



Trout Lake Lunch



It is with some reluctance that we give a report on this little known lunching venue as it can only become more popular and it is a secret worth keeping.

This is now the 3rd year that we have lunched here. There are few restaurants that belie the quality of their offering than this lake side 'shack'.



However, just for our members, we are happy to report that 32 members and friends gathered to experience a delightful lakeside lunch, so much so that a number were still to be found there at 5 o'clock in the evening! The meal itself started with no less than 4 amuse bouche followed by 3 giant prawns and then steak with ceps sauce, several cheeses, desserts and coffee all washed down with a local wine (possibly the reason for the late departure by some). We will no doubt incur the wrath of members if we don't follow this up again next year and, in fact, there was a request for a second lunch later in the year so watch this space!

70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Provence



American cemetery Draguignan

While we always remind you of this commemoration around 15 August, this year is special as it is the 70th anniversary. Many of the towns and villages in the Var hold their own events, including exhibitions, parades, dances, and moving ceremonies at the various memorials in the area. These used to be attended by British and US veterans who landed in the Var in 1944, but as they get older fewer of them are able to be present now. In fact, this could be the last year that they are represented. These soldiers and airmen are

warmly welcomed by the local people as their gratitude for the part played by these troops has been passed on from one generation to the next, so whole families can be seen waving and cheering at the parades, and standing solemnly at the ceremonies.

Some of the locations are listed in the What's On guide, but do check with your Mairie for local events, or on the website <http://www.visitvar.fr/provence-cote-azur/commemoration-2-guerres>, and go along to join people of all nationalities in this act of remembrance.

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Forthcoming Events

Committee Meeting

None in August

Vendange Lunch at Lorgues

13 September

Finance Seminar by Spectrum Group and Mike Lorimer at St Andreol, La Motte

8 October

Commemoration lunch for WWI in Draguignan

10 October

10 pin bowling and Asian buffet lunch,

Fréjus - November

Christmas lunch at St Aygulf

6 December

Membership Renewal

Time flies by and it will soon be time for us to renew our membership. The subscriptions have remained stable for a number of years and the various increases in postage have been absorbed. However this year there will be increases. Membership will still be on a household basis for up to three residents

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There has been a significant increase in the number of Welfare case so far this year, including two this month, so I hope you will continue to support our prime purpose and renew your membership in September or October.

Michael Wharton
Hon. Secretary.

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Vendange Lunch

The annual Vendange Lunch will take place on 13 September at noon at Domaine St Marc des Omèdes, Chemin de Vaussiers, 83510 Lorgues and will cost €25 for members and €27 for non-members. The usual delicious buffet will be on offer and there will be Christmas cards and books available.

The menu will be as follows:

Aperitif

Starter

Provençal Stuffed roast peppers

Main

Duck with ginger and lime dressing
Poached Salmon with cucumber dressing.

Vegetarian quiche
Assortment of salads

Dessert

Range of homemade desserts.

This is always a popular event and numbers are strictly limited to 100, so book early to secure a place. A booking confirmation form will be sent out in response to the booking form, which must be brought to the event to gain entry.

If you are willing to be on the team of "Cookies" for this event, please contact Rob Flanagan - Tel: 04 94 47 22 58 or email:

robertflanagan@hotmail.com

Please bring crockery, cutlery, and a parasol if you need shade. If you have any special dietary requirements please contact Rob, as above.

GPS coordinates: N 43.48485 and E 6.38797.

From Draguignan on the D562 at the first roundabout on the outskirts of Lorgues turn left. BAV directions will be there. From the north/south/west go on to the D562 Lorgues bypass to the roundabout after the Salles des Fetes and then follow directions as for Draguignan ie. Turn right at the roundabout. After approx 3km look out for 2222 Chemin de Vaussiers on the right and **new parking area** will be 100m further on your right, with BAV signs to Vendange Lunch.

Disabled access only – turn left into main drive to Domaine St Marc, opposite 2222 Chemin de Vaussiers

"What's On" Guide

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www.operadetoulon.fr

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www.theatresendracenie.com

Forum Theatre, Fréjus and Centre Culturel, St

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

August 2014

31 Jul-3 Aug St Raphaël Argentine Tango Festival. Various venues town centre. 21h00. Free.

06 62 39 94 73

1-2 Aug Brignoles, Place Carami. Jazz Festival. Fri: 12h00 and 21h30, Sat: 11h30 and 21.30. Free.

