

MG Manawatu Mid-Winter Christmas Event Saturday 18 June 2022

Overall, about 30 members enjoyed this afternoon and evening event organised once again by Mid-Winter Christmas veterans Pat and Lynette. With other commitments, some were not able attend the full programme but about 28 dined in the evening at the Palmy Italian restaurant, Portofino in Broadway. Participants gathered at Property Brokers in Broadway at 1pm and it was great to see our new member Sam Parkinson along in his own immaculate MGF. With Sam not yet quite of age to legally drive, his Dad Alan has that honour for now. Wayne Cobham noted Sam's beneficial effect on the average age of MG Manawatu's membership! A nice rural run took in Ashhurst, Colyton, Cheltenham and Stanway to reach the 'Rusty Radiator' cafe in Halcombe where Sam is actually a staff member. From there it was across country to the home of Graham and Noeline Blackley near Feilding. Here a collection of rather massive military vehicles is still being very actively restored and cared for by Graham, a remarkably fit and agile man at 84. With a mid-winter evening looming we made our way back to Broadway to the Portofino Italian restaurant for an evening that included Pat's traditional Beetle game, always a good laugh. Special thanks to Pat and Lynette for again producing an enjoyable winter diversion.