

# BDC NOTES

The last few months have been a difficult time for all of us and, understandably, personal issues have superseded business ones in many minds. However the business side of the RGBB through the Special Interest Groups, has continued to be active and their activities are reported elsewhere in this magazine.



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Change is part of life in KSA and the BDC continues to evolve. Since the last magazine the new Security and Safety SIG has been very active with both a general meeting which was well attended by all members and with a number of meetings for the group members. Understandably the early meetings have primarily been concerned with personal security and has produced invaluable advice and help. We are grateful to Gordon Blackwood and Allan Thornton for their efforts in starting what I am sure will be an active SIG for years to come.

Eric Edge, Chairman of the Construction, Industrial and Manufacturing SIG, has recently retired. We are grateful to Eric for all his hard work over the last few years and I am sure you will join me in wishing Eric and Mary a long and happy retirement. We welcome Paul Gent to the Chair. Paul has been active deputy chair and member of this SIG for some time and I am sure that this SIG will continue to flourish under Paul's enthusiastic leadership.

Full details of all the SIGs and the contact details for the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen are shown on page 2. SIG membership is open to all members of

the RGBB and I am sure they will be delighted to hear from any member who would like to join their groups or attend the various events that they arrange.

By the time you read this I will also have moved on after 7 years in the Kingdom, the last 3 of which have been spent serving members as BDC Chairman. It has been pleasure working with you and I would like to thank all those "volunteers" who have so generously given of their time and expertise to the RGBB for the benefit of all members. Both Hazel and I have greatly enjoyed our time here and the list of those friends we have made within the RGBB is too large to mention here. Our very best wishes for the future go to all of you.

I am very pleased to announce that Gordon Blackwood has been elected by the SIGs as the new BDC Chairman. Gordon is well known to all you and has been very active in getting the Security and Safety SIG off the ground this year. I am sure that Gordon, and the team that makes up the BDC, will take the business side of our group from strength to strength. I am delighted to be leaving you in such capable hands.

I have seen many changes within the RGBB over the last few years and am proud to have been associated with such a rigorous and active group. All the very best for the future to you all.

Graham Turner

Pictured below:  
Gareth O'Brien hosted the final BDC meeting with Graham in the Chair

