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Important AGM details - Wednesday 18 March 2015

It is **very important** that those members intending to attend the AGM return the Booking Form accompanying this Newsletter.

Location: **Les Jonquières, Le Muy**

On the bypass (1005 Boulevard de la Liberation) at Le Muy. From the east, pass Casino on left then restaurant is after the Vet on the right. From the west, after Dia on left pass through 3 sets of traffic lights and the restaurant is on the left. More parking in side-road.

Schedule for the morning

10h30 - Registration

with coffee, orange juice and croissants available for members

11h00 AGM commences

AGM documents, which will be distributed 14 days prior to the meeting, will include the Agenda and proxy voting slips for members unable to attend.

Nominations for committee must be with the secretary by **18 February**.

Members who receive electronic Newsletters will receive their AGM documentation electronically and proxy voting slips will be attached in the same manner as event booking forms.

12h00 approx end of the meeting

Members can then stay for lunch if they wish. The venue has a good value selection of self-service buffet, pizzas, menu du jour, etc.

Please indicate on the reservation slip whether you are staying for lunch.

Will members who do stay note that all meals and drinks after the AGM are their responsibility and the restaurant will provide individual bills. BAV is **not** responsible for any food or drink costs.

ALL MEMBERS must complete the Registration Form prior to the Meeting.

ONLY MEMBERS can attend and no membership subscription renewals or membership applications will be accepted on the morning of the AGM.

Annual General Meeting 18 March 2015 - RULE 6: General Meetings

I hope you will be able to attend the AGM. It is an important meeting in the life of our Association. You will very soon be getting the papers and then you will have the opportunity to ask questions on any item on the agenda but only if you send your question to me 7 days before the AGM. Members may participate in any discussion following the disclosure of written questions and the committee members' answer. Members may also make proposals but these cannot be voted upon at this meeting. A decision on proposals cannot be made until the next AGM or general meeting. There is also an opportunity to contribute to the meeting without written questions during the agenda item "Matters of General Interest". The rules that govern the procedures to be followed at a general meeting are printed below.

"Questions concerning the minutes and reports can only be made in writing and lodged with the Secretary not less than 7 days before the AGM. That is by 11 March. An appropriate person will answer. Any proposals from Members cannot be put to the vote. The Committee will discuss with the proposer and determine if the proposal can be put to the next general meeting. The purpose is to safeguard the association from passing illegal or unworkable solutions. Ideas for improving the effectiveness towards meeting our objectives may be discussed under "Matters of Interest"

Michael Wharton, secretary@baofthevar.com



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Forthcoming Events

Committee Meeting
TBA

Lunch in St Maximin
23 April

Trout Lake Lunch in Entrecasteaux
22 May

Summer Soirée in La Motte
9 June

Vendange Lunch in Lorgues
12 September

Quiz Lunch in Flayosc
16 October

Christmas Lunch in St Aygulf
5 December

St George's Day lunch

This will be held on 23 April at midday at Relais de Bonaparte, RN7 Place Malherbe, 83470 St Maximin la Sainte Baume. 04 94 86 52 40. The maximum number is 30 members and bookings will be required to be confirmed to Kevin by 13 April. The price is 25€ and 27€ for non-members.

The price includes: three courses, bottle of wine between 4 people and coffee. Extra bottles of wine at 15,50€ each.

Veluté d'asperges au lard croustillant
Ou

*Terrine de foie de volaille « maison »,
confiture d'échalotes*

*Paleron confit (beef), purée de pomme de
terre et jus réduit*
Ou

*Pavé de saumon rôti dur peau, légumes
printaniers et infusion basilic*

Crumble aux fruits de saisons
Ou

Mi-cuit au chocolat, crème d'amande

"Quotes"

Why do people say "no offence" right before they're about to offend you Anonymous

Lakeside Gourmet Lunch

On Friday 22 May at 12.00 we will be returning to an unusual venue for lunch at the Trout Lake about 3km west of Entrecasteaux towards Carcès. Members who have been before were impressed with the gourmet standard of the food served and the peaceful surroundings overlooking the trout lake. You can even pay to go fishing for the afternoon. Places are limited to 60 so please book as early as possible and not later than 12 May. The booking form is in this newsletter.

