

In addition to welcoming ideas the RGBB also welcomes to Riyadh three key new members to the British community - Adrian Chadwick, Director of the British Council; Roddy Drummond, the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy and Donald Wilkinson, Principal of the British International School. Each of them fill important roles within the British community and they have kindly provided a detailed introduction to themselves which can be read later in this issue of RGBB News. On behalf of the RGBB I congratulate them on their appointments and wish them all success in their new roles.

I also offer on behalf of the RGBB congratulations to Rachel Smart and David Alexander, both RGBB members, who were recently married in Bahrain. As

far as I am aware this is the first instance of an RGBB "in house" marriage and may they enjoy a long and happy married life together.

Finally as the year draws to a close it is pleasing to note that the business climate here in Riyadh and the whole of the Kingdom remains positive. The many and varied British trade missions are a testament to the pulling power of the Saudi economy. This pulling power is reflected in the strength of membership of the RGBB which now approaches 350 members - a good reflection of the commitment of British nationals to living and working in the Kingdom. I hope that the coming year continues to be successful for British business and I extend on behalf of the Board my best wishes to all.

Owain Raw-Rees



GCC British Business Groups Resume

Name	Members	Annual Fees	GBP Equiv	Format
Riyadh (1981)	345	SR350 On Joining SR 300 On Renewal	£ 58.00 £ 50.00	4 Speaker Briefings; 2 Balls; SIG's; Sporting events.
Al Khobar	175	SR 150 On Joining SR 200 Annual	£ 24.00 £ 32.00	Monthly dinner + 2 balls & other social event
Jeddah	255	SR 150 On Joining SR 200 Annual	£ 24.00 £ 32.00	Monthly plus annual events
Dubai (1987)	1471	AED 350 On Joining AED 1200 Annual AED 2300 Non-res	£ 58.00 £ 195.00 £ 375.00	80+ events per year
Abu Dhabi (1987)	400	AED 250 On Joining AED 700 Annual	£ 40.00 £ 114.00	Various
Bahrain (1995)	389	BD 20 On Joining BD 50 Annual	£ 38.00 £ 80.00	Monthly lunch + Poppy Ball and Golf
Kuwait	220	KD 40 Annual KD 150 Corporate	£ 84.00 £ 315.00	2 - 3 events per month
Qatar	340	QR 1000 Annual QR 4000 Corporate	£ 165.00 £ 660.00	2 - 3 events per month
Oman (1993)	50	RO 30 Annual	£ 47.00	Monthly evening meeting plus special events



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