

## The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Society ~ 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

This was the usual very pleasant and well attended social occasion. After hearing the officers present their reports on the past year followed by a special word of thanks by Roger Trigg (President) to the three retiring Committee Members, over 80 members enjoyed the jolly-up around the food table and bar.



In this photo, Kevin White and Tom Upton discuss who should serve the red wine and who should serve the white. These two bar-stewards have many years of experience between them in keeping the wine flowing.



Here, ace reporter Rosemary Bennett has captured shots of members tucking into the fine buffet arranged by Patt Trigg, Claire Buckland, Doreen Williams and Beryl Upton.



One of the main events of the evening was the award of the Society's cups and trophies. It was good to see some new names among the winners including Miss Sophie Cason, winner of the Katherine Williams Cup, and Michael Vickery, winner of the Aspro 3 Cup; both supreme in the children's classes. A full list of winners is in the Winter 2009 Newsletter. It is a shame that not all cup winners were able to make it to the evening; a highlight of the Society's year.

Mention should also be made of the granting of Life Membership to Beryl Upton for all of her behind-the-scenes work at the Shows, at the Hut, at Festival of Ickenham and soothing the brow of the outgoing Treasurer in addition to stocking the Hut with such excellent greetings cards.



An essential feature of the evening is the election of the Chairman and Committee.

To great acclaim Graham Tarling is shown making his maiden speech as the new Chairman whilst the new General Secretary Pat Faille looks on. Tony Ridler, outgoing General Secretary records his last Minutes. It is so pleasing that Graham keeps the family name going in the Society as his late parents were such stalwarts of it in years gone-by.

The full Committee will be recorded in the January 2010 Newsletter.



In another official duty Graham is seen making presentations of gift vouchers and cards signed by Committee Members to the three retiring Members. On the left is Ralph Hughes (ex-Chairman), in the centre is Tony Ridler (ex-General secretary) and on the right is Tom Upton (ex-Treasurer). These three have over 100 years experience on the Committee in a number of roles. But they are not lost to the Society as, with David Lamb, they will form the nucleus of the new Trading Hut Sub-committee charged with buying in goods for the Hut, the Hut's maintenance and many of its monetary matters. This will be a short term measure intended to allow time for the new Committee to bed down and to hopefully bring on new members interested in carrying on the work of one of Ickenham's oldest and most venerated societies.

