

# Nigel makes road race debut on a Rocket!

MOTORCYCLE enthusiast Nigel Barnby is set to make his road racing debut at the weekend on a classic British machine which has been sidelined for six years.

Nigel, of The Common, Stuston, will be racing at Cadwell Park in Lincolnshire on Saturday on a 1958 BSA Rocket Gold Star 650cc twin.

He has spent the past few years renovating it with friends Colin Skelsey and Roger Lye. The bike was built by Colin years ago when he was a BSA/Triumph works mechanic. It was successfully raced in the past and has been lent by Colin to members of the Brimbo club in Diss. They are all British classic motorbike fans.

At Cadwell Park on Saturday the machine will be ridden by Nigel and teammate Horrie Womack in two half-hour high speed trials and two eight-lap scratch races.

"I wouldn't show up if I wasn't confident of winning. The bike is in good condition and I've been waiting for this chance for ages," Nigel told the *Express*.

A large contingent of Brimbo members are expected to travel up to Cadwell to see the bike's debut outing, as well as other members Robert and John Bensley, who will be riding BMWs.

But win or lose, the BSA Rocket is bound to be the star of the day for Brimbo.

"It's beautifully tuned-up and I'm all set to go," said Nigel.

The club will shortly be holding fundraising events to enable the Brimbo road racer project to continue.

In our picture, bike owner Colin Skelsey (seated) tries out the Rocket as Nigel Barnby looks on.

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