holder for this kit and the fog light and took a ground off the body metal.

I didn't like the look of the switch so I replaced it with a nicer switch (single pole normally closed). I also replaced the 12v LED with a nicer looking one. So I removed the kits LED and switch and soldered the replacement ones and drilled two holes in the dash and fitted them. The circuit board with the LED has double sided tape on the reverse so I stuck this behind the dash (still within earshot!)

Having installed it I then tested that the float sensor (with float dropped down) set off the alarm and then re-filled the tank just above the midway where it stopped. I then used a long screw driver and pressed the float back down to make sure it was moving freely and set off the alarm.

The next check was to press the test button and make sure it also set off the buzzer and LED.

Final test was to take it for a spin to make sure there were no false alarms and also use the test button to make sure that you could hear it OK.

All good!!

I'm hoping it will never go off as that will mean fixing something! But I feel better having done it. I was a bit concerned that a sudden fluid loss would not pull the water from the expansion bottle, but having asked the thoughts are that it would.

THE PARTS

Ebay Item 170927068334 - Low Coolant Level Alarm 12V
Below all sourced from <http://www.farnell.com>
SW03316 - SWITCH, BLACK PUSH BUTTON, SPDT
SC06539 - LED INDICATOR, 12V HE-RED
SW03584 - FLOAT SWITCH, LS303-51N - HORIZ
DataSheet: <http://www.farnell.com/datasheets/81416.pdf>

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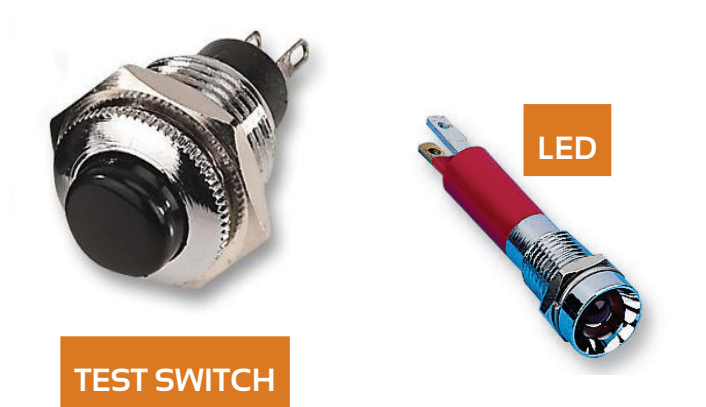
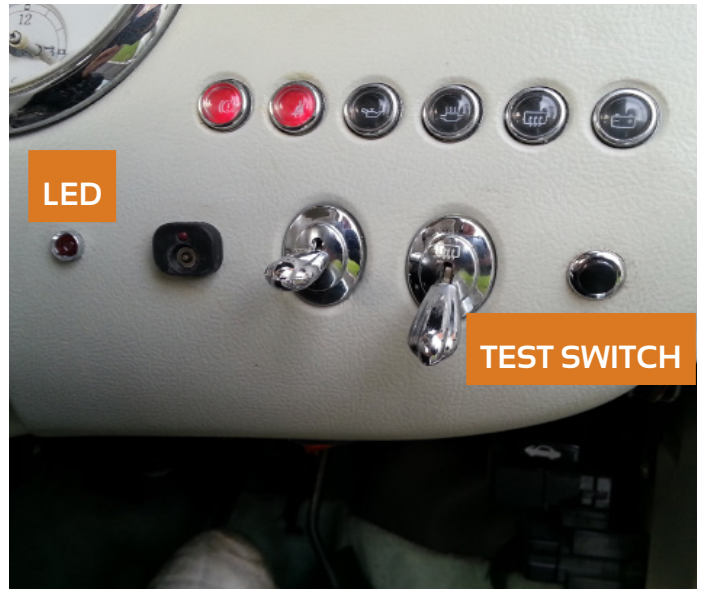
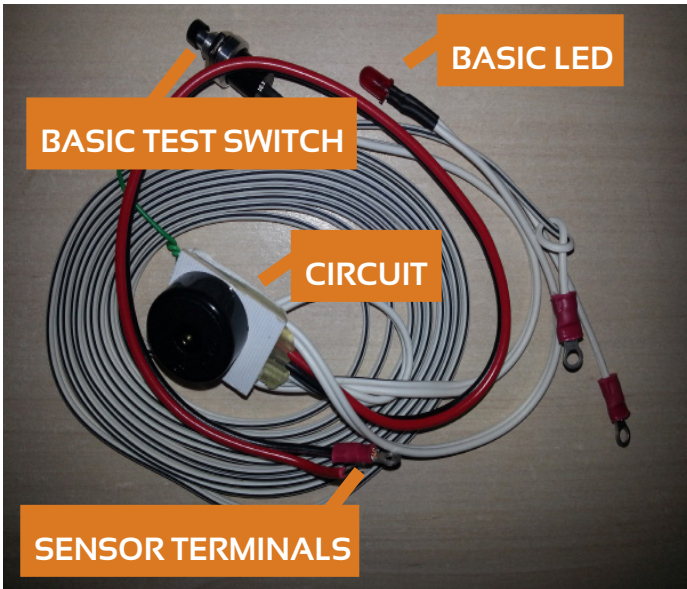
- Mini Inline Fuse Holder
- Mini Fuse
- 12V twin cable
- Heat shrink cable
- Crimp Terminals
- Insulation Tape
- Sealant
- Cable ties

