



Summer Soirée

We owe considerable thanks to Peter and Shirley Rowson for hosting and arranging the Summer Soirée again this year at their delightful home in La Motte, to their team of helpers, and to all those who brought food. The number of attendees grew like Topsy from an intended 50 to approaching 75. The evening was a total success with the constant buzz of conversation as guests sat around the pool and on the terrace and made new friends and renewed old friendships.



Whilst several were content to imbibe and partake in the considerable selection of finger foods, there was also a boules competition in progress with 44 guests taking part, which was won by Marie-France Parkes and Derek Olive who were presented with medals. The boules competition was thankfully completed before nightfall, unlike the previous year.



It was good to see so many non-players taking part and enjoying the experience. A large selection of books was also available. We are pleased to report that approximately 650€ was raised of which about 50€ were from books.



Bring and Share Lunch at Villecroze



24 members and guests gathered at the Chairman's charming house – a former "tuilerie" – and were blessed with good weather in a very changeable month of May, so were able to enjoy the garden. An interesting array of dishes had been provided which, as always on these occasions, resulted in a delicious 3-course meal – thanks to all the cooks. Thanks also to Rob and Esther for welcoming us to their home. The net profit from donations to the Welfare Fund was 65€, plus 27€ for books.

Forthcoming Events

Committee Meeting

15 July

Vendange Lunch

Saturday 21 September—Lorgues



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Cookies Wanted Vendange Lunch

The annual much awaited *Vendange* lunch is to be held on Saturday 21 September at the home of Lindsay Phillips in Lorgues as usual and we are seeking volunteer cookies in order to provide the usual attractive range of dishes. We are particularly looking for providers of salads and desserts with a limited number providing a lentil salad, '*duo du salmon*' and Coronation chicken to recipes which will be advised.

As usual cookies will be reimbursed for the cost of ingredients. If you think that you are able to assist please contact Ann Mitchem at welfare@baofthevar.com or ring her on 04 ***** by 15 July.

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VENDANGE LUNCH

The annual *Vendange* Lunch will take place

on 21 September at noon

at Domaine St Marc des Omèdes, Chemin de Vaussière, 83510 Lorgues and will cost €20.

Menu

A welcome
Kir royale or soft drink

Lentil salad

Coronation chicken

Duo de saumon

Variety of salads

Selection of homemade desserts

Coffee

Christmas cards and books available

This is always a popular event and numbers are strictly limited to 120, so book early to secure a place. This year a booking confirmation form will be sent out in response to the booking form, which must be brought to the event to gain entry.

Please bring crockery, cutlery, and a parasol if you need shade. If you have any special dietary requirements please contact Ann at welfare@baofthevar.com

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 by-pass 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 for 2013** 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

Sales dates

The summer sales in the Var and Alpes Maritimes start on 26 June and end on 30 July.

"What's On" Guide

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jul Flayosc, Moulin de Flayosquet, D57. Traditional olive mill visit with tasting. 10h00. €3,50. 04 94 70 41 45

2-8 Jul St Raphaël, town centre. Jazz Festival. 04 94 19 52 52

3 Jul Tour de France in the Var

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jul Chateaudouble, La Pastourelle. Farm visit. 15h00. Free. 04 94 70 90 00

4, 11, 18, 25 Jul Callas, Moulin de Callas, Quartier les Ferrages. Olive mill visit. 10h00. Free. 04 94 39 03 20

4 and 18 Jul Bargemon, village centre. Guided visit. 21.30. €6. 04 94 47 81 73

5-8 Jul Les Arcs, Place Général de Gaulle. Fêtes Médiévales. 10h00-22h00. Free. Son et Lumière. 22h00. €15. 06 31 95 51 98

5, 12, 19, 26 Jul Lorgues, Domaine de Gavaisson, 2487 chemin de Ginasservis. Estate visit – wine, olives, animals, etc. 9h30-16h30. €4. 06 60 62 85 19

6 Jul Brignoles, Complexe du Vabre. UB40 in concert. 20h30. €34. 04 94 72 04 21

6 Jul 15h00 and 12 Jul 19h00 St Raphaël, Port Santa Lucia. Water Jousting Tournament. 04 94 85 25 74

6, 11, 18, 25 Jul Cogolin, Les Marines de Cogolin. Festival de la Mer. 13h30-17h30. Marché Nocturne 18h00. Free. 04 94 56 14 08

