



'EVENING EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS'

The fourth RRL Charity event was held at the Wynnstay Hotel, Church Street, Oswestry, Shropshire on 20th February 2009 and was a resounding success – the purpose of this event was to raise money for Robert Dunlop Memorial Fund and local charities with the main theme being an Irish Evening. Tickets went on sale on the in early November and were sold out by the beginning of 06th January. There were lots of people still calling for tickets who ended up disappointed.

An auction was held between 4pm and 6pm which was a roaring success. There was absolutely no "Credit Crunch" in the room which went beyond the organisers expectations whereby we raised just under £7000.

A buffet was laid on, free of charge by the Wynnstay Hotel from 5pm until 6.30 pm for all special guests and sponsors with the doors opening for the evening event at 6.45pm and finishing at 11pm.

The evening was introduced by Barry McQueen (Blackpool's town crier) who introduced the organisers, then introduced the compere for the night, Tommy Robb and then each rider who came in to the room on their racing bikes. First in was Philip McCallen on the V4 Yamaha. 2nd was William Dunlop on the RC163 Honda. 3rd was Alan Patterson on the YX52 Yamaha and 4th was Michael Dunlop on the RC163 Honda. The crowd were ecstatic!

There was a break at 9pm where a raffle was announced along with the sale of memorabilia. The second half of the evening commenced at 9.30 pm until 11pm where the top table had the crowd in laughter. It then finished at 11pm where the organisers thanked everyone. Michael Dunlop then made an announcement of appreciation to everyone for their efforts in raising money for his father's memorial fund and also announced a big thank you from his mother and at that point there was a **STANDING OVATION** by the audience.

In Phil Morris and Colin Morris's experience we have never ever known

a standing ovation to be given at a Motorcycle fund raising event. (It was amazing!)

Of the special guests (ex and current riders) in the audience were:

Tony Rutter, Mark Parrott, Bill Smith, Mats Nilsson, Tony Scott, Frank Perris, Connor Cummings, Gavin Hunt, Selwyn Griffiths, John Kidson, Tom Dickie, Steve Tomes, Julian Ryder (Commentator for Sky Moto GP), Neil Tuxworth (President of TT Rider's Association & Team Manager of Honda Britain), Andy Jones (Chairman of Ellesmere Round Table). Both Neil and Andy wore their Chain of Honour.

Phil Morris

