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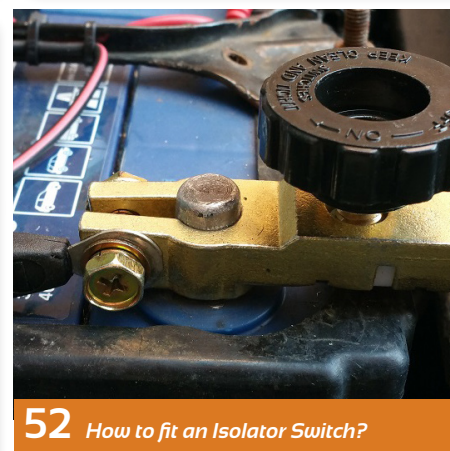
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## Yanks get smitten with the Figaro

**O**ver the last few months we've heard of more and more cars heading across the pond.

This is thanks to their rolling 25 year NHTSA exemption for foreign vehicles that are otherwise non-conforming; part of a federal legal framework that essentially keeps newer cars with a dozen air bags out of the country, but means they can now freely import a Nissan Figaro! Having read numerous US reports, they really seem smitten with the Figaro. In fact the only negative comment we've come

across is; *'Be ready to stop for pictures and explain what, exactly, the thing is?'* And this statement fits with the story from *Chris & Ruth Denning*. They moved and took their Figaro 'Louisafig' to Florida and now tell us they need to allow at least an extra two or three hours a day when they go out in her, just to fend off all the normal questions and let the interested passers by take pictures. Of course as owners all this is great news for the Figaro as prices can only go one way, and that's up... right?

For those of you who still think your Figaro is a small car and only good for short trips to the shops or work

this edition may enlighten you. Firstly there are the adventures of *Siang Phoa*, who's philosophy is, *"life is like a road. The purpose is to enjoy your journey and the company of the people you meet and where you are going. If you reach your goal, that's the end"*. Then there is a 5,000 km European Tour from *Joanna Firek* and lastly our very own Belgium Rally where no fewer than 28 cars made the trip, most of which were travelling long distances (Sue and I clocked up 1,548 kms with the Club Car Belle). So providing you maintain your Figaro you really must trust it on long journeys and try and be more adventurous.

Pages 58/59 now include all our **Chapter Information** so take a look. We urge you to get involved and together let's make next year our best ever for events and get together's.

Our next edition (Christmas) will be out in December so if you would like to be featured then send in a story and some pictures.

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A 'Susie Faulks' Figaro handbag that Matt & Lisa bought Sara as a thank you for passing her old car (a Micra) onto them.



# MEMBER PROFILE

*Member Sally Skelland teaches her students all about the Figaro!*

**M**y name is Sally, I live in Sale, Manchester, and I've had my beautiful Lapis Grey Figaro for 6 months now. I called "him" Felix - a black and white cat just like Figaro from Pinocchio. My husband bought him for me after years of saving to buy a house and get married last year - we could finally treat ourselves (or at least me!)

I'm looking forward to going to many Figaro events and rallies. I'm hoping for one in Llandudno soon, as my in-laws have a flat there so we would love to take the Fig.


I'm just about getting used to the (sometimes seemingly perverse)!! adoration of my Figaro from random strangers. It's like being famous!

As a teacher, I am slowly educating my students about the wonders of the Figaro. A few of my 6th formers are definitely on board!

See the picture of me and my Figaro in the pouring rain on the facing page, and the Figaro handbag that my brother and sister-in-law bought me as a thank you for passing my old car (Micra) onto them.



*Happy Times! The Figaro always makes everyone smile. Top left in clockwise order is husband James, Sally, brother Matt and his wife Lisa.*



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*The rain doesn't dampen Sally's love for Felix*

# CLUB MEMBER ADVENTURES

*Member Siang Phoa shares his life of car rallies around the world in his Volvo 'Amazon' and reveals his new love. A Pale Aqua Nissan Figaro # 12199*

**I must confess that I have been a car nut all my life, my wife Irina definitely is not.**

**My present on my 16th birthday has been driving lessons in the parental 1966 Volvo 'Amazon'.**

At that time, the legal age to take driving lessons in the Netherlands was 18...

Three days later, my father has challenged me to drive the Grimsel, Susten and Furka passes

(in Switzerland) and I have been hooked to driving ever since.

As a student the parental Amazon became legally mine and I still regret selling her in 1981 after nearly half a million Kilometers of faithfully service.

In 1980 Irina and I were married in a locally owned 1962 Amazon in show condition, this is the car of which I am the current second keeper, since 1981.

At first she was our daily driver with an Autobianchi A112 as company, but with a third daughter coming we had to upgrade to a roomier family car and the Amazon had to take second place.

In 1995 I was introduced to both long distance touring trips and to navigational rally driving.

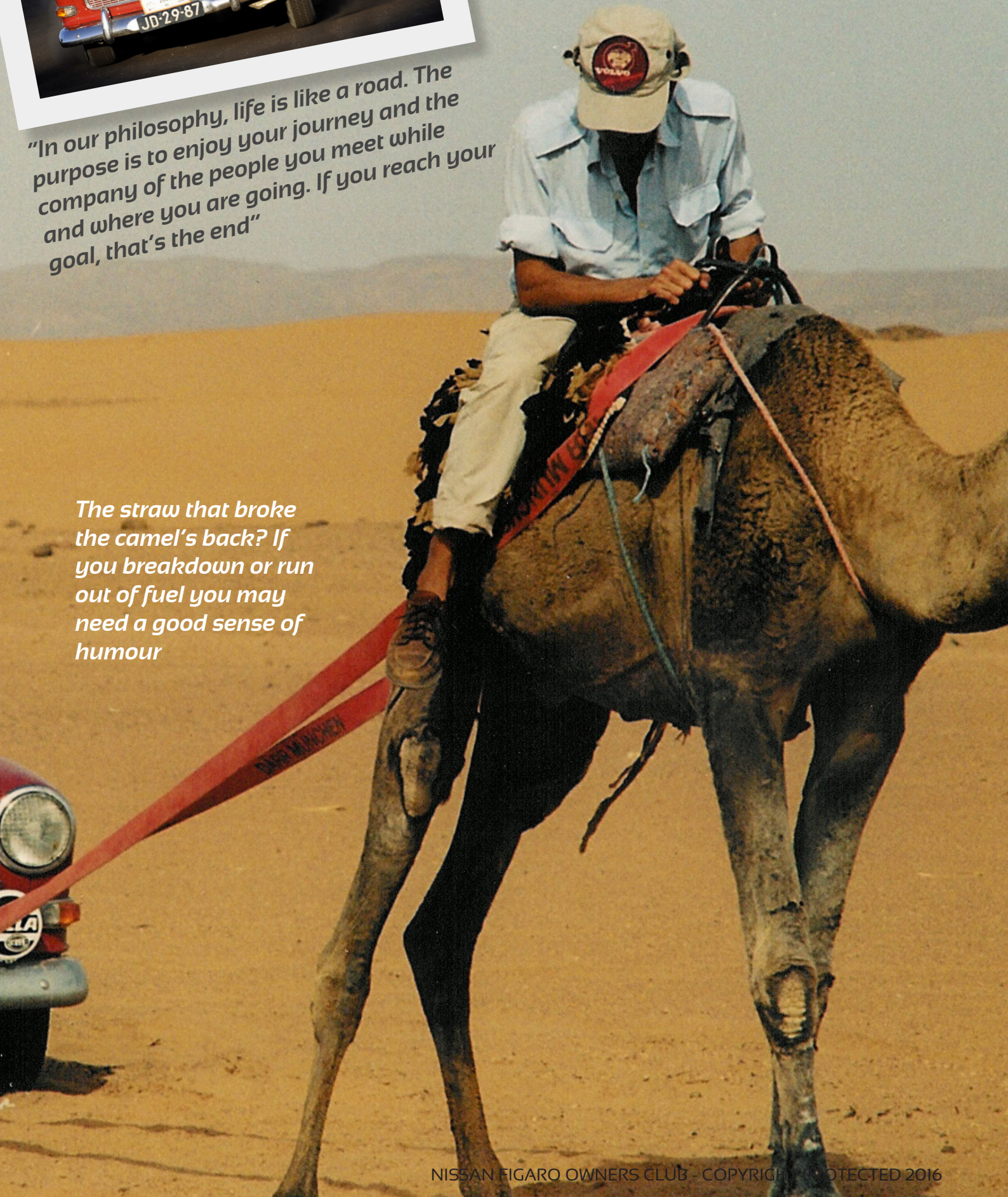
Most of the touring trips I have made with friend Hugo in my Amazon or his Volvo PV 544. Between North Cape in Norway and





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*The straw that broke the camel's back? If you breakdown or run out of fuel you may need a good sense of humour*



the Sahara desert in Morocco we have seen a substantial part of the most interesting driving routes in Europe.

