

## **Celebrating 80 Years of AMC at Ardingly: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

We're celebrating 80 years of Associated Motor Cycles (AMC) at The South of England Classic Bike Show & Jumble on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October. AMC was formed in 1938 from the prior amalgamation of the AJS and Matchless makes, and produced vast numbers of motorcycles at their factory in Woolwich, London, including Nortons from 1963.

Famed frame-builder Colin Seeley is our guest of honour, and a together with a host of former AMC employees will be on hand to answer your questions about this popular manufacturer. Colin has a long association with AMC, culminating in his purchase of the race shop when they closed, and his designs proved so successful in competition that he earned a reputation as one of the best motorcycle frame-designers in the industry.

Brian Crichton, former editor of Classic Bike magazine, will be presenting The Wonderful World of Woolwich Question and Answer session with Colin Seeley and the former AMC employees, which promises to be really informative look into the production of AJS and Matchless motorcycles at the Woolwich factory.

The Sussex branch of the AJS and Matchless Owners Club are pulling out all the stops to put on a great display of original AMC machines, while Nick Brown of AJS Andover is bringing a sample of the new AJS models, including the Cadwell, the Tempest and the Modena.

There'll also be two Fire-Up sessions on the day, giving you the chance to hear the legendary products of the Woolwich factory. Other notable Seeley-framed machines include two Suzuki TR500s, one monocoque and the other tubular-framed, both ridden by Barry Sheene.

Other news includes now's your chance to have your Pride & Joy Dynotested at the Show. No need to book, first come, first served. Richard from [www.dynabike.co.uk](http://www.dynabike.co.uk) tells us '*Any bike you like. Gentle rolling road test with air/fuel analysis will confirm correct fuelling*'; Julie says '*first one to get their Vincent on the rollers goes for free!*'. Find them outside next to the Fire-Up Paddock on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bill Snelling's famous Isle of Man FoTofinders** photograph exhibition comes on tour to the mainland at Ardingly this Sunday. Donations to the TT and MGP marshals and supporters Club. Find it in the Stockmans Hall, where seating is available all day, the ideal place to take a break and eat your sandwiches!

### **Event Details:**

#### **The South of England Classic Bike Show & Jumble: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Five indoor halls of motorcycles & bikejumble: Large indoor all motorcycle show for pre-1980 motorcycles with Club Stands and hundreds of machines on display.

Coming by bike? Lookout for The Royal British Legion Riders' Branch Helmet Park in aid of the RBL in The Stockman's Building.

There's the popular all-motorcycle Bikejumble with new and used spares, bikes, clothing & accessories for sale. This takes place over four halls plus outside, and there are tons of bargains.

There's a free BikeMart display-to-sell area for private vendors, or cheap garage clear-out stalls are available for just £10 if you're clearing your shed or garage. Enquire for more details, these aren't for regular traders, and must be pre-booked.

Free parking, refreshments available, previous events featured local hog roast, artisanal bakery, toasty sandwiches and real coffee in addition to chips & burgers. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.

**Opens** : 10am - 14:30 (last admission 13:30)

**Public Admission** at 10am: £6 adults; £5 for 65-and-Over; kids under 16 free

**Venue:** The South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL.

**Location** Eight miles from M23 junction 10, sign-posted SOE / Wakehurst Place. Nearest train stations are Haywards Heath and East Grinstead.

Entrance to the Showground is via the North Gate, opposite the Gardener's Arms pub.

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