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Drill and bits
- Round file
- Adjustable spanner
- Wire cutters
- Pliers
- Crimping tool
- Soldering Iron + flux and solder
- Lighter for shrink tubing

The article has been taken from our technical forum

Read more: <http://figarownersclubforum.com/thread/4649/fit-low-coolant-alarm#ixzz3x2y1Cvym>



IMPORTANT: Care should be taken whilst the engine is running to ensure everything is clear of all hot and the moving parts (eg: belts and fans) at all times!

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!



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How to check and adjust the Valve Clearances (tappets)

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200+ FIGAROS AND COUNTING

We look forward to the Weekend of the 4th & 5th June 2016

200+ Figs now booked. Wow! Our attention so now turning to detailed planning for the day. As an example its very important that when all the cars are parked they look good and we will only ever get one chance to get this right. To ensure everything flows on the day the showground area will be divided into 'car colour sections' where car park marshals will direct parking.

The area will also include our vintage fair, deck chairs, games, the Pimms Tent, a car technical area and registration tent.

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On the day we will have a Figaro Car Cut-Out so you can take pictures dressed in silly hats and beards if you like!

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Meet the team behind the company and find out more about Insurance.

The Figaro Shop

Toby and his team will be on-hand for advice & help plus have a wide range of Figaro goodies to wet your appetite!

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Well known for their exceptional range of Figaro products Pete and his team will have lots of parts and spares available.

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Jamie will be selling the reproduction interior and exterior Tokyo Nouvelle plaques as well as reproduction sticker sets and original owners' plaques.

Belinda Richardson

Belinda will be displaying a range of Figaro car/picnic rugs and gifts

Ann-Marie Reeve

Ann-Marie will be displaying some wonderful artworks including original paintings of Figaros in watercolour and oil.

Jules Janes

Jules will be selling her range of Figaro Birthday and Christmas Car

Saturday 4th June
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Sunday 5th June
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FIGARO MASTERCLASS

How to change your spark plugs

CONTRIBUTOR: [Toby Brooks - The Figaro Shop](#)

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This month I decided to write about spark plugs on our great little cars.

As time passes, now more than ever, I try to encourage owners to look after their cars as best they can. Sadly the numbers are dwindling and I want to see this community go on for many years to come.

Although spark plugs may seem like a minor thing, you screw them in, you screw them out, the Figaro does has some quirks and over the years we have come up with a few tricks for making the job easier.

Being such a hot running, turbo charged engine, we recommend that you should change the spark plugs a maximum of 12 months or 12,000 miles apart, whichever comes sooner. It's often the case that owners of classic cars think that due to the little amount of use the car gets, it doesn't need to be serviced - I think if anything it's more important

In order to do this job the first thing you will need is the correct parts and tools.

The plugs we use in the workshop are NGK, the part number is BCPR6ES-11. The 11 is the size of the gap at the end of the plug, where it sparks. The 'BCPR' refers to the thread and size of the spanner/socket required for the plug. This number uses a 10mm rather than the usual 14mm plug spanner, I'll explain later why this is so important. The other letters refer to length and heat rating.

As well as these sockets you will need an adjustable joint for an extension bar, four plugs and some HT pliers to safely remove the leads.

The first step is to remove the old spark plugs; part of the reason to change the plugs annually is to avoid them getting seized into the engine. If yours are not too old they should come out easily.