A few years ago Irina and I made a trip around the Baltic sea with the Amazon, we visited Poland, the Baltic Republics, Saint Petersburg in Russia, went to the arctic circle in Finland and then back south through Sweden.

In navigational rallies the navigator is the most important person in the car. Our eldest daughter is happy to give her father directions!

At a certain time we felt that we needed a second station car next to our Volvo 945.

It had to be a classic and eccentric, so we bought a Mini Clubman Estate.

Being a Mini, it was in dire need of some TLC and we have had it restored to show condition and driven that rarity as a daily hack for many years.

But as we are not into students removals anymore, it was time for a change for the third car.

Even for us time flies. So despite our youth,

we are no longer junior citizens and have the liberty to indulge ourselves.

A convertible had to become part of our experience. In the neighbourhood we live in, all the major brands of convertibles are represented, so we just had to opt for something different.

In our taste for interior decoration we are kind of old fashioned and our cars reflect that attitude, but we are well aware of the benefits of modern comfort.

In November 2015 we bought the Figaro # 12199 in Pale Aqua for its cute and retro looks with modern comfort. So far (January 2016) we have not yet used it extensively given the weather, but we are confident that it will be a companion for many pleasure trips.

Fast forward to august: in spite of the wet and cold spring we have used the Figaro twice as much as the Amazon. And just for a laugh, haha, the Figaro also has figured as the mystery guest in the company of pre and

Postwar acknowledged collectors cars in benefit classical car rallies..

In the summer vacation the luggage compartment of our Volvo 945 always is full of stuff, so the Figaro is no alternative for this kind of transportation.

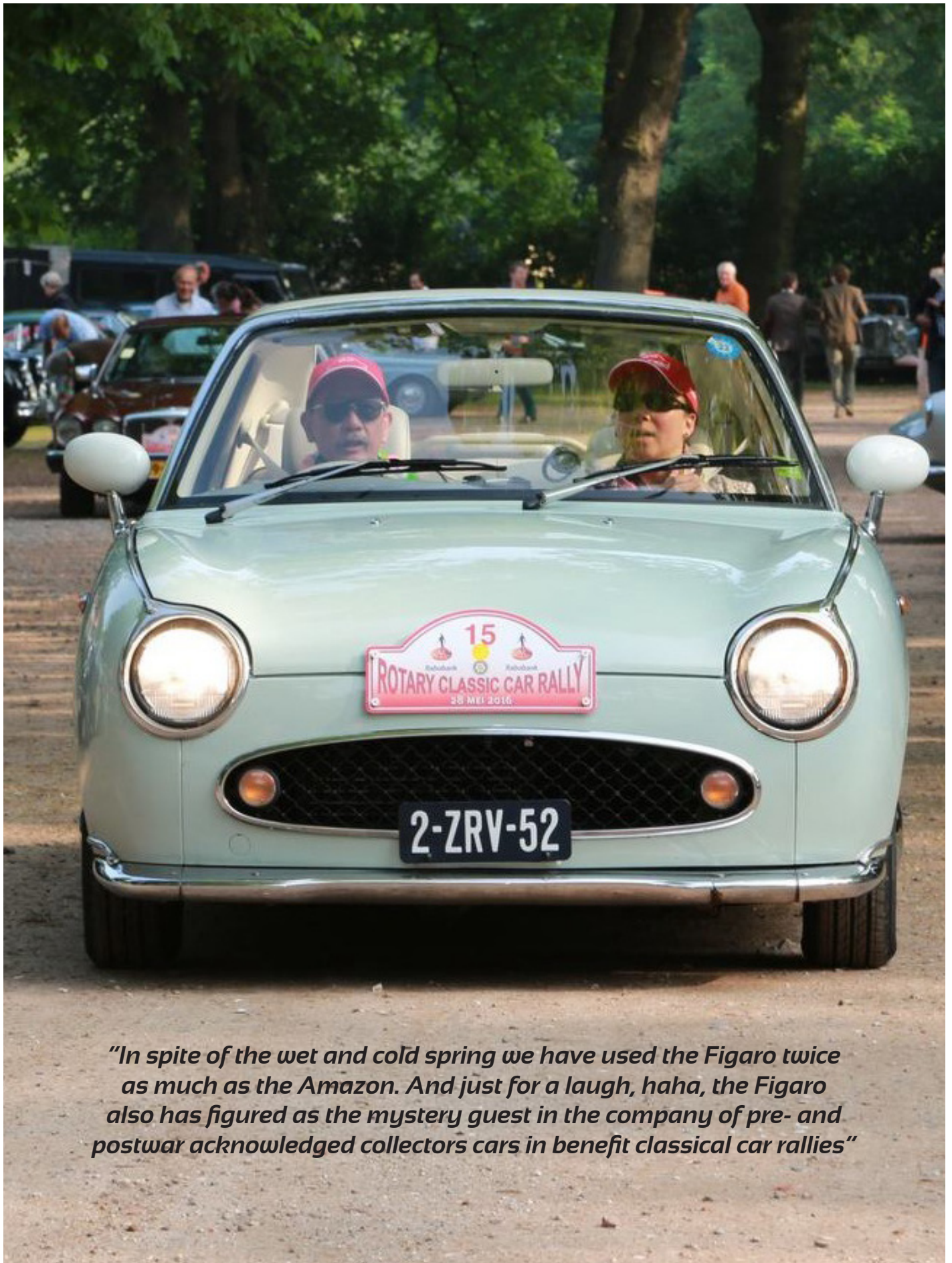
But I would have liked to make the trip with that little car: from Amsterdam through the Belgian Ardennes, Luxembourg, Alsace, Jura, to Torino over the pass of the Great Saint Bernard. From Torino via the French Alps to our destination near Saint Tropez and back north over the Route Napoleon, Jura and the Alsace. On this trip we have avoided the high ways as much as possible, have chosen to take the secondary roads instead and to take a pass if there was a tunnel as alternative.

In our philosophy, life is like a road. The purpose is to enjoy your journey and the company of the people you meet while and where you are going. If you reach your goal, that's the end. Final!

Siang Phoa







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# WHY I **LOVE** MY FIGARO?

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

## Member Belinda Richardson

Is it her big round headlights, curvy lines, oversized chrome switches and dials, or the soft cream leather seats all wrapped up in those dolly mixture paint colours. YES to all.

Whether cruising through the city

or country lanes with the gentle growl from her exhaust, she always gets a positive reaction. When you stop be prepared for the questions: What was it? Who made it? How old is it? And where on earth do I get one? Most people think she is Italian, circa 1950's. I love watching

their expression when I say it is a Nissan Figaro from 1991. 'Get outta here!' as one American gentleman exclaimed when hanging over the door to take some photos whilst I was waiting for the lights to change.

They are not flash or expensive,

there is no snobbery or one-upmanship as they are all the same. A truly egalitarian sports car. Yes they are a bit different and slightly 'Noddy' but in a world of bland car design and at 25 years old she can still turn heads even against the goldest of Lamborghinis.



*Belinda & Libby are both Figgy Lovers!*



## Member Julie Thornley

**M**y first sighting of a Figaro was in a car park – it was, as they say, love at first sight. I remember writing the name down to look up on the computer when I got home. I just loved the retro styling of the car – the curves, the chrome, the ‘cute’ factor.

Several years later, I took the plunge and bought ‘Audrey’, my gorgeous

Topaz Mist Figaro. Feeling proud of my purchase, I decided to write to the previous owners (finding their address in the log book) and it was wonderful to receive a letter from them, hearing about the fun they had had with the car and their fond memories of her.

I think one of the main pleasures of the car is the interest it provokes in people, from people staring and smiling to being questioned pretty much everywhere we go.

Our highlight with Audrey was a driving holiday to France. She did 2,000 miles without so much as a groan and achieved a celebrity status along the way, with various people admiring the car and photographing her.

