

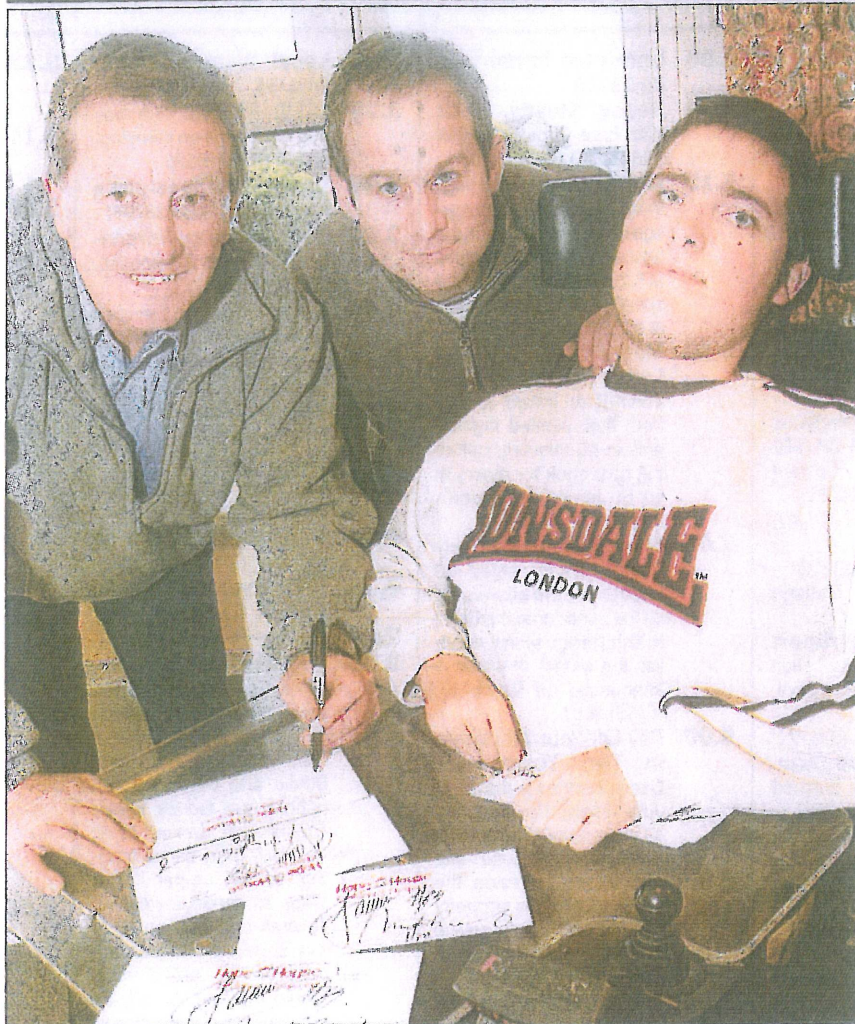
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## Motorcycle charity boost



Pete Walford, right, with Mick Grant and James Whitham at the hospice

## Work of hospice given backing by top riders

Two famous faces from the world of motorcycling paid a visit to Hope House Children's Hospice in Oswestry yesterday before a fundraising event in their honour.

Six-times British champion James Whitham, who is also a BBC and Sky Sports commentator, and five times British champion Mick Grant spoke to fans at Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel last night.

The event was organised by Road Racing Legends, a charity launched earlier this year by Phil Morris, of Oswestry, and Colin Morris, of Craven Arms.

The aim of the charity is to bring motorcycle celebrities to events in Shropshire to raise funds for local causes and national organisations that help victims of accidents in motorcycle races. The sell-out event

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raised approximately £3,000 and the proceeds will be split between Hope House and the Isle of Man Helicopter Fund.

Mr Whitham and Mr Grant took a tour of Hope House and met children and staff.

Mr Grant said: "We had a look around and it's unbelievable. The sad thing is we outside don't know what these places are about and it's very touching to see the work and dedication that goes into it. It exists on public funding rather than Government, which makes it more unbelievable."

Mr Whitham added: "It's completely different to what I was expecting. If there is any small way I can help because I have ridden a bike a few times then I will do."