



They're on the ball

Television sports commentators and soccer stars got together on Monday to help a pensioner who was attacked and robbed of her life savings. At a dinner at the Crest Hotel, Maidenhead, more than 150 businessmen helped raise £700.

A football autographed by the Rest of the World team which played the Football league in the big Centenary match at Wembley recently

was auctioned.

Pictured with the ball at Monday's function are back (left to right) former Arsenal star Frank McLintock and commentators Jim Rosenthal and Peter Brackley. In front are commentators Alan Parry and England manager Bobby Robson.

Alan Parry is press officer of Wycombe Wanderers, who organised the function. The 82-year-old pensioner

was attacked and robbed in her Buckinghamshire home.

"Football gets a lot of criticism," said Police Inspector Mervyn Edwards. "But here is an example of how the game can rally round for a good cause."

The ball for auction was given by Beaconsfield police. Part of the money raised will go to the pensioner and part to a charity nominated by the police.