



**Sale of Vintage, Classic and Collectors' Motor Vehicles  
To be held at the all-new BCA Bedford on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

### **MATCHLESS G9 500cc TWIN**

Following the appearance of the 1937 Triumph, both BSA and Ariel introduced new twin-cylinder models just after the war. These were followed for 1948 by Norton and Royal Enfield. AMC showed their reply at Earls Court in late 1948, the Plumstead twin differing from the others by the use of a third, centre



main bearing, and launched as the Matchless G9 and the AJS Model 20. Initially for export only, it was not until the late summer of 1949 that the first examples reached the home market. With modern styling, the twins looked very smart. The Matchless, with its dual seat, megaphones and bright finish, was possibly the preferred choice and both this and the AJS, in addition to the model designation, were also given the names 'Super Clubman' and 'Spring Twin' respectively.

An older restoration, this correctly numbered 1954 example is finished in black with maroon detail and is in good, original order, complete with the trademark AMC 'Jampot' shock absorbers. A reconditioned magneto and new battery have recently been fitted and the bike starts easily, sounds good and is said to ride very well.

A V5C document is included.

Estimate: £1,750 - £2,250

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