Menu – 30€ members, 32€ non-members

*Gambas à l'ail et au persil flambées aux
cognac*

*Entrecôte aux cèpes à la crème avec ses
legumes*

*Assortiments de 3 fromages et son miel
d'acacia*

Profiteroles au chocolat et ses fruits frais

Apéritif, vin et café compris

Directions

On the road towards Carcès to the south of the village. After 3 km there is a pronounced bend in the road to the left and a sign on the left saying "Etang du Peche", about 200m from Domaine Campagnaud. Follow this track for several hundred metres until the road opens out into a car park with the trout lake on the right.

"What's On" Guide

Peter and Shirley Rowson invite you to join them for a

Summer Soirée & "Finger" Buffet with Boules Tournament

(beginners welcome)

18h00 – Tuesday 9 June
10€

If possible, bring along your own boules if playing.

Books on sale weather permitting.

Directions will be given on request. Please bring a plate of "finger" food, savoury or sweet.

Numbers limited to 60 – book early!

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Draguignan Theatre: 04 94 50 59 59

www.theatresendracenie.com

Forum Theatre, Fréjus and Centre Culturel, St

Raphaël: 04 94 95 55 55 www.aggloscenes.com

April 2015

1 Apr Draguignan, cinéma Chabran. Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny, Weill – opera film. 20h15. €20

2 Apr Montauroux, cinéma. Patrick Bruel – concert film. 20h00. 04 94 50 40 30

3 Apr La Garde Freinet, Salles des Fêtes. Jazz concert. 21h00. 04 94 56 04 93

3-6 Apr Fréjus, Parc Aurelien. Fête des Plantes.

7-16 Apr Gorges du Verdon, Go Provence Photography Holiday. Details from Ian at

www.goprovence.co.uk

11 Apr Grimaud, Complexe les Blaquières. Festival – wind instruments. 20h30. Free.

04 98 12 29 74

11-12 Apr St Tropez. Vintage motorbikes rally. 08 92 68 48 28

12 Apr Fréjus, Cathédrale. Organ recital. 16h00. Free.

17 Apr Grimaud, Chapelle des Penitents. La Venise Sacrée de Monteverdi – concert. 21h00. 04 94 55 43 83

17 Apr Fayence, Espace Culturel. Concert – 2 pianos. 20h30. €15. 04 94 85 00 35

17-18 Apr Gassin, Salle l'Espilidou. Festival des Musiques Actuelles. 20h30. Free. 04 94 55 22 00

18 Apr Lorgues, Espace Mitterand. Concert de Printemps – Harmonie Lorguaise. 20.30. Free. 06 60 90 08 97

18 Apr Draguignan, Pôle Culturel Chabran. L'Ensemble Perspectives – a capella choir. 20h30. €25. 04 83 08 30 30

18 Apr St Maximin la Ste Baume, Pôle Culturel. Orchestral concert – Nice orchestra. 20h00. €12. 04 94 86 18 90

18-19 Apr Plan de la Tour, centre ville. Foire aux Plantes et à l'Huile d'Olive. 04 94 55 20 50

18-26 Apr Brignoles, Parc des Expositions. Foire de Brignoles – agricultural show. 04 94 69 10 88

19 Apr Montauroux, cinéma. Ivan the Terrible – ballet film. 17h00. 04 94 77 75 90

19 Apr Les Arcs, Café de la Tour. Thé Tango – learn to tango. 14h30. Free. (Optional lunch.) 04 94 73 30 56

24 Apr Les Arcs, Café de la Tour. Fish and chips – book by previous Monday please. 12h00. €12.50.

04 94 73 30 56

24-26 Apr St Tropez, Esplanade du Port. Salon "Vivre Côté Sud" – home décor fair.

24-26 Apr Ste Maxime, Promenade Simon Lorière. Salon Univers Jardin. 06 29 54 15 00

24-27 Apr Fréjus, old town. Bravade.

25 Apr Draguignan, Pôle Culturel Chabran. The Voice France – singers from the TV programme. 20h30. €25. 04 83 08 30 30

25 Apr Montauroux, cinéma. Cavalleria Rusticana – opera film. 18h30. €15. 04 94 77 75 90

25 Apr Montauroux, Eglise St Barthélémy. Orchestre de Percussions de la Côte d'Azur. 18h00. €18. 04 94 40 93 08

25 Apr Ste Maxime, Le Carré théâtre. Quatuor Modigliani – string quartet. 20h30. €21. 04 94 56 77 77

25-26 Apr Fréjus, Le Clos des Roses, RD37. Fête du Printemps. 04 94 52 80 51

26 Apr Callian, centre ville. Les Florales – plant fair. 04 94 47 75 77

26 Apr Ste Maxime, Place Jean Mermoz. Foire Annuelle. 9h00-19h00. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

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Chairman's Report

The AGM has come and gone once more with the full report on page 1 of this newsletter. However there was one noticeable omission - me! Regrettably I had to travel to the UK for the day in order to attend the funeral of a life-long friend. It was a great disappointment to miss the principal event of the year as I had attended every event over the last 2 years. No refunds were requested or given for the non-attendance of the 'star act'!

