

# The **ANDY TIERNAN** blog

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The Ipswich Transport Museum  
Felixstowe Run.  
Sunday 3rd May 2009.



*Fearless leader Andy & outfit pilot Justin unload the days transport at John & Frances house on the Felixstowe Rd. where the van is being left for the day.*



*The machine that was chosen for the run this year was Andy's 3 speed BSA G14 1000cc SV vee twin 'H.M.S. Inflammable'. The bike is about 1933 with a later 1936ish engine. We hoped she wouldn't entirely live up to her name, but we got a fire extinguisher ready just in case - & then forgot to bring it!*



*Some more views of H.M.S. Inflammable. While the sidecar's origins are not entirely known, they appear to be 1930's Watsonian.*



*Taking turns to kick over the bike. Actually it only took 3 kicks to start. Then off to Christchurch Park for the start. What a lovely sunny day for the run!*



*A view across the classic car entrants at Christchurch Park with ominous clouds darkening the sky, but as luck would have it no rain fell to spoil the day.*



*This marvellous Rolls Royce Silver Wraith was one of the many vehicles taking part.*



*All kinds of vehicles were eligible for the run, & something a little unusual or different often turns up. I am sure they had great fun – at least as long as the batteries lasted!*



*A rare Jensen FF with the Ferguson four wheel drive system.*



*Two fellow motorcyclists, Mike & his daughter Grace.*



*Triumph & BSA riders.  
Left to right - John (Danny), David (Webby), Mervyn (Skippy, no not the bush kangaroo), Graham (Docker) & John (Simbo).*



*Left - Paul (Clippy) & right - Steve.*



*Andy marvelling at the fine quality of restoration on Mike's Norton, as Mike & Grace get ready for the off. The Bike had only been M.O.T.ed the day before, & this was its first run out since last year's Felixstowe run.*



*A cheerful looking Simon cruising alongside on his BSA.*



*Happy campers. Justin on the bike & Andy in the chair, cruising at speed (well about 35 mph anyway) down the Felixstowe road, enjoy the weather & the run!*



*The brave adventurers after their arrival outside the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe. The outfit ran beautifully, without as much as a hiccup.*





*John standing in front of his armoured personnel carrier, an entrant of many previous Felixstowe runs in this & other types of conveyance. But not this year, as the organisers have banned tracked vehicles & we are not sure why? So John could only drive down & park on the side of the road as a spectator!*



*There was a wide variety of vehicles on show all along the promenade.  
Left – A Dennis omnibus. Right – A Minerva car.*



*Including quite a selection of buses & coaches.*



*A mighty Scammell Explorer!*



*A very small selection of cars from the enormous number on display. There were about 550 vehicles of all shapes & sizes at this year's event.*



*Terry's very smart Ariel Square 4 (4pipe model) with Steib sidecar.*



*An exquisite piece of Italian engineering, a Moto Rumi scooter. Quite fast in their day as well.*



*A closer look at Mike's Norton. Very much in original & unrestored condition, but never the less reliable (well sometimes) & fun!*



*Where have all the motorcycles gone? Home, that's where, as the event winds up.*



*Mike & his Norton head off. Daughter Grace who rode pillion on the run has opted for the comfort of mum's car for the journey home.*



*Fearless leader having a quick word with Simon (rider) & Andrew (pillion) on a Sunbeam Lion.*



*One of the final motorcycles to leave, our old friend Graham about to follow his son Simon (on the Sunbeam Lion) home. The ride home was not entirely without drama as Simon ground to a halt when his engine stopped – he has run out of fuel. Dad Graham had filled a can at the garage & then forgot to put it into the Sunbeams tank!!!*

*P.S. – Don't tell Rosie.*

**UNTIL NEXT YEARS EVENT**

**GOODBYE**