



BBA Joins Facebook

The BBA now has a presence on Facebook, the aim of which is to publicise the attractions of the area and to let members post details of special events etc.

The page can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BembridgeStHelensGuide. In order to reach as wide an audience as possible I would encourage all of you who are members of Facebook to share that page as widely as possible with your Facebook friends.

If the use of Facebook seems daunting then please contact David Groom or Jonathan Guy who are seeing if there is any interest in providing training.

We would encourage you to post details of events etc, but please do bear in mind that over posting can be counterproductive, in that people will soon switch off if they see the same sort of message posted frequently.

Harbour 50th Celebrations

The weekend of 26th - 28th July sees the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the harbour passing into ownership of the Bembridge Harbour Improvements Company. Many events are planned that weekend, including the ever popular Dance on the Duver. A full program of events is available from the Harbour Office, Bembridge Farm Shop & St Helens Post Office at a cost of £1, or details can be found on the Bembridge Harbour web site.

The BBA are sponsoring a Hog Roast on Sunday between noon and 4:00pm at Bembridge Point.

National Trust Community Day

Why not head up to Culver Down on 14 July, between 11:00am and 4:00pm, for a special day of free activities, trails and countryside demonstrations centred in and around Bembridge Fort and Bembridge Down.

Among the activities which will take place on this National Trust Community Day are free taster tours of Bembridge Fort and some '50 things to do'. The Rangers will be demonstrating some of their countryside skills, there will be a cake stall from the Needles Old Battery tea-room, plants from Mottistone Manor Garden and stalls and stands from local organisations.

BBA Discount Scheme

The discount scheme is going from strength to strength. Members who participate in the scheme now have a window sticker to display on their premises, and all these members are also listed on our web site.

BBA Members Draw

Each month we conduct a draw where one member of the BBA receives a voucher for use at other participating businesses.

Recent winners include Weld Services winning a voucher from Sara's Dog grooming, and Daphne Lacey who won a voucher to spend at Desktop Studio.

Open Studios

Friday 26th July till Monday 29th July is the Open Studios weekend for our area.

A number of our members are taking part in this event, including Gerry Price who will be opening her studio and garden on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July. The coastal garden features sculptures made from objects washed ashore and will be open from 10 am - 5 pm. 10% discount off coastal plants and art for BBA members. Do come and see her at Blue Haze, 24 Beachfield Rd, Bembridge PO35 5TN.

Charlotte Hodge Thomas will be opening her studio at 24 Walls Road, Bembridge, PO35 5RD from 26th - 29th July.

National Gardens Scheme

The Coastal Gardener will be opening her garden for the last time this year for the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday 31st August. Visit www.thecoastalgardener.co.uk for further information

BBA Committee

Chairman: Penny Watts
Spinnaker Houseboat, Embankment Road, 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:

Jonathan Guy - Beach Hut Café, Bembridge
Sue McLagan - Wight Holiday Homes, St Helens
Gerry Price - Coastal gardener, Bembridge
Carol Pearce - Hideaway Holidays, Bembridge
Jim Robinson - Bembridge Marine
Caroline Scott-Jackson - SSJ Construction, Bembridge
Gail Wade - Bembridge Barbers
Heather Wilson - Beaufort Marine, St Helens.
Lynsey Burden, Bembridge

New Member Profiles

Optitech PC's

Optitech PC's are based in St Helens and provide new PC's, upgrades to existing PC's, repairs and reinstallation of Windows.

New systems can be built to specific customer requirements, and come with a full 1 year warranty. Repairs to your existing PC on a No Fix - No Fee Basis.

GP Motorworks

GP Motorworks, on Embankment Road, have been trading for the last 28 years, most of their staff are islanders and live locally. They offer free local collection and delivery of serviced vehicles.

They service and repair all makes and models of vehicles, from an oil change to a full mechanical overhaul, this includes motorhomes, for which we have a special workshop. They are also an MOT station.

They sell a wide range of vehicles, but specialise in motorhomes.

TG Painting & Decorating

TG Painting & Decorating can undertake all your decorating requirements. Whether your need is for interior decorating (painting, wallpapering, detailed cornice work), or exterior painting, for either the commercial or private sectors, TG Painting & Decorating can help.

And Finally...

Congratulations to The Propeller Inn who have been awarded a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2013.