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Above: A number of TT stars were on hand to help launch the 2010 TT Races with new presenting sponsor Monster Energy.



Above: Current King of the Mountain John McGuinness gives a helping hand at the Monster Energy Launch.



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NEW PRESENTING SPONSOR

Monster Energy on board to fuel the 2010 TT Races

An exciting new partner has been confirmed for the 2010 TT Races:

Energy drink Monster Energy is the latest top brand to back the TT races, coming on board as the overall presenting sponsor. As part of the deal they will also endorse the Supersport Races. The TT Races will now carry the credit 'fuelled by Monster Energy'.

Monster Energy, who also sponsor Valentino Rossi, Ken Block and a number of high profile sports events and personalities, will also receive advertising on the official TT website and event programme.

Jamal Benmiloud, Monster Energy European Marketing Director said: "Our brand is an active supporter of many of the world's truly great high octane sports events and the TT Races are right up there with the best of them. It is a truly incredible event with some of the

world's most talented motorcycle racers and it is a privilege to be associated with it."

As part of their sponsorship, the brand will live up to its reputation for putting on a show in the form of music and high profile appearances from Monster Energy endorsed ambassadors.

The company will look to bring in the Monster Army Camp, DJs as well as feeding the spectacle on the promenade alongside the already scheduled entertainment programme.

Monster Energy joins a strong portfolio of commercial sponsors that also includes Arai, Daniese, Graham London, Maxxis, Motul, Porsche, Royal London 360, Sure, and Suzuki.

All of the money generated by commercial partners is reinvested back into the event to offset the cost of running the races. This includes significant investment into the latest safety equipment.

Guy Martin, Wilson Craig Honda

Motor-mouth

We interrupted Guy Martin when he was working on a truck in his Garage in Kirmington. He put the kettle on and answered our questions. We tried to keep up.



So boy, what do you know?

Hmmm. Good question. I always enjoy learning things – useless pieces of information but this week I've been reading about that Austrian fellow... What was his name... Karl Marx. Founder of communism. (Karl Friedrich Marx was born in Trier, Prussia on May 5th 1818. His ideas are widely accepted as the foundation of modern communism). Now I'm not saying that he was good but he wasn't a total wrong un. Not like Hitler and that. When we've got these MP's claiming for duck houses and moats I can see where he was coming from.. There was method in the madness.

How did you get into racing?

My father raced (Guys father Ian raced in the TT between 1976 and 1988) but he didn't push me into it. Far from it. Let me stand on my own two feet. I left school at 16 and had a good job. I didn't even have my driving test for a while – all my money was spent on the bike – so my mum used to drive me to all the meetings. But it was gradual like. I had a road bike and crashed it and thought hello this is pretty good so I had a go at racing.

When did you first come to the Isle of Man?

Actually yeah now you come to mention it it was probably Isle of Man that really fired me up to race. I first came here in 88 to watch my Dad but it was 1998 Manx when a lad I worked with asked me if I wanted to spanner for him. Superb. Yeah that was definitely it. I thought I'll have some of that.

What are you up to at the moment?

I've got quite a few things kicking round at the moment. We've got loads of work in the shop right now I tell you we could do with a recession. I never seem to have a minute. I'm also doing some media stuff – I'll tell you those boys could do with a proper days work – Mans work I'm talking about now. They wouldn't last a day in the shop.

How's the mountain biking going? Any more races planned in 2010?

Oh yes. We've got a cracker coming up. The Salzkammergut Cup in Austria. (The Salzkammergut Cup is widely recognised as one of the toughest mountain bike events in the world. The extreme course that Guy will be tackling is more than 200km with over 7000 metres of climbing.) Just finishing that will be a real achievement. I'm down to 10 stone 10 which is perfect weight for a 600 – not so good for Superbikes though. I'm also back to do the end to end. What a race that is. Proper. Twelve hundred entries. I've only got one complaint though... All that way and at the end you have to pay for your cup of tea and sandwich. I'll tell you I don't know about you but I don't carry a lot of money with me when I go on a mountain bike race. Not a lot of room in them shorts.

