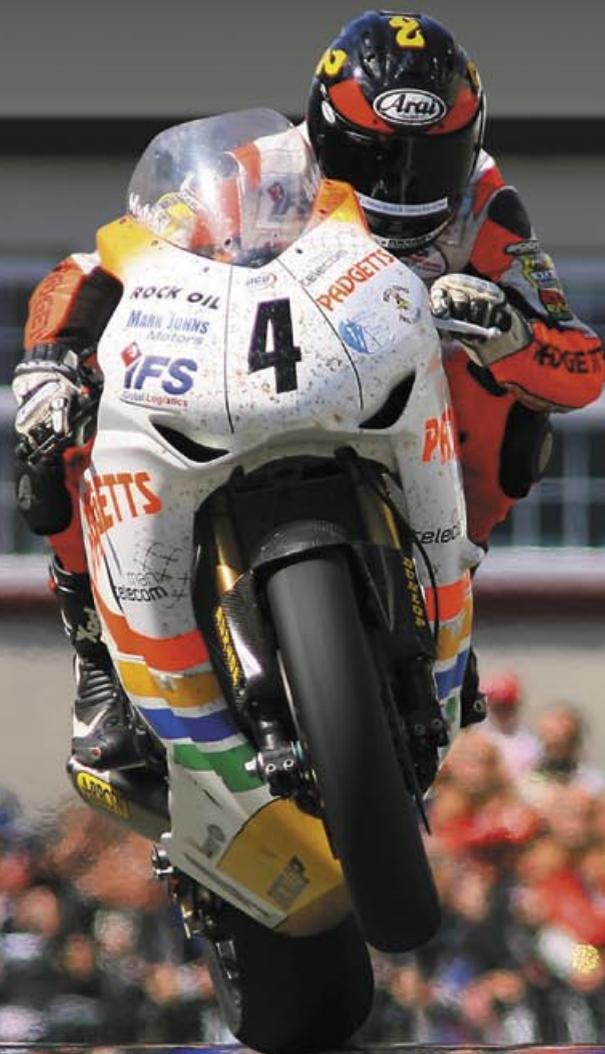


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### STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS

## BMW make historic return to the Isle of Man TT Races

Having recently re-joined the International stage, German manufacturer BMW has wasted no time in tackling the biggest test of all with the announcement that an official manufacturer supported team will be contesting the Superbike and Senior Isle of Man TT Races in 2010, further increasing the number of manufacturers participating in this year's event.

It was only 12 months ago that the Bavarian giant entered the World Superbike Championship for the first time but now, fresh from a stunning fifth place at last year's Macau Grand Prix, German ace Rico Penzkofer will have a full Superbike-spec machine at his disposal for the two six-lap TT races. An official test rider for BMW, 34-year old Penzkofer has been part of the major development team of the S1000RR, a bike that has created headlines all over the world both for its design and performance.

It will be the first time since the late 70s that an official BMW team has contested the TT, when Helmut Dahne and Hans Otto Butenuth, both iconic riders from that era, raced on the Isle of Man. BMW has recorded 30 TT wins since their debut in 1937, with the majority of those coming in the sidecar class that they once dominated.

Penzkofer, meanwhile, made a strong debut at the TT last year when he contested the two Supersport races. He achieved a personal best lap of just under 120mph and left the Island with two bronze replicas. With a year's experience around the Mountain Course, the Borna rider is sure to feature more prominently this year and the former World Endurance Championship race winner is relishing his return to the TT.

He commented: "To be representing BMW on their return to the TT is a tremendous honour for me and after my debut last year I can't wait to return to the Mountain Course. Riding the Superbike will obviously present a new challenge but the bike is superb and that, combined with my own improved knowledge of the course, should see us able to make a good impression. Troy Corser and Ruben Xaus have proved in World Superbikes that the bike is competitive and we hope to do the same at the TT."

Hon Martyn Quayle, MHK, Minister for Tourism and Leisure, Isle of Man Government, commented: "It's really exciting to see the return of such a prestigious marque to the Isle of Man TT and their involvement in the 2010 races is a great boost to an already strong list of manufacturers – more evidence that the TT is going from strength to strength."



