

LEGAL ACTION GROUP: 25 YEARS

LAG's 25th year party



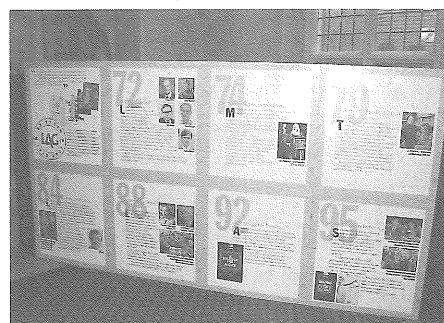
Over 200 people attended the Legal Action Group's 25th year party at Church House, Westminster, on 25 July. The party marked the beginning of a programme of events for LAG's 25th year, including publication of a new policy book, *Justice: redressing the balance*; launch of LAG's internet site and international legal services network (see page 14); an autumn conference on legal aid and legal services; a new membership scheme; and the launch of the *Community Care Law Reports*.

One of LAG's founder members and the group's first chair, Andrew Phillips, welcomed guests and introduced Susan Marsden, LAG's first director. She told guests, 'LAG had ful-

filled all of the vision we saw 25 years ago.' Cyril Glasser, another founder member, also spoke briefly about LAG's past and future, on which he has elaborated on pages 6-8.

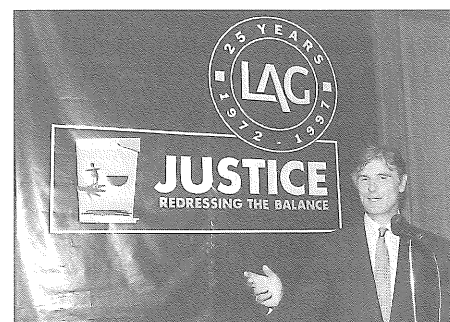
Present director Roger Smith said that the party was not only in recognition of what had been achieved over the last quarter century, but also to look forward to the challenges ahead. He proclaimed the proceedings a 'rededication' of LAG.

After the speeches, a sponge cake of strawberries and cream, topped with the LAG logo, was cut by the four LAG directors, Susan Marsden (1972-78), Jenny Levin and Ole Hansen (1978-84) and Roger Smith, director since 1986.



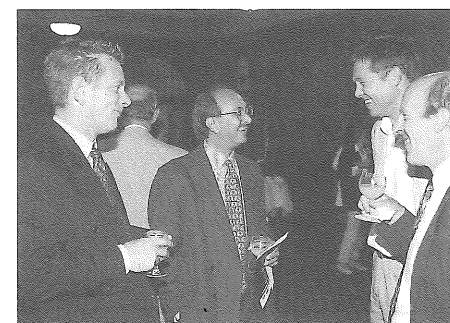
Snapshots of LAG activities over the last 25 years greeted guests as they arrived

First LAG chair, Andrew Phillips, introduced the speakers



Former committee member Geoffrey Bindman and Susan Marsden

Solicitors Jo Cooper, Girish Thanki and Ben Rose talking to Professor Michael Zander



Anne Owers, Ed Cape and Tony Edwards

Committee member Carlos Dabezies with Vickie Macnair, former LAG committee member and volunteer