It's a common misunderstanding that the Figaro has three cylinders/plugs, we often

have calls for a set of three plugs. The fourth plug (one being on the driver side of the engine) is hidden under the pipe that comes from the turbo.

You can see how we have slightly ground down the end of our spark plug spanner, this accompanied by a flexible spanner extension is the easiest way to remove the fourth and most tricky spark plug. This is also the reason we use the smaller spark plug, the larger ones leave such minimal clearance that they are really hard to remove and refit.

We always change the plugs one at a time, when re fitting the plugs we put a tiny bit of oil on the threads, just to ensure the easiest fitting and reduce the chance of cross threading.

Once the plugs are installed simply refit the ignition leads and you're ready to go!

I hope you found this article useful, if you need any other advice on this or any other aspect of ownership just let me know.

PICTURE KEY

Pic 1 Spark Plug Specification NGK - BCPR6ES-11

Pic 2 Tools Required

Pic 3 Removing 3rd Plug

Pic 4 The 'slightly ground down' spanner is required to gain access to the plug

Pic 5 The 'tricky' 4th plug

Pic 6 4th Plug close up



"It's a common misunderstanding that the Figaro has three cylinders/ plugs, we often have calls for a set of three plugs. The fourth plug (one being on the driver side of the engine) is hidden under the pipe that comes from the turbo"



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How to detect and repair leaks in your car



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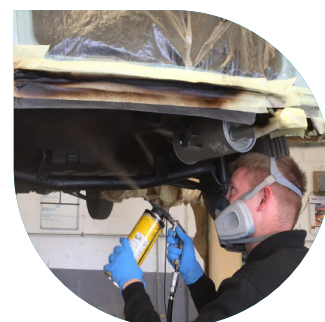
If you drive your Figaro all-year-round we highly recommend you get it treated with Waxoyl or an equivalent product. The original design of the car with its deep cavities is an ideal breeding ground for rust especially in areas along the under door seals. In cold conditions salt is applied on roads which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

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

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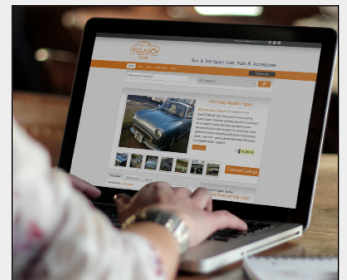


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EVENTS CALENDAR

20 EVENTS
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April 9th 2016 Ace Cafe London

Figaro Owners Club first event of the year kicks off at the superb Ace Cafe London. *Last year we had over 70 cars attend. If you've never been before its well worth the drive!*

ENTRY COST: FREE



April 23rd 2016 Brighton Incarnation

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

ENTRY COST: FREE

April 24th 2016 Drive It Day The Heritage Motor Centre

The club has been invited to attend this event at The

Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire.

ENTRY COST: FREE

April 30th/1st/2nd May 2016 Donington Historic Festival

With close-fought racing every day, over 400 historic racing cars spanning seven decades, historic rally car and karting action and a 'living motoring museum' created by dozens of car club displays.

ENTRY COST: From £11.03*

*With 50% Club Members
Discount Using Discount Code

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May 22nd 2016 Fun Run - Tour of Cornwall

Member Patrick Light is organising this fun run (Tour of Cornwall). The starting point will be Kingsley Village, Penhale, Fraddon, Cornwall, TR9 6NA. Meet in the car park at 9.30 am. The tour will take in some beautiful sights of Cornwall (following Patrick) lasting average of 90 miles with a stop off at the half way point for a lunch (so bring a packed lunch) and group photos. Don't forget your Camera!

ENTRY COST: FREE

May 22nd 2016 Herts Auto Show

Our club has been invited to display our cars at this prestigious event. *The show is themed on anything with an engine which means that it should tick the boxes for the paying public and also makes the event interesting for other exhibitors.*

ENTRY COST: FREE

May 22nd 2016 Really Retro Show

Located at Seighford Airfield Stafford we have a few members attending this event so why not pop along with your Figaro and join them! *Following an epic and enjoyable show we are pleased to announce The Really Retro Show 2016 will take place on SUNDAY 22nd MAY!*

ENTRY COST: £3.75

June 4th/5th 2016 25th Anniversary Big Party Weekend

This is a truly one-off event to celebrate the Nissan Figaro and we urge all owners to participate to make it the largest ever

gathering of Figaros ever in one place. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND ATTENDING THIS EVENT!