## Clive Padgett, Padgetts

# A Family Affair

### How long have you been involved in racing and how did you start?

Padgetts now have over 50 years of racing. My father Peter was British Clubman's champion in 1959 and we've been involved in racing as a family every year since. My Dad has been the real driving force behind us. I was British Schoolboy Motocross Champion in 1974, British 250 champion and 'king of Brands' in '78. I was top six in GP's when I was 19 until my accident in Belgium. My brother Gary was an MGP winner and also won two TT.

### Who have you lined up for 2010?

We'll be running Hutchy and Glen Richards in the BSB 600's and Glen and John in the Superstocks. On the roads Hutchy will do NW 200 and TT across all classes, Steve will do Supersport at the TT and John will ride 600's and Stockers for us at the TT and NW200.

### You go back a long way with John McGuinness. How long have you been involved with him and why do you think he continues to be the man to beat on the big bikes?

He's now in his fourth year with us which is his longest spell I think with any one team. We really understand each other and are good friends and on the same wavelength. Our family style of racing appears to suit John – we've no airs and graces.

The thing people don't necessarily realise about John is how hard working he is. He really applies himself professionally when he needs to and he still puts himself in a position to learn every time he goes out on a bike.

### You were obviously confident about Ian Hutchinson's ability but did his double win in a day surprise even you?

We were really confident going into the TT and while we may have surprised a few people we knew how well he could do. To win a TT you need everything to go for you so to win two in a day was a real achievement that's only been done by two or three teams I think. We weren't surprised but we were certainly pleased!

### Why do you think Steve Plater adapted to the TT so quickly?

Steve had the age and experience to apply himself properly to the task. He researched thoroughly and took the same approach that he took for the Macau GP, studying the track and learning. He's had the perfect three year TT career to date and proof of his approach is that his newcomer record from 2007 (125.808mph) still stands.

### How do you top last year and what are your ambitions for 2010?

We went very close last year to overall champion which Hutchy would have taken without that spill at the end of the Senior so the TT championship would be nice this year. I think the Senior is the one that deep down the riders really want to win but I'm happy with any TT victories. One of the my proudest achievements of last year was that but for that spill with Ian in the Senior we would have finished every practice and race lap. I'd also like to see a 130mph on a Superstock. Ian went so close last year and remember that he set it on the last lap of the Superstock race with a tyre that had done four laps.

### Who were your own heroes when you were growing up?

As a teenager Jarno Saarinen was a big favourite of mine. The Finnish rider was one of the most talented riders of all time in my opinion. However I'd have to say that my favourite without a doubt was Barry Sheene. He really helped me with tips on things like starting and getting off the line and was a real inspiration to me when I was making my way as a racer.

### When did you first come to the TT races?

As a baby! I'll have to check with my Dad but I think I was one year old. And I've been back ever since, even when I was involved in GP's. We still supported riders like Jim Moodie in his TT career.

### What changes have you seen in the TT over the years?

The TT is really undergoing a huge resurgence. The organisation is really professional and really focused on what the teams and riders want. You get a sense that people are listening to us and people really go out of their way to help you. The whole event is run professionally and you only need to see the difference in the paddock. There's a real buzz about the place.



'Hutchy' enjoyed TT 2009 after a miserable 2008. What's in store for 2010?



Above: Hutchy on THAT record breaking lap, overhauling Guy Martin to take victory in the TT Supersport Race - Hutchy's second win of the day!



Above: John McGuinness was in Padgett's colours when he equalled Mike Hailwood's 14 TT wins with victory in the Senior TT.



Above: Steve Plater will complete a 3-man dream team for Clive Padgett at the 2010 TT. Plater goes in the Supersport under the famous rainbow colours.