This relatively simple proceeding takes a disproportionate amount of effort on the part of the Committee and especially our Secretary, Michael Wharton, who arranges the organisation to comply with all legal requirements. In addition we are always anxious to obtain a quorum and remain nervous until we have sufficient bookings. We can now take a breath but are rapidly back on the treadmill in organising events throughout the year. We have now planned most of the major events throughout this year with a number of favourites being repeated and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. This takes us up to the Christmas lunch which hopefully will again be in conjunction with VIAC as it has once more been booked at the St Aygulf Hotel.

We are particularly encouraged by attendances at this year's events where unfortunately, due to reasons of capacity, we have had to disappoint some late bookers. However we are seeing a greater amount of early bookings which does aid the organisation of the events. Please therefore keep an eye on the newsletters, or Kevin Bell's reminder emails for details of all events. We always enjoy meeting new members and returning members at these events.

Emergency contacts:

Medical help/SAMU	15
Police/Police Nationale	17
Fire and accident/Sapeurs Pompiers	18
SOS – all services (calling from a mobile)	112
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The Bereavement Support Network of the Var (BSN)

This organisation exists to support not only the bereaved but also those who are terminally ill, and their families and friends. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from our confidential, free support, then please contact:

Sandra - 04 94 84 64 89 or 06 32 35 31 24
info@bsnvar.org or www.bsnvar.org
for further information.

Benefits for BAV members (Please show your membership card)

Cigalon, Grand Rue, Flayosc 04 94 70 45 85. Offer: complementary espresso coffee at this fine dining restaurant.

Flayosc Co-operative - 5% discount available with the special BAV fidelity card. Full range of wines and sparkling wine available together with fresh cheeses, wine accessories etc.

Le Petit Romain, opposite Casino, Salernes 04 94 67 54 11. Offer: complementary espresso coffee at this popular restaurant with a menu de jour at 14.50€.

Lei Cigales, Route de Draguignan, Villecroze 04 98 53 02 88. Offer: complementary espresso coffee in this restaurant specialising in galettes and crepes with a separate menu du jour at 13.50€.

Nathalie and Fabrice Alric Antiquities, Place de l'église, Villecroze - Offer 10% discount on a range of antique style household furnishings and a larger discount on antiques.

La Provençal, Place Martin Bidoure, Aups. 04 94 70 00 24. Free espresso coffee with meal.

Le Grand Hotel, Place du Général Duchatel, Aups. 04 94 70 10 82. Free coffee or *digestif* with meal.

Les Trois Marches, 11 Cours Gambetta, Cotignac. 04 94 04 65 99. Pretty provençal restaurant. Free espresso coffee with meal.

Hotel and restaurant L'Orée du Bois, Quartier Ste Roseline, Le Muy. 04 98 11 12 40. Free coffee or tea with meal.

New York Break, 19 rue Picot, close to Place de la Liberté, Toulon. 04 94 98 69 14 or 06 42 65 08 21. Free drink with every meal.

Aviva Insurance, Vidauban. Luc de Bardonnèche offers various insurance discounts for BAV members – see his advert in the Newsletter.

JF-Assurances. www.jf-assurances.com, e-mail jf@jf-assurances.com. Tel. 04 94 40 60 94. 10% discount against detailed quotations.

Bereavement Support Network

Most of us are capable of offering our support to friends and family at times of loss. It comes naturally. We have empathy. Do you think you could offer the same kind of support to a bereaved person you don't know personally? Could you be there for someone and actively listen to them? Or, are you in need of someone who can do that?

The Bereavement Support Network offers support face to face or by telephone to anyone living in France who has lost someone close to them, or who is terminally ill or sharing their life with someone who is terminally ill. Bereavement or the stress of terminal illness brings with it a mix of emotions which can be difficult for a person to overcome. Their emotional turmoil can prevent them from dealing with everyday life. These emotions are perfectly natural but sometimes a person may need the support of someone outside their family and circle of friends to help them to cope with the grief associated with their loss or impending loss.