06 21 55 37 18

2 Aug Mazaugues, Théâtre de Verdure. Orchestre Régional de Cannes. 21h00. 04 94 72 04 21

3 and 10 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Basilique. Organ concert. 18h00. Free. 04 94 59 84 59

3-16 Aug Seillans, plus various venues and times. Musique Cordiale festival. www.musique-cordiale.com

4-6 Aug St Raphaël, Jardin Bonaparte. St Raphaël chamber orchestra concerts. Free. 04 94 19 52 52

5 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Parvis de la Basilique. Guitar Concert. 21h30. Free.

04 94 59 84 59

5 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Mozart concert – flute and string trio. 21h00. €22. 04 94 60 10 94

5 Aug Vidauban, Eglise Jean-Baptiste. A Night at the Opera. 21h00. €10. 06 65 11 67 09

5 Aug Correns, église Notre Dame. Missa Tango – CAD Vocale. 21h30. Free

6-10 Aug Fréjus, centre ville. Fête du Raisin.

7 Aug Vidauban, Place Georges Clemenceau. Queen tribute band. 22h00. Free. 04 94 99 99 00

7 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Music from the time of the Crusades. 21h00. €22. 04 94 60 10 94

7-10 Aug Montauroux, Chapelle de St Bathélemy and Place du Clos. International Guitar Festival. Various times and styles. 04 94 47 75 90

8 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Jardin de l'Enclos. Homage to Ray Charles. 21h30. Free.

04 94 59 84 59

8 Aug Mazaugues, Théâtre de Verdure. String Quartet. 21h00. 04 94 72 04 21

8-10 Aug St Raphaël, Jardin Bonaparte. Latin American Festival. 20h30. Free.

9 Aug St Raphaël, Valescure Golf Club. Classic Car Rally. 17h30. Free. 04 94 82 40 46

9 Aug Le Muy, Place Roucas. Festival des Ferrières – guitars and country music. 20h30. 04 94 45 80 56

9-19 Aug Fayence, Grand Jardin. Salon des Antiquaires. 8h00-17h00. €6. 04 94 76 11 1

10 Aug Fayence, place de l'Eglise. Salon Provence Gourmande. 8h00-18h30. 04 94 85 00 35

10 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Sacred choral Music – Oxford Voices. 21h00. €22. 04 94 60 10 94

11 Aug St Raphaël, Jardin Bonaparte. The Barber of Seville. 21.30. Free.

12 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Parvis de la Basilique. Music of the World. 21h30. Free.

04 94 59 84 59

12 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Russian Orthodox choral music. 21h00. €22. 04 94 60 10 94

13 Aug St Raphaël, Jardin Bonaparte. 50s, 60s, 70s Rock Concert. 21h00. Free.

14 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Madrigals. 21h00 €22. 04 94 60 10 94

15-16 Aug Le Muy, La Motte, Le Dramont, Ste Maxime, St Tropez, La Croix Valmer, Cavalaire, Les Arcs, Draguignan, Viduaban (16th), Salernes (17th) and other venues. 70th anniversary of Liberation of Provence. Ceremonies and parades. See tourist office or Mairie for details.

16 Aug Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Corsican Franciscan plainchant. 21h00 €22. 04 94 60 10 94

16 Aug Brignoles, Chateau Margillière. Opera in the garden. 21h30. €25. 04 94 72 04 21

16 Aug Draguignan, Boulevard Clemenceau. 70th Anniversary of the Liberation. Dance 21h00. Fireworks 22h30. 04 94 60 31 59

16-17 Aug Brignoles, centre ville. Les Médiévales – festival. 10h00-00h00. Free. 04 94 72 04 21

16-20 Aug Ramatuelle Théâtre de Verdure. Jazz Festival. 21h00. €20. 04 98 12 64 00



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19 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Parvis de la Basilique. Piano and song – opera airs. 21h30. Free. 04 94 59 84 59

