

## AUTOMOTIVE GROUP - Report by David Yeadon

Seven members of the group set out in an interesting selection of cars, to the South Lakes Motor Museum, which contains a wide selection of cars, motorbikes, cycles, and a massive collection of everything to do with motoring and cycling going back to the mid 1800s. Being the age profile our group is, a lot of the cars on display elicited 'I had one like that', 'My Dad had one like that, and we all crammed into it to go on holiday!'

An 'Amphicar', car-cum-boat, with propellers at the back/stern, from the 1960s, brought back memories for David Yeadon, who was in the Motor Trade in Leeds at that time. 'An 'Amphicar' came into stock, some people showed interest in buying it, and I was sent off to Naburn near York, where there was a slipway, to demonstrate the vehicle's capabilities. I put the hood down so that I could swim to shore in case it sank. All went well, and the prospective buyers had a little chug up and down the river, were happy, and bought the car-cum-boat. Horrible to drive and looking as if the smallest wave would sink it !

'A few weeks later the car was back in the garage with gearbox failure, And it transpired that it had been a rental vehicle on the south coast, and had been sunk in the sea. Spare parts were unobtainable, so it lingered in a corner of the workshop for ages, and I have no idea what happened to it eventually!



A fun day out for a bunch of u3a 'petrol heads!