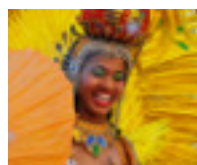
Members of our Network also offer support to those who are grieving as a result of losing the companionship of a beloved pet. Sometimes, the person involved has already lost their long term partner and the loss of their animal companion can leave them feeling very alone with no real purpose in life. Perhaps you know, yourself, how it feels to lose a pet and feel that you could support someone in those circumstances?

The service we provide is always confidential, within legal limits, and no information is ever passed to any other individual or organisation without the consent of the person involved. No volunteer is ever asked to offer support in circumstances that they do not feel comfortable with. As a group, we have a variety of professional skills and relevant experience and, in addition, receive training which is continually updated. The group supports its members and includes professionals who can provide help and guidance.

If you are suffering the pain of loss and feel that you would benefit from support from one of our volunteers then please contact us on 04 94 84 64 89 or via our website at www.bsnvar.org. Or, if you think that you could provide the kind of support needed by a bereaved person and would like to join us then please contact us using those same details.

MEMBERS' GROUPS

The Azur Photography Group



For the *Mentonnais*, oranges are definitely not the only fruit and in February for this part of the Riviera, its citrus cousin the lemon reigns supreme.

Although the group did not attend the spectacular street parades that take place during 'La Fête du citron', they did catch up with the incredible displays of oranges and lemons at the Jardin Biovès in Menton. These giant creations, which this year had a Chinese theme, involve the use of 145 tons of citrus fruits to create a number of fabulous exhibits up to 10 metres tall.

The challenge for the photographer was to find some quirky or original angle that did not merely record these colourful, giant designs. We shall see when we next meet up how well we succeeded in this

task and whether or not it was possible to fashion

something individual from these stunning displays of citric artistry.



For more details, please contact Mike Harper:

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Boules / Lunching / Golf Group

For the moment the boules group continues to meet each Monday afternoon but please 'watch this space' for the change to the mornings around the time of the clocks changing in order to benefit from the cooler mornings

Contact [Rob Flanagan](mailto:Rob.Flanagan@baofthevar.com) [chairman@baofthevar.com](mailto:Rob.Flanagan@baofthevar.com)

Painting Group



Maggie Green is holding a painting day on **21 April** at 10.30 in St Aygulf. There will be a "bring a plate" shared lunch afterwards. Please contact Maggie for details.

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Disabled Access

You may have noticed that France does not seem to be rushing to comply with the law of 11 February 2005, giving a 10 year period in which existing public buildings must provide access for disabled people. A reminder has been issued about conformity, and all owners of such buildings should have sent in an attestation by 27 February to say that the necessary work has been done or risk paying penalties.

Local communes are offering the expertise of their technical services departments to give free advice about how this can be achieved, and can issue exemption certificates in some cases, such as listed buildings. The deadline has been extended to 27 September.

This work will also benefit older people with mobility problems and parents with pushchairs.

EU roaming charges to remain

EU governments have been accused of caving in to pressure from telecom giants after agreeing that the current roaming charges for mobile phone users should remain in place for at least another three years. A total ban had been expected to take effect by the end of this year. The EU Parliament voted in April 2014 to phase out roaming fees across the 28-country European Union by 15th December 2015.

However, at a meeting in Brussels on 4th March, EU member states agreed to allow large mobile phone firms like Orange and Vodafone to continue levying extra charges on travellers until at least the end of 2018, when the situation could be reviewed. They said consumers will still get a fair deal under their alternate plan, giving a basic roaming allowance then charging extra when this allowance has been used up.

Around 500 million EU citizens were set to benefit from an end to roaming charges. Over the years, the EU Parliament has managed to reduce roaming charges with the aim of scrapping them altogether by the end of 2015. But for the changes to be adopted into law, national governments must agree on a compromise text.

British Association of the Var Welfare Coordinator

Ann Mitchem

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English garden party in aid of cancer research

9 May - at the home of Maggie Green, ******, 83370 St Aygulf, in memory of her son.

10.30-12.00

Coffee, tea, homemade cakes. €5

12.00-14.30

Ploughman's Lunch with wine €9.50

14.30-17.00

Cream tea €7.50

Raffle and stalls.

In aid of **cogs4cancer** – see

www.cogs4cancer.org

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Renewal of UK Passport

(There have been conflicting reports lately about this, so one of our members shares his recent experience.)

