

# South of England Classic Bike Show & Bikejumble Sunday 26 March 2023

South of England Showground, Ardingly, Near Gatwick RH17 6TL

## Show Results

### Best Pre 1950

**1<sup>st</sup> Rick Parkington, KENT. Sunbeam MCC. Machine Details: 1915 cc Blackburne Scarlet Runner Replica.** Rick Parkington tells us: "The Scarlet Runner was a stripped back, short-framed, single-speed track fighter with no front brake and swooping dropped handlebars. At that time Brooklands was Britain's only race circuit. On the huge, banked, concrete oval you got up to maximum speed and stay there, so things like gears (and brakes) were unnecessary weight so they were generally done without.

Although the Scarlet Runner made the 1915 catalogue I believe only a prototype was built, and that was almost certainly broken up during the War. Hence I built this replica of the proto-type."

**2<sup>nd</sup> John Gentleman, Brooklands Museum. Machine Details: 1922 3.5 HPcc Zenith Bradshaw Gradua Drive.** This 3½ HP 1922 Zenith Bradshaw is fitted with an oil-cooled horizontally opposed Bradshaw engine and the famous Gradua Drive.

The Gradua system simultaneously changed the diameter of the crankshaft belt-drive pulley to alter the drive ratio, while moving the rear wheel forward or back to maintain belt tension. This variable drive ratio proved a significant advantage in competition, leading riders of other marques to complain the Gradua gave an unfair advantage; eventually Zeniths with Gradua gears were banned from many competitions. Zenith capitalized on this ban, adding the word "Barred" to their advertising and logo. The Gradua system was replaced by the now-standard gearbox and chain transmission in 1924. Courtesy of Brooklands Museum.

## **Best 1950 - 1959**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Malcolm Harrison. Machine Details: 1955 650cc Norton Triton.**

650cc Triton inspired by Doug Clark. The owner tells us: "I have owned this bike for 60 years, 58 as a Triton.

The engine has a one piece dynamically balanced crankshaft. Pair of 3134 cam shafts c/w lightened cam wheels. 9 stud cylinder head ported and gas flowed c/w central plugs. Ignition by mag/electronic. 9.1 pistons. Close ratio RRT2 gearbox. 12volt electrics. Wheels Borrani c/w stainless spokes. Front brake Tickle 2 leading shoe. Dunstall exhaust pipes c/w a pair of original Thruxton Silencers. Petrol tank is fibreglass/aluminium 3 1/2 gallon. Single Thruxton racing seat.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> A Remnant, West Sussex. BSA Bantam Preservation Group.**

**Machine Details: 1950 125cc BSA Bantam D1.** 1 owner from new, has been sitting in a old shed for about 20 years, the owner's son had it running and left it in the shed until his father past away, his son cleared the shed out and got it running again some 2 years ago, I purchased it cleaned the tank out plus cleaned points and plug it started 2nd kick and ticked over

## **Best 1960 - 1969**

**1<sup>st</sup> Martyn Carter, Essex. 1966 Velocette Thruxton.** Originally sold by Cowie Ltd. Originally spotted in the IOM in 1982, as the tank at that time had a unique paint job, subsequently purchased from the original owner in 1990. Completely stripped, restored and rebuilt by the current owner. The original registration was reinstated by the DVLA. On the Thruxton register.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Simon Freeman, Norfolk. Francis-Barnett Owners Club.**

**Machine Details: 1964 250cc Francis-Barnett Cruiser 91 Sports.**

Restored by present owners in 2021. Project started with just a frame and wheels which was purchased from ebay.

## **Best 1970 on**

**1<sup>st</sup> Graham Prevett, West Sussex. VJMC (West Sussex). Machine Details: 1974 250cc Honda CB250 G5.** This machine was registered new on the 1st of February 1974 in the Perry Barr area of Birmingham. From new, it was in regular use for three years until the road tax ran out

and it was basically dumped in an old shed. It was bought for the sum of £50 pounds by the previous owner. In 2017, the genuine mileage 7832 was from new.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Prevett, West Sussex. VJMC (West Sussex). Machine Details: 1973 500cc Honda CB500 Four.** 1973 Honda CB500 Four K1 originally from America, UK registered 2019. only done 16,600 miles.

### **Best Competition/ Special**

**1<sup>st</sup> John Newson, KENT. Vincent HRD OC. Machine Details: 1955 1000cc VinNor Special.** This special is a 1955 wideline frame registered as a VinNor in 1967. New Wyatt chopped crank cases to accommodate a Quaife 4-speed gearbox with a Bob Newby belt drive.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Rawlinson, Surrey. Norton OC (Surrey). Machine Details: 1972 850cc Norton JPN Commando.** This is a replica of the 1972/73 Peter Williams/Dave Croxford production machine racers which scored many successes in Thruxton 500 miler, the Isle of Man and many other National and International races.

### **Best Heavyweight (250cc and over)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nick Hare, AJS & Matchless OC (Sussex). Machine Details: 1948 500cc Matchless G80.** First time at this show.

**2<sup>nd</sup> David Murray, Surrey. VMCC (Surrey & Sussex). Machine Details: 1938 500cc Rudge Sports Special.** The Sports Special 500cc model was introduced in 1937, production ceased in 1939. This example has been rebuilt twice, first time from a basket case where parts were missing, the second time after an accident in 2000.

### **Best Lightweight (Under 250cc)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lee Henderson, Machine Details: 1977 50cc Suzuki A50P Sports.** Suzuki A50P Sports Moped of the 70's, with pedal drive system to comply with the law at the time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Barrington, KENT. Machine Details: 1964 48cc Kerry Capitano Grand Prix.** Assembled in England, the Kerry Capitano Grand Prix was fitted with a Minarelli engine, which was its big selling-point. With 3.1BHP it was the fastest lightweight on the market, far outstripping its rivals from Norman and Phillips fitted with the 2BHP Villiers engine.

The present owner bought one new in 1962, and bought this one for nostalgic reasons, when it became available in 2015.

### **Best British**

**1<sup>st</sup> Greg Taylor, East Sussex. Machine Details: 1960 197cc Ambassador Three Star Special.** This is a quite rare Ambassador Three Star Special with only two previous owners. Powered by a Villiers 9E 197cc two-stroke engine, it has recently under gone a full restoration over a number of years.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Wheeldon, KENT. Vincent HRD OC. Machine Details: 1955 998cc Vincent Black Prince.** Made in Stevenage, Herts.

**Best Overseas 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Goodwin, Machine Details: 1975 250cc Ducati Desmo 250.** Ducati Desmo 250cc. Single cylinder air cooled 4 stroke with Desmodromic valve gear and Bevel drive camshaft. Now a rare and appreciating Little Italian Motorcycle. 350cc and 450cc variants also produced.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Ockenden, Machine Details: 1966 175cc Montesa Kenya.** First time at this show for this American import.

**Best Twenties Machine: Julian East, KENT. Sunbeam MCC. Machine Details: 1925 399cc Raleigh Model 5.**

**Best Promenade Percy: Jules East**

**Best Club Stand: Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club (VJMC)  
Sussex**