

TRADE MISSIONS FROM THE UK

Please confirm final dates with the Embassy prior to making any specific arrangements.

International Trade & Investment Mission led by Sir Alan Munro

Eastern Province	28 – 29	April
Riyadh	30 – 2	May
Jedda	2 – 4	May

Middle East Association

Jedda	12 – 15	May
Riyadh	15 – 18	May
Eastern Province	18 – 22	May

Dorset Business Link

Jedda/Riyadh/Eastern Province 23 Sept – 2 Oct

Welsh National Assembly

Jedda/Riyadh/Eastern Province 14 – 22 October

Middle East Association

Jedda	20 – 23	October
Riyadh	23 – 26	October
Eastern Province	26 – 30	October

Publishers' Association

Jedda/Riyadh/Eastern Province 18 – 27 Nov

DIARY DATES

Next RGBB Meeting will be the AGM on April 3rd at 18.00hrs

CATALOGUE SHOW IN E.P.

Members might like to make a note in their diaries that the British Trade Office in Al Khobar will be manning a British Information Stand at the forthcoming "Leisure" exhibition in Dhahran from the 2nd to the 7th April. Part of the stand will be dedicated to a catalogue show for British Company interests in this sector. Participation costs only SR500 and interested parties should contact Alex Brown at the BTO or Andrew Mead for further information.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Multinational School, which took over the premises previously occupied by the British School is about to produce its first yearbook. It is anticipated that about 1000 copies will be produced and circulated amongst parents, teachers, governors and general supporters during the summer. The school is seeking sponsors to assist with the project and will allocate space for advertisement for those participating. Call Ella Mae Powell at the school directly on 260 0901 or call Andrew Mead for more information.

BRITAIN & THE GULF 2000

Members are reminded of the British Trade International supported event in Dubai from April 7th to 11th. More information may be obtained from David Domoney at Int.l Conferences & Exhibitions on 0044 1442 878 222 Fax 0044 1442 879 998

Solution to Brain Strain (Page 18)



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Caption: Doug Read presented an RGBB Tie to Lord Prior after his intriguing "Off the record" address at the February breakfast meeting

With so much about football in this issue, I hesitated a little before including this piece, however for better or worse here it is. An article written by Saad B. Al Matrafi appeared in the Arab News in November:

It has long been a tradition for football players the world over to dance after scoring a goal and have unusual haircuts, but now traditions have changed, at least in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Sultan ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare and the president of the Saudi Football Federation has decided that all Saudi and non-Saudi

players on the Kingdom's teams must not have long hair or wear necklaces and bracelets. Dancing after a goal is now also strictly forbidden. Ignoring such rules is said to contradict Saudi traditions that derive from Islamic laws.

In the match between Al Naser and Al Hilal last week, the referee forced an Al Naser player Hadi Sharifee, to get his hair cut during the half time break.

He was a little late for the second half but reappeared having had his hair cut by a judicious barber lurking somewhere in the stadium.

AND FINALLY