



Suzuki Classic Endurance racing event at Donington Park – May 2017

The Club's involvement was placed in jeopardy from the start. Due to a nasty illness our event organiser, Dave Hewitson; was taken into hospital the night before the event and before he had a chance to organise and load, the

exhibition shelters and associated gear. After a few rapid phone calls, Skid came to the rescue by driving from Cirencester to Milton Keynes to collect the gear, and then on to Donington to set up the stand with the other Committee members.....only to find that the organisers had already provided a covered stand for all 52 clubs, without telling us! Oh well, at least that saved us putting up the stand in poor conditions, which proved its worth on Saturday as it was very cold, windy and wet. But we did have a great looking stand; with the sectioned club engine once again proving a massive draw, along with our full regalia set up run by Steve Wharton, and Shane Hill's kettle was commandeered by Suzuki GB to display on their stand, obviously to make it look better! (see front cover).

Sunday was totally opposite weather wise; warm and sunny, which was just as well as Dave Lamkin was riding the track on his beautiful Sanders and Lewis special, well done Dave.

During the morning, judging took place for the

Best Club stand at the show and considering how many clubs were present, we were delighted to get a 2nd place. We also decided not to tell Nick Lowe that he had won the Best Cafe Racer category with his "Lowerider" special. His reaction at the award ceremony was priceless! The awards were presented by Fast Freddie Spencer and as you can see, Nick was stunned!

Set up directly across from our stand, was the Dutch race team, 'Sam Racing' who brought 4, replica TR 750's which sounded fantastic if not, extremely loud! (I must be getting old).

Well done to all those who lent their bikes for this show including Ian Brookes, John Gibson, Shane Hill, Jimmy Welch, Nick, Skid and Dave Lamkin.

If you would like to show your bike at any of this year's events detailed on the last page of the magazine, please contact Dave Hewitson. The punters love our bikes and our stands. Be proud of you bike and your club. JOIN IN!

Chris Barsby

