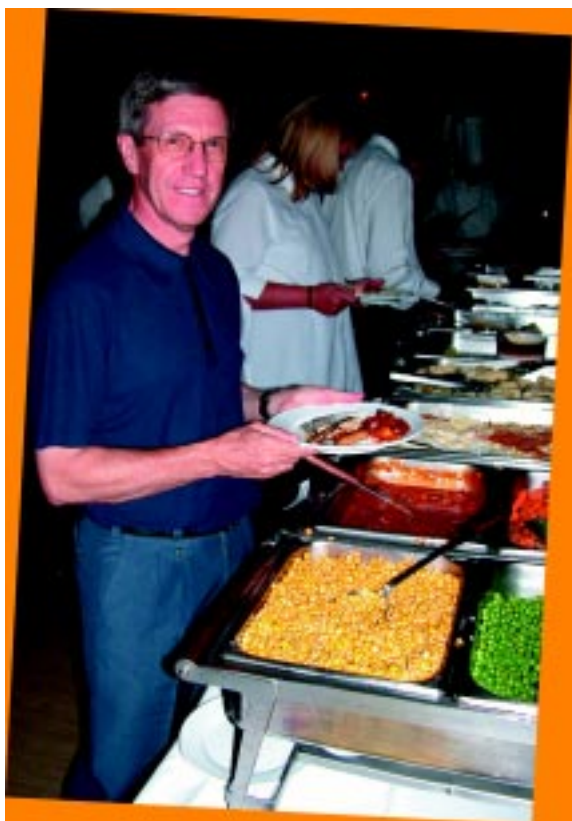


The Social Whirl

I would like to use these pages to welcome Ian Crawford to the executive Board. I have known Ian for many years and am delighted that he has been accepted onto the Board. Ian has many strong attributes and brings with him a wealth of experience, not least a good sense of humour. However, I must note slight disappointment in that there was the only application received out of the 217 members for the vacant position!

SHAFI'S FAMOUS PIE NIGHT

Shafi's Famous Pie Night on Thursday 8th May seems a long time ago now and clearly much has happened to affect the lives of many of us. We entertained 84 members and their guests that evening and it was the last dinner evening before moving to pastures new for: Graham & Hazel Turner, Guy & Sally Ann Murray, Ian & Carol Hutchinson, Nic & Lisa Coombes. It was also to be the last time that we would ever again socialise with Cliff & Jan Hoban. I am sure that they remain to this day in the thoughts of the many who knew them.



GOURMET FISH NIGHT

After a longer than normal summers recess it was time to get the ball rolling again in October, this was difficult as it was hard to summon the motivation or inspiration for merriment after what we had witnessed a few weeks earlier in May. However, the increased security did not seem to offend too many people and we managed 69 members and guests to attend the hugely popular Gourmet Fish Night. For fish lovers this menu is a cracker and I hope that the pictures around this article reflect the enjoyment that was had by all. Philip Parham's replacement Barry Lowen and his charming wife Karin attended their first RGBB Dinner evening event and were colour co-ordinated in matching turquoise tops – how nice !

It was also encouraging to see so many new members attending their first RGBB Dinner evening, welcome to you all.



Martin Shaw
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