

South of England 'RealClassic' Show & Bikejumble: 10am Sunday 23rd October 2011



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The South of England 'RealClassic' Show takes place on Sunday 23rd Oct 2011 at the South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL.

With over 150 pre-1980 machines on display in the indoor Show Hall, competition will be fierce in the 10 classes and especially so for the hotly contested Best Club Stand prize. More clubs than ever are entered, including several sections of the BSA Owner's Club, The Sunbeam MotorCycle Club, the TR3 Owners Clubs for triples, the Norton Owners Club and the Vintage MotorCycle Club. Judging is by Frank Westworth of RealClassic magazine, who sponsor the Show. An unenviable task given the standard and number of machines on display.

Our Guest of Honour is Gordon May and Peggy, the Overland to Egypt Bantam. Peggy is a 1952 BSA D1 Bantam that took Gordon over 5000 miles from Manchester, UK, to Cairo, Egypt and back. A challenge for most motorcycles, but quite something on an antiquated 1952 BSA Bantam. Gordon's first attempt at the journey, in August and September 2009, ended with a major engine failure in northeastern Italy. Undeterred, Gordon set off again in the spring of 2010 with a completely rebuilt engine, with a new route across the Mediterranean to Tunisia then along the north coast of Libya and Egypt. On the return leg, the plucky little 2-stroker crossed the Sinai before heading north through Jordan and Syria. After a ferry crossing from Syria to Italy, Gordon retraced the route of his first foray over the Alps but in reverse.

The Bantam can be seen at Ardingly still fully loaded and covered in layers of oil and sand accumulated on the journey and Gordon will be on hand to talk about his travels. To find out more about Gordon see www.overlandtoegypt.co.uk.

The large motorcycle-only Autojumble takes place over 3 additional halls plus outside stalls. A range of specialists selling new and used spares for an enormous range of motorcycles, plus new & period clothing and motorcycle accessories. The autojumble continues to grow, and gives the classic motorcycle enthusiast the ideal opportunity to find that essential part for their pride & joy or to buy a new project

for restoration. There's also a free-to-enter BikeMart, where complete machines are bought and sold. Just pay your admittance fee and bring the bike in.

There's additional catering, including a Hog roast with local free-range pork.

Event Details:

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Date: Sunday 23rd October 2011

Venue: South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL (M23 junction 10, sign-posted SOE / Wakehurst Place.)

Entry: Gates Open 10am and admission is £6 adults; £5 RealClassic members and seniors in receipt of state pension; kids under 16 free.

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