

A cheque for 40,000 euro was presented to the Irish Cancer Society (ICS) from the Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally at a well-attended function in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon, on the 19th of October 2018. A large crowd attend the presentation, which heard several speeches from the Irish Cancer Society and members of the Innishannon rally committee and entertained by Kieran Cooke and his music band.

The proceeds were from the 21th Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally held over the 2018 June bank holiday weekend. Over the past 21 years, the rally has raised over 1.44 million euro for the ICS.

The presentation was made on behalf of the committee by Martin Desmond (Chairman), PJ Ryan and Jim Finn (Treasurers) to Mark Mellett (Head of Fundraising for Irish Cancer Society) and Theresa Barrett (Palliative Care Nurse for Irish Cancer Society).

Martin Desmond thanked everyone who was involved in the rally and the support from the local community. He also thanked the Gardai, Red Cross, County Council, local farmers for the parking, media, volunteers for their time and energy in assisting the rally and the ticket selling team. In addition, the committee members thanked the rally sponsor C103, and thanked 96fm and the media papers for its support during the year. A special mention was made for the populations of Innishannon, Bandon, Kinsale, West Cork and Cork City for their very strong support they give to the rally each year and how much the Innishannon Rally appreciates this support.

The 2018 Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally took place over the June Bank Holiday weekend with a large crowd attending the rally in brilliant sunshine. The 21th Innishannon Steam and Vintage rally was officially opened by Seán Óg Ó hAilpín.

The rally visitors were treated too

- Timber Sawing by Steam
- Shingle Mill demonstration of cutting wooden roof tiles
- Stone breaking by Steam
- Corn Threshing by Steam
- Oat Threshing by Steam
- Steam Haulage.
- Steam Engine Ploughing using a grubber.
- Trial Star Motorcycle Action by Trials Champion Andy Perry, which kept the crowds entertained with daredevil acrobatics.
- A Ford T model car from Westmeath driven by Michael Collins
- Large Army Display from the Communication division in Collin's Barracks.
- Horse Threshing
- Cross Barry Vintage Displays
- Large selection of animals in the pet's corner

Next Year's rally will take place on the 2nd and 3rd June 2019. All the Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally details can be found on the web site: <http://www.isvrally.com/>.