20 Aug Plan de la Tour, Place Clemenceau. Tango Festival. 21h00. €20 04 94 55 20 50

20 Aug Fayence, Théâtre de Verdure. Troika – Slavonic dance and music. 12h30. €16. 04 94 85 00 35

22 Aug Grimaud, Chapelle Notre Dame de la Queste. Glory Gospel Singers. 21h00. €18. 04 94 55 48 83

22 Aug Draguignan, Rue de la République. Le Périchole – Offenbach (comic opera). 20h30. Free. 04 98 10 26 86

22 Aug St Maximin la Ste Baume, Jardin de l'Enclos. 80s concert. 21h30. Free. 04 94 59 84 59

22 Aug Fayence, Théâtre de Verdure. Big Band Jazz – 70th anniversary of the liberation of Provence. 21h30. €8. 04 94 85 00 35

23 Aug Sillans-la-Cascade, Le Bastidon. Chamber Music Festival. 19h30. €22. 04 94 73 10 28

23 Aug Vidauban, Place Georges Clemenceau. Gypsy dancers and guitars. 21.30. Free. 04 94 73 10 28

23-24 Aug St Tropez, Société Nautique. Regatta. 04 94 97 30 54

24 Aug Lorgues, Château de Berne. Journée Médiévale. 10h00-18h00. 04 94 60 43 60

29 Aug Les Arcs, Café de la Tour. Fish and chips - book by previous Monday please. 12h00. €12.50. 04 94 73 30 56

accounting experience but did have general book keeping experience and has taken over with minimal assistance from her predecessor. I am sure that she would say that she has, herself, gained from this experience. It is therefore highly desirable that anybody taking over does so sooner rather than later in order to track Lesley's work and get up to speed by next year. It is essential that we have a Treasurer on the Committee but if nobody comes forward then we will be faced with no option but to outsource this work which will result in a substantial cost to the BAV. Please do therefore give serious consideration with a view to assisting us and contact us as soon as possible. You would be given as much back up as possible.

A similar situation applies to the Welfare Coordinator, in that we simply do not have the manpower to continue as at present and either we would have to reluctantly refuse assistance to some of those in need of welfare aid, or seriously cut back in holding events. The BAV is established in order to provide welfare and we would therefore not be performing our remit if we were prevented from assisting others. We are always grateful to those of you who assist as welfare helpers but the demand for help is inconsistent in terms of demand and location so, if you do not receive a request to assist please do not think that we have forgotten you or are ungrateful. It is possible to go several months without having a case in your area. If you would however like to assist please contact welfare@baofthevar.com

Chairman's Report

Committee

We do keep 'banging on' about this but the BAV is run by a small Committee of 6 at present who volunteer their services free of charge to provide a service to the British community in the Var and to arrange a series of events most months.

We did announce at the AGM that Lesley, our Treasurer, is to stand down at the next AGM having acted in this rôle for 3 years and Ann is to give up the rôle of Welfare Coordinator at the same time but intends to remain in the Committee. Despite asking for members to come forward we have had no volunteers to take over either position and we will be in an untenable position in March next year if no members step forward to take over.

Lesley has performed excellently since taking over and has had to go through a large learning curve having had little experience of accounts of this nature and the associated computing knowledge at this level. Lesley had no electronic

New members

We welcome new members John Wright and Karen Fletcher-Wright of Bagnols-en-Forêt to membership of the British Association of the Var.

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.

MEMBERS' GROUPS

Happy Boules



The boules group meets every week on Mondays at central Var locations and has lunch at 12.00 followed by boules. Whilst not formally being a BAV event, the lunches are extremely friendly and informal, typically with 10-16 people and at modest prices of 14-16€ plus wine.

If you would like to join us or find out where we are meeting (announced at the beginning of the week) please contact chairman@baofthevar.com You will be assured of a friendly welcome and you may even want to try playing boules, spare boules are always available.

Rob Flanagan

The Azur Photography Group

The Photography Group will not be holding any meetings for July and August but plans to meet up again in September. However this does not mean our cameras will be dormant as there will be plenty of opportunities to record our various activities and interests for showing later.

For more details please contact Mike Harper

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Painting Group



Please contact Stella for details of the next painting day.