## Ryan Farquhar

# Topping tables and breaking records

This month we've caught up with Ryan Farquhar, a man who smashed a few records on the roads but didn't have the best TT. Double TT winner Farquhar has recently been voted Irish Motorcyclist of the Year after a season that has seen him top the prestigious Duke Road Race rankings and surpass Joey Dunlop's amazing total of 119 Irish national race wins. Ryan took 61 race wins and seven road race championships during a busy race season.

### 61 wins in a year! Any stand out?

There's been a few highlights - the Ulster GP was great for me with three wins and I always enjoy the Southern 100. The Scarborough Classic Meeting was amazing with 18 wins from 18 starts - that was a busy one! And Killalane was where I took Joey's record so that was emotional.

### And what about the TT?

The TT was frustrating, I spent too much time developing the Superbike and maybe neglected the other classes a bit. All change for this year though!

### Exactly, so a new team for you this year. Nick Morgan's MSS Colchester Kawasaki outfit, how did that come about?

I spoke to Michael Johnstone at Kawasaki UK through the season and he arranged a meeting with Nick Morgan, it was all sorted out by the NEC. So now I have a fully prepped Superbike for the season.

### And what is the difference going to be in terms of equipment and team?

Well, my own Superstock bike was good but you need more for the NW and TT and I think the experience that MSS have from their BSB racing will mean a great package. The bike will differ to the BSB machine - we'll be

running Maxton suspension and will run everything a bit stronger for the bumps and jumps. We obviously need a starter motor but 'engine wise' it's as good as a BSB motor so big power!

### Do you bring much support to the Island?

Lots of Irish road race fans, not just for me but there's always a fair bit of support for all the local lads

### What is the appeal of the Island?

Just the buzz, always enjoyed the circuit itself but I guess the sheer speed and the length of time on the bike itself, you get yer money's worth!

### When you're not racing what's an average day for Ryan Farquhar?

At the moment its flat out with building a race truck and building bikes, not sure where the time goes!

### When you're not racing what do you like most about the Isle of Man?

Don't have much time away from the paddock but I love the Island itself and have some good Manx friends so come an evening its good to soak up the atmosphere have the odd beer and an ice cream when it's a hot one!



Above: Mr Consistent: Ryan had a fantastic TT in 2008, finishing all 5 races in the top 6 despite not having a Superbike. Ryan will be aiming to add to his 2TT wins in 2010.



Above: Ryan enjoyed the last time he teamed up with MSS Kawasaki, taking a hard fought TT win in the 2005 Supersport B.



Above: Has Nick Morgan of MSS Kawasaki signed up the most successful road racer in the business today? Probably.



## TT 2010 Newcomers

### Aussie ace Johnson to debut at 2010 Isle of Man TT Races



It's been confirmed that Australian Ace David Johnson will make his debut at the 2010 Isle of Man TT Races, following in the successful footsteps of Cameron Donald. The 28-year old from Adelaide has been competing in the UK since 2002 and is a regular top 15 finisher in British Superbike Championship.

The Adelaide rider started out in the British Juniorstock series where he counts the likes of Tom Sykes and Cal Crutchlow amongst his scalps, before working his way through the British Superstock ranks.

David recorded a best finish of 7<sup>th</sup> overall in 2005. He also took second in the 2006 Dutch Superbike Championship before moving into the BSB arena first with the PR Branson team and then with Team Maxxis. In the last two seasons he has notched up numerous finishes inside the

points with his best result, 9<sup>th</sup> coming at last year's Mallory Park round. He will make his TT debut riding for the Mick Charnock managed DP Coldplaning team who backed fellow Aussie Cameron Donald in his debut year in 2005.

Talking about his TT debut, Johnson said:

"I've always been aware of the TT Races and it has been an ambition of mine to compete at the biggest road race in the world. I'd hoped to make my debut in 2009 but my BSB commitments ruled me out so it's great to be able to take part at last. I am working hard at learning the circuit at the moment. The TT is a huge challenge but I'm really looking forward to it and am confident of giving a good account of myself."

Above: Johnson will be looking to follow in the wheel-tracks of his fellow countryman Cameron Donald and taste TT success.



