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ANOTHER BAV MILESTONE – THIS IS THE 200TH EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER!

New access to forest areas of Les Arcs

At Les Arcs sur-Argens, a pleasant forest heritage can be discovered in a secure setting of 1500 hectares. The Massif des Maures already hosts throughout the year many users in search of entertainment, such as mountain bikers, hikers, hunters, mushroom gatherers.

With the support of the l'Office national des forêts (ONF) and under the impetus of the dynamic local Association Leï Caminaire Pescadou, five trails totalling 130km have been cleared and marked in accordance with the official charter of the French Hiking Federation (FFRandonnée). The result is remarkable and it is a real pleasure to walk on the Cristallophyllien bedrock (schist) which crumbles to give a supple and pleasant sandy surface. Nature is exuberant in all seasons. Cork oaks, arbutus and heather are complemented locally by chestnut trees and majestic parasol pines. The different ridges give access to beautiful panoramas of the village of Les Arcs, the Plaine des Maures, and the rivers Aille and Argens.

After general consultation, a municipal by-law splits the forest into four zones, defining potential periods of hunting, and avoiding possible dangers. An explanatory table is displayed in the parking area at the entrance to the massif so non-hunters can stay away from the hunting areas. The entrance to the Forest massif is

marked, like many others, by a white circled red sign, called "B0", which means that all vehicle traffic is prohibited on the road to which it applies, both ways. So vehicles must be parked before the sign. This sign may also prohibit use by bicycles, but a further panel will confirm this.



Access

On the DN7 to the south of the village opposite Hyper U, take the Chemin du Bac, signposted Forêt Communale, and follow this for 3km then fork right and follow the road over the river until you come to the parking area La Tournavelle, where the explanatory sign is sited. Departure for the routes is between the two bridges: after the Pont de Argens and before the Pont de l'Aille.



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Is your tax and financial planning
up to date for 2019?

Forthcoming Events

Boules and lunch in Ste Maxime

18 February

AGM

15 March

Quiz and walk Salernes

5 April

Bookings should not be regarded as confirmed

unless you receive a confirmation from
Peter Holdway, Events Coordinator.

Walking Tour of Salernes on April 5th

Following the success of last years walk and quiz in **Barjols** we will, on **April 5th**, be doing a similar event in **Salernes**, followed by lunch. Final details of the restaurant will be in next months newsletter, along with the booking form, but please put the date in your diaries now to ensure you can make it.

Boules and lunch in Ste Maxime

There will be a Boules Competition followed by lunch on 18 February

Café de France,

2 Place Victor Hugo,

83120 Ste Maxime

"menu du jour" price 20€ members and 22€ non-members.

Boules at 10am – meet at boules court near port, and lunch at 12 noon at restaurant.

AGM

The **AGM** will be held on **15 March 2019** at 11.00 with coffee served at 10.30 at

Les Pins Blancs (formerly Orée du Bois),
2469 route de Draguignan, 83490 Le Muy.

Parking is in the area inside the gates or continue past this area to additional parking. The hotel is located at a roundabout on the Draguignan to Le Muy road close to Chateau Roseline. Lunch will be available by pre-booking on the usual booking form. Please indicate your attendance on the booking form.

It will be **20€** for 3 courses as follows:-

Salade Gourmande

**Escalope Milanaise sauce aux
champignons**

**Brioche perdue avec compotée de fruits
exotiques et glace vanille.**

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Benefits for BAV members

(Please show your membership card)

Lei Cigales, Route de Draguignan, Villecroze
04 89 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.

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.