You can renew you UK Passport on line and it is very easy and quick.

Log on to: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-renew-passport>

Go the section to renew a passport, fill out all the details and give a credit/debit card number. Submit this form. You will receive a reply with a number and bar code. Mail two photographs and your old passport with the signed last page to the address in Durham.

After about three weeks you will receive by courier your new passport. This costs about £102 and the passport is good for 10 years. Remember to follow the instructions exactly and you should have no problems.

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www.bormeslesmimosas.com/fr/decouvrir/fort-bregancon.php

Fort de Brégançon

The Fort de Brégançon served as the official retreat of the President of France from 1968 to 2013 and became a national monument in 2014. It rests on a small island off the French Mediterranean coast, connected by a short causeway to the mainland, and lies in the commune of Bormes-les-Mimosas in the Var department.



The fort became a presidential residence in 1968 during the presidency of Charles de Gaulle (1890–1970). President Georges Pompidou and his wife stayed there several times between 1969 and 1971, followed by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and his wife who came several times a year at holiday times. Président Georges Chirac and his wife spent much time there, but it was used only once by President Nicolas Sarkozy and his ex-wife Cecilia. It was also only used once by President François Hollande and his partner Valérie Trierweiler, in the summer of 2012, when it was discovered it wasn't sufficiently private, and too easy of a target for paparazzi.



In October 2013, it was announced it would become a national monument open to the public, in an effort to reduce state expenditure. Indeed, the maintenance and staffing of the property cost £200,000 a year. Instead, *La Lanterne*, a hunting lodge in Versailles will become the official retreat of the French President.

Guided visits only, lasting 2 hours and costing €10, must be booked through the tourist office at Bormes-les-Mimosas, and it is open from 14 May to 30 September from 9h00 to 19h00. More information at

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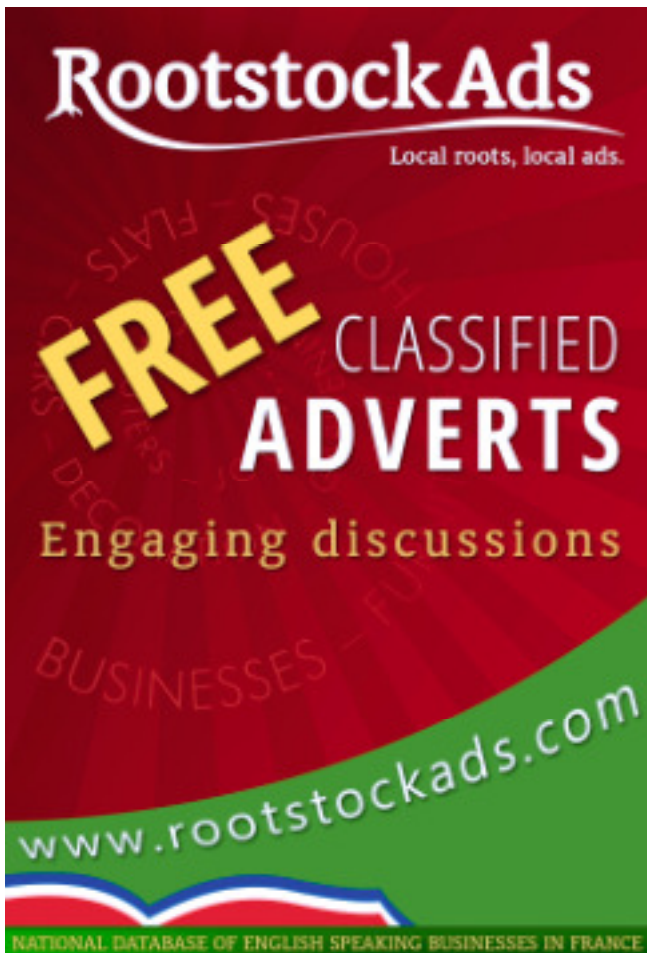
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Postal fines for UK speeders in France

British-registered drivers caught by radars speeding in France are to get fines sent in the post to their UK homes – but not until 2017. It comes as EU transport ministers agreed that an information-sharing scheme will apply everywhere despite the UK, Ireland and Denmark previously opting out. Speeding, drink driving, not using a seatbelt and going through red lights are included and if a driver commits an offence in another EU state, that state may use their registration number to access data from their home country. It can then send a letter in the driver's own language, telling them of the penalty and how to pay any fines due.