Are there any other sports you are interested in doing?

Well, I've never been bothered by all that fitness malarkey. And gyms – what's the point of that... get over yourself. The biking and other stuff keeps me pretty fit though.

How do you relax outside of a race?

You know its funny but a bit of work often does the trick. Last year after the TT that we had I was away and back on the farm on Saturday. Mowing the grass an that. Perfect. Back into work on Monday and no one fusses at all. You know all 'good weekend'. This year we're looking at the Spa Classic straight after TT.

What's on the ipod at the moment?

Oh you know what I went to a gig last Saturday – Reef – how good are they. There doing the festivals this year so were doing a few warm up gigs. They've been away 10 years and back on it straight away. Proper band. And Gary Stringer; He's the man. I'm getting into a bit of Portishead right now. And one you must check out is The Music from Leeds – Welcome to the North – now there's an album. Then you've got Prodigy – The dirt chamber sessions - sounds like Run DMC is the one to listen to and I've also got the new Kasabian album.

How are your preparations going for 2010?

Yes. Spot on I think. We've loads going on but we're definitely ticking all the boxes but you know I've learnt a lot from John McGuinness on this one – he's definitely the man isn't he – if it isn't right it isn't right and you can't do anything about it – people say if this and that hadn't happened you know – broken chain and that. However people talk about goals and you need goals – something to aim for. Everyone's on about the first win but I want five in a week.

Who are you looking out for this year?

You know what. I think Conor's the man. Very impressive. Reminds me of a young John McGuinness – and John's still the man to beat of course. Best round here. Proper respect for that man but then there's loads – anyone can go well on the day if they've got everything right.

Why have you chosen to go with Wilson Craig in 2010 and do you think that this gives you a chance of standing on the top step this year?

Oh you can't go wrong with Wilson. Proper Man. Everything he says he'll do he does. No nonsense. Puts his money where his mouth is. There's been no expense spared, no cutting corners – it all comes out in the wash. Racing on the Isle of Man is all about ticking the boxes and with Wilson everything's ticked.

END (PHEW!)

“It all comes out in the wash racing on the Isle of Man...”

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Official 2010 TT Programme on Sale 17th May

The Official Programme for the 2010 TT Races, produced by Mannin Media, will be available to buy from 17th May from major retail outlets including 540 WH Smith shops nationwide and various outlets in Ireland. It can also be ordered online at www.iomtt.com.

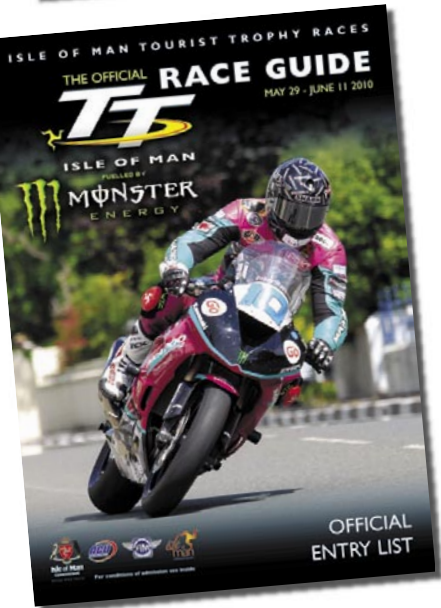
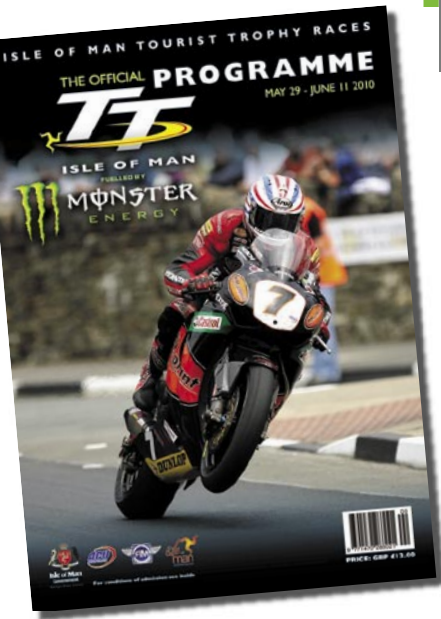
The 126 page full colour programme is packed with fascinating facts and features alongside stunning photography from some of motorcycling's leading photographers. It also comes with the official race guide and entry lists and is the perfect way to follow the races, whether on the Island or listening via the web.

