

August 2022 :

The destination for our August run, organised in their usual efficient fashion by Tim and Christine, was Attadale Gardens situated on the shore of Loch Carron near Kyle of Lochalsh where the relatively mild climate engendered by the Gulf Stream means that a wide variety of exotic species can flourish. As on previous visits, we were privileged to be allowed to park in front of the House, the original part of which dates from 1755, where we were welcomed enthusiastically by three generations of the owning family. Eight cars took part, plus a modern BMW since David and Elaine had suffered a clutch malfunction on the Midget on the Moray Miglia the previous weekend which could not be fixed in time. The first part of the run to Achnasheen for a coffee stop was in glorious sunshine but, by the time we reached Attadale, hoods had to be raised and umbrellas unfurled to explore the Gardens as a period of showery rain set in. Fortunately, this soon passed and we were able to enjoy our picnic lunch in warm sunshine enjoying the vista from the House. The Gardens contain woodland walks, many different species of trees and plants, a Japanese garden, viewpoints and intriguing sculptures and statues which make for a most interesting and enjoyable visit. After lunch, Tim guided us back round the Loch through Lochcarron Village and down the single-track road to North Strome and Ardaneaskan. It is hard to imagine that this was once the main road to Kyle *via* the ferry. Altogether a most enjoyable and interesting day.

We welcome another new member this month, Richard MacLennan from Inverness who has a 1969 MGB GT.

The September run is being organised by David and Elaine on a route round the Strathnairn area.