

# South of England

## Classic Bike Show & Bikejumble

# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

## Show Results

**Best pre-1950: Duncan Moss, Hampshire, AJS & Matchless OC.**

**Machine Details: 1939 AJS 347cc, model 26.**

Price new £52 GNS, Speedometer with trip an optional extra for £2 10s 0d! High or low level exhausts were a cost free option at the time of ordering.

**Runner up Pre-1950: Martin Short, Essex.**

**Machine Details: 1936 246cc New Imperial Model 90**

**Clubman.** This bike is the only 1936 Model 90 Clubman known to exist and to have survived, as recently confirmed by the New Imperial Owners Association. There are also three 1937 versions as well, one of which is located in Norway. The original bike cost £52 when new. New Imperial last raced at the Isle of Man TT in 1936 winning the Lightweight 250cc class. This model shares a number of GP race class engine components and included polished ports. This bike was previously owned by the New Imperial guru Aled Williams from North Wales, he was a founder member of the New Imperial Owners Association and this bike sat in his dining room for over 20 years.

**Best 1950-59: John Sullivan, West Sussex.**

**Machine Details: 1957 250cc Ambassador Supreme.** Meet 'PAM', a 1957 Ambassador Supreme. Restored in 2014 by Michael Barter, after sitting in a shed for 41 years.

**Runner up 1950-59: Jonathan Hemsley, EAST SUSSEX.**

**Machine Details: 1954 650cc Triumph Thunderbird 6T.** This Triumph Thunderbird is fitted with a sprung hub and SU carburettor.

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Machine Descriptions Supplied by Entrant

**Best 1960-69: Tony Harmer, KENT. British Two Stroke Club.**

**Machine Details: 1969 350cc Yamaha YR3.** First time at this Show! A Yamaha YR3 350cc, manufactured in 1969. Less than 70 of these machines were imported into the UK so, a relatively rare bike.

**Runnerup 1960-69: Stephen Ayres, West Sussex. BSA Bantam Preservation Group.**

**Machine Details: 1968 175cc BSA Bantam D14/4 Sport.** First time at this show for this Bantam, one of the more rare sport models. With matching engine and frame numbers, recently brought back to running order.

**Best 1970-on: Dave Harding, West Sussex.**

**Machine Details: 1974 360cc Honda CB360.** Mostly finished running restoration, using all the original parts. It is the early 360 fitted with the twin-leading-shoe front brake, the later models had a front disc brake. Quite a rare bike on the roads nowadays.

**Runner up 1970-on: Colin Vincent, East Sussex. Norton Owners Club.**

**Machine Details: 1971 745cc Norton Commando.** This Norton Commando 750 was imported from Florida, USA. Restored to Immaculate spec as you see it now. Low mileage. Rides beautifully, sounds even better.

This Immaculate Norton Commando 750 represents one of the finest surviving examples of its kind. Renowned for its performance and style, the Commando was an icon of British motorcycling. It is rare to see Norton preserved and presented to this standard, making this machine a true standout.

**Best competition/Special: Simon Warren, Surrey. Melbray Racing.**

**Machine Details: 1971 50cc Kreidler Van Veen Race Bike.**

First time at this event for this machine which finished in second place in the 1973 Spanish Grand Prix, ridden by Jarno Saarinen, 250cc World Champion rider.

**Runner up Competition/Special: David Brewster,**

**Machine Details: 1973 380cc CZ Type 981 Motocross.** First time at this show for this CZ Motocross bike

**Best Heavyweight: Martin L. Smith, Surrey.**

**Machine Details: 1965 750cc Matchless G15CSR.** First time at this Show for this rare Matchless - the production numbers of the Matchless Cafe racer was only in the 100s.

**Runner up Heavyweight: Martin Smith.**

**Machine Details: 1968 650cc Triumph Rickman Metisse.** First time at this event.

**Best Lightweight: Gordon Hallett, Herts.**

**Machine Details: 1951 75cc Capriolo 75 Sport.** First time at this show for this rare example of these OHC Italian lightweights. Bought early 2025 and ridden in the Manx VMCC rally. A "Home" winter restoration.

**Runner up Lightweight: Simon Freeman, Norfolk. Francis Barnett Owners Club.**

**Machine Details: 1964 150cc Francis-Barnett Fulmar 90 Sport.** Bike fully restored by myself to the condition you see here today.

**Best British: Peter Kemp, East Sussex.**

**Machine Details: 1934 600cc Ariel 4F.** First time at this show for this Ariel four-cylinder Over Head Camshaft model.

**Runner Up British: Steve Light, West Sussex.**

**Machine Details: 1949 998cc HRD Vincent Rapide Series C.**

This is a HRD Vincent rapid series C in touring trim.

**Best Overseas : Brian Foord, EAST SUSSEX.**

**Machine Details: 1983 350cc Yamaha RD 350LC.** First time at this Show for this RD 350LC Hybrid.

**Runner up Overseas: Martin Kemp, Hampshire. British Two Stroke Club.**

**Machine Details: 1977 500cc Ossa Yankee.** One of only four OSSA Yankees known of in this country. OSSA built the engine for the Yankee Motor Co. in America, who designed an enduro bike, with the help of Dick Mann. The bike didn't sell, so OSSA decided to build their own 500cc road bike. Launched in 1976, it features electronic ignition, 12V electrics, Brembo brakes and a Mikuni oil pump. OSSA claimed 58BHP and 115mph top speed, which is ambitious, as this bike has been dynoed and produces 34BHP at the back wheel, the same as an early Yamaha RD400. The bike handles and stops very well, the engine characteristics are more GT than RD, making for a torquey but quick bike.

**Next Generation Under 30 £100 Prize : Jamie Weaver,**

**England. Machine Details: 1959 650cc BSA A10 Golden**

**Flash.** This perhaps not quite so “Flashing” example of a Golden Flash has trundled its way from North Shropshire to the show. The bike’s longest owner Mr D W Morris kept the bike for 45 years. The bill of sale shows a front fairing and side panniers as part of the deal. The fairing is in my shed and the craven panniers still in use, decorated with its past travels. With patinated paintwork and unmolested mechanicals (still original pistons and grind on crank!), this bike is near original as it when it left Small Heath. An authentically original A10, which has never lost its storyline over its' 67 years!

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**Best Club Stand:**

The British Two Stroke Club

*With Thanks to Stan Stephens and Mike Jackson; and Show Judges Dennis Frost and Lloyd Benton.*

**Next Generation Award for the Best pre-1980 Machine**

**Ridden by an Under-30 Rider: £100 Prize**

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