

DONINGTON ENDURANCE LEGENDS WEEKEND

Donington once again hosted the Endurance Legends weekend, which is in its 2nd year. It was also the season opener for the club and I'm pleased to say that it was a cracking weekend, all round. The organisers had laid on a much bigger marquee and the club was given a prime slot, right at the end nearest the action. Dave Hewitson and I got there for when the gates opened on the Friday afternoon and were able to park and set up our 'camp' right behind the marquee where we stayed all weekend.



We had soon made the display space our own; festooned with Kettle Club paraphernalia and some of our very smart, newly purchased stand items. Despite the generous proportions of the marquee however, it was soon filled with all manner of machines from various clubs, in readiness for the public at 9 the next morning.

Our new shiny Regalia duo Shane and Julia, pitched up bright and early on the Saturday to set up their corner. This was their first solo show and they had things organised like a couple of pro's. The sides of the marquee were thrown open and we were ready.

We averaged 6 bikes on show each day, providing the punters with a good variety of colours and models. Dave Hewitson was displaying his newly finished, built to a budget 'do-er-upper', complete with photos of his work at various stages and a comprehensive folder of receipts etc. offering

a very realistic insight into both the effort and costs involved in the restoration of our machines. The weather was behaving itself and I reckon that the crowds were greater than they were on the Saturday



of last year. The day seemed to fly by and it was soon time to break out the BBQ and have a few beers. The weather had taken a turn and threatened to put a dampener on things but, we just moved everything into the marquee and carried on!



It rained a good deal over night, but by the morning the clouds had buggered off and the sun came out to play! Sunday was a great day. Our stand received a load of attention and our Regalia duo were doing a roaring trade, deftly assisted by the ever persuasive Chris Barsby; between them managing to shift a good deal of our old clearance stock. The feature race of the meeting was close by all accounts, though we didn't get much time to watch any of it. 'El Presidente' Dave Pitcher, showed up to lend a hand too and to top the day off, yours truly won the 'Best of the 70's' trophy, which is the second time a bike from our club has received recognition at this event. Many thanks go to all of the following, whose efforts helped to showcase the club and make for a great weekend.

Dave Pitcher, Chris Barsby, Dave Hewitson (A Model), Shane and Julia Hill (J Model), Ian Brookes (L Model) (we think), Frank Nicholls (M Model), Steve Smalley (L Model), Martin Egginton (A Model), Adrian Ayre (L Model)

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