

A Charity Fundraising Evening in aid of

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The RGBB

ICING INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED GROUP

The 'RGBB at its best' seemed to be the verdict of the 200+ guests at the Cricket Ball held in Riyadh in May. At the invitation of Sherard and Bridget Cowper-Coles, the 'Residence' garden was given over to a glorious evening of good food and good company following the RGBB Cricket Match earlier that day.

Expanding on the cricket theme, the Riyadh Inter-Continental Hotel put on a tremendous spread with cooking stations offering food from India, the West Indies, Australia, South Africa and the UK.

And demonstrating an unprecedented level of goodwill and co-operation for the Charity effort, the Al Faisalia Hotel provided some amazing Ice Sculptures and table decorations to complement the theme.

HMA got the evening off to a great start with his welcoming speech and despite confessing that he didn't know his point from his gully, he managed to slip in the famous Willey-Holding quote from Brian Johnstone.

Mrs HMA was persuaded to take the microphone and did a grand job of reminding the revellers that they were there to spend money for a good cause ... and spend they did!

Volunteers persuaded and cajoled everyone attending to buy raffle tickets, some put in auction bids, and others even bought the table decorations.

Paul Gent, Chairman of the Construction SIG gave a role call of all those who had participated in the making of the day's events and Kevin Millington, David Hunt and Brian Suggitt all took over the microphone at some point persuading the guests to part with even more cash for the cause.

Dave Mason who had played his part in the cricket then spun a few discs in the Amenity Hall providing a great excuse for a few energetic souls to strut their stuff. The RGBB Camera was put away at that point, thus avoiding embarrassment for more than a few Travolta emulators.



Patron of ICING, Bridget Cowper-Coles drew the winning ticket for the Raffle Star Prize - 80,000 Airmiles donated by British Airways. Gordon Blackwood (right) receives his voucher from Richard Cooke, the new man at BA in Riyadh.



David Hunt, Captain of the 'Rest of the World' team, receives the winners trophy from David & Carmel Priestley. Rolls Royce sponsored thematch, providing the equipment and momentos for all the participating players and officials.



Below: Brian Suggitt, Captain of the Construction Team receives the 'Man of the Match' award on behalf of Dave Davis from RGGB Chairman, Martin Shaw.