

currently 275,000 young people undertaking programmes to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards every year. To date the Award Scheme has helped 4 million people in the UK and over 2 million internationally. In 1988 the International Award was established and this is effectively the overseas programme of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and last year the scheme was introduced to B.I.S. students. The RGBB wishes them and all who are involved with the scheme, either as participants or supporters, all success.

Two Special Briefings have been held and at the July Briefing we were able to welcome to Riyadh Robert Lickley the newly appointed Commercial Development Manager for Saudi Arabia of BMI and also John Snowden, the Head of Business, Civil and Defence Projects of the Export Credit Guarantee Department in the U.K. In October the RGBB was proud to host Mr. Abdulrahman Al Fadley the C.E.O. of Almarai Company; and he and his team are to be complimented on the enthusiasm with which they made their excellent presentation and the obvious pride they had in their company – the detailed report later in the magazine gives a flavour of this presentation.

With regard to sports, cricket; darts; golf; pool and water polo competitions have been played and my special thanks to Gary Richardson for driving the sports programme with such enthusiasm. We all look forward to the RGBB Open Golf Championship which will take place

in February of next year.

In June we bade farewell to Adele Kerlin who as Secretary to the RGBB had done sterling work and wish her and her family well in their new life in Dubai. Subsequently the Board was pleased to announce the appointment of Jane Brierley to the post of Secretary and she is to be complimented on the enthusiasm which she has taken to the role. My thanks to her for her prompt and timely support to the Board and the distribution of information to the membership - this membership remains strong with over 320 paid up members.

With the strong membership numbers and popular events attendance at such events is limited by the capacity of the venues and thus to avoid disappointment I would ask you to respond promptly as seating can only be on a first come first served basis. Our venues despite their obvious attractions have limitations of space and whilst the Board will try and accommodate as many members as it can this limitation must be borne in mind. I am sure that the seasonal ball at the Embassy will be a great success and my thanks to Simon Messum for organising this ball.

As a very busy year draws to it close may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported the RGBB this year and to wish you all a Happy Eid al Adha, followed by a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Owain Raw-Rees
RGBB Chairman

FROM THE CHAIR



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