

## A note from the Eastern Chair



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Recent elections – The AGM (April 28<sup>th</sup>) and its election of Committee members brought, unsurprisingly few new faces to the fray, see the accompanying committee lists. Once again the same faces are tasked with the role of managing the Associations affairs and as I keep reminding our members “you only have yourselves to blame”

With the recent election excitement witnessed both in the UK and in our Euro neighbours France, it was something of a disappointment that not even a protest vote was raised.

Events – The only notable exception was the mantle of Events Secretary, which has been firmly grasped by Mike Nugent, who brings a wealth of (worrying) enthusiasm and some fresh ideas to our previously well tried (or should that be tired) events calendar. Graham Christie, the only real new member of the Committee, takes up Mike's earlier role as General Secretary.

New Constitution changes – In a last gasp pre election display of power wielding the Committee proposed a change of name for the Association and thus at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of it's first AGM the Association adopted the all new, politically correct and gender adjusted title of the British Business Association. Other changes allowed the membership to be extended to Non-British passport holders who, in the Committee's opinion worked for a Company with significant British interests.

BDSC – Business Development Sub Committee, not wishing to be left out, and in an effort to bolster additional interest without frightening people with awesome commitments, have recently re-badged themselves as the BDF or Business Development Forum. Our earlier Oil & Gas seminar was well attended and considered a worthwhile event and will shortly be followed by a Training/ Saudiisation discussion.

We shall look forward to continuing to forge the closer ties to the other groups in the Kingdom and extend an open invitation to any visitors to the EP to come and along and join us at any events, social or business that we may be holding. We will endeavour to keep you updated via your own Committee as these events materialize.

With kind Regards

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Chairman (yes again!) – BBA(EP)

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### Apology from the Editor:

I understand Colin has received a fair amount of 'stick' about his 'student railcard' photo in the last edition. For those of you who missed it, it's reproduced again above left.

I did try to get another Digi-snap at a recent QBP unfortunately the result was rather more under the table than in the chair. Would someone please whip around to Colin's office and snap me an 'approved' version for the next edition.