The scheme came into force in 2013 in most EU states but the European Commission challenged the legal basis for it as it had been done under police cooperation rules, whereas it was a transport safety issue. This went to the European Court, with several countries, including the UK arguing – unsuccessfully – for the status quo. A new version is due by next summer (if the EU parliament signs it off in time); in the meantime the current one remains in place. A knock-on effect of the change of legal basis is that the UK

no longer has an opt out. However, the Council of Ministers gave it until May 2017 to prepare.

The scheme means Britons with French holiday homes will no longer go unpunished in France, nor will French residents with French-registered cars get away with offences in the UK. Britons in France who fail to re-register British cars may fall through the net as details passed to France would be based on DVLA records linked to the former UK address. By law, once France is your home, cars you keep here should be registered with French plates as soon as possible (and as an absolute maximum in six months).

Check your fine on-line

Motorists who receive a ticket through the post, after being "flashed" by one of the increasing number of speed cameras on French roads, for example, or drivers from other countries who broke the law while visiting France, are particularly at risk of any correspondence going astray, which could lead to increased fines. Now, however, any driver who has fallen foul of the law can track their case on the internet, by logging on to the website of the *Agence Nationale de Traitement Automatisé des Infractions* (ANTAI): www.antai.gouv.fr/fr/publiques/accueil. An English-language area of the ANTAI site is available here: www.antai.gouv.fr/en/publiques/accueilletranger.

By entering the number of their ticket into the system, motorists in the system will be able to access a secure area of the site, where they will be able to see whether their payment has been processed, or - if the ticket is disputed - if it has been passed on to the courts. Anyone who wishes to pay a fine having received a ticket through the post will also be able to discover whether they are entitled to a reduced payment for settling early, or if the full amount is due.

Salad recipes

After soups for winter here are some salads for summer, to enjoy with friends on the terrace.

Tuna and Flageolet bean salad

1 large can of tuna, drained (400g total weight)
 1 large can green flageolet beans, drained and rinsed

6 tbs olive oil
1 red onion, finely sliced
2 fat garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbs white wine vinegar
4 handfuls fresh basil leaves
Salt and pepper

Put the olive oil, onion, garlic and vinegar into a bowl and beat with a fork. Add the beans and toss until well coated. Add the tuna and basil, and season to taste.

SERVES: 6 as starter, or 4 as main course.

Beware of smoke detector con

Criminals are trying to take advantage of the new law on smoke detectors in France by contacting homeowners to try to obtain access to their properties by claiming that they need to check the standard of installation.

Although became mandatory for homes to have at least one functioning smoke detector installed after March 8, no organisation has been authorised to inspect properties. Anyone who calls to make an appointment, either by telephone or door-to-door should be referred to the police.

Toulon flights to UK

CityJet fly 2 days a week to **London City** airport from May to August.

Flybe fly 2 days a week to **Bournemouth** from May to September.

Ryanair have announced they will no longer be operating their Toulon to London Stansted flights this summer.

See: www.toulon-hyeres.aeroport.fr

Marseille flights to UK

EasyJet fly 3 days a week to **Bristol** from May to September.

Ryanair fly 2 days a week to **Edinburgh** from March to October.

British Airways fly 7 days a week to **London Heathrow** all year round.

Ryanair fly 7 days a week to **London Stansted** all year round.

EasyJet fly 7 days a week to **London Gatwick** all year round.

EasyJet fly 2 days a week to **Manchester** from June onwards.

See: www.marseille.aeroport.fr

Nice flights to UK

Easyjet fly 2/3 days a week to **Belfast** from March to October.

Monarch fly 4 days a week to **Birmingham** from March to October.

Easyjet fly 5/7 days a week to **Bristol** from March to October.

Easyjet fly 3/7 days a week to **Edinburgh** from March to October.

Norwegian Airlines fly 3/7 days a week to **Edinburgh** all year round.

Easyjet fly 4-7 days a week to **Liverpool** all year round.

British Airways fly 7 days a week to **London City** from March to October.

British Airways fly 7 days a week to **London Gatwick** all year round.

Easyjet fly 7 days a week to **London Gatwick** all year round.

Monarch fly 4 days a week to **London Gatwick** April to October.

Norwegian Airlines fly 6 days a week to **Edinburgh** all year round.

British Airways fly 7 days a week to **London Heathrow** all year round.