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What's On Guide

Zenith Oméga, Toulon: 0892 700 840 www.zenith-omega-toulon.com

Opera House, Toulon: 04 94 93 03 76
www.operadetoulon.fr

Draguignan Theatre: 04 94 50 59 59
www.theatresendracenie.com

Chabran Theatre, Draguignan: 04 83 08 30 30
www.culture-dracenie.com

Forum Theatre, Fréjus and Centre Culturel, St Raphaël: 04 94 95 55 55 www.aggloscenes.com

Feb 2019

1 Feb St Maximin-la-Ste Baume, La Croisée ds Arts. Vocal concert – world music. 18h30. Free. 04 94 86 18 90

2 Feb Montauroux, cinema. Opera film – Carmen (Bizet). 18h55

2-3 Feb Ste Maxime. Centre ville. Fête du Mimosa. Parade – Sun 14h30. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

3 Feb Cotignac, cinema. Opera film – Don Pasquale (Donizetti). 18h00. 17€. 04 94 04 61 87

9 Feb Ste Maxime, Le Carré. Rock concert – 3 bands. 20h30. 6€ 04 94 56 77 77

10 Feb Vidauban, Place Georges Clemenceau. Classic car show. 9h00. 04 94 73 08 75

16 Feb-2 Mar Nice, Centre ville. Carnaval. See www.nicecarnaval.com for programme

16 Feb-3 Mar Menton, Centre ville. Fête du Citron. See www.fete-du-citron.com for programme.

20 Feb Entrecasteaux, Sue & Andrew Mackie, 1701 Chemin de Sainte Anne, 83570 Entrecasteaux. Tel: 09 80 74 78 66. Travelling Book Swap with coffee and biscuits. 10h00-12h00. Email Mim for exact directions or follow the balloons! (mimi4opp@gmail.com)

24 Feb Cotignac, cinema. Opera film – Queen of Spades (Tchaikovsky). 18h00. 17€. 04 94 04 61 87

24-27 Feb St Raphaël, Palais des Congrès. Salon Habitat. 10h00-19h00. Free. 04 94 19 84 19

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All contributions to:**

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or to Shirley Rowson, ***

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AGM Nominations for Committee.

There are now sufficient nominations to ensure that the Committee places can be filled. However there is still time if you wish to make a nomination. You will need a proposer and seconder who are paid up Members of BAV and to ensure that your nomination is with the Secretary by 15 February 2019. A pro-forma is available on the back cover of this Newsletter.
Michael Wharton Secretary.

Declaration or permit?

Not all building work on your property requires planning permission – some work simply requires you to declare it to your Mairie to ensure it complies with local planning regulations. The Mairie has 30 days to reply if they have an objection, or to ask for more information. The rule particularly applies to building work that creates a structure of between 5m² and 20m². The “déclaration préalable de travaux” is made on a simplified form (cerfa 13703*06) and can be used for a conservatory or greenhouse if the height is more than 1.8m but less than 4m high and if the surface area does not exceed 2,000m², and for the installation of an in-ground swimming pool of between 10m² and 100m² with a cover which is either fixed or moveable but less than 1.8m high.

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Chairman's Report

Once more I would remind everybody that the AGM takes place on the 15 March at a new venue. Naturally we would very much like all members to attend the AGM but this would be an embarrassment of riches in that we would be unable to entertain the full membership at the booked hotel or, indeed, anywhere in the area! Please book to attend if you possibly can in order that we have some ideas of the numbers attending. We do need a booking for lunch.

Hopefully the long endurance Brexit issue will have been resolved in some form or other so that there is some stability in sterling and hopefully an improvement in the rate of exchange, as the current level has caused hardship or financial pressure to many.

Tax credits

Around nine million households in France should have received a bank transfer from the tax authorities in mid-January as an advance instalment related to tax credits and reductions for ongoing expenses. These amounts will add up to 60% of the usual annual benefit of tax credits or reductions for a range of expenses, such as employing nannies or gardeners or making donations to charity. You will benefit if you were eligible for credits or reductions on your income tax bill for 2017, based on the declaration you made last year. However certain tax credits are not concerned, notably ones for eco-friendly home improvements or for investing in small businesses, which are considered occasional expenses, rather than likely to be regular.

