

## NEW FOR 2015 - Shelsley Walsh Bike Festival on Sunday 13 September 2015 The 'End of the Season' Motorcycle Festival at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Worc, WR6 6RP

In support of The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes and Severn Freewheelers



Following on from the success of their season opener, Prescott Bike Festival; the organisers are delighted to announce their first 'season closer' Festival at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Worcestershire on Sunday 13 September 2015.

Shelsley Walsh Bike Festival will feature large displays of historic, modern and race bikes, plus a Paddock Specials area, motorcycle manufacturers, motorcycle clubs, passenger ride experiences, an Auto Jumble, live music, biker celebrities, trade stands and regional dealers including Blade Motorcycles Stratford Outlet Centre.

Unlike a static bike show, Shelsley Walsh Bike Festival gives you the unique opportunity to get up close and see lots of historic, classic and modern race bikes and watch, smell, hear and see them run the historic hill climb course. Entries for Paddock Specials are both by invitation and by application - so if you own a special, rare or historic bike, we want to hear from you! Please contact us via the website, and provide further details.

Festival Organiser, Gordon Downie said, "We are delighted to introduce another motorcycle festival to our calendar; Shelsley Walsh is the oldest motor sport venue in continuous use in the world. First used in 1905, and is even older than Indianapolis, Le Mans or Monza. Our event provides the unique opportunity for people to take part in the event and ride the historic hill climb course on their own bike. Special "Run the Hill" tickets are limited, and are already selling fast, so booking early is essential".

The Festival prides itself on its diversity, and is not just for modern bikes either, the classic marquees are well represented with the likes of Bantam, AJS, BSA, Rudge, Royal Enfield, Douglas, Manxman, Ariel, Matchless and Norton to custom choppers. Whilst there are just too many to mention, here are a few to whet your appetite:-

Watch motorcycle builder Allen Millyard take to the hill on his home-built 'Flying Millyard' - do not by fooled by its appearance, despite resembling a classic 1920s sedate two-wheeled Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, this beast is powered by a gigantic 5.0-litre V-twin engine designed for an aeroplane!

See the MADMAX Race Team 'Streetfighter' Bike blast up on the World's first jet turbine street legal motorbike. It currently holds the land speed record of an astonishing 224.9mph from a standing start and is powered by a modified upside down Rolls Royce 250-C20B Shaft turbine from a helicopter.

Check out the experimental 1963 Norton Manx 348cc Reverse Head developed by Ray Petty and Derek Minter.

Plus the iconic 1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star 650cc (a genuine original) 1 of only 1370 built, a prototype 1927 Velocette KSS 350cc - affectionately known by enthusiasts across the world as 'Spring-Heeled Jack', the only one ever built at Hall Green, Birmingham 1945 and a Moto Guzzi Airone Corsa to name but a few!

## **PLUS:**

- Be the star of the show! A unique opportunity to 'Run the Hill' yourself. Run the Hill entries are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.
- Haven't got a bike, but want to run the hill? Why not borrow some leathers and take the
  ride of your life with a thrilling passenger ride experience in a Watsonian Squire Sidecar, a
  modern or a classic Morgan Three Wheeler, a Grinnall Scorpion or a Grinnall Trike.
- Visit the Mike West Racing Paddock to see and hear an impressive array of famous and iconic race bikes
- Make the most of the end of season bargains in the Trader Zone.

Shelsley Walsh Bike Festival is a 'Must Do' day out for all motorcycling enthusiasts. What's more, all event proceeds of the event go to The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes and Severn Freewheelers.

**Event Address:** Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire, WR6 6RP

<u>Advance tickets:</u> Special introductory price of just £10 (£15 on the day). Children under 16years old, go free. Run the Hill entries £35.

Free parking, free motorcycle side stand puck and free helmet park for bikers

Gates Opens at: 08:30am, Track starts at: 09:30am, Festival closes at: 4:30pm.

For further information or to book advance tickets please visit:

Website: www.shelsleybikefestival.co.uk

## **Notes to editors:**

## **About The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes**

The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes is the umbrella organisation representing 24 regional blood bike charities, all providing a motorcycle based, free delivery service to the NHS; moving vital medical supplies, blood and pathology samples from medical centres and hospitals throughout the UK. NABB member groups are closely involved in the transport of frozen human milk from the donor to the milk processing banks. This

has been a real lifesaver due to the necessity of very premature babies having intolerance to anything but human milk. Run entirely by volunteers, NABB member groups have over 1500 active members with a fleet of 120+ emergency response vehicles. All NABB riders are trained in the movement of medical essentials and operate from individual regional charities but with a common goal – to alleviate suffering and reduce the funding pressures on the NHS.

Severn Freewheelers is the regional Blood Bike group operating Gloucestershire, Hereford & Worcester and North Wiltshire. Over 70 volunteers help Severn Freewheelers carry out a much-needed service. Severn Freewheelers runs five BMW R1200RTs and a Honda ST1300; all are emergency response equipped and the members handle some 4,000 call outs per annum, covering 150,000 miles.

Tickets available for consumer competition purposes; for further media information please contact: Rebecca Leppard, Eventageous PR or Tel: 01452 260063, email: Rebecca@eventspr.co.uk



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