Stella 04 94 *****

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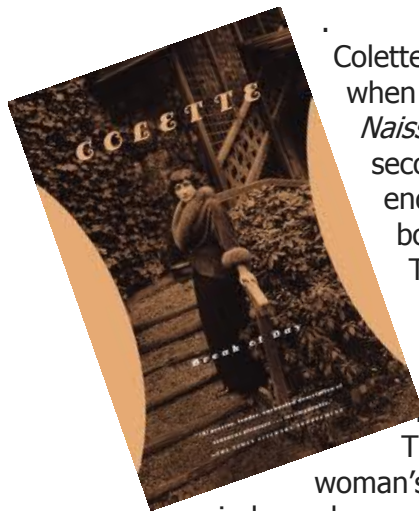
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AUTHORS IN PROVENCE

Colette (1873 - 1954)

After a happy childhood adored by her mother, Sidonie Gabrielle Colette met Henry Gauthier-Villars, nicknamed "Willy", who she married in 1893. She wrote her memories of schooldays, "Claudine", which he published under his name. Willy had many lovers and Colette reacted by becoming more independent and working as a music hall actress during the scandalous years of moral liberation, when she had many female lovers and lived with another female music hall artiste in her villa at Camp Long, Agay. She eventually divorced Willy and married Henry de Jouvenal in 1912 with whom she had her only child, Colette Renée de Jouvenal. During this time she published books evoking the Roaring Twenties: "*La vagabonde*", "*L'Envers du Music Hall*"



Colette was in her mid-fifties when she wrote "*La Naissance du Jour*". Her second marriage had ended and she had bought a house at St-Tropez on the Côte d'Azur, decades before the fishing village became a fashionable haunt for the jet set.

The novel's theme is a woman's return to independence, sustained and enriched by the beauty and peace of her natural surroundings. She was fifty-two when she fell in love with Maurice Goudekot, a thirty-five year old jeweller, and "*La Naissance du Jour*" is rooted in the idyllic summer they spent near St Tropez, before she purchased her house there on the *Baie des Caroubiers*, which she named "*La Treille Muscat*". She and Maurice went on to marry and were together for the rest of her life – though, as a Jew, he was interned during the Second World War. It was during the horror and uncertainty of this time, that Colette turned to the past for comfort and wrote "*Gigi*". She stayed in St Tropez for the rest of her life, having fallen in love with the region, the cuisine and the climate

In 1947, Colette was unanimously elected to the *Académie Goncourt*, of which she became president in 1952. In 1953, she was promoted to Officer of the *Légion d'Honneur*. Despite her bad reputation and the refusal by the Catholic Church to give her a religious funeral, Colette is the only woman to have been entitled to a state funeral. She is buried in Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris.

UK passport renewal delays

Britons living in France whose passports are about to run out will receive automatic one-year extensions, as passport offices in Britain are struggling to cope with a backlog of unprocessed applications. Those applying from overseas for passports for their children would also be issued with emergency travel documents, although they will still have to provide "comprehensive proof" they are the parents. Meanwhile, holidaymakers and business people with an "urgent need to travel" will have their passport renewals fast-tracked free of charge.

This is a result of the closure of overseas Passport Offices, such as the one in Paris, which has led to delays in processing. Passport offices in the UK have had to deal with 350,000 more passport applications this year and the additional workload has been identified as a key reason for the delays processing passport applications. The Passport Office said that checks on passport applications from overseas take "significantly longer" than those sent from within the UK. It is recommended that people do not finalise travel plans until they have received their passports.

New routes from Nice with easyJet

EasyJet is now the largest operating airline at Nice Côte d'Azur airport. The airline has announced the arrival of a third aircraft and four new destinations from Nice, making easyJet the number one carrier at the airport. The new routes are to Hamburg, Marrakech, Lisbon and Palermo.

Luisa Duran

We are sorry to report the death of BAV member Luisa Duran from St Aygulf and send our condolences to her husband Robert.

Lakeside Quiz Evening – 11 July

Sadly this was cancelled through lack of support.

VISIT PROVENCE – places to go in the Var and beyond.

Mont Faron - Toulon



Mont Faron is a mountain overlooking the city of Toulon and is 584m high. At its peak is a memorial dedicated to the 1944 Allied landings in Provence (Operation Dragoon), and to the liberation of Toulon. The top

can be reached either by a cable car from Toulon, or by a steep and narrow road which ascends from the west side and descends on the east side. The road is one of the most challenging stages of the annual Paris–Nice and Tour Méditerranéen bicycle races. Near the summit there is a zoo which covers an area of 1.5 hectares. There are panoramic views over the Bay of Toulon and inland Var area, walks and hikes on the signposted footpaths, picnic areas and children's playgrounds.

