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Imp Club in Ireland April Weekend Get-together 26th/27th April 2014 Richard and Joanne Gillespie (Imp Club in Ireland), Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Our first meeting this year was organised by Ali Poole and Peter McGuinn in the lovely town of Westport, County Mayo. In total we had 21 cars consisting of 14 Imps, a Hillman avenger, Hillman Avenger Tiger, Sunbeam Tiger, MG roadster, E34 and two modern cars. We stayed in Westport Country Lodge Hotel, where we gathered on Friday evening.

Beautiful backdrop provided by Lough Furnace *Photo: Joanne Gillespie*



Saturday morning saw us heading to Westport House to take part in a photo shoot followed by a tour of the house. After lunch we headed off along the Wild Atlantic Way through the Partry Mountain Range towards Leenaun (famous for the film *The Field*), then onwards towards Louisburgh passing Killary Harbour and along the coast road through Doo Lough Pass which runs between the Mweelrea Mountains and the Sheeffry Hills. Heading back to the hotel we had scenic views of Old Head/Clew Bay and in the village of Murrisk we had views of Croagh Patrick.

Come the evening we all had dinner together – those who went to bed early missed out of a good sing song!

On Sunday morning we left the hotel and headed towards Newport before following the Furnace Loop towards the Salmon Centre/Marine Institute where we had some great photo

Club President Rosemany Smith with her Imp Photo: Joanne Gillespie





opportunities. The Loop had Furnace some spectacular scenery and great twisty winding roads which where fantastic for the Imps. Next stop was Castlebar for some lunch and to sav our goodbyes before heading home. It was a great weekend had by all with lots of fun and laughter.

Rarely do you see an Avenger – and very rarely an Avenger Tiger! Photo: Joanne Gillespie







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