Features in the 2010 programme include an insight into the psyche of the top TT competitors as the leading contenders reveal in a detailed questionnaire what goes through their minds as they line-up on the grid before the start of a race. There are also articles on the TT's fastest female rider Jenny Tinnmouth and local hero Conor Cummins.

This year the programme also comes with a new addition - a 48 page pocket size 'Spectators Course Guide', which outlines the best viewing points around the course with useful information on both access and local amenities. The guide includes a detailed description of the course and the best points to catch the action close up provided by Richard 'Milky' Quayle, former TT Race winner and currently one of the TT's Rider Liaison Officers.

The programme also catches up with rising star Michael Dunlop and looks at whether he believes he's under added pressure to keep the Dunlop name on the TT podium. There's also a 'no holds barred' interview with Ian Hutchinson - winner of two races in a day at last year's meeting.

Programmes are priced £12 from newsagents and other good retailers. Alternatively they can be ordered from the official website iomtt.com.



Newly designed website offers free live commentary for 2010

Fans around the world will be able to follow the action from the Isle of Man TT live and free of charge in 2010 with the re-launched Official Website of the Isle of Man TT.

The Official TT website is already attracting more than 1.9 million visits a year, and the annual figure is now expected to top 2 million in 2010. One of the biggest changes to iomtt.com is that the popular TT Live! service will now be available to all internet users free, and without subscription.

Over the past three years, TT Live! has offered live sector timings and speeds from all sessions throughout the TT fortnight, as well as live commentary from Radio TT. A small subscription charge was necessary to cover the costs of the service.

For 2010, there will be no charge so online fans will be able to follow

the action as it happens whether they are yards from the course, or thousands of miles away from the Isle of Man.

Another new website feature is the introduction of a section for young fans. The Kids' Zone will allow youngsters to enjoy and learn about the TT through content chosen and designed by Island schoolchildren as part of a project between the Department of Tourism and Leisure and the Department of Education.

The iomtt.com site will now feature video and audio content, from classic archive sounds and pictures to the very latest footage, as well as detailed profiles of some of the biggest names in both the solo and sidecar classes.

The TT also has its own Facebook page and already has over 7000 members since it was launched last month.

Sure confirm long term TT sponsorship and launch of new fans TT Textline

Isle of Man based Telecommunications Company Sure has signed a long-term deal to be the 'Official Mobile Provider' to the TT Races. The three-year deal includes sponsorship of the Sidecar Races in 2010, which will be called Sure Sidecar Race 1 and 2.

Sure has been a long term supporter of the TT since the company arrived on the Isle of Man in 2007 and the latest agreement will see their backing continue until 2012 including the anniversary of the Mountain Course in 2011.

The sponsorship will see Sure providing mobile phones for all of the sector marshals and the company has also set up a text messaging

service to keep marshals informed of any news and updates throughout the fortnight.

Sure will offer additional TT benefits to any Sure customers, including existing Isle of Man based residents and visitors who can pick up and use a free Sure SIM card from the retail unit at the TT Grandstand or either of the shops in Douglas or Ramsey.

ATT information service will be provided for anyone who has a Sure SIM card. Customers need to text 101 to opt in to receive the updates that will include race information and results, road closures as well as details and tips on the entertainment programme.





