



Carma Elliott OBE

Some of you may not be aware that our highly respected Consul General, Carma Elliott, was awarded an OBE during her last tenure in China. Carma has now had the privilege of picking up her OBE from the Queen herself on a recent visit to London. My congratulations, both on behalf of the BBG committee

and BBG membership in general, goes to Carma for this well deserved award.

February was an active month for the BBG. Mid month saw the convening of the Annual General Meeting and results of the BBG committee election. I am very happy to advise that Edward Ogilvie and Shirley Sedge were elected to the committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Stafford for his invaluable services as BBG Secretary over this last year as he steps down from the committee.

Very unfortunately, shortly after the elections, Anthony Richardson had to step down for personal reasons. The committee regrets that Anthony had to stand down but fully understands the reason for his decision and we wish to take this opportunity to thank Anthony for his services to the committee, which will be sorely missed by all.

Anthony's decision to step down resulted in a voting procedure, which we managed to undertake before the first full committee meeting after the election meeting. We received four nominations for consideration and after a committee voting procedure, defined by the constitution, Chris Barsby our previous treasurer, who had decided to stand again for election, was voted on to the committee.

We would like to thank the other candidates who put their names forward and the committee is looking at ways to see how we can utilize the services of these candidates who may be interested in working with the BBG on a non-committee member basis. We already have one such member serving the BBG well in such a position-Graham Birkett, who is our erstwhile Sports Coordinator. More on this later.

The constitution also required the committee to vote for the Chairman, and Treasurer. We added the role of Deputy Chairman to this procedure. I am very happy to report that Brian Hawley has been asked to continue as Deputy Chairman and Chris Barsby has been elected BBG Treasurer. I am honoured to have been asked to continue as your Chairman.

Other news in the month was the visit of the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman David Brewer, who was in Jeddah to both speak at the Jeddah Economic Forum and to make a number of important speeches

and presentations. There was also a wonderful dinner reception at the consulate hosted jointly with the BBG.

For those of you unfortunate to have missed it, the presentation on the Prince's Trust Centennial Fund from Azza Wasel Raslan, based on her experience in the Kingdom, was nothing short of a revelation for those of us who did attend. We will be looking to invite her back again to present on the same subject sometime in the future and I would highly recommend that those of you unable to attend this last event do so when the new dates are known.

Our recent committee meeting saw both new committee members and old discussing new initiatives which I hope to advise you all on in due course.

We are looking to update and reprint the BBG directory and John White is currently working on this. You should hear from him or Andrew Mead shortly to both confirm your details and entry in the new directory. Any and all support in the way of advertising would also be welcomed

The BBG/ABJ sports event has got off to an excellent start for the BBG. We also now have a May date for the Survivors Ball, this year hosted by the ABJ, but further details are awaited.

Planning well ahead, also put December 14<sup>th</sup> in your diary for this year's State of the Nation dinner.

In ending, let me pass on greetings from both an ex-chairman and past chairman of the BBG. I had a very interesting (if not someone late), curry at the Shaheen restaurant on Prince Majed Street last week with Phil Head (the restaurant was a local favourite of Phil's when he was stationed in Jeddah and he had missed the food greatly!) and Nasser Pasha who were both visiting Jeddah on business. Both send their best regards to all in the BBG who may remember them.

## Notes from the BBG Jeddah



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