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## Sporting dinner raises over £8000 for local charities

A charity fund raising sporting dinner held in Newmarket last week, with former England football international Frank Worthington and racing pundit Derek Thompson, raised well over £8000 for farming and racing charities.

Organised by Richard Levin of property and business consultants Brown & Co and Mark Edmondson of solicitors Edmondson Hall, the sporting dinner is a biennial event and again proved to be a sell out.

Derek Thompson, well-known presenter on Channel 4 and Talk Sport, put his charm and quick wit to good use in his role as auctioneer. Among the sporting memorabilia up for auction was a framed picture of the 1966 England World Cup squad signed by 9 of the 11 members of the winning team, racing silks signed by Frankie Dettori, a signed Michael Owen England shirt and a cricket bat signed by Andrew Flintoff and Shane Warne.

Talented comedian Alan Cleary rounded off the evening's entertainment.

Held at Swynford Paddocks Hotel, attendees from the racing and sporting world included Middlesex and England fast bowler Chris Silverwood, as well as members of award winning Juddmonte Farms and equine vets Rossdales. Chief executives Cedric Burton OBE of Racing Welfare and Jeremy Richardson of the Injured Jockeys Fund both joined in on the evening's activities.

"We are hugely grateful for the support and generosity shown by the local farming, racing and business communities," says Richard Levin. "We're delighted to have raised a tidy sum which will be divided between the Injured Jockeys Fund, Racing Welfare and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution's (RABI) Manson House in Bury St Edmunds, which supports farming families."

**Caption:**

From left: Richard Levin, partner of Brown & Co, former England footballer Frank Worthington, Mark Edmondson partner of Edmondson Hall, Middlesex and former England cricketer Chris Silverwood and racing pundit Derek Thompson.

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