Isle of Man TT Marshals Association

Orange Army gears up for TT 2010

Marshals are the lifeblood of the TT races and the event couldn't be run without the volunteer 'orange army'. 50X marshals are needed in position around the 37 3/4 mile course before a race can start. Bill Carden, Press Officer for the Isle of Man TT Marshals Association Ltd (TTMA) talks to Training Director Cathy Pullen about the incident management training offered to marshals for the TT and MGP events.

The TTMA work hard all year round recruiting volunteers/marshals for the TT and MGP; what training programme is offered to those who marshal or are thinking of learning how to marshal?

The TTMA run a number of Incident Management Courses (IMC's) every year at various locations around the UK as well as locally in Douglas in the Isle of Man. The dates are posted on our website and in our newsletters or by contacting the IOMTTMA office.

Who provides the IMC training and the facilities needed?

St John Ambulance (SJA) provides the venue and they also supply SJA trainers who teach a recognised 'Emergency Aid for Motorcyclists' programme. There are also some TT course add-ons which cover the first aid element of the IMC, with the TTMA providing training for the rest of the day. We use SJA venues in the UK that ensures we get the guarantee of a good training environment. We also take local SJA trainers across to the UK to any IMC; this also keeps further consistency within our IoM training.

Can anyone attend an IMC and how long is the course?

The TTMA has a database that consists of people who have signed on and marshalled in recent years, or provided us with their details because they wish to marshal at forthcoming events. Anyone on the TTMA database is eligible to attend an IMC. A full IMC is a one day course, starting at 8.45am and finishing around 5pm; we fit a lot into a very busy day. We do provide lunch and a series of refreshment breaks and this is free.

What subjects will be covered during an IMC?

The day starts with a presentation covering the powers and duties of a marshal and a short fire training demonstration on DVD. This is followed by the SJA first aid element of the course. After that we demonstrate the race flags and their meanings, a presentation about helicopter procedures and a brief overview of the use of the TETRA radio (the course communication system used on the TT course). At the end of the day, we run a short scenario where the main elements of the course are put together using the teamwork that people have practiced during the day.

I take it the course includes some hands on activities then?

Absolutely, it is certainly not about watching a PowerPoint screen all day. Once the first aid element of the course begins, so too does the practical side. Everyone on the course gets the opportunity to have hands on practice.

So what does that first aid side of the course cover exactly?

It covers everything relating to managing and incident; especially your own safety. The primary survey is of major importance so marshals can recognise the immediate priorities when dealing with a casualty; then we lead into CPR. The course also covers various other elements of first aid relative to the TT Course including the use of the cervical collar, the scoop stretcher and most importantly, helmet removal. All of these are practiced by everyone on the course under the supervision of the SJA trainers.

It seems to me that this type of course could also prove useful training during everyday life away from racing and the TT course.

We often hear from marshals who feel that the training they have received from us has helped them, either on or off the TT course! The fact that the IMC can boost confidence whilst marshalling is a good reason to attend one.

Once someone has completed a day's training, when would they expect to train again?

The IMC qualification, which includes the SJA 'Emergency Aid for Motorcyclists' certificate, is valid for 3 years, and completion of the course also provides the opportunity to register with the ACU as a road race marshal. Understandably, some people feel they wish to renew their skills within that time, so there are refresher training days on the first Sunday of practice week at both the TT and the MGP; this is a general first aid, flags and TETRA reminder. Following the mornings refresher training at the SJA HQ there is an opportunity to look around the Airmed helicopter and watch a casualty loading demonstration, finishing off with a walk across the paddock to Race Control up in the Tower to see how that works. Anyone who wishes to attend this refresher training day just needs to get to the St John HQ near the Grandstand by 9.30am on the relevant Sunday morning, there is no need to pre book.

This training is obviously expensive to set up, how much will it cost a marshal to attend an IMC?

The courses are free of charge but do take up a day of their time. The TTMA cover the cost of all the IMC's, which uses a considerable chunk of the annual budget.

Has the incident training changed or is the course the same every time someone renews their qualification? Would someone be tempted to think they have seen it all before and there is nothing new to learn?

