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Chairman
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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Member,

This issue of the RGBB news will be the last before the summer break, a break which we all are looking forward to.

Since I wrote you in the spring issue our world has been turned upside down. With the Iraq war and then the events on the 12th May I am not sure if our world here in Saudi will ever be the same. The loss of Cliff and Jane Hoborn is a constant reminder that "these people" what ever their motives are, will stop at nothing to get what they want. Paul and Tanya Dhami represented Riyadh Group at their funeral on the 12th June 2003.

At the Embassy briefing we launched a memorial appeal that will remain open through September to allow all those who had already left early for the summer break to be able to contribute. A collection box is available at the Embassy. I understand that a collection is also underway in the Eastern Province. Funds collected from both regions will be divided between the RNLI and the RSPCA, charities which Cliff and Jane have previously supported.

As usual please be vigilant and do not be lulled into a false sense of security because the authorities are having some success in catching some terrorists or that it has gone quiet.

Now back to business. As many of you are aware Graham Turner is returning to the U.K. in July and we thank him for the sterling efforts he has made for the BDC. Under his chairmanship three new SIG's (Oil and Gas, Health Care and Safety and Security) have been created. His role will be taken over by Gordon Blackwood and I look forward in working with Gordon in continuing the success of the BDC.

On the 17th of June 2003 the Chevening Scholarship results were announced by the British Embassy. The Saudi British Business Groups Golden Jubilee scholar is Adel Al-Soraia. He is currently an English teacher at the Al Onaiza Secondary Industrial Institute and he will be doing M.A. in English at East Anglia University. For more information see page 42. Adel has agreed to send us write-ups on his progress periodically.

The Board will have one more meeting on the 19th July before the summer break and on behalf of the Board we wish you and your families a safe, fun and relaxing break and we hope to see you all in September.

Recent Pictures of Cliff & Jane Hoban Below at Pie Night, Centre - Cliff looks happy as Jane collects on a winning ticket at the Annual Ball.



Patrick Bloomfield
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH SCHOOL IN RIYADH

The British School Riyadh has not been open since 12th May. On that night, terrorists attacked the Al Hamra compound and the car bomb damaged parts of the School. Thirty-eight members of staff lived on Al Hamra and it was a miracle that none of them was killed. The School offers its condolences to the families of those who died, including one of our own pupils, and to those injured.

The staff suffered various injuries but none were life-threatening. About twenty-five of them will be returning in September and most have asked to return to their accommodation on Al Hamra.

The School will be open for business from 23rd August and for pupils from 6th September. Extra security measures are currently being put in place and parents will need to be patient, as the School institutes a whole new system of entering and leaving the School site and its approaches. The Sports Hall, Swimming Pool and Gymnasium were damaged and are being repaired.

I look forward to greeting and working with pupils and parents again next term.