The measure is aimed at avoiding cash-flow problems resulting from the new prélèvement à la source (PAS) at-source tax system which levies tax from people's bank accounts or French salaries and pensions on a monthly basis. Most people will receive the money directly into their bank accounts, while a minority who have not given their bank account details to the tax office will receive cheques in the post. If you had the same expenses in 2018 as in 2017, the 60% amount will be followed up with the rest over the summer.

If you had new expenses in 2018 then you will get the benefit in full as a one-off payment in September once you have made your declaration of 2018's income in May/June 2019. If you had expenses in 2017 that you did not have in 2018, then you may have to refund some money in September due to having had an instalment for non-existent tax credits/reductions.

Brexit Information

The French Interior Ministry has created new information pages for Britons in France after Brexit and The Connexion newspaper has translated key sections of them. These can be found on the following link:

<https://www.connexionfrance.com/French-news/Brexit>

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Leslie Tanner

We are sad to announce the death of BAV member Leslie Tanner of Pourcieux and send our condolences to his family.

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MEMBERS' GROUPS

The Azur Photography Group



Our next meet is on Tuesday 12th February and we are lucky enough to have Ian Powell, a founder member of our group who is now resident in the United Kingdom, coming to

give us a talk. The subject has yet to be decided but I can guarantee it will be worthwhile. January's meeting was all about ideas for this year's agenda and chance to show any choice of photos.



Alastair ROSS

Boules / Lunching Group

We are still playing Monday mornings at 10.00. So please contact me if you wish to join us. Contact Robert Flanagan



Golf group



With people being away for the Christmas and New Year breaks, there have been no get-togethers recently and normal service will probably not resume until mid-February. There is a list of those interested in playing and

if there are any other members, male or female, who would like to join in, please contact Blake Long at ***

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Car / Driving Tips

Firstly, having passed through autumn into winter, the leaves have been steadily falling and you may find that the well in your car between the bonnet and windscreen resembles a small compost heap. It is a simple process to



clean this area (usually with the bonnet open) and doing so may avoid having a swimming pool in the front foot wells of the car as the leaves will have blocked the water outlet.

The Gilets Jaunes may have been protesting about fuel prices (or at least initially) but we can all reduce our fuel consumption by adjusting our driving styles. It is suggested that the following measures are taken in order to reduce fuel consumption:-

- Clearly the best fuel consumption is to avoid using the accelerator or brake but this will get you nowhere!
- It is advised therefore to think ahead and to slow down well in advance of approaching that slower car or red lights. Endeavour to use the brake as little as possible as doing so will result in unburned fuel.
- Equally acceleration should be steady with a view to reaching the optimum gear as soon as possible.
- When at a steady speed 'feather' the accelerator lightly. You may notice a difference if lighter shoes are worn in order to feel the pressure on the accelerator.
- Generally keep in the highest gear possible for the speed travelled.
- Drive into corners smoothly without taking sudden changes in direction.
- Don't carry heavy weights unnecessarily around in the car.
- In smaller engined cars better economy can be also achieved by avoiding the use of the heater and especially the air conditioning.
Bonne route!

Emergency contacts

Medical help/SAMU	15
Police/Police Nationale	17
Fire and accident/Sapeurs Pompiers	18
SOS – all services (calling from a mobile)	112
BAV Welfare phone	06 77 53 10 13
EDF English speaking number	05 62 16 49 08
Orange English speaking number	09 69 36 39 00

Some of the changes from 1 January 2019

Stamp prices

From January 1st the price of stamps is set to rise, with rates increasing by about 10 percent.

Uninsured drivers

If you're one of the hundreds of thousands of uninsured motorists in France, beware. From January 1st, the French police will have access to files that make it easier for them to detect uninsured vehicles on the road. Motorists driving without insurance face fines of up to €3,750 which can be accompanied by additional penalties such as the suspension or cancellation of a licence and even the confiscation of the vehicle.

