

May 2024

At the end of April, following Drive-it Day, 18 MGs (including “day-trippers”) embarked on the 3-day Spring Saunter based in Grantown-on-Spey and organised by Richard in his usual efficient fashion. Highlights included visits to the Moray Motor Museum in Elgin and Kildrummy Castle. The weather was very kind (dry, bright but cool) until the departure day when there was some snow!

On 14th May, 9 MGs and an everyday car gathered at the Highland Farm Café near Dingwall for a coffee (and perhaps a cake) before a minor-road drive to Dunrobin Castle for a group visit. There was a bit of haar but this soon cleared to give a bright and sunny day until the trip home although the breeze was chilly. From Bonar Bridge we took a very little-travelled road past Loch Buidhe and down Strath Carnaig to the Mound and the A9. Road works in Bonar Bridge diverted us into a housing estate at which point signage stopped! There was a bit of reversing and '3-point' turning until we found our way out. It was a very scenic route with a lengthy section of grass strip down the centre of the single track which had some corrugated sections too, although surprisingly few potholes. All cars survived although there were concerns for the grass given the amount of oil that must have been wiped off! Dunrobin was very busy - apparently 500 tickets had been sold just that morning - but was big enough not to feel crowded. As well as the Castle and grounds, most of us visited the eerie museum and watched the falconry display with a Harris's hawk and Peregrine falcon demonstrating their skills. In June we are going to a chocolate factory! (Many thanks to Richard for the organisation and the report.)