

## **PRESS RELEASE 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

### **ROAD RACING LEGENDS CHARITY**

#### **EVENING EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS**

The third RRL Charity event was held at the Wynnstay Hotel 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and was a resounding success – the purpose of this event was to raise money for injured riders and local charities with the main theme being Works Triumph Evening. Tickets went on sale on the in early January and were sold out by the beginning of February.

A buffet was laid on at 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 commenced at 7. 30 pm with the first honorary speakers, There was a break at 9pm which included a raffle of memorabilia. The Auction commenced at 9.30 pm and within twenty minutes we raised £ 1800.00. The next honorary speakers commenced at 10.00 pm until 11.15 pm.

Honorary Speakers of the night were John McGuinness King of the TT with fastest lap at 130 mph, Percy Tait Works Triumph Rider from the seventies, Tony Jefferies Works Triumph Rider from the seventies, Tom Dickie, first man to ride the famous Slippery Sam in the seventies and Bill Smith was the compere for the evening with 4 TT wins and 51 Replicas.

The panel of prestigious riders entertained the crowds with their experiences, successes and knowledge of road racing. RRL are very grateful to these people for making time in their busy schedules to support the charity.

Other special guests in the audience who attended were Mark Parrot, Tony Rutter, Stuart Graham, Chris Graham, Peggy Doran (widow of Bill Doran AJS works rider of the 50s), Frank & Rita Perris, Maria Costello Queen of the TT and fastest woman of the TT, Mrs Bridget Dickie, The Bladen Brothers (tuners), John Kidson treasurer of the TT Riders Association. Mrs Rebecca McGuinness, Mr & Mrs M. Hemmings and many more.

Local riders were Andy Hinton, Dave Thomas, Mike Higgins, Steve Elliot, Tony Moss. Apologies if we have left anyone out.

RRL would like to thank everyone for supporting the event including their sponsors who are Morris Lubricants, Oswestry Waste Paper, Griffiths Hire Shop, Express Electrical, The Wynnstay Hotel, Paperway, Comtext Signs, Michellin Tyres, Triumph Motorcycles, Shropshire Tree Surgeons, Mr & Mrs D Harris and Jane (Doran) Weaving who was the official photographer for the event.

We would also like to thank the local media and radio stations for their continuing support to the charity.

Also a big thank you to all the people who donated raffle prizes.

Total sum raised on the night was £9, 217.00 which will support many charities.

The RRL organisers are Colin Morris, Sue Morris, Gwen Morris and Phil Morris would like to extend their thanks to all the volunteers who worked with the RRL and helped achieve the goal of raising a substantial amount of money their charity.

As a charity organisation we would like to confirm that applications for funding are welcome and we always treat each application individually. If you know of anyone who may benefit from a RRL charity donation following an injury or accident and may require funding towards specialist equipment to aid them, then please write to the trustees below with full details.

Next year's event will be held in February 2009 and details will be available later in the year.

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