Minimum wage

From January 1st, France's minimum wage or Smic as it's called in French, is set to increase by 1.5 percent. That means that anyone earning the minimum wage will be earning €10.03 euros on 1 January 2019 instead of €9.88 -- the value of the minimum wage since January 1st 2018. This equates to €1,521.22 per month on the basis of the legal working week of 35 hours.

Income tax

The French government is pushing ahead with the long-planned reform to deduct income tax directly from workers' payslips on a monthly basis from January 2019.

Collégiale St Martin, Lorgues

The huge church which dominates the village of Lorgues has just reopened after 8 years of



renovation, during which time the local people had to attend Mass in neighbouring villages. Dating from 1729, the Collégiale St Martin has been restored in keeping with the style of the époque, although there is still work to do on the organ. It will once more become a magnet for visitors.

Bargain Basement

8 mahogany dining chairs. Excellent condition. 80€. Also small foot stool 10€.

Contact: - Pauline Barlow on mobile ***. Collect from Flayosc.

English reinvented

The French may be notoriously protective of their sacred tongue, they aren't so careful with English. Here's how they've reinvented words from our language.

Snack/Snacking - A snack bar can be shortened to a "snack" and a patron takes part in "le snacking".

Un Parking - Car park.

Un Sweat - Sweatshirt (pronounced "sweet")

Le Tuning - Customising a car.

Un Dressing - Walk-in closet

Partir en Live - To go 'live' (rhymes with five) or "c'est parti en live" is when something or someone absolutely loses control. There are many other equivalent terms such as partir en cacahouète (to go peanuts), partir en vrille (to go spinning), or the more informal partir en sucette (go lollipop).

Du Forcing - If you really insist on something, you are doing some 'forcing'.

Un Recordman/Une Recordwoman - It refers to a top athlete who holds one or several records.

Les rugbymen/women - Rugby players.

Zapper - This is the French verb for channel-surfing. It becomes even more Frenchified when the télécommande (remote control) is informally called a "zappette".

Au Black - In France if you are working 'black' it means your wages are not declared to the government.

Le brushing - Blow-dry at the hair salon.

Le pressing - Dry cleaner's.

Le footing - Jogging or running.

Un box - It refers to a place, generally a storage unit, or horse stables.

Un lifting - Plastic surgery, usually a facelift.

Un relooking - Makeover.

Le drive - Drive-through service at a restaurant or store.

Flipper and Baby Foot - Pinball machine and table football.

Les baskets - Tennis shoes or trainers.

Un smoking - Tuxedo or dinner suit.

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24 hour helpline -

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Development at Marseille airport

Marseille Provence Airport has unveiled a €250million terminal redevelopment project as part of its ambitious plans to overtake Nice Côte d'Azur as the south coast's premier flight destination. After redevelopment the airport could accommodate between 12million and 16million passengers by 2027. Currently about 8.5million people fly into and out of the airport every year, making the airport serving France's second city the fifth busiest in the country. They say they hope to



be able to welcome giant Airbus 380 aircraft, the world's largest planes which have been flying in and out of Nice since July, but also plan to develop low-cost traffic.

Officials have revealed plans for the extension of terminal 1, to connect the A and B halls to create a 20,000m² structure that will make it possible to centralise various services. The extension of Terminal 1 will offer a VIP lounge with restaurant and terrace, as well as a larger area reserved for businesses as the airport hopes to attract lucrative new routes.

It is also determined to develop its MP2 terminal, which is reserved for low-cost travel, as it aims to enjoy a larger slice of the budget airline market, which accounts for 32% of air traffic in France. The low-cost market accounts for between 28% and 33% of all flights in and out of Marseille, and as much as 40% from Nice.

