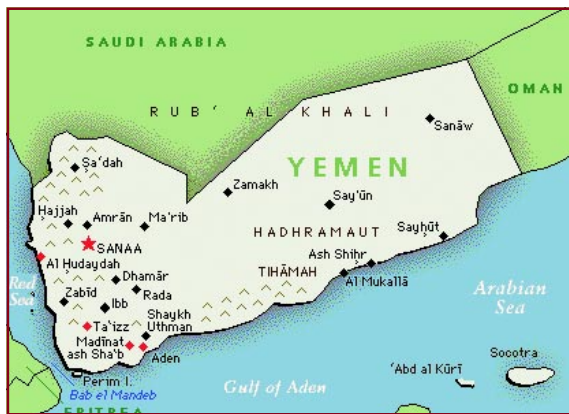




So where does the money go?

Many of you will remember a “bit of a bash” earlier this year when the RGBB organized an evening to raise funds for ICING. Photos from the evening were shown in our Summer Newsletter. Our guests for the evening were Saleh bin Ghalib Al-Qu’aiti and his wife Sultana Al-Qu’aiti the founder and treasurer of a UK based Charity called Friends of the Hadhramaut.



Hadhramaut, formerly part of the Eastern Aden Protectorate, is one of the most underdeveloped regions of the world and greatly in need of help. Friends of the Hadhramaut (FoH), registered with the Charity Commissioners of Great Britain since 1997, aims to promote philanthropic, educational and medical links between the people of Hadhramaut and overseas, bringing the needs of the people to the attention of those who may be in the best position to help. The trust aims to raise living standards, individually and collectively, relieving poverty wherever it can.



The trust was first brought to our attention by Peter Lenthall, who together with Dianne Nelson assisted greatly on the evening in May to raise an unprecedented amount from raffle ticket sales which together with the generosity of other RGBB members resulted in a donation of SR50,000 to FoH.



We are delighted to announce that as a result of those funds, ten classrooms in the Primary & Intermediate School at Ghail Bawazir have been renovated, adding significantly to the school’s capacity.

The opening of the classrooms coincided with the inauguration of additional toilet facilities at the school and a Sewing Centre outside Mukallah also built from funds raised and directed by FoH. As can be seen from the photographs, children from the school welcomed the visitors in song and dance some of which bore a remarkable resemblance to ‘Morris’ dancing.



Pictures left & below show the visitors being welcomed at the school

Luke Bowen, Owain Raw-Rees and Andrew Mead flew down to the area, courtesy of Mick Brown. Abdulla Bugshan and John Williams of Yemini Fish to meet Peter & Dianne who were already in the area as part of a British-Yemini Society tour along with Beryl Booth and Janice Crowell from Jeddah, all members of the FoH.

They were joined at the school by Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Yemen, Michael Gifford and his wife Patricia who, some of you may remember, lived in Riyadh from ‘93 to ‘96. HMA was later joined by the Governor of the Hadhramaut,