Why do I love the Figaro? She brings the past into the present, she brings a smile to my face and she makes me feel just that little bit famous. Audrey, we owe you a lot.

## Member Ken Graham

**T**hree reasons - it's so unique, it's so similar..., and you become a member of a tremendously friendly Figaro family.

I'd never been a 'car club' person. Although I had always liked the Figaro and always took time to go and have a close look at any I saw. I now spend time talking to admirers doing exactly what I used to do. It was only when early retirement loomed I decided to bite the bullet and import one from Japan. I tried a weekend club rally in the Lake District, and I was hooked!

How can they be both unique and similar? Well, they're unique in terms of design and numbers,

but similar because Figaros are identical (except for a few optional extras). That similarity gives the car and its car club members a uniqueness all of their own as there's no 'What size of engine have you got?' or 'I see you've got the XL, well, mine's an XJS!' or whatever.

We may admire what an owner has done to customise theirs (or not, as the case may be! Some can be an acquired taste, but, at the end of the day.....we're all just Figaro lovers!

Ken Graham  
Scottish Chapter Coordinator





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With retirement looming Chris and his wife decided to sell their home and move it all the way to Florida. But before they left they spent time exploring some of the locations where they could live. They sold their possessions to their new home. Chris took

# LIVING THE



wife Ruth sold up, bought a Figaro (Louisafig) and shipped  
set off 'Doc Martin fans' Chris and Ruth spent a few days  
the program was shot. After which they shipped their car and  
res up the story...

# DREAM



**T**his is our story of one of the first ever UK outings we took in our fig, Louisafig. Well, We took it down to Port Isaac in Cornwall, which doubles as the village of Port Wenn in the TV series of Doc Martin. As my wife and myself are avid Cluneatic's and both watch whenever it is on. And also that's why we named our fig Louisa, after Miss Glasson the headmistress of the school and also the love interest off the main character Doc Martin.

So I thought for our anniversary I'll take her somewhere special. So after a little searching on the computer, I booked us into the Old School House and Restaurant that is used in the TV series. We arrived there on a Friday night and checked in late to the "biology room", we arrived a bit late because I had a long day at work on Friday so, it was off to bed after a couple of scotches and some ham sandwiches at the bar. Waking up Saturday morning to a sunny day outside, a bit chilly, but the day was ours. Breakfast went down extremely well, I had a full English and my wife had the rippers. Both were superb!!!! Then off to explore the village, beaches and surrounding areas to see different places the TV company used for filming.

There was the Docs Surgery, Mrs Tishell's Chemist shop, Bert Large's Restaurant, it was stunning scenery all round. On our way around the village we got chatting to some locals and I asked if there was any entertainment on that night in the local pub, we were told that "as it was out of season they only had something on at the local village hall", we were definitely up for that. So two tickets were bought "asap". We finished our sight-seeing and quickly took Louisafig around for some photo op's before we lost the light and let me tell you that Port Isaac is simply made for the fig as the tiny little lanes between the shops and houses and surrounding countryside are more picturesque and beautiful than they



*Us at the Ace Cafe 2016 with our 'Louisafig'...*



*Port Isaac, Old School House.*





## MARTIN CLUNES *Doc Martin*



**Port Isaac,  
Mrs Tishells'  
Chemist Shop**



**Port Isaac, Doc's  
Surgery.**

are on the telly. (Sorry Mr Cinematographer). Well the evening rolled around and we strolled up to the village hall. We didn't know what to expect but were met with hospitality and friendliness by the "door girls" and everyone inside. It was a pasty, pint and a cream tea for pud'n. The entertainment started and the first act came on and to our amazement it was Mr Ian Mc'niece himself ( Bert Large ) doing a talk about the films and other acting work that he'd done through his illustrious career, I was surprised about how much work he'd actually done. The Fisherman's Friends singers were up next. They were extremely good with their atmospheric songs of the sea and sailors tales of love and loss, and they are based in Port Isaac itself. Then it was booze and food time, which was served by the ladies of the WI and were also top notch. The pasty, scones and cream all went down very well. Then the second half of the show started and Mr Mc'niece came on stage again with one of the Fisherman's friends and performed a little farce and afterwards Mr Mc'niece had a Q & A session with the audience. And I must say on the record that it was a night of sublime entertainment, friendly village folk who took us to their hearts and were very accommodating with two "emnets" from out of town.

I cannot enthuse enough of the extra special weekend that it turned out to be especially just on the off chance booking that I made. So if you ever get the chance to get your fig to Cornwall then a trip to Port Isaac is well recommended.

### LIVING THE DREAM

We started our US adventure early 2016 when our house near bath was sold. We had planned to move to Florida and semi retire and take Louisafig with us, as I knew she would be just perfect for the climate there. She arrived in mid March, just right for the 25 year rule for motors over here. So she arrived in our container from Britain and was duly unloaded at our house in a wee coastal town called Hudson. And the work to get her legal in the state >

was on, firstly I had to insure her, so a trip to an AAA agent was organised. They sorted out a import policy for just \$100 per annum which is exceptional for Florida. But it's a limited mileage personal and pleasure use only policy that has no business use at all on it which is just what we wanted.

So the first leg was out of the way and onto getting a temporary tag (licence plate) to be able to get it on the road to take to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Tampa for verifying the VIN number which we all know is in the

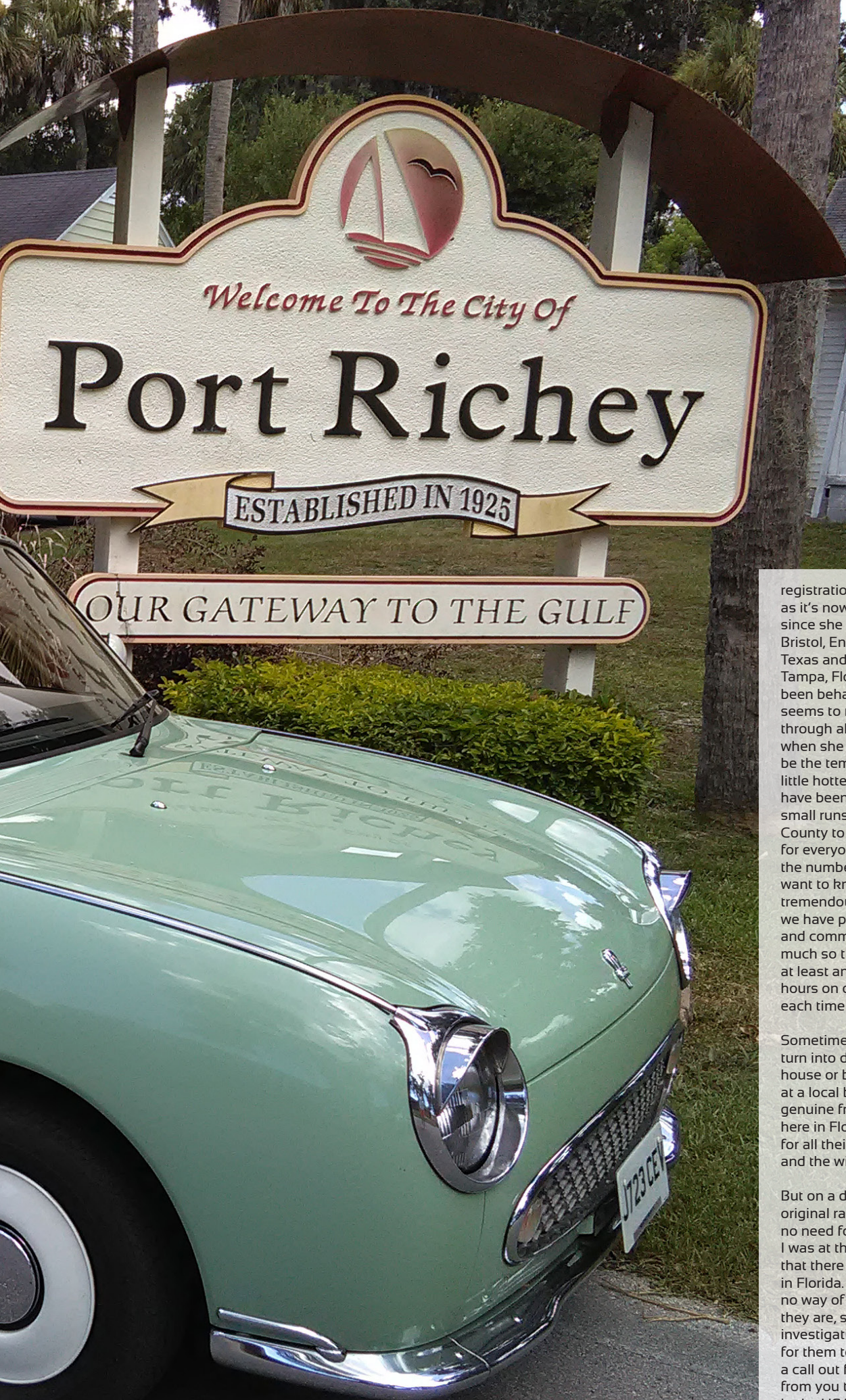
engine bay and not how the Americans have it appearing through the front windscreen.