Marseille Provence airport has introduced new automated equipment to allow faster checking of passengers' identity. The new equipment uses facial recognition technology which compares the photograph taken with the photo on the passenger's e-passport. The equipment has cost the airport 2 million euros and the new system can currently be used by the holders of passports from 32 countries

Importing a car from the UK

The steps you need to take if buying second-hand in the UK and shipping back to France:

Order a European certificate of conformity from the British branch of the car's manufacturer (around €100) - you will need to supply a copy of the registration document. If you do not have an EU certificate you will need an equivalent called an attestation d'identification which can be obtained in France either from the French importer/maker of the car brand or for around 70€ from your local DREAL (Direction régionale de l'environnement, de l'aménagement - an official body concerned with transport). Note that if you have a standardised European registration document (carte grise européenne) these certificates are in theory no longer required, however this is a very recent development and may take time to filter down to local administration.

Go to the centre des impôts for your area for a certificat d'acquisition; show them your British registration document plus a sale certificate or receipt. There are no import taxes or VAT to pay on a second-hand car (one that has done more than 6,000km on importation and is more than six months old). If the car is more than four years old it must pass a contrôle technique (MOT). You may need to get the headlights changed, but headlight stickers (8 euros) may be sufficient to pass the Contrôle Technique. An advisor at a local DREAL said this requirement varies from car to car. She said it is not obligatory if you have a carte grise européenne or a European certificate of conformity or an attestation d'identification showing full (as opposed, in some cases, to partial, conditional) clearance for all European roads.

Go to the prefecture to apply for a French carte grise the cost of which depends on the horse power of the car. Visit a garage to change the number plates (about 30€). Inform the DVLA that the car has been exported.

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.

The "Winefield"

So here are the faux-pas to avoid if you're looking to become well-versed in the field of French wine-drinking.

Drinking red wine without a meal

Vin rouge goes with food, as simple as that. It's extremely rare to see a French person enjoying a glass of red wine for an apéritif. Instead, the French will go for a kir, a glass of Champagne, rosé, or sometimes white wine.



Don't buy the cheapest wine possible

Life is too short to drink bad wine, the French say, and we have to agree. Spend just an extra few euros and you'll get a much better taste.

Bring wine to a French dinner party?

There are some French cultural gurus who suggest turning up to a French dinner party with wine is a big "non-non" because it implies your French host knows nothing about wine, when of course all French people know about wine.

Bringing California wine to a French dinner party



Your French friends will laugh you out the door if you bring them an American wine as a gift. In fact, best to avoid anything other than French wine. Although of course good wine is made all around the world, the French are staunch supporters of their own varieties.

Sticking red wine in the fridge

However sweltering a summer evening it might be, resist the urge to stick a red wine in the fridge before drinking it if you don't want to see French eyeballs popping out of their heads in vexation.

Serving a vin bouchonné

If you have French dinner guests, make sure you don't serve them a corked wine. Any respectable French citizen will be able to tell from the first whiff if a wine is corked -- that's to say contaminated with cork. That's why the host of a dinner party should always taste the wine first to make sure it's good before serving guests. Corked wine will taste

either dull and flat or too sharp and give off the unappetizing odour of mold or a wet dog.

Mutilating the foil capsule to open the bottle

Don't pull off the entire foil capsule but use the knife on the corkscrew to remove only the part of the capsule that's covering the cork top. Be sure to cut right below the lip of the bottle so the wine doesn't pass over the foil.

Let it breathe

Popping off the cork and immediately pouring your guest a glass is frowned upon. Exposure to oxygen lets the wine mellow out and lets the flavours blossom (s'épanouir in French).

Pouring your own wine

When invited to dinner at someone's house in France, you shouldn't pour your own wine. Instead let your host serve you.

Letting the wine drip down the pristine label

French winemakers are fiercely proud, and the wine bottle's label is a representation of that pride, so don't be a sloppy pourer and let wine drip all over it. While pouring, give the bottle a little twist at the end to make sure you don't get any stray dribbles that will blemish that lovely label.

Filling your glass to the brim

If you fill up a wine glass past three-quarters full you'll get some raised eyebrows.

Drinking white wine with a côte de boeuf

Choosing wine has little to do with the season or the occasion in France. Instead, it mostly depends on what you're eating. The French abide by the following general rules: red with red meat and tomato-based dishes, white with fish, seafood, and dessert. Remember France has its own dessert wines too.

