

The recent membership survey generated an encouraging response from many readers who said they'd write in to a letters section if one was introduced. To stimulate further discussion I've invented a few missives covering some of the topics mentioned in the responses to the survey. If you'd like to comment please address your letters c/o The RGBB Secretary at the British Embassy P.O.Box 94351, Riyadh 11693 or email rgbbnews@rgbb.org

Linked-In

Dear Ed.

Would you consider starting a Linked-In Group for RGBB members both past and present to be able to stay in touch after they've left the Kingdom?

MC

Dear MC

As far as I'm aware anyone can start their own group on just about any subject on Linked-In. Quite how successful you will be in getting in touch with people you have lost contact with I don't know. As a member of several Linked-In Groups I confess to being somewhat disillusioned with the system which seems to generate enormous amounts of traffic to my inbox that I really don't have time for. If you really think it's something that would work why not start it yourself.

Ed.

Other Social Groups

Dear Ed.

Grateful if you could publish a list of all the other social groups in Riyadh that would be open to expats to join.

JHE

Dear JHE

Indeed a subject of interest to many, we used to have such a list but a decision was taken some years ago for 'security' reasons not to publish contact details for anyone without their permission. We have recently asked a couple of groups to submit

articles about what they do and how others could contact them if they were interested to join in but have been specifically requested NOT to ... once again for 'security' reasons. If you have a particular interest why not come along to one of our events and just 'ask around', I'm sure you'll find other members only too happy to pass on contacts by 'word-of-mouth'.

Ed.

More Functions

Dear Ed

This is more a letter to the RGBB Board rather than the Editor but I would like to see more group activities arranged. For example: family days out; social dining on different compounds; a greater variety of sporting challenges; car boot sales etc.

JRP

Dear JRP

With all things RGBB, we must keep in mind that the Board consists of volunteers who already give a lot of their time to the existing level of activity. Whilst I'm sure if you went to the Board with a specific idea for a specific event you'd get a fair hearing I think you'd get a better one if you actually volunteered to do the organising.

Ed.

Print is Dead

Dear Ed

Why do you persist in producing a printed magazine, surely everyone would prefer to get an electronic version.

DAC

Dear DAC

Responses from the membership indicate that the majority of readers prefer hard copy, as do the advertisers who cover the costs of preparing it. If you'd prefer to see an electronic version please visit the RGBB website where you can download a pdf file of the recent editions from the newsletter archive.

Ed.

Welcome to new members

Mark Allen	DNJ	Zulfi Khan.....	GULF BANKERS
Stephen Arthur	UPS (Eirad (Trading & Contracting Co Ltd)	Oonagh Kilpatrick	SABB TAKAFUL
Julia Benammar	BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	John Kirwan.....	Riyad Bank
Jane Blackledge	MULTINATIONAL SCHOOL	Phillip Lobo.....	Integrated Telecom
Paul Carty.....	SAUDI BUSINESS MACHINES	Alex MacDonald-Vitale .	SABB
Anne Chappell	Obeikan	Ann McGinty.....	Aramco-Riyadh
Stephen Clayton.....	SAUDI HOLLANDI BANK	Andrew McKechnie	RIYADH BANK
Tina Cleverton	BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	Carolyn McKenzie	KING FAISAL SPECIALIST HOSPITAL
David Corbett	ALMARAI COMPANY LTD	Lawrence McMichael	SAUDI BUSINESS MACHINES
Matthew Cox	NATIONAL CHEMICAL CARRIERS	Richard Moody.....	GPT SPM Ltd
Ian Currie	YOUSSEF HARROUN CONTRACTING	Daryl Nonas	BAE SYSTEMS
Sarah Jane Day.....	KING FAHAD MEDICAL CITY	Marcus Parry.....	NOKIA SIEMENS NETWORKS
Umo Ema	EXXONMOBIL SAUDI ARABIA INC.	Robin Poole	Saudi Ericsson Communications Ltd
James Evans	BAE SYSTEMS	George Robertson	BT AL-SAUDIA
Paula Fielding	KING FAISAL SPECIALIST HOSPITAL	Ian Scott	SCOTTISH WIDOWS
Mark Filshie	KPMG	Tom Seymour-Taylor.....	PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS
Jason Foord.....	AL KHORAYEF INDUSTRIES	Keith Sharkey	ERICSSON KSA
Nugent Garrett	BURO HAPPOLD	John Sim	SABB
Rob Harrison.....	FOSTER & PARTNERS	Colin Spence	BAE SYSTEMS
Philip Head.....	SABB TAKAFUL	Donald Wilkinson.....	BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Kath Huxley	ISC Ltd	Jonathan Wood	BAE SYSTEMS
Ryan Jones.....	Stables of King Abdullah Aziz & Sons		