

be interesting to see if members today would like to reinstall this feature within the secure area on the new website and that brings me to the primary new feature of www.rgbb.org.

The Board of the RGBB, after considerable discussion, has asked that a contact list of members be made available, in first instance giving only an email contact, for all members who are happy to have those contact details shown. That list is broken down into Business Sectors according to the membership categories first determined on an individuals application to the RGBB. In addition to the Sector listing, an alphabetical list is also provided.

There are some notable exclusions to the names displayed with only about 70% of the members shown. Names missing are principally those whose companies have determined that giving out contact details is not a sensible thing to do whilst the security situation remains delicate. Now that the new site is live and the level of security can be determined, that may change and all members are invited to review their own information and advise the RGBB Secretary what they are prepared to show.

A common form has been created as a Word document, which will be circulated to all members allowing individuals to determine what they are happy to show. The database will be updated when the replies are in. The form can be downloaded from the site - look for 'RGBB Website Form' on the 'How to join the RGBB' page. If you prefer to simply send in an email, the current category fields included are as follows:

- Business Category: (As per RGBB list)
- Member's Name:
- Company Name:
- Job Title:
- Company Website:
- Postal Address:
- Work Tel:
- Work Fax:
- Business email:
- Products / Services:
- Mobile:
- Home Tel:
- Home Fax:
- Personal email:
- Hobbies / Interests:
- Additional Information:

One suggestion is that the Hobbies / Interests and Additional information fields could be used to help determine what additional members might like to undertake as a group. Please remember though, we are not Facebook and photos will be limited to those published in the RGBB News.

Access to the information is via the 'Members details' button shown on all pages. To gain access the Username will be the individuals email address registered with the RGBB and a PIN Number. Each user has a unique PIN and access can only be gained when the correct Username and PIN are used together. Only fully-paid-up members will be allowed access and that can be suspended at any time if the RGBB Committee feels that any user is abusing the system. Members may obtain their own PIN from the RGBB Secretary.

Also included in the member's only area are copies of Board meeting minutes and a future events page.

Whilst a lot of the work in creating the new look site has been done free of charge it has been necessary to buy in external expertise to handle the security aspects and AXA and bmi are to be commended and thanked for stepping up to the plate to pay for the first sponsor positions which have covered this.

Should any member have any questions about using the website or suggestions on what else to include please contact Andrew Mead on andrew@sbsd.co.uk or discuss with any Committee member.

Oh! that reminds me, one article you might want to look up is pictured below and to save you the mammoth trawl start at 1998.

SAUDI HOME-BREW IS OK, LEGAL AND DEEMED TRADITIONAL

The process of making subia is rather simple. The first step begins with leaving the chosen ingredient to soak in water overnight with some yeast to give the drink its sparkling sensation.

The next day, the juice produced gets filtered from the remainder of the product while the required amounts of sugar, cardamom and cinnamon are added. Subia would then be chilled and ready to serve.

It is mainly home made. The subia drinks, which are sold on the street, are made at home by Saudis who have taken the opportunity to make extra income by serving a popular drink.

Some people actually prefer buying from the street vendors as, "They really know how to do it right!", said Salem, buying subia in a Jeddah street.

With such a simple process, anyone can make subia, but only those who have the touch and necessary experience know how to make it taste just right.

The professional subia makers which have made a name for themselves out of the trade are very few and they are the only ones who make it all year long, as Al-Khodari and Al-Iraqi do.

During Ramadan, however, if you are late, you don't get any!

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Scholarship, twinned with the Prince of Wales Chevening Scholarship, was awarded to Dr. Neil Quilliam of Durham University. Dr. Quilliam intends to undertake a one year post-doctoral study at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah on the role of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in the resolution of international disputes. The Prince of Wales Chevening scholarship is a special scholarship scheme. It is financed by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The King Faisal Foundation Scholarship is supplemental to its' existing scholarship program and is financed by the Foundation. The aim of these scholarships is to promote a better understanding between Islam and the West by emphasizing shared perceptions in their outlook.

Miss Sana Al-Mahmood, assistant director, nursing, King Fahd University Hospital (Alkhubair), said she was delighted to be a recipient of the award, which will enable her to pursue postgraduate and doctoral studies in Britain.

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