

Dear Members

The BBA Committee wishes you all the best for the Eid break and draws your attention to the points below.

Dates for the Diary

27 Sept - Speaker Business Dinner; see separate flyer and sign up as soon as possible

5 Oct - Welcome Back Networking Drinks

4 Nov - Bahrain Brunch (TBC)

18 Nov - Poppy Ball in association with the BBBF at the Radisson Diplomat Hotel in Bahrain.

Business Focus

In a time of low oil prices and reduced Government spending, some businesses are finding it tough. The Committee has been discussing ways in which members and their companies can more easily help each other, seek advice, and identify commercial opportunities in KSA. Amongst these steps:

- The Committee will be preparing a version of the membership list which contains only members' business details (name, company name, contact details and description of goods / services). This will be made available to all other members, so that all members are aware of the range of skills and capabilities which exist within the membership. As a business organization, we wish to encourage networking amongst members; however if you have a particular reason why you do not wish your details to appear in this list, please notify the BBA Secretary.
- We will be encouraging members to bring along a guest to the Networking Drinks being planned for 5 October; we would ask that invited guests are British business people who have an interest in joining the BBA and contributing to our objectives to enhance UK-Saudi trade.
- Linked In; please take time to visit, sign up to, and make use of the BBA's new Linked In page.
- The Committee would like to remind anyone who wishes to set up a Special Interest Group, focused on a specific industry sector, that they are welcome to do so and they will receive support from the Committee. SIGs can also be organised through the BBA's Linked In pages.

Bahrain Rugby Football Club

As members may know, there have been recent problems with BBA members accessing BRFC. We believe we are close to resolving this issue with BRFC in a way which preserves this benefit which BRFC has made available to us. The Committee hopes to have more news immediately after Eid. In the meantime, please note that BRFC continues to reserve the right to restrict entry, or may require a photo ID and/or proof of residency.