



Shortly after he took over office here in Riyadh His Excellency Sir Derek Plumbly asked an assembled group if there was anything that he could do for them, never wanting to let an opportunity pass by, he got a swift request for a second function to be held at venue 1 to compliment the traditional festive function normally held in December.

Midsummer Ball June 2001

So then it become known as the Midsummer Madness Ball (AKA Peter Lyall's Swansong!) . The main objective was to have a bash for at least 200 people and to achieve this a rather audacious plan was conceived to erect a marquee on the tennis court, air-condition it and fill it with tables & chairs. The plan nearly worked trouble free but unfortunately the contractors managed to rip the tennis court surface in a couple of places - sorry guys !

Still, undeterred the organising committee of Martin Shaw, Graham Turner & Luke Bowen got into full swing and pulled off what can only be described as a really super night of fine cuisine, nice raffle prizes and enough furniture to fill the marquee! The tables provided a little light relief for those not wishing to bop the night away to the very delectable Aislene and her band Swerve.

The nominated charity for the night - The DCA (Disabled Children's Association) were the benefactors of SAR 6,000 doubled to SAR 12,000 by British Aerospace Systems. For all those who managed to get tickets we hope that you enjoyed it too. Look out for more information on the New Year Dinner already in the diary for Thursday 10th January 2002.

Whilst there was a little concern that it might have been too hot for a curry, the general consensus from the stalwarts, who have seen a summer or twenty between them here in KSA, demanded that plans continue unabated and emails went out inviting members to a red hot & blow your wotsits off curry night.

The response was terrific and in a matter of days we had ninety five members and wives (or loved ones) signed up with a few stragglers on a waiting list. The stalwarts were correct once again ! We were surprised when the number for this event surpassed the Fish & Chip night that was held the previous month. On that occasion we had eighty people enjoying a relaxed evening around the pool and tucking into freshly fried fish and mushy peas. Has our national dish changed to Beef Vindaloo? Answers on a post card to the Editor please.

It was warm, there is no denying that, but everyone who came along had a great evening with some fabulous food provided at a very competitive rate by Shafi the resident catering supervisor at Arabian Homes.

Busines Development Committee Social Evening

