

Classic Racer



• PAUL BUTLER – FROM DUNLOP TYRES TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD •

FOTTRA NIGHT WITH THE STARS

With all seats booked up well before Christmas, a Night with the Stars event organised by Friends of the TT Riders' Association committee member Geoff Kelly at the Grappenhall & District Ex-Servicemen's Club, Warrington, on Friday, March 16 was an outstanding success, and perhaps a pointer to things to come.

With nine-time TT winner Charlie Williams as compere, Tommy Robb, John McGuinness and Guy Martin thrilled the audience with their lively banter, and John was able to give a first-hand account of his testing of the 150mph Mugen electric bike that could well do the first 100mph lap of the Isle circuit at this year's TT races.

Tommy Robb contrasted the motorcycle racing world of today and the 1960s, and Guy

Martin insisted that TT racing and TV appearances remained 'just hobbies', with the main focus still being his life as a lorry mechanic.

The evening also included an auction and buffet, and perhaps the only restriction on greater success was the limited seating capacity of the venue. FoTTTRA is indebted to Phil and Colin Morris, and their wives Gwen and Sue respectively, of Road Racing Legends for the immense help they gave both before and during the event, and with additional sponsorship from Mortons Media Group, Carole Nash, H&H Auctions, Hammer and Tongs, Honda Racing UK and the Isle of Man Tourist Board, there was no shortage of items in the 'goodie bags' that were placed on every seat.