

After having a lovely Winter Solstice meeting last night to put us in the mood for celebration we set off to the Pitruzzello Estate near Sunbury to meet up for morning tea with other club members.

We arrived a little late after confusing the directions (not a good start) so everyone was either tucking into a hearty morning tea/breakfast? or leaving to start the observation run up to Mt. Macedon. The Pitruzzello Estate was a great venue to meet and we were fortunate to be given a quick tour of their facilities while our coffee brewed. The rooms for hire were many and varied. The grandest and newest being able to seat quite a few hundred and was resplendent with lovely crystal chandeliers. One wag asked how our guide would be able to get up to dust them - something she had not thought of!



We made a good start on our observation run until... missing a turn we had to make one of the many U turns that we would do that morning. All in good fun though and we only missed two questions so we thought that was pretty good and we might even be in with a chance to get the prize!

On reaching the "Top of the Range" Café we found, to no surprise, that we were one of the last to get there but at least we had tried hard to answer all the observation questions and hadn't given up - although we were tempted to once or twice. We were greeted with a good display of Singers, Sunbeams, Rootes and Humber cars in the car park. Sadly we had to elect to go modern as the Macedon Hills are too steep for comfortable driving in our old 14/40 Humber.



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During lunch and a good gossip with everyone we all tried our luck with the GT quiz that had a Winter Solstice flavour and was quite difficult. Needless to say some guesswork went on as well as a bit of collusion -what car did "Truly Scrumptious" drive?" we found out later it was a 1909 8hp Humber! Now why didn't we know that?

John Washbourne, as HCCV president, awarded the prizes to the lucky winners of the Observation Run and the GT quiz and welcomed all the clubs who had taken part in the Annual GT Day and suggested that combined events with the HCCV and the three other clubs should be held more frequently as they always turn out to be very successful and enjoyable. All members present heartily agreed with this idea so we will look forward to see what may be arranged between the clubs in the next six months. The Rootes Group Car Club have been nominated as organisers for the Next Annual GT Day for 2013.



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