The next step was to get Louisafig a permanent tag at our local Pasco County Motor Tax Office in New Port Richey. After parking up in the car park and having more people talk to me about her for another hour I finally got to get the desk to register her for a permanent tag for her. I had already checked out a few decent numbers for her, eg; 1ST FIG FL UK FIG 1, FIGARO 1, 1 FIGARO all of those palled into

insignificance when I was told that FIGARO was up for grabs as the previous owner didn't renew their tag. So I jumped at the chance. So we now have to wait for the plates to be made and put the plate on her. But also to my amazement, while we discussing all that, I inquired if ours was the first fig in Florida and was told there were indeed five with mine being the sixth. Brilliant news all round.

We have just got back from registering our Louisafig at the DMV Department in Tampa and now have the >

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registration number 'FIGARO' as it's now been a few weeks since she has arrived from Bristol, England. Via Houston, Texas and then railway to Tampa, Florida. And she has been behaving very well. She seems to run a bit smoother through all the Rev range than when she was in the UK, (must be the temperature here) it is a little hotter here (no offence) we have been out for a couple of small runs in and around Pasco County to get some pictures for everyone back home, and the number of people that just want to know what she is, is tremendous. Each time we stop we have people taking pictures and commenting on her, so much so that we have to put at least an extra two or three hours on our afternoon trip each time we take her out.

Sometimes the afternoon trips turn into dinner at someone's house or burgers and drinks at a local bar, there are real genuine friendly petrol heads here in Florida. So a big thanks for all their hospitality, from me and the wife

But on a different note, the original radio works fine here so no need for re-tuning, and while I was at the DMV I was told that there are now six Figaro's in Florida. What a surprise, but no way of telling me where they are, so I need to do some investigating and advertising for them to get in touch. Maybe a call out from the owners club from you to start a Figaro club in the USA? (We now have a USA Chapter in place Ed) >



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**FREE**  
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CHICKEN



Louisafig at DMV

I need to do a few jobs on her, I have to sort out the AC, (r12 refrigerant over here is a little more expensive here, but it'll blow at least five degrees colder air out of her and no need to change the refill valves) And while I was washing and waxing her Sunday morning, a gentleman that was passing the house stopped and inquired what kind of car it is, turns out he only lives down the road so he's a close neighbour. He has offered to sort out any problems and refill the AC for me. As that was his job before he retired and he has all the kit at his house, very nice of him indeed.

The local Nissan dealer in New Port Richey has been waiting to see Louisafig, so there's another day out for her to get pampered and admired for a while.

We were so sad about missing the 25th birthday bash at Wroxall abbey, but we've watched the video a number of times now, and keep going back to it now and again.

Chris Denning  
USA Chapter Coordinator



# TOUR OF EUROPE

## 7 DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN TOURING!

I still cannot believe I did it. It seems like a dream when I think about my tour of Europe that I completed in August 2016. It involved clocking up 5,000 kms and visiting 9 countries in 30 days with Daisy, my beloved Nissan Figaro. It was an experience of a life time, intellectually satisfying and spiritually enhancing, shared with the most graceful, sensual, entertaining and attention-drawing petit car. Travelling by Figaro is beyond any doubt one of a kind. It requires a pinch of practical thinking and a solid dose of a relaxed attitude as not everything always goes according to the plan. I wrote this article with the intent to share some tips and recommendations for those who are up for the challenge, refuse to take life seriously once in a while and for those who are planning a long journey by Figaro.

**1** My first and probably the most important piece of advice is to inspect your Figgy 'from head to toe' in preparation to a road trip or you might end up facing the adventure of the flying eyelid. I was on my way to Wittenberg, Germany, showing my Figgy some spectacular countryside views when all of sudden I saw an unidentified flying object passing my car by only couple of inches. To my major surprise and disappointment it wasn't a UFO but Figgy's left eyelid which unexpectedly took a notion of taking a peak at the German landscape from the air. Just like that, without any warning signs and discussing the slight change of the touring route with me. Immediately, I pulled over and stopped the car. I spotted the escapee right away. It was sitting in the middle of the road, 10 yards away, giving me the infantile smile. The situation changed entirely 2 seconds later when its smile has been wiped out by 2 HGVs and 10 tyres in total. The eyelid was mercilessly run over and turned into a one restless pancake. But what a pancake it was perfectly flat with no default. Surprisingly the tyres didn't leave even one dint or a scratch on the eyelid.

When I think about this quasi-adventure now I am not sure whether I should thank Germans for building perfectly smooth roads or congratulate the HGV drivers for keeping bald tyres on. I think I will simply inspect my Figgy with the attention to the tiniest detail before going on my next trip.

**2** My second tip is don't take the original Figaro car mats on a road trip and opt for the ordinary disposable rubber car mats. The weather in Europe is very changeable in the summer time. July often sees heavy rain, hail and dusty conditions at the same time. It's the easiest thing to get car mats stained with mud and dirt. Moreover, bad things happen to good people sometimes (the expression I have in mind is far from being politically correct when I think about stepping into an oil puddle on a ferry and staining the car mats on the very first day of my trip).

**3** My next piece of advice discussed here only briefly revolves around don'ts in France. As the whole manual could be easily written on the subject I am sharing only the most drastic ones I didn't manage avoiding myself. If you feel adventurous and get the strong urge to taste French cuisine you must suppress the need to satisfy your spirit. It is especially true when you are uncertain as to which creature or to be more specific, which part of its body is going to be served on your plate and a waitress throws a hint that English people usually don't enjoy the dish. If you choose to ignore the don't you might end up eating cow's larger bowel stuffed with gummy pieces of skin and portage, all dressed up in a highly unusual aroma – a true challenge to complete. And another no-no while travelling through France.

Under no circumstances attempt using the traditional French toilet even in the case of an emergency. Trust me on this one.

**4** Don't ever leave Swiss cheese in the car is another important tip and I can't stress it well enough. Sometimes we get caught in the moments when we experience something truly spectacular that gives us goose bumps and stays with us for the all eternity. Ideally, we want to share these special moments with the ones we love and care for. Since they cannot always be present with us, we usually end up supplying ourselves with a bunch of souvenirs which we perceive as some kind of micro-reminiscence of an experience. Unfortunately, the ultra-absorbent moment of breath-taking amazement caught up with me in Gruyères – a beautiful, picture-perfect, hill top, medieval village famous for its cheese, which lead to the most irritating consequences. Well, cutting a long story short. I committed the most unimaginable in the Figgy world deed. I stuffed the Gruyère cheese I had bought for my friends and family under the car seats, with a fairly predictable outcome. Yes, the new car fragrance. I couldn't get rid out of the cheesy stink from the car for a week. At one point the odour was so intensive and paralysing that it definitely turned my little car into a theft-free zone for a while. Now, when I look back I wish that in the moment of Swiss exaltation I had gone crazy for the Swiss chocolate or even better – Swiss watches.



