



# The BLS Newsletter

December 5th, 2022



'tis the season Ladies,

In fine East Coast of Scotland tradition, by the time you all read this, may I say, "You'll have had your [Xmas] tea" but in time-honored BLS tradition there's of course still lots of seasonal celebrating to come!

Karen and friends are organizing mini bazaars in the library (all vendors are BLS members) so make sure you scan the activities section to learn the dates and times. A wee elf-on-the-shelf tells me there is a Saturday bazaar for those that can't make weekdays! This is a great chance to support members in their endeavors and pick-up last-minute Christmas gifts for friends and family or perhaps a little treat for yourself. Well deserved!

Ladies, here's to you and your loved ones, a very Merry Christmas!

Jennifer

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# BLS WhatsApp Groups

To keep updated with BLS activities and events please ensure you are on the BLS WhatsApp Groups:

- BLS Kuwait - all committee members are admins and can add new numbers
- BLS book sale - admins Karen, Layla, Munah, Lorraine, Jennifer, Bex
- Evening Book Club - admin Mona 6908 7295
- BLS Walking Group - admins Alex, Layla, Munah, Jennifer
- Monday Morning Coffee - Dana 9770 9883, Lobna 9696 0883
- BLS Cinema Group - Munah, Jennifer
- BLS MUMS & TOTS Group - Nada 9224 6469, Jennifer 66147907

# BLS Committee 2022-2023

Position	Name
President	Jennifer Cadiz
Vice President	Bex Widdicombe
Society Secretary	Alex Carroll
Treasurer	Kyla Mulvaney
Vice Treasurer	Janet Newman
Events Coordinator	Annie Morris
Assistant Events Coordinator	Sonia Biondi
Activities Coordinator	Ridaab Marzuq
Assistant Activities Coordinator	Mandy Smith
Membership Secretary	Vacant
Assistant Membership Secretary	Munah Boresli assisted by Joanne Lyttle
Communications Officer	Allison Brannon - Social
Website Coordinator	Lydia Reda
Assistant Communications Officer	Vacant (flash emails, monthly newsletter)
Coffee Team Coordinator	Dana Jandhyala
Assistant Team Coordinator	Suzanne Emmerson

# Membership News

Ladies,

Please push for your UK lady friends to join BLS. Membership is 35KD.

Please contact Munah at 9699 0249 to arrange payment if you are not able to pay by bank transfer. Unfortunately, we cannot send out payment links.

**Are you interested in volunteering as the Membership Secretary? Joanne Lyttle has been a great help so far, thank you, but we need more help! We need your help! Contact Jennifer 66147907 or Munah to volunteer.**

BLS Membership  
Munah

## Upcoming BLS Events / Activities – Save the Date

If you have an activity you would like to suggest -- please do let the Activities team know when you are available so we can coordinate a date. You can DM @blskuwait on Instagram, message the BLS Kuwait WhatsApp group, or contact [activities@theblskuwait.org](mailto:activities@theblskuwait.org).

**The Library will be hosting Mini Bazaars at the Premises on the following dates:**

**Thursday, 8th December:** 10am – 12pm

**Saturday, 17th December:** 10am – 2pm

**Thursday, 22nd December:** 10am – 12pm

If you would like to have a table at the bazaar, please contact Karen by WhatsApp on 99715234 with your preferred date. Please note:

- Tables are available for BLS members only and are limited to one table each.
- Tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority given to members who already rent a shelf at the Premises.
- Set up is from 9.30am. Table and chairs will be provided. Please bring your own cloth, extension cables etc.

**Tuesday December 6th, 2022 – BLS Christmas Dinner at Jumeirah Messilah Hotel** – 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Theme: Under the Sea at Jumeirah Messilah Hotel and Beach Resort in the old Salt Restaurant location. Cost: 5KD for members, 15KD for non-members. Huge buffet, turkey carving, raffle prizes galore, and a gorgeous outdoor terrace! Registration closed as all seats have been filled.

**Saturday December 10th, 2022 – Copper Wire Workshop** – 10:00am – 12:30pm. Copper Wire Crystal Palm Tree bead making workshop with Lucia Kasaam. Cost is 10KD for BLS members, 15KD for non-members. To register, contact Jennifer at 66147907.

Keep an eye for new activities on social media and in the first BLS Newsletter of 2023!