Cable car

Access by car: signs to the cable car departure terminal are provided from both east and west of the city (follow the "Toulon Nord – Faron" signs). Visitors benefit from free, on-site parking, and there is disabled access.

Memorial museum

Fort Beaumont - 5 minutes from the cable car station.

Zoo

La Fauverie - 25 minutes' walk from the cable car station. Not a traditional zoo, but a place dedicated to preserving endangered species of wildcats.




Restaurants

Le Drap d'Or – Traditional restaurant in the pines with indoor and outdoor facilities. Open most of the year. 04 94 88 07 77

Le Panoramique – More informal café next to the cable car station, closed in low season. 04 94 88 08 00

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Comment about "Loi Hamon"

In last month's Newsletter there was an article about the new "Loi Hamon" and some of the proposed changes. One of our advertisers, Luc de Bardonneche from Aviva, has sent the following information about the insurance section:

"The law HAMON (insurance sections) has been voted by French parliament but can't be applied at the moment : we are waiting for the result of technical discussions which will be written in a "decree" (a sort of law, made to explain how the law will be applied). A "decree" may be applied late and sometimes never This means that cancellations made through Loi Hamon will not be accepted at the moment."



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HALF-YEAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – 1 January 2014 to 14 July 2014 inclusive.

I present my financial report to mid-July with our reserves remaining healthy Funds

As you are aware there has been a major change in the interest and placement of our major Deposit Account since 22 May 2013 when the previous high interest Deposit Account ceased.

There has again been very little change in the cash reserves of the Association held in four areas as follows:

A small Current Account with Crédit Agricole, currently 6002.72 euros; a tax free 'Livret A' Account with Crédit Agricole, currently 50,000 euros, earning relatively low interest totalling 325.08 euros since 1st January 2014 but available when needed; and a new 2 year Fixed Term 'Csl Assn' Deposit Account of 120,237.50 euros which has accrued 901.78 euros interest since 1st January 2014.

Loans increased slightly to 2,230 euros; one long standing loan being written off as uncollectable in the near future but another loan was agreed with a specific time plan for repayment. Loans are carefully monitored on a monthly basis.

There are no debtors.

Income

Main income for the year is mainly from Subscriptions from Members so receipt of membership is very important. Other important income is from Donations, Interest at the end of the year, Sponsorship and Functions.

Income from all of these are lower this year so it is really important that Members support the Functions we organise and that you give generously and continue to collect and donate by cheque, notes or coin collections. A jar full of those irritating cents can also add up but this year has sadly seen little income from this source either.

So far this year, total Functions income to date is just 812.83 euros with the Soirée and Boules at La Motte raising over half of this at an excellent 523 euros. However this year we are without the BATS shows that usually raise a lot but the Vendange Lunch and Xmas Lunch and other functions await your support.

Coffee mornings also really help raise income and give a chance to get together with old friends and new at the same time. Books and Xmas cards are sometimes available although few books or cards have been sold so far this year.

Expenditure

We continue to look hard at costs for running the association and scrutinise all expenditure.

Welfare costs have again been low this year at 1,262.00 euros to date.

The Children's Activity Booklet project is to be replaced by a similar booklet for older people but

has not yet incurred expenses. It will do so with printing costs but hopefully we can find a generous sponsor to off-set these.

Finally, using previous report formats for our main costs and the first 6 months of 2013 as the comparative:

Comparative Costs over 6 months

	2014	2013
Welfare Costs	€ 1,262.20	€ 1,424.90
Newsletter & Address Books	€ 3,489.79*	€ 2,556.49
AGM Printing and Posting	€300.00 – €378.34	
	€ 5,051.99*	€4,359.73

*These figures reflect the heavier new-style Address Book and 12 page Newsletter and related postage in 2014.

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.

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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.

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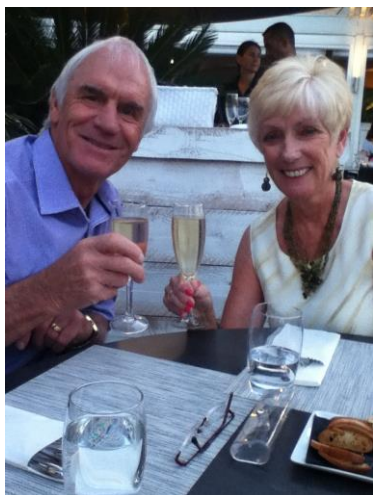
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Les Trois Marches, 11 Cours Gambetta, Cotignac. 04 94 04 65 99. Pretty provençal restaurant. Free espresso coffee with meal.