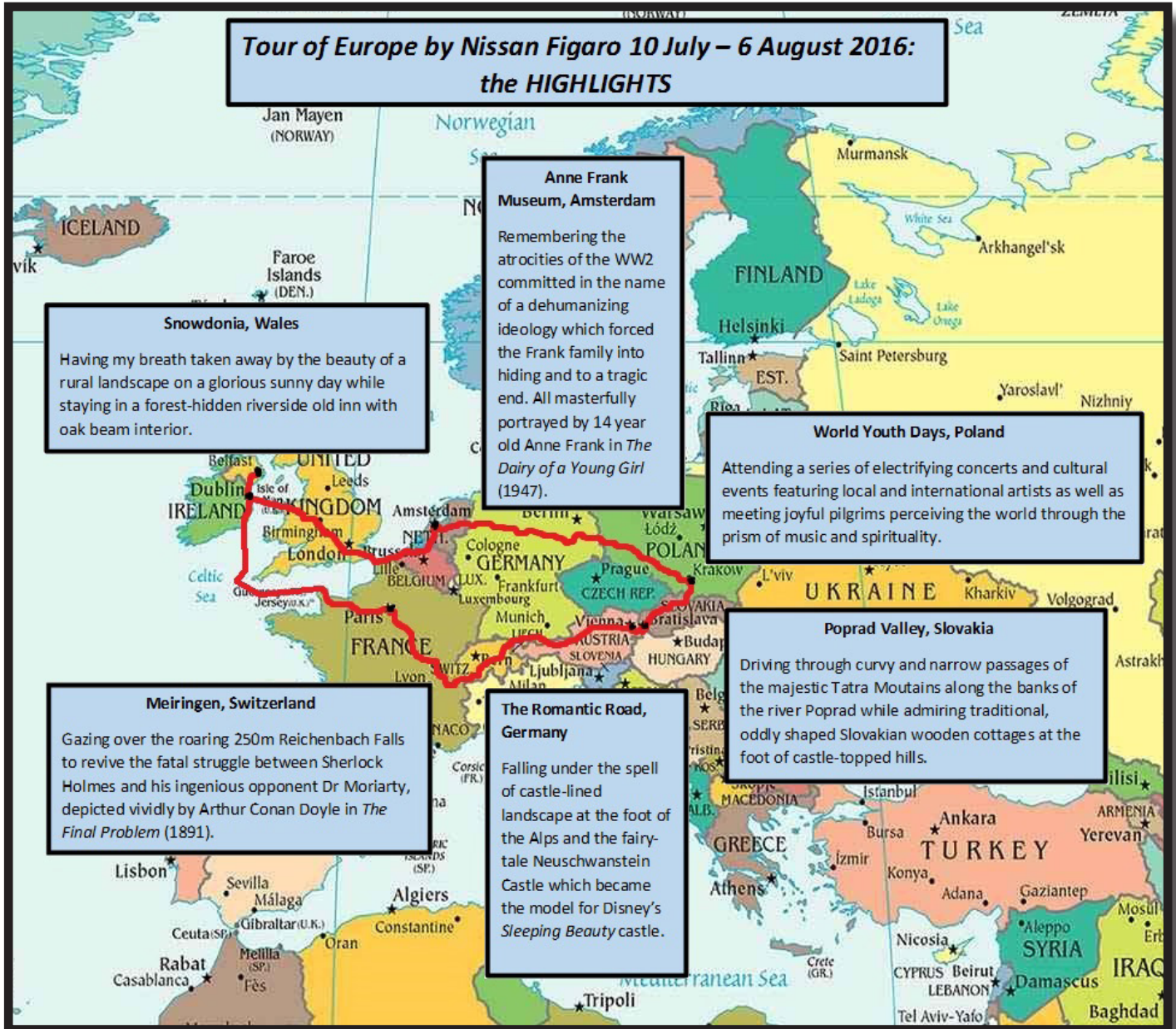
THE FLATTENED FIGARO EYELID

*"All of sudden I saw an unidentified flying object passing my car by only couple of inches"*



**Daisy parked Neuschwanstein Castle, the Romantic Road, Germany.**

## 5,000 kms & 9 Countries. Who said the Figaro was only good for nipping to the shops?

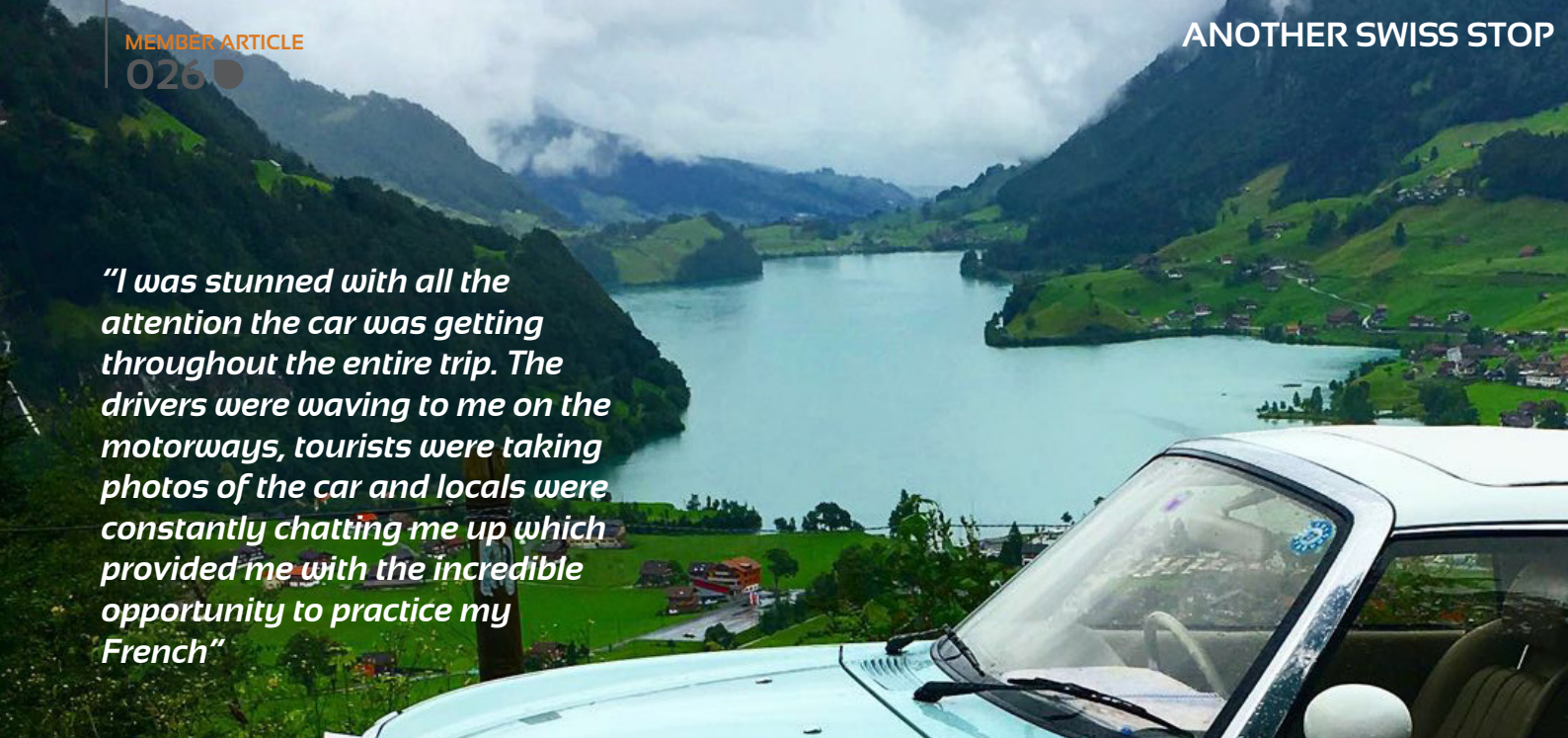






Jodlownik, the Wooden  
Architecture Route, Poland.

*"I was stunned with all the attention the car was getting throughout the entire trip. The drivers were waving to me on the motorways, tourists were taking photos of the car and locals were constantly chatting me up which provided me with the incredible opportunity to practice my French"*



GOLDEN FIELDS IN NORMANDY



**5** Another crucial recommendation verified empirically is: don't listen to a music album you are not familiar with. If your tour of Europe is also about the acoustic music experience and catching up with all the albums you have always wanted to listen to but due to a million reasons you never had a chance to do so, well, forget about it! At least as an idea to kill the boredom of driving on motorways. Figgy is always doing her best to keep all eyes and ears on her so with the speed exceeding 70 miles per hour she attempts to sing along to every quality acoustic album with her diva roaring engine. Ah, well! Some other time gorgeous Eddie Vedder. It wasn't meant to be this time. My advice is to bring your favourite music albums that you know every beat to or get an audio book. If you do so, flying on a motorway for 5 hours at the speed of 90 mph becomes truly an intriguing experience. My choice for the trip was 'The Diary of a Young Girl' audio book. I listened to the cassettes (yes, cassettes I prayed £4 for, so I don't intend upgrading my radio, ever) in preparation to visiting Anne Frank house museum in Amsterdam which turned out to be one of my trip highlights.

