



British Ladies Society Annual Ball

The British Ladies Society hosted the 2012 Valentines Ball under the Kuwait night sky in the gardens of the British Embassy on Friday 17th February. The evening started with a VIP reception on the terrace where Dr Labiba Temmim and Mrs Laila ALGhanim represented Ruqayah Abdulwahab AlQatami Cancer Foundation and Mrs Caroline Barakat represented Help For Heroes, the two nominated charities for the year. Mr and Mrs John Reid attended on behalf of sponsors Amec, Mr Lee Williams of N-Bar salon and Mrs Al Rashed of Cameo. Chatting with members of the British Ladies Society were local artists Deborah Reeve and Thuraya Al Baqsami who both donated works of art to the raffle.

Ladies were presented with a Valentines rose bouquet on entering the garden and the gentlemen were given a fashionable red bowtie thanks to sponsorship from Amec and The Avenues to go with the theme of the night. Every guest received vouchers courtesy of The Entertainer Kuwait as well as Premium Choice. Chef Austen Reid of The Regency Hotel created a world-class menu of Scottish smoked salmon and lobster with wasabi cream followed by rack of veal and confited shallots. The meal was completed with the essential at any Valentines celebration; a heart shaped wild strawberry mousse with passion fruit cream, pierced with Cupid's arrow.

The Ball was attended by 250 members and guests of the BLS's growing community reflecting the multinational and multicultural diversity of Kuwait today. The fundraising raffle received a wide variety of in-kind contributions which were extended by brands such as Q8 Realtor, Al Corniche Club, Al Fares Jewellery, Sahara Kuwait, Radisson Blu, NBAR, The Entertainer, Milano, Dental Spa, Luna Missoni, Kuwait Times, Cameo, Al Fozan, Trendz Salon, Al Yousifi Electrical, Tristar Motorcycles, Annelies Macintosh, Hard Rock Café and Kerry Sellers Photography.

Dancers from around Latin America brought a taste of "Strictly Come Dancing", to Kuwait, with Tango, Salsa and Merengue, which delighted and inspired the crowd.

Guests danced the night away under the stars to the music of Mike Seals and his wonderful band "Bar-None" or took a chance to relax out in the Fizz Whizz and Sheesha Chill Out Zone.