It is easy to think you know it all, but on the TT course many things change and our courses reflect that; we review everything at the start of our training year in September and any additional safety changes are added to make sure marshals are aware of procedures. We also try to bring in some variety so it is not exactly the same, yet it covers all the same subjects. It must also be remembered that as humans, we forget a lot of what we learn so if an incident happens when you are marshalling, that would not be the ideal time to realise you don't actually remember much of what you had once learned!

You said that prospective marshals can attend an IMC, but is it possible that experienced marshals on the course could make a newcomer feel out of their depth?

We generally have a good mix of people from the experienced marshal through to the TT virgins as they call themselves! We always encourage those with plenty of experience marshalling to assist those with less experience.

Although you said the training is free for someone registered with the TTMA and those who have yet to marshal, are there any obligations on their part? What if they fail to attend, can that cause problems?

As far as an obligation to marshalling, we would hope that anyone attending an IMC has the intention of actually signing on to marshal at the TT, the MGP, or both, and those that already marshal have obviously shown that support, however, by booking onto an IMC there is an obligation to attend the training day, or to advise us if that becomes doubtful. For anyone with an unforeseen problem on the day, we provide a phone number so our trainer knows not to expect that person.

Lastly, How does someone book onto an IMC and what information will they get from the TTMA?

It is very easy to book a place on an IMC, just contact us by either email at training@iomttma.com or by phone on 01624 618191. Our secretary will confirm you have a place booked and within a fortnight of your course, you will receive a reminder letter or email which will have all the venue details and map of the location.

www.iomttma.com



TT Zero News

Electric teams chase £10,000 prize

The Isle of Man Government is again supporting clean tech development with the TT Zero clean emissions event at the TT Races, which has become part of the official TT race programme. As with the core TT Races programme TT Zero will be run by ACU Events Ltd, using the latest FIM regulations.

The clean emissions race in 2009 was widely credited with accelerating the development of clean emissions transport and many of the technical innovations that were introduced in the Isle of Man are expected to become an integral part of future mass-market transport. The event was conceived with the support and involvement of numerous Departments of the Isle of Man Government as part of the Island's Freedom to Flourish programme.

As well as the usual prize money available to teams and riders, the Isle of Man Government has also created a £10,000 prize fund for the first TT Zero Race team to record a 100mph lap (160.93kph) around the 37 and 3/4 mile course. This landmark was achieved for the first time by a conventional bike in 1957, when Scotsman Bob McIntyre lapped the TT Course in 22 minutes 24.4 seconds for an overall average of 101.03mph. Rob Barber and Team Agni recorded a fastest lap time of 25 minutes 53.5 seconds (87.434mph) in the 2009 clean emissions race.

Many of the teams who took part in the inaugural event in 2009 will be returning to pit their unique machines against the mountain course. The 'Pro' and 'Open' classes have merged this year into a single event and competition is expected to be fierce with many of the teams putting into practice the lessons that they learnt competing on the Isle of Man in 2009.

Defending champions Agni, in a sign of their intent, have entered two teams including returning champion Rob Barber. Fastest female around the course Jenny Timmouth completes their line up.

Kingston, Brunel and Imperial will be competing for the honour of fastest University team and all three are confident that with a full year's preparation they can compete effectively with the other manufacturers and private teams.

The Isle of Man based team ManTTx Racing have also confirmed their participation. They recorded a time of 70.677 in the first qualifying lap in 2009 but overheated the motor during the race and were forced to retire. They return with experienced rider James McBride and will be looking for better luck this year.

Also returning to compete is MotoCzysz, the motorcycle team founded by designer Michael Czysz. Their MotoCzysz E1pc electric motorcycle generated a huge amount of interest during the inaugural event in 2009 and was widely accepted as having a similar level of integration as a traditional race bike.

The multi national nature of the event is reflected in the 'Team Tork' entry from India. They finished a credible third in the Open Class in 2009 and are looking forward to pitting their machine against all-comers this year. Electric Motorsport, who won the Open class in 2009, are confident that with another year's experience under their belts, they can go one better and win the outright title this year.

