

STATEMENT

Road Racing Legends 7th Year – 17th February 2012

SEVENTH ANNUAL ROAD RACING LEGENDS FUND RAISER

The seventh annual Road Racing Legends event was held on February 17 at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry, North Shropshire. The theme this year was TT Magic and was due to include a star guest line-up of Ryan Farquhar, Jenny Tinmouth, Ian Hutchinson, and Guy Martin plus a special half time appearance of John McGuinness, the host for the evening to be RRL patron Jamie Whitham.

However despite having agreed a fee with Guy Martin and his availability to attend the event 12 months earlier this was done by letter. plus given numerous telephone calls to confirm the date the organisation was extremely disappointed to receive a call from Guy Martin's management team on the morning of the event stating that he would not be attending due to work commitments. There was no apology either to the organisers or his fans for his non-attendance.

John McGuinness, who had flown in especially from Sepang in Malaysia where he had been testing with the Honda TT Legends World Endurance team very kindly agreed to step into the breach and remained at the event throughout the evening instead of the agreed half time appearance that was originally scheduled. Grateful thanks also must go to Ian Hutchinson who signed himself out of hospital where he was receiving treatment for a broken leg as he did not want to let down the fans or organisers of the event.

As the event began, RRL Chairman Colin Morris advised the audience of Guy Martin's last minute withdrawal and offered a refund to anyone disappointed by this. Not one person took advantage of the offer and the evening went on to be a resounding success, one of the best to date, raising a sum of £22,088.00 on the day taking the overall total to £105,340.00

Phil Morris said: "Despite the non appearance of Guy Martin we had an enjoyable and productive evening and my thanks go to everyone who attended the event and helped to make it so successful. Needless to say we are very disappointed with Guy Martin who let us down badly."

- motorcycle racing since 1907. We are launching an urgent appeal in search of memorabilia such as Helmets, Leathers, Trophies and even Bikes themselves for the purpose of auctions for the benefits of the charities we work so hard to support. Charities such as Air Ambulance, Hope House, Helicopter Fund IOM, Wheelchairs for injured riders and donations for the rehabilitation of injured riders.

