



David takes the helm following AGM vote

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2009 issue of the BBA newsletter.

Following the BBA's annual general meeting in March, the puff of smoke has emerged from the chimney of BBA Towers to signify the fact that we have a new chairman.

David Groom, previously our treasurer and membership secretary, has stepped up to take on the role, and we are sure that you will join the committee in wishing him an enjoyable and effective chairmanship.

Chris Perkis, of Staddlestones, has kindly agreed to fill David's shoes as treasurer, while Brian Cantwell remains vice chairman and Richard Weaver retains his trusty A4 pad as secretary. Penny Watts, meanwhile, is devoting her not

inconsiderable energies to the job of membership secretary – which is great news for the association.

In the absence of previous chairman Rob Pigot, who has relocated to the mainland, Brian Cantwell presented a report on the year's activities before handing over the reins to David.

Following David's final treasurer's report, it was agreed that subscriptions should remain at £20 for full members and £15 for retired members.

Once the meeting was opened to the floor, there was some discussion relating to the issue of bad debts and the annual BBA guide. Just two specific advertisers were the problem and it was agreed that members who did not pay for their advertisements in the guide would be denied membership in the future.

BEMBRIDGE AND ST HELENS GUIDE 2009

By now all members should have received their copy of the guide, which has been delivered to homes throughout Bembridge and St Helens. If for any reason you haven't received your guide, or if you would like some more copies of it, please contact Brian Cantwell at Desktop Studio on 874874.

Bembridge Street Fair

The Bembridge Street Fair takes place this year on May 25, from 1pm, and trained BBA operatives will maintain their usual presence there in the thick of things, telling anyone who will listen what the BBA is all about and hopefully shifting a few of the highly sought after BBA carrier bags! For general details about the fair contact Geoff Giles on 873235.

Advertisers' party

The weather was very kind to our evening of wine and canapés at Bembridge Sailing Club for all those sensible people who took out an advert in the 2009 guide. Drinks were taken onto the balcony and a pleasant time was had by all. Eats-wise, a special mention should go to the tempura king prawns, which were outstanding.

New members

The BBA is pleased to welcome six new members:

- Long Ledge Café tel. 875120
- The Limes tel. 873655
- Richard Buckley tel. 874665
- The Propeller Inn tel. 873611
- Wight Charter tel. 874430
- Stephen's Hairdressing tel. 872692

Gliding social

A chance for BBA members to sample the joys of gliding at a special rate has been arranged by Penny Watts for the next social, on Wednesday 17 June, from 4pm. For full details contact Penny on the number below.

Committee & Officers as at May 2009

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