

# 2022 COPDOCK SHOW

This year, we've tried to broaden the number of Club attended events, in order to make them more accessible to our members around the country, giving them the opportunity to meet up and display their Kettles. So on 4th September, we set up a stand at the Copdock show; billed as East Anglia's premier, one day motorcycle show and to be fair that was an accurate description- it was brilliant! Being a charity fund raising event, all monies raised go to local worthy causes. My heartfelt thanks go to (pictured from left to right) Carl Hunnibell, Graham Fellingham, John Stacey and Bob Mitson, who assisted in setting up the stand on Saturday



Well, as I found on arrival, the best laid plans can always be subject to change at the last moment. Instead of having to put up our event shelters, we had been allocated a space inside a barn along with some very well established clubs, many of whom had been attending for the last 30 years. What a result for us newcomers. Though we didn't have that many items to "dress" the stand we made the best of things. The sun shone and the barn got rather warm. Nick Lowe and I didn't get back from the IOM classic until 10 pm the

day before setting up, so we both felt a little jaded. Shane and Julia Hill arrived and set up the Regalia stall and once everything had been sorted out we were all ready for some well-deserved liquid refreshment.

Sunday dawned bright and warm and at 0800 the distinctive sound of 6 Kettles could be heard arriving at the show ground, a mixture of standard exhausts, expansion chambers and a Piper 3 into 1. Every one mucked in and in no time the stand was set for the day. Sufficient space was left for the public to mingle amongst the machines and the sectioned engine that Nick had brought along.

The show opened at 0900 hrs and almost immediately, our stand was mobbed. We met a number of people who had either just bought, or were looking to buy a Kettle and wanted to join the club - so to that end all the effort was worth it. By 1600 hrs things were slowing down and by 1800hrs we were packed up, bidding farewell to our local club members, who to a man had supported the show and the club stand.

Once the show had ended, Nick and I retired to our campervans (parked on site) and reflected on what had been a highly successful show for the Kettle club. New friends had been made and we've already got plans in hand for next year when we'll be set up outside, in the 'Club Village'. So get the dates into your diaries - Sunday 3rd September 2023. If you would like to show your Kettle contact me please.

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