7 Jul Le Muy, Parvis de la Salle Polyvalente, av Ste Anne. Pompiers du Rhone – acrobatic display. 21h00. 04 94 45 90 49

7 Jul Chateaudouble, Cercle St Martin, place Beausoleil. Harmonie – choral concert. 19h00. 04 94 70 91 60

7 Jul Ste Maxime, Chapelle de la Nartelle. Ukranian choir and orchestra. 21h30. €15. 04 94 56 77 53

7 Jul St Maximin la Ste Baume, Basilique. Concert – organ, trumpet, trombone. 21.30. Free. 04 94 59 84 59

7 and 21 Jul Lorgues, town centre. Guided visit. 21.30. €6. 04 94 73 92 37

8 Jul Collobrières, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Poland. 21h00. 04 94 87 63 84

8 Jul St Maximin la Ste Baume, Basilique. Concert – Ensemble Vocal d'Arles. 21.30.€20. 04 94 59 84 59

8, 15, 22, 29 Jul Le Rayol Canadel, Domaine du Rayol. Outdoor classical concerts. 21h00. €35. 04 94 05 65 69

9 Jul St Maximin la Ste Baume, Basilique. Brahms' German Requiem – orchestra and choir. 21.30. €35. 04 94 59 84 59

9 Jul Monferrat, Salle des Fêtes. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Poland. 21h00. 04 94 70 93 28

9 Jul Lorgues, Château Roubine. Magnificat – Rutter. CAD Vocal.



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10 Jul Gassin, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Poland. 21h00. 04 94 55 22 00

10 Jul St Maximin la Ste Baume, Basilique. La Traviata - Verdi. 21.30. €40. 04 94 59 84 59

10 Jul Ste Maxime, Théâtre de la Mer. Advenci Voce – choral concert. 21h30. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

11 and 25 Jul Trans-en-Provence, Chapelle Notre Dame. Guided visit of village. 21.30. €6. 04 94 73 37 30

12 and 26 Jul Callas, Bastide du Plan. Vineyard visit and tasting. 10h00. Free. 06 87 46 46 64

12 and 26 Jul Fréjus, port. Fireworks. 22h30.

13 Jul Flayosc, Cellier des 3 Collines, Route de Draguignan. Cave Cooperative visit and tasting. 10h00. €5. 06 30 47 99 03

13 Jul Montauroux, Chapelle St Barthélemy. Piano recital- romantic music. 20h00. 04 94 47 75 90

13 Jul Les Arcs, Maison des Vins, N7. Professional wine-tasting course. 10h00. €45. 04 94 99 50 20

14 Jul All villages. Fête National –various events.

14 Jul Les Adrets, Eglise. Violin and cello- concert. 20h30. 04 94 40 93 08

16 Jul Les Arcs, Place Général de Gaulle. Tomahawk – rock concert. 10h00. 04 94 47 56 10

16 Jul Claviers, Eglise St Sylvestre. Festival international Choral de Provence – choir from South Africa. 21h00. Free. 04 94 31 86 81

16-21 Jul Le Thoronet, Abbaye. Rencontres de Musique Médiéval. See www.musique-medieval.fr

16, 23, 30 Jul Grimaud, village centre. Festival des Grimaldines – spectacles de rues gratuits 19h30.

Concert au château 22h00. 04 94 55 43 83

17 Jul Montferrat, Festival de Musique Ancienne de Callas. Concert – Romanian music and dance. 21h00. 04 94 39 06 77

17 Jul Plan de la Tour, Place Foch. Festival dans les Vignes – French Jazz. 21.30. 04 94 55 20 50

18 Jul Flassans, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Italy. 21h00.

04 94 78 63 84

19 Jul Callas, Notre Dame de l'Assomption. Festival de Musique Ancienne de Callas. Concert – Baroque instruments. 21h00. 04 94 39 06 77

19 Jul Fayence, Théâtre de Verdure. Irish Dancers. 21h30. €30 and €20. 04 94 85 00 35

20 Jul Flayosc, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Bulgaria. 21h00. Free.

04 94 78 63 84

20 Jul Plan de la Tour, Château les Chênes, Quartier le Revest. Festival dans les Vignes – soprano and piano. 21.30. 04 94 55 20 50

20-21 Jul Montauroux, Terrain Laroche. Scrambler Bike Competition. 06 14 08 61 29

21 Jul Le Muy, Salle des Fêtes, av Jules Ferry. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Taiwan. 12h00. 04 94 78 63 84

21 Jul La Motte, Chateau des Demoiselles, Route de Callas. Jazz trio and wine tasting. 18h00. Free. 04 94 70 28 78

21 July Le Luc, Le Cannet Airfield. Airshow. 10h00-19h00. €10. 04 98 11 76 79

12 and 28 Jul Lorgues, Chateau de Berne. Jazz picnic. 04 94 60 43 60

22 Jul Chateaudouble, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Czech Republic. 21h00. Free. 04 98 10 51 35

23 Jul Puget sur Argens, Espace Victor Hugo. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Czech Republic. 21h00. 04 94 78 63 84

23 Jul St Maximin la Ste Baume, Parvis de la Basilique. Kirklees Youth Symphony Orchestra – music from the musicals. 21.30. Free.