**6** Don't neglect your body is another piece of advice I would like to put across. Travelling by a car for a number of hours can be physically demanding. It is

very important to keep yourself well hydrated and stretch at various times throughout your trip to help your body feel less stiff and tight. I was doing the exercises illustrated below (except no 11 for the obvious reason) regularly every 2 hours usually during stop overs at petrol stations. Doing the stretches paid off handsomely and my body managed to keep up with me on my crazy schedule.

**7** Finally the most important 'do' of them all – or more of a commandment. Enjoy the experience! Nissan Figaro is one of the most unique cars ever made. It has an interesting history beginning with the fact that it has been named after Le Nozze di Figaro, the main character of a Mozart opera, and ending with the symbolism behind the colours of the car. Figaro uniqueness also lies in its rarity. Only 20,000 cars were ever manufactured and prospective buyers had to enter a lottery to be able to buy one of these cars. And who could resist Figaro's stylish period design and its chic retro exterior and interior? Definitely not the Europeans I came across. I was stunned with all the attention the car was getting throughout the entire trip. The drivers were weaving to me on the motorways, tourists were taking photos of the car and locals were constantly chatting me up which provided me with the incredible opportunity to practice my French. I was so pleased to tell anyone who was showing any

sign of interest in the car, all about its unique qualities even if it meant conversing in a language I don't speak. It was the ultimate Figaro experience which turned the trip to Europe into one of the best experiences of my life.

#### Acknowledgments

I would like to thank the following people for all the support and patience of putting up with my 100 miles per hour mind: my beautiful inside-out husband Mark who dares calling my sweet Daisy 'Dizzy'; my loving family who initially hated the idea of buying a 25 year old 'piece of scrap' and then fell undeniably under the Figaro spell; my faithful friend Anna for being an excellent travel companion despite her inability to distinguish left from right and Barrie Feltham for introducing me to Daisy and the world of Figaro.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions regarding my trip, the article or any Figgy matter feel free to contact me via the Figaro Owners Club forum. I send all my posts as Joanna.

Joanna Firek



JOANNA

# BELGIUM FIGGY RALLY 2017

*Glorious sunshine, empty roads, friendly people and  
stunning Venues make for the best rally ever!*



**O**ver the next few pages you can read about the fun 53 Club Members and 28 Figs had during the week of Monday 12th - Friday 16th Sept 2016.

The rally was a varied mix of sightseeing and activities (including Kayaking for the adventurous).

Following the 'welcome dinner' on Monday evening our first day kicked off with the traditional 'group shot' in sunshine as everyone put on the rally T-Shirts for some fashion poses. At 09.30 with roofs down, we lined up and left the hotel in convoy with me leading the way. A short drive through fields of sweet corn and a few stops for pictures we ended up at our first stop *Domaine de Chevetogne Country Park*. A truly stunning location of lakes, trees and wildlife. The venue opened up the coffee shop and we just sat and took in this amazing place. You always wish you had more time to explore but our busy schedule meant we needed to leave around 11.30. We left again in convoy

for our second leg which after 30 minutes ended up at *Durbury* the smallest town in the world. This is a truly magical place with shops, cafés and eating places set in narrow flowered and cobbled streets lined by old stone houses which forms the key attraction of this town. Sue and I hooked up with members Belinda and James for a tasty lunch which was over all too soon. The group then split up as some stayed to explore the Topiary Gardens and others made their way to their Figs to commence our 3rd Stop the amazing spectacle of *Hotton Caves*. A short wait and the group commenced our tour which meant descending down a 35 Metre deep chasm. One benefit was as we went down the stairs it became much cooler and this was a welcome change after being so hot! 45 Minutes later thankfully we didn't need to climb the stairs again but were making our way to top in a lift. Some went straight back to the hotel, but Sue and I wanted to see the *Castle of Lavaux-Sainte-Anne* which although closed was still worth a peak! Wednesday we awoke again to wall-to-wall sunshine and being a 'free day' some members went Kayaking down the river which was just a stones throw from our hotel. Others came with us to *Chimay* to have lunch and visit the Beer & Cheese Abbey which took

us again through some stunning countryside. Thursday was sunny again for our Vintage Dress Day, stylish outfits ranged from the 30's all the way the 60's. Our first stop *Les Jardins d'annevoie* included a walk around some magnificent, seventeenth century water gardens, part of Wallonia's major heritage. We then made our way to *Citadel of Namur* where we managed to park together and explore. In truth the walk down was tough due to the heat so most stopped after a little way for lunch and to take in the vista. Our third stop was *Château de Spontin* followed by the *Castle of Vêves*. As we returned back to the hotel the first sign of rain started, perfect timing the rally was finished! The evening concluded with our traditional 'farewell dinner'. Everyone agreed that this really was one of the best rallies the club had arranged. Perfect weather, friendly people, stunning venues and brilliant roads perfect for our little cars.

Thanks to everyone who attended and looking forward to seeing you next year on our Yorkshire Rally 2017.

Kevin & Sue



*Photo opportunity: Only 5 minutes into the rally and we just had to stop*



SAY CI

*The traditional 'group*



# CHEESE

*'shot' is a great leveller*

# 54 RALLY READY





# MEMBERS...



*28 Figs all in a row.  
Another empty road  
provided perfect figgy  
convoys all the way to  
our first stop.*



*Rest and Relaxation...  
Domaine de Chevetogne  
Country Park was the ideal  
place to stop for coffee.*



*Figs parked and they even  
opened up the coffee shop*

*Durbury - the  
smallest town  
in the world was  
truly awesome*



*Oh bliss! It's so hot Sheena finds a steam to cool down.*



*Lots of shops and eating places to past the time of day*





*Hotton Caves was a visual feast.*



*Another meal and another Beer. It's a tough life!*



*Up the stream without a paddle! Our Motley crew get ready*



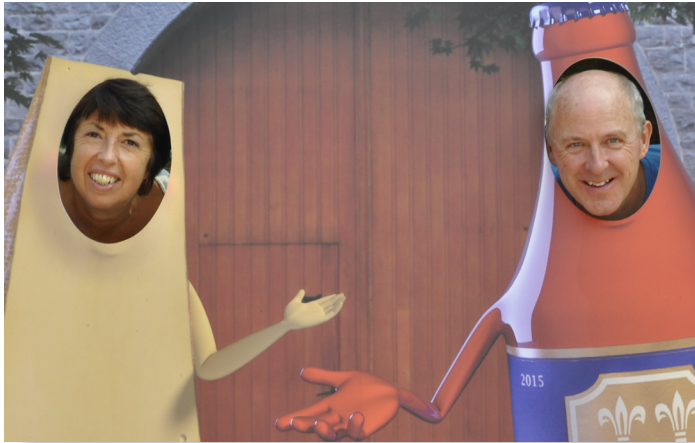
*Wednesday was a Free Day and the more adventurous went Kayaking...*



*Another sunny day. This time we park  
down the front at Dinant. Figs get  
ready for our trip to Chimay Beer  
& Cheese Abbey.*



*Mind the gap! This rock formation at Dinant was a magnet for some great convoy shots...*







*Les Jardins d'annevoie included a walk around some magnificent, seventeenth century water gardens which is part of Wallonia's major heritage.*



## VINTAGE DRESS DAY - Just a few of our



**Sally & Kim**



**Tony & Judy**



**Michele &**



# Members who 'Dressed to Impress'



**& Andre**



**Stewart & Anne**



**Peter & Gillian**

# FAREWELL DINNER The m



*Another field of Sweet corn makes for a great back drop*



# Rally is over all too soon...



*Thanks to Scenic & Continental Car Tours and everyone who attended.*

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# MEMBERS GALLERY



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**Ian & Lisa Martin**

LOCATION  
Wroxall Abbey, UK. (Picture taken during  
our 25th Birthday Party Weekend)

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**Tyler Finlayson**

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LOCATION  
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Suffolk, UK.

