

July 2017 - Ride a Bike & Concours Night

Mid-summer and our monthly club meeting came to motorcycling life through the section's annual Ride a Bike Night and Concours, held at the Round Oak, Wombourne.

Bright sunshine with dry roads brought together over 30 bikes. Members, guests, plus others who had come on their classic bikes just to see the super range of machines on show.



Mike Cutler and his recently acquired 1952 Nimbus.

Ariel, BMW, BSA, HD Buell, Honda, Kawasaki, Moto Morini, Moto Guzzi, Nimbus, Norton, Royal Enfield, Sunbeam, Triumph and Velocette were all represented, dating from the 1920's to the 1990's. Brilliant!

The evening ride out of 24 miles took riders on a simple route into the South Staffordshire and East Shropshire countryside which was enjoyed by all.

18 club eligible machines lined up for the Concours judging which was not an easy task as the standard of originality and restoration was high. This year's judges Fred Etchells and Martyn Round after careful inspection and deliberation made the following awards:

The George Burrow Cup to Paul Raybould. 1934 BSA B34-4.

An older restoration displaying accurate originality of a machine that was very sought after by clubmen in the thirties. Paul has recently been fortunate enough to acquire this lovely bike.



The Harry Haddock Cup to David Spencer. 1952 BSA Golden Flash.



A superb restoration taking over 3 years to produce an as new machine. The 'before' photo below shows the start point, and why the original paint wasn't retained. Dave had quite a lot of the missing parts lying around in his garage. Lots of chat, exchanges of machine information and experiences with a ride home in the twilight. What better way to spend a summers evening?

Paul Harris



Left: On seeing this photo Dave's daughter said she didn't often see him looking quite that pleased, and asked whether there were some chips in that cup! Dave doesn't know where she gets it from...

