

September 2026

For the September run, Sian and Phil devised a scenic and sometimes challenging route round some “roads less travelled” on the south side of Loch Ness ending up for lunch at their house overlooking the Loch itself. The pleasant weather meant that we could socialise outside and appreciate the tremendous views with boats on the Loch and fighter jets practising low-flying to watch as well. Their hard work and hospitality were greatly appreciated. (The photograph shows a lovely scene at their house – and the Loch looks quite pretty too!)

The numbers on the Autumn Amble were somewhat reduced for various reasons but Stuart had arranged excellent accommodation at the Moulin Hotel in Pitlochry (established in 1695) which has its own brewery amongst other attractions. It was an inspired location with great food and friendly service, a cosy traditional atmosphere especially in the busy bar with its own beers and a great selection of malt whiskies including the local Edradour.

Events Co-ordinator Richard had prepared the usual interesting runs with a detailed route book to keep us right. The first day included a very scenic route *via* Aberfeldy and Loch Tay to a coffee stop at the charming village of Fortingall, home of the yew tree reputed to 5,000 years old. In bright, sunny weather, a run to Rannoch Station, one of the most remote mainline railway stations in the country, was followed by an excellent lunch at Loch Rannoch and a relaxed return to base *via* Tummel Bridge. Day 2 had more relaxed vibe going *via* Blairgowrie to Dunkeld Golf Club where we were joined for lunch by Ken, Billy and Katie from the MGCC Caledonian Section. The afternoon saw a return to Aberfeldy where some enjoyed a bit of retail therapy and others in more energetic mode took on the “Birks o’Aberfeldy” walk.

It was a great way to end the season’s runs and grateful thanks are due to Richard and Stuart for making it happen.

More photographs of both events are on the Facebook page.

We also welcome another addition to our ranks : Samantha Gordon from Evanton who has a 1971 Midget.

Finally, you’ll have noted Richards’ intimation of the End of Season Lunch which is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November at Tulloch Castle, Dingwall.