



BAHRAIN SOCIETY 2024

A newsletter review of our year

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**Building
upon the
Bridges of
Friendship
between
Bahrain
and the
United
Kingdom.**



**Honouring the
Silver Jubilee of
His Majesty,
King Hamad bin
Isa Al Khalifa.**



A Message from your Chairman & Committee

As we enjoy the festive season, we are delighted to share highlights from an exciting year for the Bahrain Society.

From the gala dinner to the launch of our new website, 2024 has been filled with memorable moments, thanks to your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events and wish you and your families greetings of the Season and a peaceful New Year.

October | Gala Dinner

The Bahrain Society's 2024 Gala Dinner took place on October 29th at the fabulous Four Seasons Hotel, Park Lane, London.

We were greatly honoured by the presence of HE Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Bahrain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was greeted by our President, HE Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Guests included members, and friends of the Society, as well as new friends representing the business sector. Our chairman, Heather Harper OBE introduced the three speakers. Insightful presentations were delivered by HE Abdullatif bin Rashid, as well as Sir Liam Fox, former UK Secretary of State for Defence, and Khalid Rashid Al Zayani OBE, the Society's Bahrain VP, Sir John Shepherd is the Society's British Vice President.



The Gala Dinner was attended by the Bahrain Minister of Foreign Affairs, left, and the Bahrain Ambassador to the UK, the Society's President, HE Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohamed Al Khalifa.

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We are delighted to announce the launch of the Bahrain Society's new website.

This initiative, generously supported by Bahrain-based Red House Marketing, marks a significant milestone in our digital communication efforts. Our heartfelt thanks to George Middleton and his dedicated team for gifting this valuable resource. It went live on October 29th



George Middleton
announcing the plans for the
new website in London,
August 2024.

Shaikh Fawaz Attends Summer Reception



In August, our Chairman, Heather Harper MBE presided over the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was followed by the Summer Reception at the Caledonian Club in London.

We welcomed new committee members, extending thanks committee members, past and present, for tirelessly dedicating their time fostering the Society's values & organising events that bring us together.



Fostering Friendship

At our Summer Reception, we were joined by His Excellency Iain Lindsay OBE, former British Ambassador to Bahrain and Advisor to the Bahrain Economic Development Board.

His Excellency spoke on the importance of friendship societies in nurturing bilateral relationships & fostering mutual growth. A proud Scot and a true Caledonian, his address resonated deeply with members, highlighting the enduring ties between our nations.



His Excellency Iain Lindsay,
Advisor to Bahrain Economic
Development Board

During this year, we welcomed a number of corporate members, shining the light on the many friendship opportunities with the business sector.



One of the year's highlights was the Bahrain Society's daytime reception at the House of Commons in May.

Our President, His Excellency Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohamed Al Khalifa, emphasised the vital role of friendship communities in strengthening the bonds between Bahrain and the UK. Distinguished guests included Lord Ahmed of Wimbledon, former Minister of State for the Commonwealth & UN, and Sir Graham Brady, former Shadow Minister for Europe and Education, who also addressed the gathering.