### BSB ace Dan Hegarty ready to fulfil long held TT ambition

Leading British Superstock Championship competitor Dan Hegarty is the latest in a long line of talented young riders who have signed up to take part in the 2010 Isle of Man TT Races. 23-year old Hegarty from Nottingham began racing in 2004 and soon progressed into the Virgin Mobile R6 Cup Championship where one of his main rivals was current TT star Conor Cummins.

Dan moved into the British Superstock Championship in 2006 and made a real breakthrough in 2008 when he finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall, scoring points in 8 of the 12 rounds. He also scored a stunning fourth place that year at the annual Mallory Park 'Race of the Year' where he was only beaten by Superbike stars Tom Sykes, Karl Harris and Glen Richards.

2009 saw him again contest the British Superstock series and despite being forced to miss a number of rounds for financial reasons he ended

the year with a flourish, taking a host of top ten finishes to finish 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

Away from racing Dan is the workshop manager of RTR Motorcycles and a Race Instructor at Ron Haslam's Race school at Donnington Park.

Speaking about the prospect of his debut on the Mountain Course, Dan said:

"I have always been a big fan of the TT and now I have everything in place I'm really looking forward to making my debut. Seeing how well many of the lads in the British Championship have done in the past few years has inspired me even more and I've been in touch with the organisers for some time to get everything sorted. I'm extremely excited about coming to the Isle of Man to race and it will fulfil a long ambition of mine – I can't wait!"

Above Superstock ace Dan Hegarty is the latest in a long line of talented youngsters who have switched attention to the roads.



### Former Irish Superbike Champion McCormack commits to TT2010

The 2008 Irish Superbike Champion Brian McCormack has joined an impressive line up of newcomers at TT2010. The 26-year old had been due to make his debut 12 months ago only to be forced out after a split with his British Superbike team but his commitment has remained and he intends to contest all five solo races.

The Waterford rider made his road racing debut with appearances at both the North West 200 and Killalane Road Races. His mature approach impressed many pundits, particularly at Killalane where he finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the main Superbike Race.

Speaking about his debut Brian commented:

"I really enjoyed my visit to the Island in 2008 and was really disappointed to miss out on competing last year but my commitment to the event has remained and it's going to be fantastic lining up on Glencrutchery Road this June. I learnt a lot last year and the road races I did should stand me in good stead. The Mountain Course is the biggest test of all but I'm confident that I can do well as long as I learn the circuit as much as possible between now and June, put in some solid performances in all of my races and return to the TT for many years to come."

Above: 2008 Irish Superbike Champion Brian McCormack will take on the TT Course after an impressive roads debut on Irish roads.

Keep up to date with more announcements on TT newcomers by logging on to [www.iomtt.com](http://www.iomtt.com)

## First Appearances at TT 2010

### Moto2 GP bike set for sensational Isle of Man TT debut

#### Olie Linsdell teams up with FTR to bring state of the art prototype machine to the TT

The Isle of Man TT Races are again proving their worldwide importance and value to the motorcycling world with the sensational news that one of the all-new Moto2 GP bikes will be contesting the Senior TT. The 600cc bikes have replaced the two-stroke 250cc machines at GP level and the 2010 TT will be the first place that race fans will see the bike being raced in the British Isles.

British chassis manufacturers FTR will be supplying the Honda-engined machine. It will be a similar spec to that being ridden in the Grands Prix by riders including former 125cc World Champion Gabor Talmacsi and GP winners Alex Debon and Andrea Iannone. British rider Graeme Gowland has also had considerable success on the machine when he raced in the Spanish Championship at the end of 2009.

Bedfordshire based Olie Linsdell will be riding the special GP bike, which should be able to mirror the speeds of the Supersport bikes. Olie will be following in his father's footsteps in riding a revolutionary machine on the Mountain Course. Steve Linsdell was the last man to ride a GP bike in a Senior TT when he rode the 500cc Paton in 2007 and he has also ridden bikes like the GTS1000 Yamaha and Triumph Saxon at a high level.

