



BBA News

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Welcome

First of all let me say "Hello" some of you who may be receiving this newsletter for the first time.

Traditionally the BBA News has only been sent to members of the Bembridge Business Association. However the committee recently decided that will we now periodically distribute it to other businesses in the area to inform them of the activities of the BBA and its' members.

After our usual break in activities over the summer period we are once again planning some social events, and also turning our thoughts to 2011. Opposite you will find some dates for our Christmas activities.

Can I remind you that the BBA Newsletter is *your* newsletter, and not just the committee's, so if you have some news, or something else you want to draw to the attention of all the members, then please do send us some details and we will consider it for inclusion in the next issue.

Policing Issues

We are hoping to get a representative from the Police to come and talk to us. It would be helpful if members could contact Penny Watts with issues they would like discussed.

BBA Christmas social

The BBA Christmas Social will take place on Monday 6 December at the Bembridge Coast Hotel. Come along and make some valuable new business contacts - or just catch up with old friends! A free buffet will be provided.

A raffle will be held in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

Lights of Love

This year's Bembridge Lights of Love, coordinated by the BBA, will take place on Saturday 11 December. Starting at 5.00 pm outside the Lane End shops Father Christmas will turn on the lights on the Christmas Tree. It is expected that the festive throng will reach the war memorial by around 5.30 pm for a short carol service. Afterwards mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall, and Father Christmas will meet the children.



Diary Dates

6 December Christmas Social
11 December Lights of Love

Bembridge and St Helens Guide 2011

Potential advertisers for the 2011 edition of the Bembridge & St Helens Guide have already been approached, and should have already returned their confirmation form. The committee have decided to keep the advertising rates unchanged from previous years. As a matter of course we approach all previous advertisers, and any new members to see if they wish to place an advert. If you haven't yet been approached about an advert, but would like to advertise in 2011 please let a committee member know as soon as possible, or download the advertising form from the news section of our website.

This year, following the departure of both Brian Cantwell and Paul Rainford, the guide production team is completely new. In order that production of the 2011 guide proceeds as smoothly as possible we do seek advertiser cooperation in ensuring that advertising copy is returned by 20 November at the very latest.

Faster Broadband - vote now

BT is currently about to start rolling out a fibre optic network which will enable super-fast broadband.

It is unlikely that Bembridge & St Helens would be included early in the national rollout.

However BT have set up a competition, where people can vote to get their exchanges upgraded, and the top 5 (as a percentage of lines on the exchange who have voted) will be included in the rollout. Voting closes on 31 December. At the start of November only 6 votes (out of a possible 2911) had been cast for Bembridge.

Fast broadband would be a huge asset to the area, not only directly being a benefit to our businesses, but also making the area a more attractive proposition for people who are looking to move to the area.

We would encourage you to vote now, and encourage others in Bembridge to do so too, at:

www.racetoinfinity.bt.com

News from Members

New place to eat and meet

The summer saw the opening, by Debbie Hewitt, of "The Green" - a coffee & gift shop on Lower Green Road, St Helens. It is open 10 am - 5 pm Tuesday to Saturday. The Bembridge Catering Company is now based there, providing a personal catering service for dinner & drinks parties, as well as holiday home & family cooking.

Bembridge Deli win awards

Congratulations to The Bembridge Deli which recently won three awards in the 2010 Great Taste Awards, organised by The Guild of Fine Food. Top marks were given for their Crab Ramekin, which picked up a three star award, whilst their Coronation Chicken picked up two stars, and the Chicken Liver & Brandy Pate one star. The Bembridge Deli are the first on the Island to gain a three star award.

Apparently a three star award is based on the premise that someone eating it will exclaim "Wow! You must try this, it's amazing!"

Competition was strong, with 6,021 products being entered from 1,350 producers, and only 95 coveted three star awards were made.

Brading Haven Yacht Club

BHYC is pleased to announce that at its AGM on 10 September Chris Wilkinson was elected as the new Commodore with immediate effect, Sarah Noyes becomes Vice-Commodore, and Christine Elliott is the new Honorary Secretary.

Staddlestones

Staddlestones & Peugeot are celebrating 200 years of the marque in 2010. In recent years, there have been a number of new cars introduced into the range, including the 308 & 308SW, the Partner Tepee and the 4007 during 2008, and the fantastic 308CC in May 2009. If you have been into the dealership recently, I'm sure you will agree these have been fantastic additions to the range.

The futures looking bright too: Peugeot have recently launched the 3008 Crossover (that has been named WhatCar? Car of the Year 2010), the 5008 mini-MPV, restyled the 207 range, and have most recently launched the RCZ Sports Car. Keep your eyes peeled around the village for the latest cars, or pop in to the showroom next time you are passing.

2010 Edition of Bembridge & St Helens Guide

There are still copies of the 2010 Bembridge & St Helens Guide available, contact David Groom, or Chris Perkis, if you would like some.

BBA Committee

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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 Committee Members Required

Due to a new job at an American-owned business website, and the time pressures it entails, Paul Rainford has decided to step down from the committee and from the task of co-producing (previously with Brian Cantwell) the annual guide. In particular if anyone has experience of editing, writing or print production and would like to play a part in producing the popular guide, we would love to hear from them.

More members are always needed on the committee, so please do consider if you would like to join it for the above role, or any other.

New Members

Windmill Cars is run by Paul James. Windmill Cars provide a taxi and private hire service, and can be contacted on 07956 446538.

Bob Brain Services undertakes extensions, roofing, and home improvements.

Bembridge Barbers in the High Street is run by Gail, who has 18 years experience. Appointments are taken on Thursdays.

Anu Natural Beauty opens soon in Weavers Yard, providing a range of beauty & holistic therapies.

Clay Clay Shop now open at 53 High Street, selling handmade bricks, pavers, reclaimed finials, and toy brick kits and cooking utensils.