

SIR GEOFF HURST KICKS OFF HERRINGTON & CARMICHAEL'S CHARITY APPEAL

Camberley 6th July 2007 – Herrington & Carmichael LLP were delighted to welcome 1966 World Cup hero and legend Sir Geoff Hurst MBE to launch the Children with Special Needs Carwarden School Appeal in the beautiful surroundings of Loseley Park on Wednesday evening.

Clients and local business leaders from across the South East attended the firm's Sportsman's Dinner to pledge and lend their support to the start of a very busy and exciting year of fundraising for the firm.

Carwarden House Community School, near to Camberley, is one of the UK's top schools for students aged 11-16 with special educational needs. Students admitted to Carwarden will have learning difficulties and associated language and/or communication problems. Students experience problems due to failure in a mainstream setting, both academically and socially. They normally enter Carwarden with low self esteem or lack of confidence. The school's aim is to equip its students with the educational and practical skills needed to progress and succeed in adult life. The school's extended range of services includes the 16/19 provision which offers vocational training, speech and language therapy and College-link programmes to students in the 16-19 age bracket who, due to their complex learning difficulties, are not yet able to benefit from a course in a Further Education College.

Herrington & Carmichael Senior Partner and host for the dinner, Adrian Job, was extremely pleased to welcome Sir Geoff Hurst among the guests attending the evening, and to see the Appeal get off to a great start with some early fundraising.

“What an honour to have Sir Geoff with us this evening. A true national sporting hero, Geoff gave all of us a very personal insight into that day in 1966 that has become immortalised in our national sporting history. Geoff very kindly took questions at the end of the evening and even auctioned one of his own signed 1966 photos which allowed us to get our fundraising off to a flying start.” Says Adrian

“Many of us are familiar with the wonderful work provided by the staff at Carwarden House School but we remain unaware of the increasing demand that’s placed on the school’s financial and physical resources. Testament to its success as a centre of excellence for specialist education and training is the rising number of families making use of the school’s services. During the next 12 months we aim to help the school through a variety of fundraising activities complete one very important project.” Continues Adrian.

Andy Caple, Assistant Head Teacher at Carwarden House and Tina Varnes from the Children with Special Needs Foundation attended the dinner and were really pleased to be given the opportunity to thank Adrian and the staff at Herrington & Carmichael for organising such a fantastic launch.

“Herrington & Carmichael and the guests attending this evening have been absolutely marvellous in getting the year’s fundraising off to a wonderful start.”

“The funds raised through the Appeal will enable us to build a specialist vocational centre that will contain a beauty centre and hairdressing salon providing training in health and beauty for not just our students, but students with special needs attending other local schools. The facilities will help to open up career opportunities for the students by enabling them to learn practical skills and abilities in these fields useful to employers.” Explains Andy.

A raffle during the evening and the auction item offered by Sir Geoff Hurst raised £5,200 in total. Adrian and his colleagues would love to hear from any other businesses or individuals interested in getting involved with the Children with Special Needs Carwarden School Appeal. Help is needed in ensuring the appeal reaches its target. If you would like to find out more please contact Joanna McKenzie on 01276 686222 or email jmc@herrington-carmichael.com

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