22-year old Linsdell, a double Manx Grand Prix winner in 2007, looked set to have a strong TT 12 months ago until he broke his leg during Wednesday

evening's practice session following an incident at Glen Duff. He was back in the saddle for the Classic 2009 Manx Grand Prix where he led the race until being forced to retire on the final lap.

One of the brightest talents to emerge in recent years, Linsdell is now 100% fit and is clearly excited to be given such an opportunity. He commented:

"The Moto2 GP class is exciting for everyone at the moment and I'm delighted and honoured to get the opportunity to race one at the TT. There's a big buzz around the class and while the 600cc bike won't be quick enough to challenge the Superbikes for the win in the Senior TT, there's no reason at all why it can't lap in excess of 125mph and get inside the top ten which would be a great achievement.

He continued:

"Both the team and I obviously have a lot to learn about how the bike will cope with the Mountain Course but the chassis is as good as anything else out there and we'll be aiming to match, if not better, the 600cc Supersport lap times. The whole project is sure to create a lot of interest during TT fortnight and we're confident we can do it justice and get a credible result."

### KTM enter Isle of Man TT Races for the first time

#### Iconic Austrian brand to debut at TT 2010 with Redline Motorcycles and James Edmeades

Austrian manufacturer KTM are set to increase the levels of official manufacturer participation at the 2010 Isle of Man TT Races with the news that Redline Motorcycles will be entering one of the flagship KTM RC8R Superbike machines in the Superbike, Superstock and Senior TT Races.

The off-road giants have been increasing their road racing efforts in recent years with 2009 seeing official participation in both the Austrian and German Superbike Championships and it is anticipated that the machine on the Island will mirror those in specification in what will be KTM's first ever TT appearance.

The man given the task of riding the bright orange bike will be Loughborough's James Edmeades. The 26-year old is no stranger to the TT having ridden in the 2006, 2007 and 2008 events. The former Virgin R6 Cup rider narrowly missed out on his first 120mph lap in 2007 and has already picked up two bronze replicas from his nine races whilst he also took a strong fifth in last season's RC8 Super Cup Championship.

In addition to the TT outing, Edmeades will campaign the bike in this year's British Superbike Evo Championship and he is eagerly looking forward to his return to the Mountain Course.

"The opportunity to become the first KTM rider at the Isle of Man TT Races is a tremendous honour for me and after the three great years I

enjoyed between 2006 and 2008, I can't wait to get back on the Island. The KTM RC8R is a superb bike and I'm sure it will perform well around the course with its excellent handling qualities.

He continued:

"I was carrying an injury when I was last at the TT and didn't perform as I would have liked which is something I'm keen to put right this year. I'm sure both myself and the team will give a good account of ourselves and further prove the capabilities of the KTM Superbike machine."

KTM will join Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki with their official manufacturer supported efforts at this year's TT whilst discussions with other leading manufacturers not currently represented at the TT are close to being finalised.

Hon Martyn Quayle, MHK, Minister for Tourism and Leisure, Isle of Man Government commented:

"It will be fantastic to see KTM competing for the first time on the Isle of Man and how appropriate that they will be lining up on the grid with Suzuki who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of racing at the TT. It shows the continued strength and enduring appeal of the TT Races and I hope that KTM will have a long and successful TT history."



Above: Young Gun Olie Linsdell will return to the Isle of Man TT in 2010 with a Moto2 GP bike amongst his stable of machinery.

**Festival News**

**£10k prize up for grabs for Clean emissions teams in TT Zero Race**

The TT Races will again play host to clean emission racing with the return of electric bikes to the mountain course in 2010.

The race will have a new name - TT Zero - and will become part of the core programme of TT races with prize money and replica's up for grabs. More teams and faster times are expected and the Isle of Man Government has also put up a £10k prize to the first team to record a 100mph lap around the mountain course.

Two teams have already thrown their hats into the ring. Motoczysz from Portland, Oregon will be returning to race on the Isle of Man in 2010 and a new team, Swedish Electrical Racing Team will be appearing for the first time. They'll have plenty of experience in the team though as their liaison officer is well known Swedish Ace and former MGP and TT competitor Mats Nilsson and their rider is adopted Manxman Chris Palmer.

