



Katy Read

Katy Read leaves the British Embassy at the end of May, having completed fifteen years in the Commercial Section, the last eleven as Personal Assistant to the Commercial Counsellor.

When Katy arrived in Riyadh with her husband Douglas in July '87 it was for a 2½ year posting with the UKMOD. Despite the '91 invasion of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia by Saddam Hussain, followed by 'Desert Storm', they decided to stay on for a while so Douglas joined BAE Systems, and the rest is history.

Katy has seen many changes over the years; she was recruited by Simon McDonald, when Sir Derek Plumbly was the Deputy Head of Mission, and her first Commercial Counsellor was Peter Ford, now HM Ambassador, Bahrain. During that time, both Nick Coombs and Nick Abbott have returned for a second tour.

Katy has had a full and enjoyable time in Riyadh, overcoming the many difficulties presented to her as a woman, both with her work contacts and the cultural environment.

Katy and Douglas have decided to take early retirement and will move to Cyprus to enjoy their retirement home in the sun. We therefore wish them all success in their retirement.

CONSULAR NOTES

Passport reminder

With the busy summer season in mind, you should check your passport to ensure it will not expire in the middle of all the travel you plan. We aim to renew passports within five working days of receiving a properly completed and documented application form; the forms, advice on completing them and details of the cost are on the Embassy website www.ukm.org.sa

Travel Advice

Information and advice about travel to other countries is always available on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website www.fco.gov.uk/travel by selecting the relevant country at the bottom of the front page. Or you can access information directly from Embassy websites: for example, our Embassy in Bahrain is www.ukembassy.gov.bh while Dubai and Abu Dhabi share www.britain-uae.org - hope you find them useful.

Staff Changes

Sean McLean has arrived as a new Vice Consul. He is replacing Andrea McGlone, who will leave in July.

REGISTRATION CARD - BRITISH CITIZENS

Surname (in block letters) Mr. Mrs. Miss	Christian or given names
Occupation	Place of Birth
Single/Married/Widowed/Divorced	Date of Birth
Accompanied by spouse YES / NO	Religious Denomination
Local Address P.O. Box No: Telephone No: Fax: No:	Passport No. Place & date of issue
Business Address P.O. Box No: Telephone No: Fax: No:	EMAIL ADDRESS work: Home
Next of Kin or other person to be notified if necessary (NOT IN KSA) Name: Address: telephone:	Name and nationality of spouse
Relationship	