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.



Dave and his wife Penny

Born and raised in a village in Nottinghamshire, the youngest of eight children, Dave Watson belatedly entered professional football at the age of 20 following jobs in farming and as an apprentice electrician. He signed his first professional forms for Notts County in 1967, a few months before his 21st birthday.

Who's Who in the Var – Dave Watson

In December 1967 Tommy Docherty bought me to play for Rotherham United. After three happy years with them my first big club, Sunderland, bought me. During the four and a half years with Sunderland I played in the famous 1973 FA Cup winning team against Leeds. My performance that day thrust me into the spotlight and a few months later in 1973 Alf Ramsey named me in my first England squad. My first England game was in April 1974 against Portugal in Lisbon.

The summer of 1975 I became a club's record signing at £275,000. subsequently became captain. City remains my favourite team to with Werder Bremen, Lawrie Southampton where I played until Stoke City where again I was ever-present in the England team, My final England total was sixty-five



Dave in his playing days

Manchester City player, at the time the In 1976 City won the League Cup and I Reluctantly I left City in 1979; nevertheless this day. After a brief spell in Germany McMenemy bought me to play at early 1982. From Southampton I moved to captain. Between 1974-1982 I was an holding the record for consecutive games. international caps, three as captain.

Once my England career was over I played in Canada for Vancouver Whitecaps, after which I played for Derby County for almost a season before returning to North America to play for Fort Lauderdale in 1984. That autumn I returned to my home town with the intention of retiring from football but was persuaded to help out Larry Lloyd, the then manager of Notts County, as assistant manager and back up player. I ended up playing until the end of that season when I retired from League football to concentrate on my business interests and charitable work.

I first came to the South of France with my wife, Penny, her parents and our children in 1976 when I was still playing for City and England. My in laws had a touring caravan and we borrowed another to come here with them. (Imagine current footballers towing a caravan through France and staying on a camp site!) We fell in love with the Var and bought our first mobile home at Le Colombier in Fréjus. Eventually we wanted to spend more time here out of season too so in 1982 we bought a plot on the virgin Domaine des Deux



Dave with his friends Status Quo

Collines, near Roquebrune-sur-Argens. Over the years we have seen great changes in the area, not least the increased number of permanent residents and the traffic roundabouts that the French still don't seem to know how to use!

My family and I all love the pace of life here, the beautiful coastline, the wonderful food and wine, great places to visit – what is there not to like? (Well maybe the Mistral!) As a water baby I enjoy swimming whenever possible, preferably in the sea. We have made several good French and Belgian friends over the years, but during the last decade or so (when we started attending St John's church in St Raphaël) we have found a whole new community of British friends who we look forward to seeing whenever we come down to our bolt hole. Now retired from business, Penny and I intend spending more time here and may even be able to keep coming down here as long as Penny's father did – his last visit was five months before his 90th birthday!

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

Cabasse, Carces, Correns, Cotignac, and Le Val

No meetings in July and August.

Michael Wharton

07 ***** @cam.ac.uk

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

We meet on the **second Friday of the month** at the Café de la Tour, Les Arcs at 10h30. You will find a warm welcome and interesting discussions if you care to attend. We make available a limited selection of popular English paperback novels.

Pauline and Jim North

04 94 ***** @wanadoo.fr

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

04 94 ***** @hotmail.com

La Motte and Le Muy

A group of seventeen, comprising two new members as well as regular residents with visiting friends and family met on a recent windy morning. It was so good to see everybody looking so suntanned, healthy and happy - summer has indeed arrived in Provence We meet each second Tuesday of the month, the next being **12 August** at 10.00 at the Bar des Cascades in the main square in La Motte.

.Alexandra Lewis-Smith

04 94 ***** @bbox.fr

Les Issambres

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

Richard Tolaini

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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, **21 August** from 10.30 onwards at the Cercle 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

04 94 ***** @wanadoo.fr

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.

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.

Please ring 04 94 60 87 05 for details

www.sjevar.com

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For details or directions **please contact**

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

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Fayence in the Var

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Le Pradon Maison de Retraite Callian.

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Please ring Hilary Rost at 04 94 47 70 67 or
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