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With a record turnout for pre-season lunch on 10th April at Tulloch Castle in Dingwall, the year has certainly begun with a bang. This was a new venue for us but Richard's meticulous planning resulted in a very enjoyable and convivial occasion. For Drive It Day on 21st April, we had our own club run with 17 cars turning out for an interesting route devised by Richard, starting at Invergordon and following some "roads-less-travelled" to a soup-and-sandwich lunch at Coul House at Contin. A rather wet start to the day soon cleared to bright sunshine though still with a cool breeze. After lunch, we took a circuitous route via Meig Dam in Strathconon to end up at author Neil Gunn's Memorial Garden at the Heights of Achterneed. Views as far as the Cairngorms on a fine day made the steep climb well worthwhile although the even the more precipitous descent was a severe test for elderly brakes. We are very lucky to have Richard's enthusiasm and skills in organising these events as well as the Spring Saunter based at Grantown-On-Spey. Since this is ongoing at the time of writing, it will have to be part of next month's report.