(RIGHT : Michael Czysz with Rossi in 2009)



Above: TT winner Chris Palmer will contest the new Zero TT Race with Mats Nilsson's Swedish Electrical Racing Team.



Above and Below: The Billown course plays host to some of the closest racing you're ever likely to see with classics, two-strokes, supertwins and more all doing battle.



**Southern 100 Club announces Pre-TT Classic and Post TT Road Race Programme**

**Steam Packet Company offer special £99 Pre-TT and TT qualifying deal**

The Southern 100 Club have announced the race programme for the Pre-TT Classic and Post TT Road races. The popular meetings are held on the Billown Course near Castletown in the South of the Island.

The Pre-TT classic will feature 250cc and 350cc Singles, Lightweight, Junior, Senior, Unlimited Classic and Post Classic solo machines as well as spectacular sidecar racing. The three days of racing on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May culminates with the popular Open Air Concours d'Elegance of Racing Machines and a Prize Presentation in Castletown Square.

The Post-TT Road Races will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June and will consist of three eight lap races; the first will feature 125cc and 400cc machines running concurrently as a two class race, the second

is for 250cc and 650cc machines and the third will feature 600cc bikes.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company has developed an exclusive package called the 'TT Taster', the trip gives bike fans the opportunity to experience the best Motorbike racing that the Island has to offer. The deal is £99\* for a bike and rider return by ferry from Liverpool, Heysham, Dublin or Belfast to the Isle of Man. Accommodation packages are also available starting from £159 for ferry travel and 3 nights bed and breakfast.

This will allow fans the chance to experience the TT qualifying sessions on the mountain circuit as well as the full pre-TT classic Race programme at Billown. There's also the chance to experience the stunning scenery and everything else the Isle of Man has to offer visitors.



**Festival News**

## Get close to the action with VIP Hospitality and Grandstand Tickets

The 2010 TT VIP packages are now on sale from the Official TT Races Travel Partner Regency Travel. Fans can also purchase grandstand tickets from the Isle of Man based company. The 'VIP Club Hospitality only packages' are priced at £225 plus VAT each and give exclusive access to the TT VIP Club which is trackside in Nobles Park and at the heart of the event.

The 'VIP Club Hospitality Package' offers all day access to the Hospitality Suite including a complimentary bar open during licensing hours, breakfast served until 10am and a gourmet hot and cold buffet lunch prepared by first class chefs. Tickets can be purchased individually or booked as tables of eight.

The package also offers reserved grandstand seating; a bird's eye view from the hospitality suite roof-top, access to the TT paddock, exclusive rider appearances and race day competitions with money can't buy

prizes. Guests will also receive a special souvenir TT gift pack that includes official merchandise, the official TT programme, a race guide and an ear-piece radio tuned to Manx Radio's 'Radio TT', the official TT radio station.

VIP guests are also treated to a chat show with TT winning riders shortly after each race as well as hearing the thoughts of the celebrities and ex riders. Last year Valentino Rossi, Murray Walker and Bradley Smith dropped into the Hospitality area and a number of high profile celebrities are again expected to attend in 2010.

The Hospitality packages are available for each of the four race days at the 2010 TT Races.

You can reserve your place in the TT VIP Club now by calling +44 1624 694456 or email [sales@regencytravelholidays.com](mailto:sales@regencytravelholidays.com)



Above: A meeting of two great minds! Who knows who you'll bump into in the VIP TT hospitality suite.



Above: Conor Cummins, Ian Hutchinson and John McGuinness get one over on the MCN journalists at the London Bike Show.

Below: Biking Comedian Ross Noble



## MCN London Bike Show

The TT riders visited London at the beginning of February for MCN London Bike Show to promote the 2010 TT Races. 15 time champion John McGuinness, Double 2009 TT race winner Ian Hutchinson and local Manx favourite Conor Cummins took to the stage at the Excel Centre in London's Docklands.