Easyjet fly 7 days a week to **London Luton** all year round.

Easyjet fly 4/6 days a week to **London Stansted** all year round.

Jet 2 fly 3 days a week to **Leeds-Bradford** from May to September.

Jet 2 fly 6 days a week to **Manchester** from April to October.

Easyjet fly 2/3 days a week to **Newcastle** from April to October.

Coffee morning at Cotignac



Word must be percolating through the BAV membership about the sheer quality and quantity of Jean Naisbitt's baking, as the ever increasing

attendance at this event reached about 30 on this occasion on Red Nose Day, 13 March. Members were not to be disappointed as there was a considerable range of scones, biscuits cupcakes and other home baked items available and the platters were rapidly emptied. There was certainly nothing unlucky about this occasion on Friday 13th, when €135 was raised for Welfare funds. Our sincere and very appreciative thanks go to Bill, Jean and Keith their son, whose home it is, for hosting this popular event.

New Members

We welcome Margaret Green and Martin Payne of St Aygulf to membership of the British Association of the Var. Please support Maggie's garden party in May in aid of cancer research - see details on page 6.

"Quotes"

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

Oscar Wilde

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

Cabasse, Carces, Correns Cotinac and Le Val

We will meet on the last Friday of the month, **April 24**, at 10.30 and hope to be in the new Café de Cour.

Michael Wharton
07 61 30 17 16 mjw57@cam.ac.uk

Draguignan, Le Cannet des Maures, Les Arcs, Le Luc, Taradeau and Vidauban

Jim and Pauline North have hosted this meeting since the inception of Neighbourhood Networks and have now decided to take a rest. We thank them for their contribution to the BAV in giving of their time and effort. As no-one has come forward to take their place, this group is in abeyance until further notice.

Offers to chairman@baofthevar.com

Entrecasteaux, Salernes, Tourtour and Villecroze

The Villecroze, Tourtour etc coffee morning will be on the **4th Tuesday of the month**, place to be announced later.

Ann & Maurice Mitchem

La Motte and Le Muy

La Motte/Le Muy Neighbourhood Network - -
Twelve of us met at the Bar des Cascades this month, four back from the UK, and eight of us locals, including our looking-much-better two in recovery. Long may it continue! Next meeting is Friday **10 April** at 10 am when we look forward to seeing you all again.

Alexandra Lewis-Smith

Les Issambres

We meet **every other Tuesday** at 11h00 at L'Arpillon café next to Casino.

Richard Tolaini

St Maximin la Ste Baume, Brignoles, Brue Auriac, Mazaugues, Meounes, Neoules, Ollieres, Pourcieux, Pourrieres, Seillon Source d'Argens and Tourves

We shall meet on Thursday, **6 April** Philharmonique in the main square of St. Maximin la Ste. Baume. We have become a friendly group of regulars, but there is always room for more.

Diana Andre de la Porte

St John's for the Var St John the Evangelist Ave Paul Doumer, St Raphaël Rev Keith Bretel

Holy Communion is held **every Sunday at 10h30**

followed by refreshments and a monthly lunch.

Good Friday meditation – 3 April, 11h00
Easter Sunday communion – 5 April, 10h30

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Grimaud Village Church

Ecumenical service at Grimaud village church on first Thursday of the month at 11h00 from September to June.

July and August, service at Port Grimaud church on first Sunday of the month at 17h00.

Easter Sunday communion – 5 April, 17h00

Please ring 04 94 60 87 05 for details
www.sjevar.com

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L'Oasis Christian fellowship LORGUES part of the Anglican Church of Lorgues with Fayence in the Var

Every 2nd Sunday at 11h30 at

Arc-en-Provence, 1801 Chemin des Pailles
and **every 4th Sunday at 11h30** at

Notre Dames des Anges Maison de Retraite

We have a Bring and Share lunch afterwards.

For details or directions **please contact**

Rev Peter or Shirley Massey 04 94 73 93 37 or
06 87 94 04 83

www.lorqueswithfayence.org

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Congregation of the Ascension MONTAURoux part of the Anglican Church of Lorgues with Fayence in the Var

You are very welcome to join us at

**The Presbytery, 37 Rue Ste Brigitte,
Montauroux**

We meet on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month at **11h00** for Family Communion. We also have a Bring and Share lunch afterwards.

Please ring Hilary Rost at 04 94 47 70 67 or
Rev Peter Massey at 04 94 73 93 37 for details

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