PHOTOGRAPHER  
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# MEMBER WINS

## PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2016

**And picks up £1,000 Prize Money!**

Many congratulations to Stephen Newbold who has won a £1,000 for this picture he took during our Scotland Figaro Rally last year.

The judges at Carbase said "We and our judges love it! A worthy winner"

[View all entries](#)



**Steve was chuffed  
with his win!**

*"We suspect that Steve must have given the glass on the wing mirror a good clean to capture this stunning image"*



# OWNER WORKSHOP

## Battery Disconnect Isolator Switch Review

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

As many of you have found infrequent use of you Fig normally results in the battery going flat, some solutions are detailed [Click here](#)

One of the options is to disconnect the battery, however doing so can wear out the terminals and connectors and can also be fiddly and messy to keep doing.

On my other classic cars I fitted a Battery Disconnect Isolator Switch, however having looked around these were not available anywhere for the smaller JIS terminals used on Figaros and other Japanese cars. I contacted a company that made the standard ones and they went away and manufactured a model to fit the smaller terminals.

These are now available to buy on ebay [Click here](#) at £5.99 or cheaper at £6.98 via their site [Click here](#). Also for new Customers via their site save 5%, **Discount Code: SAVE5** (All Upper Case)

Having received two of these to test fit on both Figaros. I have been able to test and review them.



*Above is the Switch*

The construction seems good and sound and is based on the normal size model which is widely used. There is also a review of this model [Click here](#) by the Fordson tractor club.

How the switch works: The switch mounts directly to the negative battery posts. To disconnect the switch turn the wheel a 1/4 turn anti clockwise. To re-connect turn the wheel clockwise until the wheel is tight. For added security the wheel can be completely removed. They also sell spare wheels for this switch.

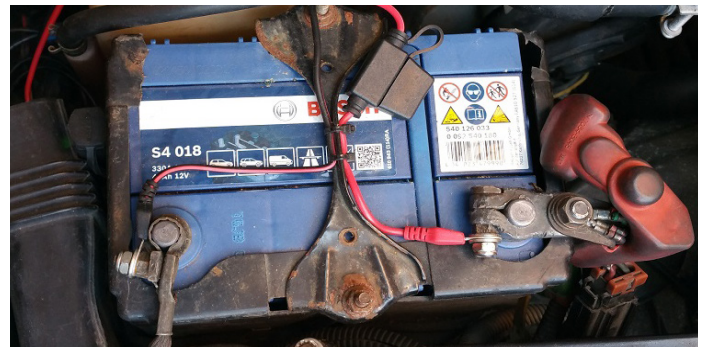
The specifications are 6-24V at 500A which should be more than the cold starting rating (CCA) value of most batteries.

Their fitting instructions are available from [Click here](#) their site or [Click here](#).

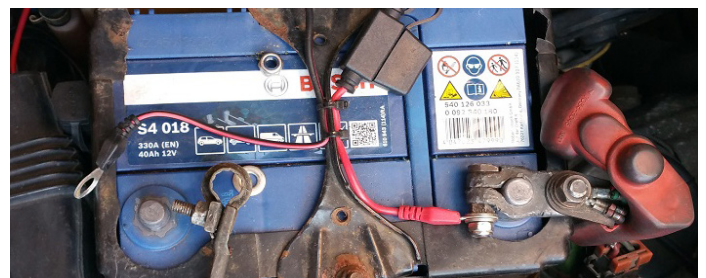
I have detailed below the steps in pictures how to fit them to the Figaro.

Care should be taken not to allow anything to touch both terminals of the battery.

It is also important to check that it does not touch anything especially the bonnet when closed as could damage the wheel or bonnet and ground the terminal to it, therefore you should measure the gap as if you have a taller battery fitted then you not have room.



*Open the bonnet and locate the battery, you can see on mine I have a Cteck charger quick connector.*



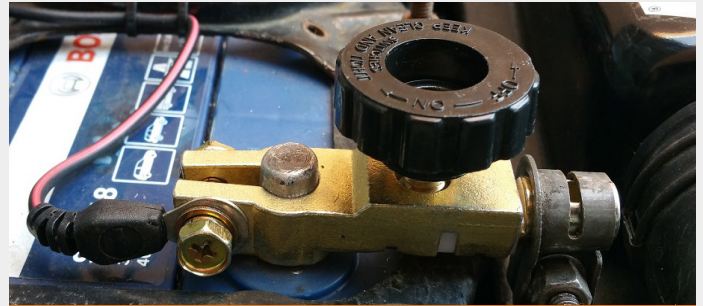
*Disconnect the negative terminal from the battery using a 10mm spanner. You can see I have also removed from the connector the Cteck adapter as this will need to be moved.*



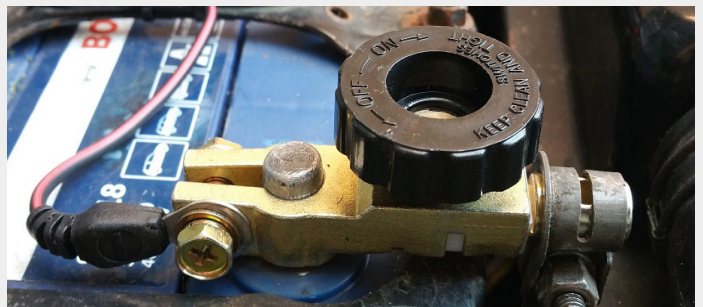
*I cleaned up the terminals using wire wool to ensure the contact was good.*



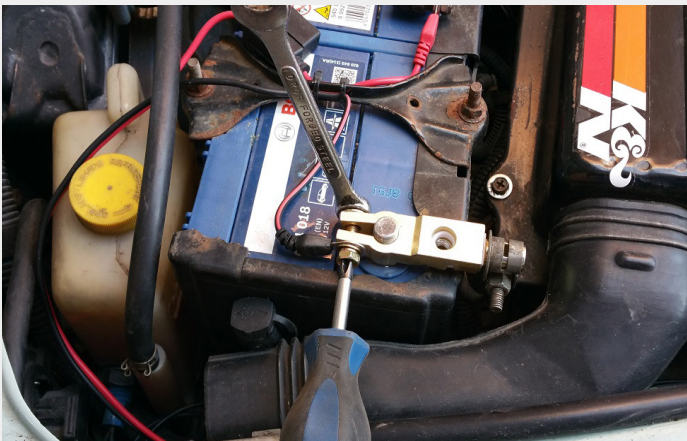
Fit the negative terminal to the isolator switch, push it on fully and tighten, note the angle and position of it. It is important that it is on fully but not touching the isolated section. Ensure that the adapter is not touching anything metal around it.



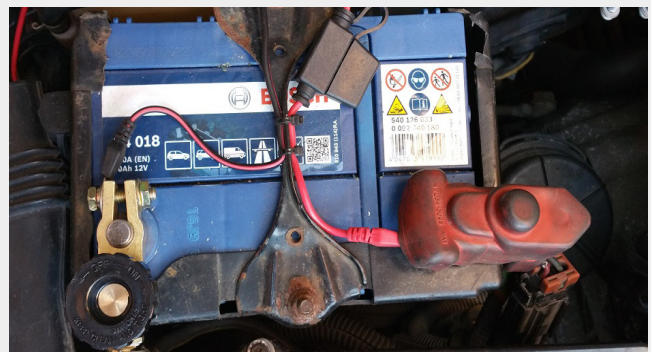
With the isolator wheel refitted but not fully. You can see the gap which means its isolated



With the isolator wheel fully tightened. Ensure this is tight.



Next push the adapter onto the negative battery post and using the 10mm spanner and a cross head screw driver (or another 10mm spanner) tighten the post clamp. You can see I have put the Cteck adapter on this part allowing the battery to be charged even when the car is isolated from the battery.



So now fitted all you have to do to use it is pop the bonnet and either unscrew or screw up the wheel. Don't loose it, although if you do you can buy spares from them.



The fitted adapter without the black isolator screw wheel.

NOTE! It's important to note if you do disconnect the battery then obviously alarms, immobilises and central lock will not work. You should also consider whether doing so will impact your insurance.

## HELPFUL VIDEO

Kevin has made a short video [Click Here](#)

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NEXT EDITION - How to fix Distributor Oil leak (inner seal replacement)

# FIGARO MASTERCLASS

## How to replace your disc brakes

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**S**ummer is drawing to a close and its time for many people to do work on their Figaros and repair the wear and tear that the car has suffered during the busy summer and all those great road trips!

