



BBA News

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BEMBRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome

Just a very quick newsletter to keep you up to date with the activities of the BBA.

BBA Christmas Social

The BBA Christmas Social will take place on Monday 2 December at the Brading Haven Yacht Club. An invite is included with this newsletter, we hope to see as many of you as possible attending.



We will be holding a raffle on the night in aid of the Chairman's chosen charity, if you wish to donate a prize then please drop it off to Gail at Bembridge Barbers.

Traditionally the Christmas event has been held at Bembridge Coast Hotel, but there have been some alterations in room layouts during the year, and although we were offered use of the Hotel for this year's Christmas social the committee felt that it would be best if we tried an alternative venue.

Bembridge and St Helens Guide 2014

You should have been approached last month about advertising in the 2014 edition of the Bembridge & St Helens Guide, we haven't had replies from everyone yet, please do let us know if you want an advert or not, and if you do then what size it should be. In 2013 the Guide was distributed to more people than ever, and we expect a similar level of interest in 2014

BBA and Facebook

Earlier in the year we told you of the Facebook page www.facebook.com/BembridgeStHelensGuide set up to publicise the attractions of the area and to let members post details of special events etc. It would be fair to say that there has not been a flood of postings to the page. Do remember it is there, and you can post to it. More details can be seen in the BBA summer newsletter, which can be found online at our web site:
bembridge.org/pdfs/BBANewsletterSummer2013.pdf

Diary Dates

2 December Christmas Social
7 December Lights of Love

Lights of Love

This year's Bembridge Lights of Love event, coordinated by the BBA, will take place on Saturday 7 December. Starting at Lane End Shops 5.00 pm when Father Christmas switches on the lights on the Christmas Tree, then a Lantern Procession moves up to the Village appreciating the Lights on the High Street and at the War Memorial on the way to The Village Hall * 5.30 pm, for carols and prayers followed by free mince pies, mulled wine/juice, and Father Christmas distributes sweets to the children.



(note all timings are approximate)

* *Regrettably this year, due to the damage in Holy Trinity Church we will be unable to hold our Carols and prayers in the Church.*

Change at the top

Some of you may already be aware that Penny Watts has decided to step down as Chairman of the BBA. She has been an invaluable member of the committee for a number of years, initially organising many of our most popular social events, then becoming Vice-Chairman and latterly Chairman.

The committee have asked Gail Wade from Bembridge Barbers to be Chairman-elect until the next AGM.

Christmas with The Coastal Gardener & Friends

For some Christmas shopping with a difference join The Coastal Gardener, Mandy Bangerter, Penelope Walford, Ben Wood, Sally Woodford & Bright Star Candles for a festive evening on Thursday 5 December (6:30pm - 9:00pm), and Friday 6 / Saturday 7 December (10:00am - 4:00pm). Come for a drink. Meet with friends and go home with unique art & handmade gifts. 24 Beachfield Road, Bembridge, PO35 5TN.

Potential Advertising Leaflet

The committee are considering producing a monthly or bi-monthly leaflet, to be distributed to all households in the area, containing adverts from members. This will allow you to inform customers, and potential customers, about special offers and other topical items. We would like to gauge potential interest in such a scheme, if you believe you would be interested in taking an advert then please contact a committee member.

Bembridge Christmas Event

On Saturday 21 December there will be carol singers and a brass band in the village centre from 11:00 am.

At Steyne Park from 2:15pm there will be a Craft fair and Local Charity / Group stalls. Father Christmas will arrive at 3:00pm, and children can visit him in his grotto. There will be entertainment throughout the afternoon and a disco in the BYCC from 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Street Trading Consultation

The Isle of Wight Council is reviewing its current Street Trading Policy. To help with this review they are seeking the views of the community. This will assist the Licensing Section to develop a policy that represents both the legislative requirements and the needs of the Island. A survey is available on the council web site at :

www.iwight.com/Business/Licensing/Licence-Street-Trading/Street-Trading

Your Membership Details

Included with this newsletter will be the details we have in our membership database for you. Please ensure that the details we hold about your business are up to date. We will use these as the basis for the members listing in the 2014 Bembridge & St Helens Guide. It is your responsibility to notify our membership secretary of any amendments necessary.

It does help us keep in touch with you if we have an email address listed for BBA correspondence purposes.

Christmas Art Sale @ Lockslane

Charlotte Hodge Thomas will be hosting a 15% off Christmas Art Sale of all her paintings and prints at Lockslane Bistro, from Thursday 21st November to Sunday 24th November 2013 (10 am - 5 pm daily). There will also be a preview reception on Thursday 21st November 6 pm - 8 pm, all welcome.

BBA Committee

Chairman: Gail Wade

Bembridge Barbers, High Street, Bembridge

Vice-Chairman: position vacant

Treasurer: Tim Woodcock

TW Woodcock, St Helens

Secretary & Membership Secretary: David Groom

Vectis WebDesign, 114 High Street, Bembridge

Committee Members:

Lynsey Burden, Bembridge

Jonathan Guy - Beach Hut Café, Bembridge

Sue McLagan - Bembridge Powerboat Training, St Helens

Robin Maconchy - Bembridge Heritage Society

Gerry Price - Coastal Gardener, Bembridge

Carol Pearce - Hideaway Holidays, Bembridge

Jim Robinson - Bembridge Marine, Bembridge

Caroline Scott-Jackson - Bembridge Building Supplies, Bembridge

Heather Wilson - Beaufort Marine, St Helens

Behind the Scenes at the BBA

Members of the committee manned a stand at the Harbour Celebrations at the end of July, giving out copies of the Guide and promoting the BBA. We have agreed specifications for a new web site and chosen a supplier. In addition to "The Guide" we have also been considering what other promotional material we might produce to make more people aware of what our area has to offer.

We've have also made a few donations to local causes, £500 to the Scouts, £100 to BYCC for their darts evening, and we will be supporting the "Bembridge Christmas Event" with a £300 donation.

New Members

ChiChi Hair and Beauty - offers a combination of highly skilled hairdressing techniques and beauty therapy.

Eileen Long Photography is able to offer a comprehensive photographic service on the island.

Jude's Accountancy Services - provide book-keeping and accountancy services for sole traders, partnerships and limited companies.

Tuppenny Cafe - operate from Whitecliff Bay, and in addition to being a cafe sell beach goods.