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Road racers raise £12,200 for charity

A TT CHARITY event in Shropshire with top-name speakers including John McGuinness, Michael Rutter, Guy Martin and Jamie Witham raised an impressive £12,200 to be split between five charities.

Three motorcycle and Isle of Man related charities — Phil Hogg Motor Sport Medical Services, Riders for Health and the TT Riders' Association — will benefit.

The event, a buffet with an auction of

more than 150 items of motorcycle memorabilia and talks from the celebrity guests, was at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry on February 23.

It was organised by the Road Racing Legends charity, set up by four road racing enthusiasts two years ago to raise funds for racing-related charities.

Gwen Morris, one of the organisers said: 'Visitors travelled from far and wide and there was an award presented to the farthest travelled person who was

Mats Neilson from Stockholm.

'Tickets went on sale on January 2 and were sold out by the end of the month.

'The speakers entertained everyone with their experiences, successes and knowledge of road racing.'

The evening was compèred by Tommy Robb and among the guests were David Cretney MHK, former Island tourism minister, eight-times world champion Phil Read, MBE, Nick Jefferies and Bill Doran's widow Peggy.

Jamie Witham travelled there from the Sky Sports studio where he had been commenting on the first round testing for the World Superbike series and had to return to continue the next day.

The evening also saw a surprise presentation to Frank Perris of his 1961 World Championship medal by TT Riders' Association president Nick Jefferies.

Colin Morris, another of the organis-

ers said: 'Frank never collected his medal for finishing in third place.

'We have been campaigning for him to receive it for some months so it was quite an emotional moment when it was actually handed over to him.'

Mrs Morris said they were grateful to everyone who had sponsored the event and donated raffle prizes.

'Our target for the event throughout the year was £10,000 so we were overwhelmed with the results,' she said.