A new entrant in 2010 will be SERT (Swedish Electric Race Team). The team has been formed and is led by Lars "Lasse" Nilsson, a former motocross and road racing competitor. They have also brought popular former MGP and TT racer Mats Nilsson on board as the team TT liaison officer and have confirmed TT veteran Chris Palmer as their rider. Also new to the event in 2010 are 666 racing who have secured multiple podium campaigner Keith Amor. Based in the UK, the team are one of the UK's leading carbon component suppliers to the motorsport industry with a client list that includes Factory Yamaha outfit, Hydrex Honda, Relentless by Tas Suzuki, Raceways Yamaha and Parkalgar Honda. Now Team 666 are looking to apply the knowledge they have gained as engineers to competing on the race course in their own right.

London based Ecolve, a company that manufactures electric scooters, has created an electric sports bike especially for the TT Zero ace that they have christened 'Bolt' because of its potential speed.

Europe will also have a strong representation with teams from Italy (Vercaimoto), Germany (Muench Racing) and Austria (HTBLAUVA - XX Project) completing the line up.



Above: Valentino Rossi takes great interest in MotoCzysz electric motorcycle - pictured here with Michael Czysz who brings his team back to the Island this June.



Above and Below: The Inaugural event for electric machines was won by Rob Barber of Team Agni. The event has been credited with accelerating development in the area of clean emissions racing.



Festival News

Spanish duo to support Dainese's role as the TT's Official Safety Partners

Spanish Moto GP legends past and present Angel Nieto and Jorge Lorenzo will both attend this year's TT Races in June as part of iconic Italian brand Dainese's sponsorship of the event. Lorenzo and Nieto will attend the blue riband Dainese Senior TT, completing a lap of the course on two wheels before the competitors set off for the six-lap thriller on Friday 11th June.

Lorenzo is really looking forward to visiting the Island and said:

"I'm very glad to have the opportunity to be at the TT this year and ride the Yamaha R1 together with Angel. It will be a great honour for me, because this is one of the most famous and epic races, it still keeps all the meaning of real motorcycling and pilots who ride here deserve the biggest respect. Further more I will bring my experience in testing the D-air® racing in Moto GP, as a Dainese Safety ambassador."

Angel Nieto won 90 Grands Prix and 13 world championships during an illustrious racing career, riding a variety of 50cc and 125cc machines – although, being superstitious, he prefers his total championships to be referred to as '12 plus 1'!

Nieto from Zamora, Spain paid tribute to the TT riders:

"It is many years since I've been on the Isle of Man and it will be very emotional to be at the TT Races again. It is a very difficult circuit and

a unique race – very different from Moto GP - and is for only the most talented riders. To win the TT has always been very important for any racer. I am very keen to see whether the event has changed since I was last there."

Dainese's founder and President Lino Dainese spoke of the continued relationship with the TT Races:

"I am very proud to announce our continued support of this historic event. It is a great place to combine history and tradition with new development. With Guy Martin and our engineers, we continue to search for ever-improved safety protection for all our customers, and the D-Air project is a symbol of this commitment."

The visits of the two Spanish legends are courtesy of Dainese who were appointed the TT's Official Safety Partner in 2008 and have used the demanding event as a test-bed for the innovative D-Air system. TT racer Guy Martin has been crucial in development work and has collaborated closely with Dainese's engineers in preparing the D-Air system for eventual commercial availability.

Last year, 15-time Grand Prix world champion Giacomo Agostini visited the TT along with nine-time world champion, Valentino Rossi. The Dainese-protected duo delighted in a lap of the famous 37.73 mile (60km) course, thrilling course spectators and bringing a world-wide focus to the event.



Above: Lorenzo has big respect for the TT and the pilots who take part, describing the it as one of the most famous and epic races.



Above: Angel Nieto pictured at the TT on Glencrutchery Road. Nieto is expecting an emotional return to the Island in June.



Bike press mix it with the TT stars as they swap two wheels for four!

