

South of England Classic Bike Show & Bikejumble Sunday 27th October 2019

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Show Results

Best Pre 1950 1st Phil Hannam, Hampshire. AMC factory experimental bikes. 1948 500cc Norton P6A Prototype. This motorcycle is the Jack Moore Norton Prototype 500cc twin, which Bracebridge planned to put into production in 1948. However, it proved too costly to build and was shelved in favour of the Bert Hopwood design which became known as the Model 7. The engine in this bike is one of only two surviving Jack Moore designed engines. The shelved production bike was intended to use the same frame as the ES2. However, this required new engine and gearbox mounting plates, plus modifications to get the primary and rear chain alignment correct. All these issues were overcome in the Bert Hopwood design. First time at this show for this extremely rare machine.

2nd R Tunbridge, KENT. 1938 500cc Royal Enfield Model JM. Recent restoration to near original specification. Enfield produced two versions of the model J, the standard model J had coil ignition while the JM model had magneto ignition. First time at this show.

Best 1950 - 1959 1st Rod Daniels, Surrey. 1958 600cc Norton Dominator 99. The Dominator 99 was produced from 1956 - 1962. Restored in 2009, with Boyer Bransden electronic ignition. Used all year round and ridden to this show.

2nd Michael Touhey, East Sussex. 1957 49cc Velosolex 1010. Not many of this model around, as they were only produced for just over a year. This particular machine was purchased in a very dilapidated condition from a trader at this show several years ago. Since then it's been completely dismantled and refurbished to the present condition by the owner. All frame parts and wheels have been shot-blasted, powder coated and then coach-lined. The remainder has been stripped and chromed. The engine was dismantled, and amazingly all the

components were in good condition, however as a precaution the owner renewed the main bearings. Runs very well and is surprisingly powerful for the engine capacity.

Best 1960 - 1969 1st RJ Woolford, West Sussex. AJS & Matchless OC (Sussex). 1962 750cc Matchless G15/45. This is a rare model, made for the export market. In total, 212 were made for the American market fitted with a stretched 650 engine until the Norton engine was fitted. The '45' of the model number refers to 45 cubic inches, i.e. 750cc. Brought back from the USA in 1998, Al Perry the American owner rode it to Woodstock, the famous music festival. Despite all the bad press this model attracted it goes very well and is oil-tight. Only 62 are known to exist. Featured in 'Classic Bike' magazine in February 2018.

2nd Jeremy Frank, East Sussex. 1962 250cc Ariel Arrow. Restored two years ago by the owner, who tells us: 'The bike was in a very sorry state when I got it. It was a real challenge to achieve the end result you see.'

Best 1970 on 1st Steve Dicker, KENT. 1980 750cc Triumph Bonneville T140D Special. This bike was a barn find years ago at Hammerwood, near East Grinstead. It was a totally rusty non-runner and took two years to rebuild.

2nd Tony Fitzgerald, Essex. 1979 250cc Suzuki GT250 X7. This is a 1979 mark 1 with period modifications, restored in 2008. With current owner since 2004.

Best Competition/ Special 1st Geoff Smithers, HANTS. 1956 499cc Norton M30 International. First registered on 12th July 1956 this bike has been with the current owner since 1969. Travelled to Ireland, the Isle of Man and France over the years for shows, parades and track-days.

2nd Malcolm Wylde. Greeves Riders Association. 1971 380cc Greeves 380 Griffon. First time at this Show for this two-stroke competition machine.

Best Heavyweight (250cc and over) 1st Dave Piggott, KENT. Ariel Owners MCC. 1929 557cc Ariel Model A. The Model A was introduced at the end of 1925 and designed by Val Page. Made in Selly Oak, Birmingham. Fitted with a period sidecar.

2nd CJ Tullett, Surrey. VMCC (Surrey & Sussex). 1938 600cc Panther 100 Redwing. The Panther Model 100 was introduced in 1932 and remained in production until 1963. Fitted with a Steib sidecar. This bike is ridden to every run and show, and is never trailered. Regularly competes in the Sunbeam MCC Graham Walker Run based at Beaulieu Motor Museum in Hampshire. From home that's 90+ miles each way, not including the length of the run. No mean feat, and with my mate Brian in the sidecar!

Best Lightweight (Under 250cc) 1st John Boniface, East Sussex. 1974 144cc Honda TL. This bike was found abandoned in a local garden, unused for 17 years and completely rusted up. It's undergone a complete rebuild over a period of 18 months. First time at this show.

2nd John Tickner, KENT. 1958 125cc Ducati Grand Prix Factory Racer. This D.O.H.C Grand Prix Ex-Works factory racer was originally fitted with a Desmodromic cylinder head. When the very few race bikes built were sold in 1959/60 the Desmo heads were removed by the factory and replaced with Twin Cam units. Successfully raced in the early sixties by private owners such as Arthur Wheeler and Tommy Robb.

Best British 1st Best British Joe Stanton, KENT. 1914 500cc BSA Model K. First time at this show for this veteran.

2nd Stephen Elston, West Sussex. Roaring Twenties MCC. 1927 490cc Norton 18. Recently restored, this 1927 model 18 has been on a long road to get to this condition. Found 15 years ago completely dismantled in many boxes. The previous owner never got to see it restored to this condition, thanks Bill...

Best Overseas **1st C Tanner, Essex. 1975 350cc Ducati 350 MK3 D.** Manufactured in 1974 and sold by West London Motorcycles during 1975 and bought by the current owner in September 1980. Ran it hard and took it off the road in 1984. Box phase for 25 years, then restored for the road again and completed in 2014. Now runs well and is a real joy to ride, although not over long distances. This Desmo Ducati has only had two owners, and is one of the original Mick Walker imports.

2nd Neil Brailsford, HANTS. BRT Racing. 1975 860cc Ducati Bevel Racer. First time at this show for this beautiful Ducati.

Best Royal Enfield: Ivan James, KENT. Royal Enfield OC (Kent). 1971 250cc Royal Enfield Continental GT Gannet. Very rare machine, built for club racing by Gander & Gray, the Essex Enfield dealer. Registered and assembled with their own Gannet range of custom equipment. First time at this show.

Best Club Stand British Owners Club Essex.