Making beef bourguignon with a Bordeaux

Think you can get away with making beef bourguignon with a Bordeaux wine? Wrong. Making this quintessential French dish with anything other than proper Bourgogne wine (from Burgundy) could create a scandal in France.

Putting ice in it

Diluting French wine is close to sacrilege, but as it sometimes goes in the "Winefield", exceptions are made. When you're relaxing on a friend's terrace on a sweltering summer day, no French person will blame you for dropping a cube or two into your rosé. (continued)

Getting too drunk

Think delicate sips instead of generous gulps when it comes to wine. It deserves to be savoured. Anglos tend to be a bit more eager when it comes to drinking so if you don't want to be perceived as an alcoholic, take care not to over imbibe your vin. The French drink wine to accompany and enhance a meal, not to get wasted.



Want some more? Just finish your glass

Don't worry, someone will top you up. No need to ask. A French person will say something like, "Un petit gout?" ("A little drop?") and then fill you up another glass. If you've had enough to drink, just leave some wine in your glass as a silent signal that you don't need a refill.

Don't give a guest a dépôt

Wines often have what is called "un dépôt", it is "la lie de vin" (sediment). It's thick and muddy, it doesn't taste too good although it's not toxic. So if you are opening a good bottle, be careful when you are coming towards the end: you might want to leave about 1/2 inch in the bottle so that the sediment stays in there.

Again, these rules are to be taken with a grain of salt and the French will sometimes completely ignore their own wine etiquette if it suits them. But as a foreigner, it's a best to keep these tips in mind if you want to make it out of the Winefield alive.

"Roundup" weedkiller banned

French authorities have officially banned the sale of a form of controversial weed-killer "Roundup" following a court ruling that regulators failed to take safety concerns into account when clearing the widely used herbicide. The French food and environmental safety agency ANSES said in a statement that sales of Roundup Pro 360 were banned as of mid-January following a court ruling. An administrative tribunal in Lyon, southeast France, ruled that ANSES should have given more weight to potential safety risks when authorising the use of Roundup Pro 360 in March 2017.

Strange choices on menus

Once again we have a list of dubious translations of dishes on restaurant menus:

- Mussels with fires the boulevard way – Moules frites
- Small salad of lenses with dried duck breast – Lentil and duck salad
- Jumps veal and rice – sauté veal and rice
- Smocked salmon and his warm toasts – smoked salmon with toast
- Egg stinks has the cream - ??
- Freeze three balls – 3 boules ice cream
- Paving stone of salmon fillet – pavé de saumon
- Shrimp Provençal outbreaks in Cognac – Prawns flambéed in cognac
- Hunger steak – (Onglet de boeuf) hanger or skirt steak
- Pork butchery of countryside – pâte de campagne
- Nuts juice - ??
- Choice of flat – plat au choix
- Silly chocolate pear - ??
- Piece of the butcher – meat of the day
- Fishy soup and his rust – fish soup with rouille
- Salad scolds- ??
- Stoves of shrimps make rosy to the cognac – poêlée de crevettes flambées
- Slabs of tremendous dips in the sauce of choice - ??
- Saddle of lamb in Gigotin to the scum of garlic – lamb in garlic foam
- Sandwich camping deer – sandwiches in pain de campagne
- Back of wolf wipes virgin – Dos de loup sauce vierge
- Foot packages to the Provençal – Pieds paquets à la Provençal

"Linky" electricity meters

You may be aware that these are being fitted in all buildings on a rolling programme. We have now received a letter warning that ours will be fitted soon by appointment. There is no cost and the electricity supply will be cut for 30 mins. Some people have not been satisfied with these meters so if you have any doubts please contact Enedis for more information on 04 27 18 53 61 and consult their website: www.enedis.fr/linky. (Editor)



NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

Cabasse, Carces, Correns, Cotignac and Le Val

Our February meeting will be on **Friday 22 February** at 10h.30, the venue to be announced nearer the time.

