



# BBA News

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## A business watch scheme for Bembridge?

Welcome to the September 2009 edition of the BBA newsletter. We hope all our members have enjoyed a pleasant and prosperous summer.

As we head into the autumn, one of the projects that the BBA is looking into is re-establishing a 'business watch' scheme in Bembridge.

Chris Perkis, of Staddlestones, has had a meeting with the local PCSO, who is keen to be involved with the scheme. He suggested we might adopt a scheme similar to the Sandown Shop Watch, which

involves local businesses and the police in the area having two-way radios, so that the business owners can be in instant contact if any trouble occurs.

Apparently it works well in Sandown and he can see no reason why it would not work well here too.

Chris is now awaiting further information from the PCSO so that we can move things forward. We will keep you posted. If members have any thoughts on such a scheme, please contact Chris on 872121.

## Help in an emergency

Bembridge Parish Council has decided to form a Community Response Team to look after Emergency Planning at a local level. It is aiming to hold a meeting in September to launch the idea, so look out for notification of the date and go along if you are interested.

The Parish Council is establishing a working party who will coordinate any response as required. This will be made up of three parish councillors and up to four other people. It has been suggested that a member of the business community might like to join the Response Team. For more details please contact David Groom on 875853.

## Gliding social hits heights

The BBA linked up with Vectis Gliding club in June when members of the association were treated to an exhilarating afternoon's flying. It was a perfect summer's day with azure blue sky and a gentle breeze. The evening was rounded off in true BBA style with a curry for all in the Propeller Inn.

## New members, new faces

The BBA is pleased to welcome three new members: **Will Squibb Boatbuilders**, **Spyder UK** and **The Sign Lady**.

We are also pleased to welcome Caroline Haines, of builders SJ Haines, onto the committee.

● *Could all members ensure that our membership secretary, Penny Watts has their email address.*

## BBA helps fly the flag

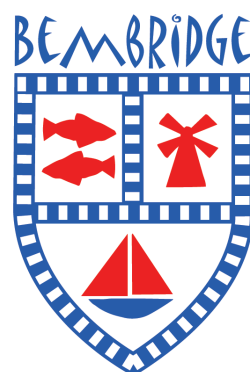
As some of you may have seen in the *County Press*, Bembridge now has its very own flag, thanks to a competition organised by the BBA's Penny Watts.

The winning design (right) was by Ben Mills of Forelands Middle School.

Penny informs us that the first ten applicants in possession of a flagpole can have a free flag.

Also, the flag will be flying on Holy Trinity Church in October.

Mugs bearing the design are expected to be available for sale in the village in due course, once costings have been agreed.



## Steaming ahead!

Many congratulations to Mike Horne, who was part of the British Steam Car Challenge which on 25 August successfully broke the land speed record for a steam powered car – a record which had stood for more than 100 years. Mike is the partner of one of our committee members, Carol Pearce.

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Planning for next year's guide is underway, so if you're not already an advertiser, why not get in touch with Carol Pearce on 872285 to see how you can benefit from the guide.