



How time flies! It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming Adrian Bell to the UKTI team in Riyadh and already it's time for him to move on.

Together with wife Karen, Adrian is returning to England's green and pleasant land in July and taking up residence in Horsham.



Replacing Karen with immediate effect is Neal Carlin shown above with his wife Tracey and three sons; Max, Harry and Archie. The family come to sunny Saudi fresh from a UK posting but Neal has spent several years in other countries including spells in Egypt and Khartoum.

BYE BYE RIYADH



I'm sure it won't be too long before we bump into them on the circuit again. Good wishes from all at the RGBB. Hope life treats you well until we meet again.

Sir Sherard writes from Afghanistan with words of thanks for the binoculars presented to him by the RGBB. Pictured below with said equipment and his Deputy, Michael Ryder on "TV Hill", looking down on the city of Kabul.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



MORE FAREWELLS

Writing this at the end of July, Riyadh almost seems like a ghost town already. Joining the exodus but not the September return are Christine Carson (left) and Marion Braid. Christine is off to a rather tough posting not too far from here and Marion to the more comfortable Amman. Good wishes from all at the RGBB accompany them both.



Sources inside the RGBB wish to make it clear that they have NOT ordered special labels for the new RGBB Polo Shirts that recently arrived.

AND FINALLY

But while we're on the laundry subject, did you know that 13,528 US women claim to have been abducted by aliens. Of those, 1,501 reported that the aliens had kept their panties.

And in Leamington Spa in April this year, Warwickshire Police Incident 91 concerns the theft of assorted items of underwear from a washing line in East Green. Perhaps the aliens have landed in the UK!

