



Cars gather in Dornoch Square.

Coast-to-coasters go the extra mile for charity

ON a glorious morning last Saturday, 52 classic cars left Dornoch Square on a charity coast-to-coast tour organised by the Rotary Club of East Sutherland.

They ranged in age from a 1929 Austin 7 to the latest Jaguar F Type entered by the main sponsor, Macrae and Dick of Inverness.

A weekend use of this car was the prize for John Stevenson and Duncan Norrie from Stonehouse in Lanarkshire, the team which raised the most sponsorship money.

After a coffee stop at the Oykel Bridge Hotel, the cars reassembled on Ullapool Pier and most drivers and their navigators sampled the fine fish and chips at the renowned Seaforth Restaurant. Many also took the chance to explore the lifeboat which had sailed south from Lochinver.

The route back took in tea and, for navigators at least, the odd dram generously provided by the Muir of Ord Distillery.

The day was rounded off by a lively ceilidh at the Dornoch Social Club where further prizes

were presented. A Highland Stoneware piece went to the best dressed couple, Bill and Sue Spence from Orkney, and a bottle of Clynelish whisky to the highest scorers in the route quiz, Headley and Rosanne Greaves from Cheshire.

The RNLI and Macmillan Support for Cancer were the main beneficiaries of the event which raised well over £10,000.

Next year's tour will be on Saturday 21st May. The exact route is yet to be decided but the Rotary committee is already making plans.