



2011 AGM - Chairman needed

Enclosed with this newsletter will be notice of the BBA Annual General Meeting which is to be held at Brading Haven yacht Club on 30th March.

As many of you may know the Chairman's term of office is fixed at two years under the Constitution, and though I find it hard to believe, the AGM will mark the end of my term.

None of the current committee members feel they are best suited to taking on the Chairman's role, and therefore currently there is no one who has put their name forward for election for that position.

With the support of the other committee members, the position of Chairman is not an arduous one, and I will be remaining on the committee for one year to offer help and advice. Please do consider if you can take on the role.

As well as a Chairman there is space for another four members on the committee. Please do consider putting your name forward. A larger committee reduces the workload for each committee member, brings fresh ideas to the committee, helps us represent a wider selection of members interests, and ultimately helps the BBA better achieve its aims of promoting business in the area.

2011 Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the current year will be due on 1st April, the subscription level will be set at the AGM, and I anticipate subscription notices being sent out towards the middle of April.

I'm sure you all recognise the great value the subscription represents, which is why ultimately so many of you do decide to renew your subscription each year.

However it really does reduce the workload of our membership secretary if subscriptions are paid promptly, without the need for second (or in some cases third) reminder letters having to be sent.

Can I therefore ask those of you that have in the past needed to be reminded, to please do your best to pay your subscriptions once the initial notice is sent.

Diary Dates

30 March	AGM
3 May	BBA Social
30 May	Bembridge Street Fair

Bembridge and St Helens Guide 2011

The 2011 edition of the Guide is ready to go to the printers. We would expect delivery the middle of April.

When we have confirmed dates we will be inviting all advertisers to a reception to celebrate the launch.

Quiz Night

Advance notice for a date to put in your diary:-

Quiz Night at China China on the 3rd May.

Invites will be sent out with subscription notices in April. It is likely that you be asked to reply to the invite more quickly than we normally require, since there are a few bank holidays in between, plus the subscription notices can only be prepared after the subscription has been set at the AGM.

Bembridge Street Fair

Once again the BBA will be having a stall at the Bembridge Street Fair on 30th May.

This year we would like to publicise the existence and activities of as many members as possible. If you have any display or promotional material suitable then please let a committee member know as soon as possible so that we can incorporate it into our display.

We can't guarantee to display everything, but the sooner you let us know what you have, the more chance that we might be able to use it.

Also if anyone has a display stand which we could borrow, then please let us know.

February Social

Our first social event of the year was very well attended, with nearly 60 members and guests congregating at BHYC to listen to Mr Iain Young MBE recount experiences during his career in aviation.

From the feedback I received after the event I can tell that members enjoyed listening to Mr Young as much as I did.

Christmas Charity Collections

The raffle at our Christmas Social in December raised £217 in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, many thanks to those who donated prizes and purchased tickets

The Lights of Love event was less well supported than previous years, possibly due to the schools not wanting to be involved in making lanterns prior to the event. We did however manage to raise £140, again in aid of the hospice.

BBA Committee

Chairman: David Groom
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Vice-Chairman: position vacant

Treasurer: Tim Woodcock
TW Woodcock, St Helens

Secretary: Chris Perkis
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Committee Members:

Penny Watts - Bembridge.

David Tarry - KISS Financial Services Ltd,
Bembridge.

Carolyn Haines - SJ Haines, Bembridge.

Di Oxford - BW Oxford, Bembridge.

Colin Groom

New Members

Classic Image .

Rijnstroom IV Holidays Ltd provide self catering or B&B accomodation on a 92ft Dutch Barge moored at Selwyn Pontoon, Embankment Road.

Griffin Cleaning