The trio were interviewed about the forthcoming races and also took part in a special TT quiz against MCN journalists Phil Wain, John Westlake and Sam Pinney. Despite rumours that MCN had actually set

the questions, the TT riders triumphed by 20 points to 15.

Over 30,000 people visited the show over the four days and Official Travel Agency Regency Travel promoted travel and accommodation packages. Richard Howarth reported huge interest in the TT.

"It was really useful meeting people and getting their feedback on the TT. The show was a real success for us and it was good to get the chance to promote the TT in London."

## Top comedian Ross Noble confirmed for appearance at TT 2010

Bike Fan Ross Noble, one of the UK's leading stand up comedians, has signed up for TT 2010 and will be appearing at the Villa Marina on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Ross paid a visit to the Isle of Man in 2009 and took the chance to do a few laps with TT rider liaison officer Richard 'Milky' Quayle. He was blown away by the course and said at the time: "It was also fantastic to get a chance to follow in the footsteps of so many

legendary riders and do a few laps of the course. I'm really looking forward to mixing with the bike fans and seeing the races live this year."

Tickets for the Ross Noble concert are on sale now at the Welcome Centre (Sea Terminal) and on the Ticket Hotline on 01624 600 555 priced £22.50.



Partners for 2010

## Porsche Appointed Official Car Provider to the TT Races

Luxury Sports Car brand Porsche has been appointed to the role of official Car Provider to the TT Races by the Isle of Man Government Department of Tourism and Leisure. The contract will be managed by the Corkills Group who are Isle of Man's official Porsche dealers.

The company will provide 12 of the latest Porsche models including the Porsche Cayenne, Panamera and 911 models. They will be used to help manage the running of the event including course inspection and roads open and closed duties.

The deal also offers the opportunity for the Isle of Man and the TT Races to be promoted through the channels that Porsche own and operate including media and dealerships.

Adrian Kermode, MD, Corkills Motor Group, commented: "Porsche are delighted to be playing such an important role in one of the world's greatest motorsport events and it is a perfect fit with our company's corporate and brand values. I have been a fan of the TT since childhood and fondly remember working on the scoreboard as a boy scout and my Mother also helped for many years in the race office. I'm delighted to once again be actively involved with the event."

Hon Martyn Quayle, MHK, Minister for Tourism and Leisure, Isle of Man Government commented: "It is very pleasing to welcome Porsche's involvement in the TT and it should hopefully encourage other prestigious brands and companies to become commercial partners. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Mylchreest from Mylchreest Motors for the role that he, his family and company have played for many years."



Above: Prestigious car brand Porsche will carry out official duties throughout TT2010.



Manx Radio will continue as official TT Races broadcaster meaning the familiar voices of Charlie Williams (above) and Chris Kinley (below) will once again grace the air waves.



## Manx Radio continue as official TT Races broadcaster

Manx Radio has been reappointed by the Isle of Man Government Department of Tourism and Leisure as the official TT radio broadcaster. The station has broadcast TT commentary for the last 46 years, since its launch in 1964.

The multi-year deal will see Manx Radio continue to provide live race commentary from their commentary points around the course as well as their popular TT dedicated 1368 AM broadcast Radio TT, which is also available worldwide on-line via the official Isle of Man TT Web Site [iomtt.com](http://iomtt.com).

In 2010 the station will broadcast from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May until 8pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The station will be on air from 6am to 9pm daily

and will provide an hourly news service with weather updates from the Ronaldsway Metrological office.

There will be an early morning chat show featuring TT legend Charlie Williams as well as a lunch-time chat show on non race days. Both shows will be broadcast from the grandstand in front of a live audience. The station will also carry outside broadcasts from the TT prize giving ceremonies, Ramsey Sprint and Peel Day as well as other activities from the TT festival.

The station will have a team of 31 dedicated personnel who will fulfil jobs including commentary, production, presenting, newsreaders, timekeepers, engineers, business and promotions and airtime executives as well as a management team.

