

Ride a Bike Night – 1st July 2015

At the start of 2015 we moved to a new club night venue at the Royal Air Force Association Club in Goldthorn Road, Wolverhampton. They had made us so welcome, and the facilities are so good, that we decided to show our commitment to them by holding the annual Ride a Bike night there. Perhaps because of meeting in the town rather than going out to a country pub we had smaller numbers than in recent years, though it was also the case that some people were away on holiday, not least Martyn Griffiths who by being away gave someone else a chance at a cup!



It was a lovely summer evening, machines parked on the forecourt outside the Club, and members milling around having a generally sociable time. It was good to see Trevor Bull there, not riding as he's still on crutches as a result of damage sustained during a less controlled than intended dismount from a recently acquired penny farthing cycle. Not for nothing were the next generation of bikes with equally sized wheels known as 'safety bicycles'.

Bystanders were agog when Ian Harris arrived from Shifnal on a 1978 50cc Honda Express, surely a feat not to be repeated. Not for 10 minutes that is, when Rob Todd arrived on a very similar Honda Melody. When Rob departed later he even attempted to demonstrate some wheelies on it, I kid you not!

Also of note, Paul Raybould arrived on his 1950 Moto Guzzi Airone which had recently emerged after a lengthy recommissioning process (right).

The judging was carried out by two of last year's winners: Peter Brind and myself. Judges are allowed some flexibility to decide how most appropriately to allocate the two available cups, and this year we decided to simply award them to the two smartest machines on display; in each case the owners had clearly made an effort to present them clean and ready for inspection.

Dave Spencer



The George Burrow Cup

Alan Bromwich

1970 Triumph Bonneville T120R
A superb machine, immaculate
in every detail.



The Harry Haddock Cup

Keith Little

1959 Ariel Huntmaster
Keith keeps his bike very tidy, and
had clearly spent much of the last
few days removing mud and cow
slurry picked up on Julian's
Excursion the Sunday before!