

Ardingly Classic Show and Jumble

23rd October 2011

Following on from the generally poor summer weather this year, all of the autumn events have been blessed with fine, sunny, weather, and Ardingly certainly 'kept up the good work' with a day of virtually unbroken sunshine and pleasantly warm temperatures once the morning chill had cleared.

Baz, Jim, Ron, and Dave Whinfield (a new recruit) and Mike Gower (yet to be recruited!) met up at the bottom of Wrotham Hill and enjoyed a fine incident free run down into Sussex; while me and Matt (shoulder giving him gyp again) belted down the M25/M23 in my car, complete with club banner and the usual supplies of homemade biccies!

We arrived about 9.45 and were enjoying a sarnie and coffee in the car when we saw the lads arrive on the bikes. We waited until the queue died down

before heading in, and made a beeline straight to the hall with the club banner and supplies of biccies before heading back out to go round the jumble and enjoy the sunshine.





*South of England 'RealClassic'
Motorcycle Show
Ardingly - Sunday 23rd October 2011*

No. 47

Make : Norton
Model : Nomad
Reg No : - **HP / cc :** 600
Year of Manufacture : 1958

Dispatched in 1958 to Hap Jones Distributing Company, Norton importers, San Francisco USA. They were made for desert racing & dirt track racing, and only one 600cc Nomad was ever sold in England as the rest of the entire production was dispatched for export. There were seven distributors and importers of the Nomad into North America. Other Nomads went to Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Japan, Guam, Hong Kong & Europe (Belgium & Denmark). Over 300 600cc Nomads were made, using a modified Norton ES2 frame with a stronger wider swinging arm, to take a larger scrambler tyre & twin Amal 276 1 1/16" carbs. The exhausts were special to the Nomads, and the dual seats were different colours to differentiate between the models on the test track. The 500cc Nomads had black top dual-seats with white sides, while 600cc Nomads had white top dual-seats with black sides.

Ridden to the event? Y / N (please complete as appropriate)

Club : Norton OC (Surrey)

Classes: 1950-59 Competition / Special

Prize Giving at Approximately 2:30 pm

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Tarzan (Frank) and Jane!

Mark Whyman, Ken Rawlinson, Derek & Jan Isaacs, Ken Watson, Rob Butler, Jerry Tilney, Brian Townsend and John Bonugli made their own way down – some by bike and some by car. Jim Turner was also there, riding round on his mountain bike! A pretty good turnout of branch members.

There was certainly plenty of 'jumble' stalls to get through, including our Frank and Jane's – both inside and outside. It took me and Matt a couple of hours to get round, stopping for the occasional natter, and buying the odd Villiers Midget engine (£8, Baz not impressed!).



This one obviously lived to tell the tale!



The ultimate long distance touring machine!

‘Jumbled out’ it was time to head into the hall to have a good look round the bikes. A great selection from flat tankers right through to Japanese, with plenty of Nortons in addition to our branch display and the Surrey branch display. I will let the pictures tell the story!

All in all, a great day out to round off the 2011 season, though I must say it is a bit of a shame that so many of the jumble stalls decide to pack up and call it a day so early. Me and Matt had noticed people packing up from about 1 o’clock onwards which does not give you enough time to get round the whole thing in anything like a thorough manner!

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