

The Tasting and The Barbie

(Hartzview Winery and Cradoc Park)

After waking on 25th October to find the weather not looking all that convertible friendly we decided discretion was the better part of valour and piled our goodies into the back of the Discovery and headed to the Hunter Street meeting point. We had no sooner arrived than Andrew and Marilyn walked over to us on their way home after a breakfast out, they wouldn't be joining the excursion as they had a wedding later in the afternoon. As we talked it didn't take long for the numbers to swell until there were about 30 odd people from 17 cars gathered around having a bit of a natter and no they all weren't all from JCCT as the PVCC had been invited and a number of their members were in attendance.

We departed Hunter Street a little behind time, but who cared, and set off for our first stop of the day, morning tea and a tasting for those inclined at the Hartzview Winery between Woodbridge and Cygnet. It was a little unusual at first to be looking out for cars other than Jaguars but a convoy



was soon established and we found ourselves between a Triumph 2.5TC and Hillman Hunter from the PVCC as we made our way uneventfully except some heavy showers of rain, which justified using the Disco, down to Woodbridge.

After an hour or so sampling the delights that the Hartzview Winery had to offer we all formed up again and headed to Cradoc Park hoping that there would be plenty of shelter as we passed through yet another deluge. It didn't take long to get there and we

weren't disappointed as there was a large shelter with 2 barbeques, a



fireplace, and a number of tables and benches all in excellent condition. It

didn't take long for the fireplace to be pressed into use followed by the fitting of some clear screens, from the storeroom, to the windward side of the shelter which by keeping out the wind made for a very pleasant setting. While enjoying lunch there was the usual interest and inspection of the assembled cars and it was great to see Alan and Kaye Shaw with their blue Mk 1.

Once lunch was complete things were tidied up and those not going to Franklin for some Show Band entertainment headed for home through the beautiful Huon Valley. It was really good that the PVCC were able to join us and we look forward to more joint outings with them in the future. Thanks must also go to Jenni for organising such a great day that even the weather didn't hamper.

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