

## **September 2024**

**Richard Penman kindly organised the last one-day run of the season and reports that seven cars joined up for a fairly substantial 130-mile 'Whisky with a Drop of Water' Run through Caithness and Sutherland on 12th September.**

**Starting from Clynelish Distillery in Brora we took the short run along the coastal A9 to Helmsdale. We then followed the River Helmsdale for the first stop at RSPB Forsinard - the area has recently been designated UNESCO World Heritage status and a trip to the viewing tower provided a vast panorama of this important peatland landscape. We didn't quite manage to retreat to the cars before getting caught in the heavy (and cold) band of rain that passed over.**

**Continuing on alongside the Halladale River we joined the NC500 route from Melvich to an excellent lunch stop at The Store Bistro in Bettyhill. From there, we crossed the soon-to-be-replaced bridge at Skelpick and took the road south through Strathnaver to Lairg *via* Altnaharra.**

**Unfortunately, the anticipated coffee stop at The Pier in Lairg was abandoned as they close early out of season so we continued on to the Falls of Shin - where we witnessed some intrepid kayakers descending the falls, which were in full spate after the recent rain.**

**On to Ardgay for a brief coffee stop where most cars dispersed on their long journeys home - with a quick photo stop at Glenmorangie Distillery in Tain. A thoroughly enjoyable drive through stunning landscapes.**

**We welcome another two new members this month : mother and son Alison & Steven Dougherty from Inverness who have an eclectic collection of cars (not just MGs), including the intriguing ZTT converted by the factory to run on LPG.**

**October sees our three-night "Autumn Amble" to Gairloch for which Richard has prepared an interesting and varied programme.**