In the past we have covered the rear brakes but we also wanted to talk about the fronts. Although in some ways they are more simple than the rears to work on its still important to make sure they are maintained correctly. They also carry more of the braking load than the rears.

Its very easy to briefly inspect and let them go as being OK. With some Figs the braking can feel soft and unresponsive. We have met Figaro drivers that except this as normal as the cars are now 25 years old. We find however that with good care and attention they can work pretty well.

Here is our guide and some tips to servicing the front brake pads and discs.

Firstly its a case of removing the wheels and inspecting the brake pads and brake discs. You can see in the photo the front brakes are a completely different design from the rears. When working correctly they are much more efficient too. Similar brake designs are still used on sports cars today.

You can see the surface of the brake discs looks a bit like a record, its scored around the edges too.

You can also see a thick lip where the shiny metal meets the rusty edge. Both of these mean the brake doesn't have the best chance, a smoother completely flat surface is the best for these high friction areas. To check, run your nail over the contours of the discs, whilst feeling for deep grooves and heavy rust.



Once you are happy that you brake discs have too much wear check the pads too.

These are the small stone like looking blocks which sit against the surface of the brake discs, held in the pincer type grip on both the front and rear of the disc. Your aiming for these to have no less than approximately 3mm of wear material left on them. This said I would suggest, that if the discs are scored and lipped its time to change both parts. Changing both together is much better practice for long life repair.



Next is dismantling. Firstly remove the caliper by taking out the 14mm headed bolts that hold the calliper in place. The head of these bolts is a bit tricky to get to as they are at the back of the caliper.

Once you have wriggled the bolts out you should be able to pull back the calliper and leave the disc exposed.

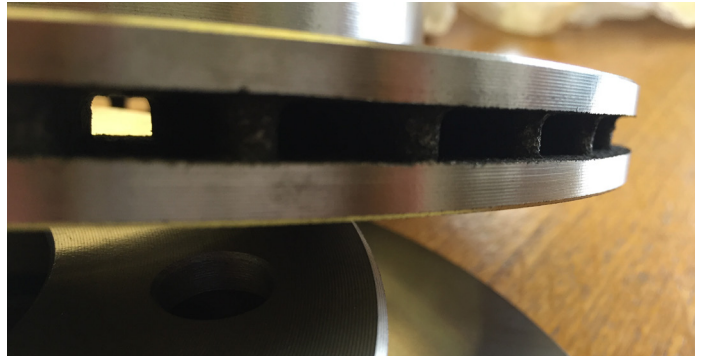


Once the caliper is removed the brake pads and discs can both be removed too. The next step is pretty important. The caliper is designed to self adjust as the pads get low it has two sliding tubes that should slowly move in and out with the brakes and also over time.

These sliders are most likely 25 years old and can often be seized into the caliper with a build up of dirt and brake dust. You also find on many brakes that although the outer pad has plenty of material the inner one is completely gone and at this stage the brakes are only working fractionally as good as they should.

You can see here the sliders removed from the brake caliper we are working on.

These sliders need to be sanded and cleaned until they are like new, then covered in a high temperature grease and re installed. Also be sure that the rubber sleeves which protect them from dust are in place and working too.



You can see the vents in the close up picture. These cool the brakes when they are spinning and give better braking under load.

The final step for reassembly is the reversal of what you have done so far, re insert your cleaned and greased sliders. Fit the pads back into their carrier with plenty of grease on the back. Clean everything else with brake cleaner and be careful that no grease gets onto the friction surfaces.

I can't stress this part enough, brake cleaner is your friend when it comes to the disc and pad friction surfaces.

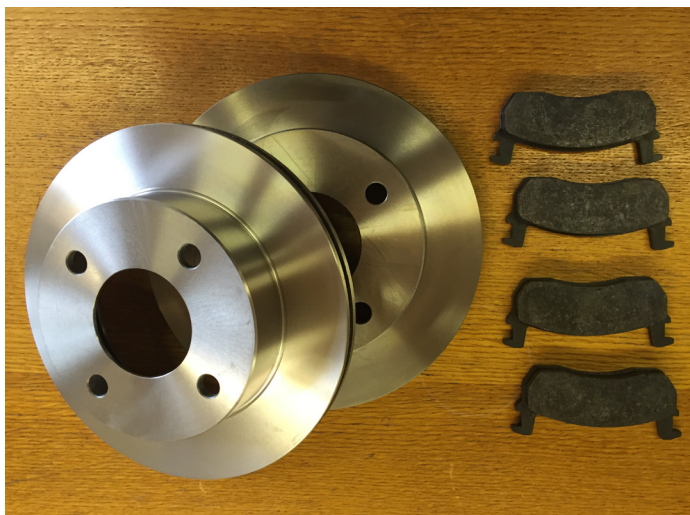


Once everything has been cleaned and the sliders greased its time to start the re assembly. Here are the parts you need. Note the brake discs have vents, they look like a sandwich of discs, not one thick piece. These are not Micra parts! You can also see the thick layer of new friction material on the pads.

The brakes will take a few miles to bed in although some pads have a special brake in coating. So drive carefully to start with.

This is only one part of the braking system but it is a major one. If your still finding your brakes are soft after doing these you may want to bleed them and change the fluid, if you need any advice on this or other aspects of your cars braking system give us a call.

Please note that your brakes are the most important safety aspect on your Figaro. Although we are happy to pass on any of our experiences we cannot in any way at all take responsibility for any problems or damage that happen as a result of trying to follow these steps. If your unsure – don't mess with your brakes and get a professional to do them.



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**NEXT EDITION - An in-depth look at Bodywork**



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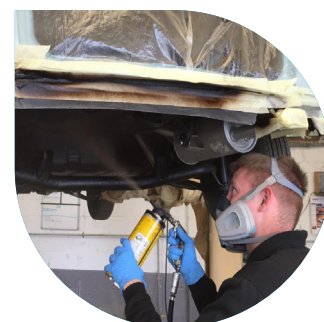
If you drive your Figaro all-year-round we highly recommend you get it treated with Waxoyl or an equivalent product. The original design of the car with its deep cavities is an ideal breeding ground for rust especially in areas along the under door seals. In cold conditions salt is applied on roads which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

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## Save 10%



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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.

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## Additional Club Services



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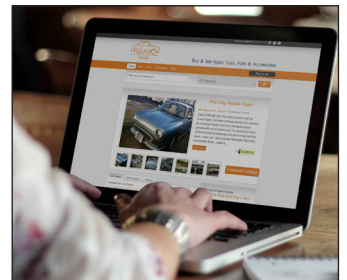


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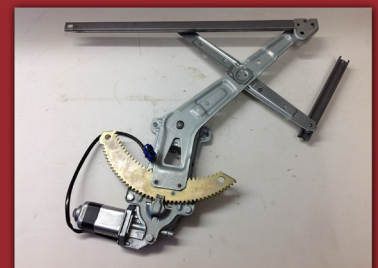


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*Due to the time of the year we have yet to populate the majority of events, meets and get-togethers for 2017. With our New Chapter initiative we are hoping this section will grow considerably!*

## Nov 11-13, 2016. NEC Classic Motor Show 2016

Join us at the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show the UK's Biggest & Best Classic Motor Show 11 12 13 November 2016 at The NEC, Birmingham.  
**ENTRY COST: FROM £18**

## 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 its well worth the drive!  
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## June 1-5, 2017. Yorkshire Figaro Rally 2017

Staying at Skipton, 'Gateway to the Yorkshire Dales', this 4-night foray into God's own county will take you on a whistle-stop tour of some of the UK's most magnificent scenery. The routes traverse the Yorkshire Dales

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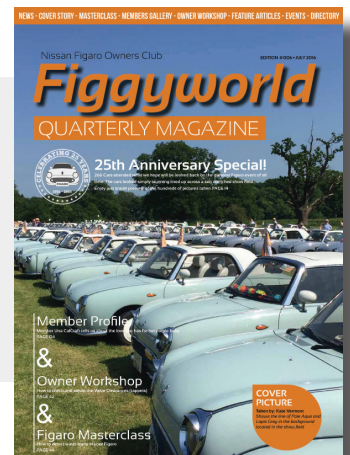


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Silverstone Classic Car Show  
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track for our 25th Birthday  
Celebration Parade Lap.



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