

## DUBAI 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Continuing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, a small reunion was held recently in Dubai. Present on 15 April 2015 were new SOF President Chris Essex (K69-75) and his wife Eryl, plus Ed Marr (G85-92) and his wife Junko. Also present should have been Robert Craig (R63-70) but unfortunately his short 30 minute



plane flight across from Muscat got delayed by over 3 hours! Chris, Eryl, Ed and Junko had a lovely evening catching up at the Rivington Grill at Madinat Jumeirah. As well as an excellent meal we had an enjoyable drink afterwards in another part of the complex and before you ask, yes alcohol was present because technically we were drinking in part of a hotel complex!

Ed and Junko had had a very busy 12 months involving



getting married in Singapore, having a baby daughter Sophia on 4 May 2014 and relocating from Hong Kong to Dubai, where they are now happily living. Ed left Haymarket Publications and is now working for Gulf News, also a publishing company.

Despite his 3 hour delay Robert did still complete his 30 minute flight across and arrived in Dubai around midnight. Chris and Ed met up with Robert for breakfast the following morning, where Chris presented OF socks. Ed had also asked me to bring across a set of the special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary cufflinks which he wearing for breakfast (see picture).



Robert will be retiring shortly from his role with the education ministry in Salalah, a job he has held for around 10 years. He and his wife will be retiring to live in the south of France. His specialism is in IT and engineering and he has offered to help with website administration in the future, as he did in 2000.

