

October 2024

The Autumn Amble from 6th to 8th October saw 23 members in 13 cars take in some or all of the interesting and enjoyable programme laid on by Richard. Stuart had negotiated an excellent deal with the Gairloch Hotel which served our purposes very well and was a good base for exploring the area. The staff were pleasant and helpful and the service was fast and efficient.

While some went direct to Gairloch, others took the northern route *via* The Struie, Strath Oykel, Ledmore Junction and Braemore Junction to the first destination, Wester Ross Woodwork operated by Sandy Boyd, a bespoke furniture maker and former MG owner who remains a member of the MGOC and was looking to divest himself of “Enjoying MG” magazines dating back to the 1980s. While members were fascinated by his workshop and skills, there were sadly no takers for the magazines!

Othe visits included Inverewe Gardens and Pool House on the Sunday and the Arctic Convoy Museum on the Monday. Some members also found time to go to the Gairloch Heritage Museum as well as fitting in a run to Inverasdale and Cove to the Arctic Convoy Memorial. The visit to Pool House was particularly memorable for its fascinating history including being the HQ for the Loch Maree Naval base during World War II. The guides were excellent with many interesting anecdotes.

All in all, it was a thoroughly successful event so many thanks to Richard and Stuart for the excellent arrangements.

Richard has intimated a fitting end to the season with the lunch at Tulloch Castle in Dingwall on 19th November so please remember to let him know your selections (and pay Stuart as well!) Otherwise, we'll keep in touch by Zoom over the winter with the AGM to look forward to in January.

Finally, welcome to new member Craig Robertson from Findhorn who has a TF and an RV8 – we look forward to seeing him at our meetings.