The TT Press Office has run two high profile launches last month for the 2010 TT. The Isle of Man hosted journalists from Europe and Ireland at the beginning of March, many of whom had not been to the Island before and they quickly took the chance to do some laps of the course under the watchful instruction of TT rider liaison officers Johnny Barton and Richard Milky Quayle.

Meanwhile, TT riders took the chance to experience the thrill of racing on four wheels at the Porsche Development Centre with some of the UK's bike press. This facility included a fully functional circuit and TT racers, including Keith Amor, were driven round the track by some experienced Porsche drivers. The general view was that while four wheels were good, two are definitely better!



Festival News

3 major music acts have confirmed their appearance at the 2010 Festival



Ian Brown, formerly lead singer with The Stone Roses will appear at the Royal Hall, Villa Marina on Saturday 5th June while Johnny Borrell, lead singer with Razorlight and popular indie band 'Doves' are also playing during race week.

The Stone Roses are widely acknowledged as one of the pioneering bands of the 'Madchester' scene in the late 80's and early 90's and frontman Ian Brown is one of the most instantly recognisable figures from the movement. His influence is still seen today in bands such as the Arctic Monkeys, Kasabian and Coldplay.

Since the Stone Roses split up in 1996, Ian Brown has released six solo albums (4 reached Top 10 in the UK albums chart) and had 14 UK Top 40 singles including the seminal hits "My Star", "F.E.A.R.", "Dolphins Were Monkeys" and "Illegal Attacks". In 2005, he sold out the 16,000 capacity MEN Arena in Manchester and has sold out the Brixton Academy as a solo artist 11 times. At the 2006 NME awards, Brown was presented with the "Godlike Genius" award and in 2007 was given the Q "Legend" Award.

Johnny Burrell, as founder and lead singer of Razorlight, has two 4 x platinum selling albums and a Gold selling album (Slipway Fires); Five UK top 10 singles including the chart topping indie classic, "America" and smash hits "Somewhere Else", "In the Morning" and "Wire to Wire". At his Villa Marina show, Johnny will be playing all of Razorlight's biggest hits and a selection of his own original material

Doves, the Manchester based Indie band, are scheduled to appear at the Royal Hall on Tuesday 8th June, before they appear on the main stage at the Isle of Wight Festival the following weekend. With Indy anthems "There Goes The Fear", "Black and White Town" and "Snowden", Doves have firmly established themselves as one of the UK's best rock bands. They followed up their platinum selling debut album, Lost Souls (UK number 6) with two further UK chart-topping albums, The Last Broadcast and Some Cities. Their latest album, Kingdom of Rust, reached number 2 in the UK album chart.

Tickets for all three concerts are on sale from the Welcome Centre at the Sea Terminal and the Ticket Hotline – 01624 614 456.

TT EVENT TICKETS

Tickets for all the major TT events including the headline music and comedy concerts are available through the Official Travel Partner Regency Travel.

BOOKING HOTLINE:

01624 694 456

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www.iomttbreaks.com



The Last Word: It's Kenyuk Yessir!

Debate has already started around the pronunciation of South African rider Hudson Kennaugh's surname. With a Manx Grandmother the Island's residents are keen to claim him as one of their own, and that includes confirming the pronunciation of his well-known Manx surname (for the record its Kenyuk).

Kennaugh has a superb racing CV and is arguably one of the most high profile newcomers in recent years. The 29-year old needs no introduction to all short circuit racing fans in the UK, having competed in the British Championships since 2006. He enjoyed major success in both his homeland and on the International stage and has now decided

the time is right to tackle the Mountain Course. His debut promises to be a mouth watering prospect for all road racing fans.

Hudson will contest all five solo classes on Kawasaki machinery with his own team at the TT and has already been over to the Island to familiarize himself with the course, and has also studied numerous on board DVD's.

He will be trying to emulate the feats of fellow countryman Jon Ekerold who was, arguably, one of the best road racers ever to have come out of South Africa.

