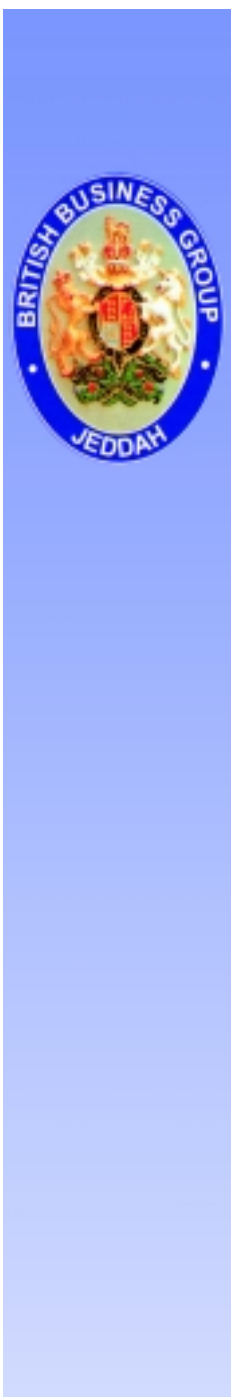




**Message
from the
Chairman
of the BBG
Jeddah**



By the time you read this, summer will be a distant memory, though, of course, I am writing this in the middle of the summer and I have yet to leave Jeddah for a summer break. All being well, I will be leaving in about a week.

Summer is a funny time in the Kingdom in many ways. The expat population is neatly divided into three segments with little interaction between them. Firstly, there is the singles scene which exists quietly and is not open to the married classes. They seem to live life to the full – by all accounts! Then, there is the married class which exists quietly, very often running around trying to entertain their children, etc.

Finally, there is the summer bachelor – the married man whose spouse and kids have gone away for the summer. The Kingdom becomes a secluded island full of lonely bachelors who have, at last, the freedom to run their own lives without the ‘guidance’ (in diplomatic speak) of their beloved spouses. It is an exciting time during which one is able to do a lot of things which otherwise do not merit priority. Alas, this freedom is a limited parole to be withdrawn at the end of August!

A number of things have happened since the last magazine was published. We have some BBG Committee changes to report. Phil Head, Ian Deuchar and David Gray have left Jeddah. Phil Head has been our Vice Chairman with special responsibility for the BBG Directory and has served on the Committee for the last couple of years or so. Phil and Barbara are moving to Dubai.

Ian Deuchar has also been on the Committee for the last couple of years and has served as our Honorary Secretary and ‘Legal Advisor/Conscience’. In addition to serving on the Committee, Ian has been actively involved with the Board of Governors of Jeddah Prep and Grammar School as well as being actively involved with the Consulate. Ian is leaving Jeddah but may resurface in Riyadh very soon. David has also been on the Committee for the last couple of years and has had responsibility for Membership as well as SIG’s. He and Antoinette have now decided to return to the UK.

I would like to thank all three for their priceless contributions to the BBG over the last couple of years. They will be missed by the BBG (and, indeed, Jeddah). We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

As reported elsewhere, we organised a charity Dinner/Dance with the BWG (British Women’s Group) at the end of June and the purpose of this was to raise funds for a Golden Jubilee charity. I am pleased to report that the event was a tremendous success with the last revellers not leaving till about 3:00am – more importantly, we raised over £1,000 for charity.

Now we must turn our attention to the autumn. We have a full programme ahead and I am sure you can’t wait to hear how it unfolds! You will – in the next issue.

Please accept my best wishes for the new ‘year’.

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