

A cheque for 30,000 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 20th of October 2017. The proceeds were from the 20th Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally held over the 2017 June bank holiday weekend. Over the past 20 years, the rally has raised over 1,370,000 euro for the ICS.

The presentation was made on behalf of the committee by Martin Desmond (Chairman), PJ Ryan and Jim Finn (Treasurers) to John McCormack (CEO Irish Cancer Society) and Nicola McMahon Community Fundraiser 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 main sponsor New Ireland Assurance and 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 first day of the 2017 Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally took place on, Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> June and a huge crowd attended the rally in brilliant sunshine. The 20th Innishannon Steam and Vintage rally was officially opened by Lord Mayor of Cork, Des Cahill.

On the Sunday, 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

The Second Day of the rally, Monday, the 5th June had to be cancelled to inclement weather.

Next Year's rally will take place on the 3rd and 4th June 2018.

All the Innishannon Steam and Vintage Rally details can be found on the web site:

<http://www.isvrally.com/>.