# BLS Clubs

## Monday Morning Coffee

Dana, as Coffee Coordinator, has created the Monday Morning Coffee WhatsApp group, so do ask to be added if you want to know where will be the next meet-up – contact Dana on WhatsApp at 9770 9883.

If you would like to host a coffee morning either at your home or at the premises, please ask within the “BLS Kuwait” WhatsApp group (contact Jennifer at 66147907 to join) or if you would like to host a special fundraising coffee event, email Jennifer at [president@theblskuwait.org](mailto:president@theblskuwait.org) with the subject line 'Special Event Coffee'.

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## Walk the Talk

The weather is getting cooler ladies! We are looking for a Walk the Talk Coordinator. However, any one of you can suggest a one-off walk within the WhatsApp group for our walking ladies if that’s all you have time for. To be added, contact Jennifer at 66147907.

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## Mums & Tots

Exciting new activities planned! Ask to join the BLS MUMS & TOTS WhatsApp group to confirm meetups and other playdates. WhatsApp Nada 9224 6469.

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## BSL Book Clubs

### Morning Book Club

Thank you to Dana who has volunteered to coordinate the Morning Book Club. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Dana on WhatsApp at 9770 9883

### Evening Book Club

If you are interested in joining the Evening Book Club, contact Mona at 6908 7295.

First meet up will be in the New Year having read the following:

Month	Book	Author
December	The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennet
January	How to Fail: Everything I've Ever Learned From Things Going Wrong	Elizabeth Day

## BLS Clubs - continued

### Library at the Premises – More Than Just a Library....

We will always try to give notice of when the library is open so make sure to check BLS Kuwait on WhatsApp, or @blskuwait on Instagram. **The BLS Premises and the Library will be closed on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**BOOKS!** Not only do we have a huge selection of books available to borrow, we also have a large selection of books and DVDs for sale at the incredibly low price of 250 fils each!

**JIGSAWS!** **New intake of jigsaws.** Why not borrow a jigsaw to pass the time – 1KD to hire and 500fils back when you return. From the fairly easy to the extremely challenging, there is something for everyone.

**COFFEE & CAKE!** For only KD 1 for can enjoy a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee along with a biscuit and usually some homemade goodies too!

**INFORMATION!** Make use of our table and notice board which shares useful contact numbers and recommendations for everything from taxi services, tailors, maintenance services and more!

**FRIENDLY CHAT!** Use your visit to catch up with members and meet new friends. All done in safe surroundings. This includes temperature check on entry (by Q8realtor staff at entrance), hand sanitizer, mask wearing and social distancing.

**WHATSAPP GROUP!** Ask to join our BLS book sale group for offers.

## British Consulate Information

### Keeping in touch

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# Buy, Sell and Swap WhatsApp

## Vide Grenier WhatsApp Group

The French Association has said BLS members can join their Vide Grenier (Buy, Sell, and Swap) WhatsApp Group. If you are interested in buying or selling, do join this active WhatsApp group by putting in a request in the BLS Kuwait WhatsApp group. NEVER contact the Vide Grenier admin directly and do follow the rules to the letter please, as we are only guests.

## BLS Social Media and Website

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/619404001574946>  
[www.theblskuwait.org](http://www.theblskuwait.org)

The only Facebook group we currently have access to is the Members Only BLS Kuwait Group - but this is not regularly updated, nor will it be until we can link it to the @blskuwait Instagram account.

If you get your BLS information through social media, please follow, share and like @blskuwait on Instagram. We're also currently updating the website thanks to volunteer Lydia, so keep hitting that refresh button!

## BLS Charities 2022-2023

Our Kuwaiti Charity this year is The Kuwaiti Association for Learning Differences (KALD), a non-profit organization that collaboratively works towards helping all individuals, especially students in private schools and special education in Kuwait, who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Learning Difficulties through setting up awareness programs, training courses, and other educational activities.

[www.kalduwait.com](http://www.kalduwait.com)

Our British Charity this year is Cherished Gowns. Cherished Gowns UK is a charity that provides the families of babies that are stillborn, miscarried or pass away shortly after birth with items of clothing that they are able to be dressed in for their funeral. We offer five sizes of Cherished Gowns, and each gown is accompanied by a hat, pair of booties, a blanket and a cloth nappy. These items are provided completely free of charge to parents, funeral directors, and we also supply every UK hospital with this service. All of the items provided are lovingly made by volunteers around the UK, from donated Wedding Dresses.

[www.cherishedgowns.org.uk](http://www.cherishedgowns.org.uk)