

Donnington Park Track Day

The 3rd and final track day 3rd August, organised and run by Classic Bike Track Days was held in warm sunny weather – with no noise restrictions! Classic Motorcycle Mechanics were there as sponsors to record the event and after a briefing at 8.15 we were all set to go.

Only 3 Kettle Club members enjoyed the Donnington race track, Phil Baldwin, Adrian Mann and myself. Adrian rode his Kettle to the event and broke his track day 'duck' with Phil and myself. He later broke all 3 expansion chambers!!

In garage 14 we enjoyed a lot of attention as we raced in the 2 stroke group full of exotic machinery. Yamaha TZ750's, RG500's, some race prepared bikes were in amongst us. Dave Pitcher and Hammie would have made minced meat of them!

Phil was clearly at an advantage with his quick GT750 and riding skills as we worked our way around the full circuit. He lapped me on all the sessions! Adrian broke his expansions and I found the ground clearance of my bike at a few deep corners.

Donnington still holds memories of Sheene for me, when we could walk up and down the pit lane and talk to the riders. I rode to the Transatlantic meetings with my mates and raced there and back on our RD's, GT's and KH's. It was a brilliant track then and today.



Anyone can come to the Track Days and join the novice group to explore their riding skills under instruction and have a great day. People from clubs come along and simply enjoy the day watching classic 2 strokes and 4 strokes. There is a great atmosphere amongst all groups and to see the bikes from 'our era' and smell and listen to the bikes makes for a truly memorable day out.

This year I managed to get sponsorship to discount each KC member by £50 that came to the track day.