

## **Ex-Works Kawasaki Goes Under the Charterhouse Hammer**

A Kawasaki GP500 motocrosser, ridden by the legendary Georges Jobe in 1985 is to be sold by Charterhouse at the Carole Nash Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

“I remember seeing Georges Jobe riding his green Kawasaki’s at various race events as a teenager,” commented Charterhouse motorcycle expert Matthew Whitney. “I never thought I would see one of his racing Kawasaki’s again and it is a great privilege to handle this sale.”

Belgian George Jobe was born in 1961. He went on to be a five time FIM motocross world champion riding both 250cc and 500cc motorcycles.

However, as well as being a world champion, he is also famous for incident that occurred during the 1984 500cc British Motocross Grand Prix, at Hawkstone Park. The Hawkstone Park circuit included a large "double jump" (before they were customary on top motocross circuits). Few riders had the courage to attempt to clear the jump during practice, let alone during the actual race. However, during the second race of the Grand Prix, Jobe passed rival Andrew Malherbe clearing the double jump, physically jumping over his rival in the process. Photographer Nick Haskell captured the moment, and the image of Jobe flying over Malherbe, with the crowd cheering on is often seen by some as one of motocross's most iconic images. This Kawasaki, one of three 1985 works bikes, was purchased by the owner 25 years ago. Since then, it has been stored, or perhaps more correctly living, either in his bedroom or his hallway. Looking the same as the production Kawasaki KX500, is it a full race machine with a sand cast engine, magnesium parts, reinforced welding and an aluminium rather than plastic fuel tank amongst other trick parts.



**The George Jobe ex-works Kawasaki GP500 motocross**



**Mathew Whitney, Head of Classic Vehicles at Charterhouse, reunited with the Kawasaki GP500**

Now for auction at Charterhouse due to owners advancing years (rather than complaints from his wife!), this piece of motocross racing history ridden by George Jobe is estimated to sell for £12,500 - £14,500.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries into this specialist auction of classic & vintage motorcycles on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** closely followed by classic & vintage cars on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

To enter motorcycles or cars into these specialist auctions, contact Matthew Whitney and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or via email **info@charterhouse-auction.com** to arrange a home visit.