

## Classic cars live another day

A welcome return event was the always popular Joe Studholme Memorial Vintage and Classic Car Day held on Sunday 26 February in North Canterbury.

Sending us on our way from the Quad, Executive Principal Garth Wynne suggested that College might supply him with a vintage model so he could accompany us.

About 20 cars made the sojourn, including several modern and classic Jaguars, a Porsche 928, a Ferrari 330GT, an R type Bentley, TVR Griffith, Triumph Stag, a Triumph TR6, a very pretty Citroen GSA Pallas, a 1953 Lincoln, 1957 Chrysler 300, and a couple of gallant soft tops (Morris 8 sports, and Austin 12/4 ). A further eight cars joined along the way. It was great to see Alastair and Will, Joe's son and grandson, in his 1960 Jensen 541R, looking every bit the part.

It was a fairly brisk trek north up the new motorway and SH1 to our first stop at Foxdown, 10km from Greta Valley. Despite the heavy rain, we were warmly welcomed by owner Andy Fox. Andy's heated and bunting-decorated shed housed a wonderful selection of vintage and classic cars, including Cadillacs, Corvettes, an early Mustang, a Cord, and a rare 1939 Studebaker President coupé with an attractive unrestored patina.

There was also a magnificent T922 RR Silver Ghost which was New Zealand new and owned by an Auckland publishing family, before being re-bodied by Gulf Motor Bodies in Auckland.

Other sheds were resplendent with an accumulation of household memorabilia, and farm machinery that reminded us of our childhoods.

While there, architect and author Alec Bruce presented a signed copy of his book, *Architectural Drawings of Christ's College*, to our host. The book documents the buildings of Christ's College, pre and post-earthquake.

Next stop was Saddlewood, just past Hawarden, where hosts Richard and Anita Todd kindly allowed a rather bedraggled party of 50-plus people to lunch inside their lovely home.

Rod Buchanan presented the Todds with another signed copy of *Architectural Drawings of Christ's College*, and gave a short history of the Joe Studholme event, now in its 20th year.

Richard Todd introduced us to his farm and handed round a very heavy stag's antler as an example of the deer velvet that was the basis of the farm's economy, now that sheep were not economic.

Of special note was the presence of very Old Boy Andrew Anderson, founder of the Vintage Car Club, who was celebrating his 95th birthday the same day.

Anita Todd provided a wonderful chocolate cake and, as the rain cleared, we were able to tour her beautiful garden.

Thank you to all involved for a fantastic day.

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