Contact: [Michael Wharton](#) ***

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Entrecasteaux, Salernes, Tourtour and Villecroze

The Villecroze, Tourtour etc coffee morning will be on the last **Tuesday of the month**. Place to be announced later.

[Ann & Maurice Mitchem](#) ***

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La Motte and Le Muy

We will meet on **Thursday 14 February** at the Bar des Cascades, La Motte, from 10am to 12 noon.

[Shirley Rowson](#) ***

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Les Issambres

We meet on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month at 11.00 at L'Arpillon café next to Casino.

[Richard Tolaini](#) ***

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

We shall meet on **Thursday 21 February** from 10.30 onwards at the Cercle Philharmonique in the main square of St Maximin la Ste Baume. BAV members might be interested to see the imaginative work being carried out in our Place Malherbe. St Maximin is going to be a magnet for visitors, apart from being a fascinating medieval town, with many shops and boutiques. Wednesday market day is a must.

[Diana Andre de la Porte](#) ***

Congregation of the Ascension MONTAUROUX

part of the Anglican Church of Lorgues with Fayence in the Var

We meet on the first Sunday of the month for Morning Prayer and on the third and 5th Sundays for Holy Communion. We also have a Bring and Share lunch afterwards

Enquiries please ring Rev Peter Massey at
0494 739337 or
Hilary Rost at **0494477067**

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St John's for the Var St John the Evangelist Ave Paul Doumer, St Raphael

Holy Communion is held
every Sunday at 10h30
followed by refreshments and a monthly lunch
Revd Dr Tom Wilson
04 94 52 07 27

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**

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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The Committee meets each month to review all aspects of the BAV. If you have any items that you would like to be discussed please send an email to secretary@baofthevar.com. You will then be advised of the Committee's views following the meeting.

British Association of the Var Reservation Slip

When booking multiple events at the same time, attach separate cheques or make separate virement payments for each booking in order to facilitate the banking procedures.

Account details for virement payments: A/C name: The British Association of the Var.

IBAN: FR76 1910 6000 1208 3942 0000 088 BIC: AGRIFRPP891

BOOKINGS SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS CONFIRMED UNLESS YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION FROM PETER HOLDWAY, EVENTS COORDINATOR.

British Association of the Var Reservation Slip
BOULES AND LUNCH IN STE MAXIME 18 February
 20€ members, 22€ non-members

Venue: Boules – boules court near port. 10.00

Lunch - Café de France, 2 Place Victor Hugo, 83120 Ste Maxime .

Names of those attending	Member Y/N	Value €
Donation to BAV Welfare Fund		
Payment by: Cheque or virement (please tick)	Total value paid	

Additional names overleaf
 Email address:

Please add contact details below as an acknowledgement will be issued.
 Phone No:

Please return this slip with your cheque made payable to **BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF THE VAR**
To: Peter Holdway, *** or if paying by virement please email slip to events@baofthevar.com

British Association of the Var Reservation Slip
AGM (Members only) and optional lunch. 15 March
 Lunch: 20€ members only

Venue: Les Pins Blancs, 2469 Route de Draguignan, 83490 Le Muy. 10.30

Names of those attending	Attending Y/N	Lunch Y/N	Value €
Donation to BAV Welfare Fund			
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**British Association of the Var Committee
Nomination Form 2019**

It is not necessary for you to complete this form if you wish to stand for a place on the Committee. A mail to the Secretary in the format below will suffice. You must be a Member to be nominated and your proposer and seconder must also be Members. Members can of course approach you to be a nominee but you must indicate your willingness to stand for election at the AGM on 15 March 2019.

I _____ (name _____ in
full) agree
to be nominated for the Committee.

Signature.....

I (name in
full).....
. propose the above be nominated .

Signature.....

I(name in
full).....
..... second the nomination.

Signature.....