

Thirty Eight Clues and a Multitude of Views

The annual Car Treasure Hunt has become a bit of an institution over the years for Kyrle Probus Club and this year was no exception.

There were certainly 38 clues of varying degrees of opaqueness plus a particularly sneaky bonus one involving letter boxes and monarchs just to distract participants from the immediate matters in hand. Fortunately participants weren't asked to count the views ... or several days after the event they could still be arguing what constitutes a view! Many people thought they knew their immediate environs quite well but afterwards a common refrain was, "I've never been along there before – isn't it beautiful!"

All clues required good observation skills (yes, I was a Boy Scout); some required a bit of thought (hmmm); a few, to get full marks, required the mind set of a pedant (nope) and one required a certain something which no one had (but once it was explained, it was quite clever!) The drivers also had their observational and awareness skills well polished – narrow lanes and overgrown verges do require concentration!

After the event 32 members convened at the Royal Oak at Much Marcle for an evening meal. Not all had participated but everyone was present and correct and on time ... by the simple expedient of telling everyone where and when the meal is beforehand, the club has never yet lost a member. When everyone was suitably mellowed by food and good company, the organisers revealed the correct answers ... or the answers which they deemed to be correct by virtue of Rule 1, namely "The Organiser is always correct." (For the record, Rule 2 states that "In the event of a dispute, Rule 1 applies.")

The final concensus was that it was another brilliant event, enjoyed by all, but the markers were still rotten meanies!