



PENNYHILL PARK HOTEL



**ENGLAND TEAM MANAGER, MARTIN JOHNSON  
AND PENNYHILL PARK HOTEL RAISE OVER £16,000 FOR LOCAL BASED CHARITIES,  
THE 'CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FOUNDATION' & 'SURREY GOING FOR GOLD'**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010, England Rugby Team Manager Martin Johnson delighted assembled dinner guests at a specially organised charity dinner at Pennyhill Park Hotel, Bagshot by answering questions on all manner of rugby related topics. Johnson was joined by England Squad Members Mark Cueto, Steve Borthwick, Danny Care and James Haskell and the auction included such glittering prizes as a limited edition signed and framed print of Martin Johnson, a Pelé signed shirt and photograph, David Beckham's signed football boots, a Beijing Olympics 2008 tracksuit and a Jonny Wilkinson, 2003 World Cup, signed jersey.

The evening raised over £16,000 for Pennyhill Park's chosen charities the 'Children with Special Needs Foundation' and 'Surrey Going for Gold'. General Manager, Julian Tomlin said "We're delighted to have raised such a staggering sum for these local charities. The evening was a great success and only serves to strengthen our relationship with the Rugby Football Union and our chosen charities - it was so pleasing to see over 150 guests enjoying their time here at Pennyhill."

Surrey Going for Gold is a charitable trust formed to help Camberley Judo Club. The aim of the trust is to achieve Olympic success in 2012 and beyond whilst promoting judo at grass roots level throughout the county. Having already produced several Olympians and with contenders for London 2012 and Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 Camberley Judo Club has been identified as a Surrey sports club that can win Olympic medals. The club also satisfies the trusts aim of promoting judo at all levels and teaches judo to beginners upwards.

The 'Children with Special Needs Foundation' was established in 1995 by Gordon and Ann Parris with a sole purpose to help children with special needs in the Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire region. From the money raised so far, they have been able to help hundreds of children and their families, in many cases as individuals or collectively, through their schools or other charitable organisations.

Pennyhill Park is a stunning 19<sup>th</sup> Century country house set in 120 acres of beautiful Surrey parkland. With its close relationship with the RFU and as the Official Training Base to the England team once again it is the ideal location for such an event.

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