



## *The Interesting Car Club – Sharron Goddard*

Elaine Well, I'm at Bon-Repos today. I'm just amazed by a great collection of classic cars. I think we've counted up; there are probably about 25 and I'm going to find out more about this collection of cars from Sharron Goddard. So, Sharron, when did the club start and why?

Sharron We held our first meeting in March 2016. It's started really because there wasn't a classic car club in Central Brittany, as such. And also, we thought it would be nice to get together and chat cars.

Elaine That's brilliant. The collection here ranges from, I think it was a 1928-38 wasn't it ...

Sharron. The 1938 MGA ...

Elaine. ... MGA to ...

Sharron. The newest is probably...

Elaine. that Mercedes over there ...

Sharron ... the Mercedes, yes, yes

Elaine ..... a little bit new. But, and wonderful, and even a 2 CV van.

Sharron We meet at the Abbaye de Bon-Repos on the last Sunday of every month from 10 o'clock through to mid-day, and sometimes we go off to the campsite at Gouarec, which is for a picnic or a barbeque. Sometimes we'll do a touristic rally around the area, like the Lac de Guerledan, etc., but it's a purely an informal get-together of like-minded people. We have around 35 members at the moment, providing you think your vehicle ... we don't care if it's a car, motor-bike, a tractor, anything that you consider to be interesting and that you love, bring it along.

Elaine And, have you got..... any of your members, are they French?

Sharron Yes, yes, we do have some French members. The chap there with the Porsche 356 come and joined us today.

Elaine His car looks as though it has taken part in rallies, judging by the -- all the sponsoring that's on it.

Sharron. It is; he's actually a world-champion in his class, he competes at various hill climbs. We like to join in with as many people as possible, and people who are interested in cars.

Elaine And it's a great way of integration, isn't it?

Sharron Yes, definitely.

Elaine Certainly there are no language barriers when it comes to something like an interest in a classic car, that it's certainly is another great way of integrating.

Sharron Oh, yes. Personally, I've found it hugely helpful with, with my language skills. I'm a member of 5 clubs in Brittany now, most of which are, apart from this one, are predominantly French, and, me too, I think it always help to talk about something that you're interested in.

Elaine So, do you have any plans to expand or to diversify?

Sharron Um, we, we don't want to get too big. We'd like to stay friendly, and don't want to be too organised. It's early days yet, but we're hoping to speak to Gouarec and possibly even revive the "Classique" that used to happen in Gouarec many years ago where the streets were closed and classic cars were parked up.

Elaine There's another one. See -- an engine, engine noises ...

Sharron Yes engine noises. That's sounds like the Westfield.

Elaine. How can people find out more or contact you? What contact details

Sharron We have a Facebook group, if you just look up "The Interesting Car Club" on Facebook. We have an email address, which is: [theinterestingcarclub@gmail.com](mailto:theinterestingcarclub@gmail.com). Come along to one of our meetings. We also have an allied Facebook group called "Classic Car Events in

Brittany," which encompasses other events happening in Brittany -- not necessarily exhaustive, but interesting things that are, that are happening.

Elaine            That's great. So are you continuing throughout the winter or will it depend on the weather?

Sharron.        We hope to. Certainly Jeff and I will, as we live fairly local. We will, one of us will at least try to come down on a Sun....., on the last Sunday of the month, during every month of the year, just in case somebody decides to come down, because we'd hate somebody to decide to come along and there'll be nobody here to greet them.

Elaine            Thank you very much, Sharron.

Sharron         Thank you.