SATURDAY 4th JUNE 2016 OPTIONAL GALA DINNER/ DANCE

On the Saturday we will be have a Dinner Dance so hope you can join us and make a weekend of it
DINNER/DANCE COSTS £35PP

SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2016 FIGARO FAIR

The Fair will have a 'family festival atmosphere' to it so bring the kids! Attractions will include but not be limited to...

- * Figaro Car Displays
- * Trade Stands
- * Raffle
- * Treasure Hunt
- * Competitions
- * Rally Drive Out
- * Music/Face Painting/Fun Areas
- * Bring/Buy Sale
- * Lots of other activities yet to be decided

ENTRY COST: £25 PER FIGARO
FREE TO ATTEND FOR ALL

June 5th 2016 Cherished Vehicle Farm Fun Day

The Lions Club of Chippenham are hosting a Cherished Vehicles

Featured event



September 12th - 16th 2016

BELGIUM FIGARO RALLY

The club is off to explore Belgium this year and invite you to join us. To create the rally we will be partnering with 'Scenic & Continental Car Tours' who have extensive experience in this area (specifically Dinant) which will be our base for the week.

PRICE: From £90 for the Rally Pack
 MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.figarownersclub.com/events/belgium-figaro-rally-2016/>

Show near Castle Combe race track in Wiltshire to raise money for Lions Charity work.
ENTRY COST: FREE

June 18th/19th 2016 Bath Festival of Motoring

Last year the event welcomed over 350 exhibitors and in excess of 6,000 visitors through the gate. *Our club have been invited to display our cars at this event. As exhibitors our entry will be free but donations towards the charity will be sought.*
ENTRY COST: DONATION

June 26th 2016 The Hayes Village 100

Festival of Motoring and a Figgy drive past! 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 100 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!
ENTRY COST: FREE

June 26th 2016 Burnley Classic Vehicle Show

Now in its 32nd year and is more popular than ever. Held in the grounds of Towneley Hall it is a family friendly event with lots to see and do for everyone.
ENTRY COST: £5

June 2016 (Date TBA) Tynesfield Classic Car Show

The club have been invited to attend this wonderful event located at the spectacular Victorian Gothic Revival house of Tynesfield with gardens and parkland based just outside Bristol.

ONLY 10 SPACES AVAILABLE.
ENTRY COST: FREE

July 2016 (Date TBA) FigFest

A fun weekend for anyone who owns a Figaro. Includes optional overnight camping, convoy driving, treasure hunt, fancy dress, dancing and buckets of laughs and fun with other owners. It really is a fantastic weekend away!
ENTRY COST: SMALL CHARGE

TO COVER RAFFLE

July 29th/31st 2016 CarFest North

The club will be exhibiting 5 Figaros at CarFest North (Chris Evans) which is a 3 day festival of Music, Food and Cars.

ENTRY COST: £156 incl 1 x CAR plus 2off 3 DAY ADULT TICKETS/

LIMITED AVAILABILITY ONLY 5 CAR SPACES AVAILABLE SO BOOK EARLY !

July 29th/30th/31st 2016 Silverstone Classic

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

FIGAROS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO A BIRTHDAY PARADE LAP

The packed weekend of the Silverstone Classic provides spectacular classic motor racing on the world-famous circuit, impressive track parades, infield displays from over 100 car clubs featuring more than 10,000 classic cars, plus interactive driving activities and dynamic demonstrations. There's plenty of entertainment to enjoy too, with live music from headline acts, aerial displays, a vintage fun fair, and a shopping village. It's an event for the whole family and provides the ultimate annual celebration of classic cars

ENTRY COST: From £42*
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August 21st 2016 Runway Display Motor Show

Located at Seighford Airfield Stafford we have a few members attending this event so why not pop along with your Figaro and join them! Runway Display' returns for a second year of all action and all car entertainment! A few changes have been made which will further improve this unique event
ENTRY COST: £3.75

September 8th/11th 2016 JAE

JAE is located at Newark Showground, Newark-on-Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire. According to the organisers it's the ultimate social weekend for Japanese car owners, Japanese car clubs, tuners and traders.

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ENTRY COST: FREE

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ENTRY COST: From £90

SEPTEMBER 20th 2016 SURREY CLASSIC VEHICLE GATHERING 2016

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.
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