04 94 59 84 59

24 Jul Figanières, Eglise St Michel. Festival de Musique Ancienne de Callas. Concert – vocal improvisation. 21h00. 04 94 39 06 77

24 Jul Plan de la Tour, Théâtre aux Etoiles. Festival dans les Vignes – Gypsy guitars. 21/30. 04 94 55 20 50

25 Jul Les Arcs, Eglise. Festival Choral International de Provence – choir from Czech Republic. 21h00. 04 94 73 37 30

26 Jul Les Arcs, Café de la Tour. Fish and chips lunch. 12h00. €11. Booking essential, by preceding Tuesday. 04 94 73 30 56

26 Jul Callas, Eglise. Festival de Musique Ancienne de Callas. Concert – 18th century sacred music of Marseille. 21h00. 04 94 39 06 77

28 Jul Le Muy, Parking de Roucas. German Symphony Orchestra concert. 21h00.

04 94 19 84 24

28 Jul Draguignan, Office de Tourisme. Guided visit. 21h30. €6. 04 98 10 51 05

28 Jul Ste Maxime, Théâtre de la Mer. Woodstocks – 60s British and American pop. 21.30. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

29 Jul Flayosc, Jeu de Boules. German Symphony Orchestra concert. 04 94 70 41 31

30 Jul Vidauban, Eglise. Gospel Concert – Sister Grace. 21h00. €10. 04 94 73 10 28

Chairman's Report

The Children's Activity booklet has now been dispatched to members and will be available at some Tourist Offices throughout the Var. Already this has been well received, with members having been delighted with its arrival just in time for the British half term holidays, thus making it easier to entertain children and grand-children. This is part of the Committee's intention to widen the definition of welfare and to make life easier for members, whilst at the same time making the work of the BAV better known to non-members in the Var.

Our thanks go to Shirley Rowson for the compilation of the booklet.

Events are slowing down over the summer months as so much is happening generally in the area and many members find that this is the time when they are inundated with visitors. The Neighbourhood Networks will however be a continuing facility for members to meet.

We will, as usual, be holding the annual *Vendange* lunch to mark the start of the autumn season and this will be on 21 September with numbers limited to 120 so please look out for the booking form in the July and August newsletters.

Bargain Basement

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Lunch and Quiz

The 30 May saw the first of the lunch and quiz meetings following the formation of the new Committee and it was felt appropriate to hold this at a new venue in St Antonin to mark the changes.

This proved to be an excellent choice of venue at the Lou Cigaloun hotel as it gave members a chance to explore a 'new' village and taste a delightful lunch in the hotel restaurant which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.



The lunch was followed by the quiz with 22 taking part and this was organised and run by our resident quiz master / mistress Shirley Rowson. The quiz itself was excellently formatted, starting with a test of members' French and then followed by five categories of questions on a variety of subjects. The questions themselves were perfectly pitched at a level with some being appropriately reassuring and others being extremely testing if not decidedly tricky.

The quiz was won by The 'A' Team, comprising Andrew and Alexandra Lewis-Smith, Michael Wharton and Rob and Esther Flanagan, and the team donated the prize money of 110€ back to the welfare fund. Our thanks go to Shirley for taking the time to produce such interesting questions. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyable and we look forward to it being repeated later in the year.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

Cabasse, Carces, Correns, Cotignac, and Le Val

Meetings now take place on **the last Thursday of the month**, but there will be no meeting in July.

Michael Wharton

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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

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Entrecasteaux, Salernes, Tourtour and Villecroze

We meet on the **4th Tuesday of the month** at 10h30 at the bar Cercle de l'Avenir in Villecroze. Please check the venue as we may rotate to another village.

Ann & Maurice Mitchem

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La Motte and Le Muy

Nine people met in the Bar des Cascades in La Motte, with some regulars missing due to holiday and some visitors joining us. Next meeting is planned for Tuesday 9 July at 10h00. All are very welcome.

Alexandra Lewis-Smith

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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

Once again on the 3rd Thursday, 18 July, we shall be meeting for coffee at the *Cercle Philharmonique* in St Max from 10h.30 onwards. We seem to be settling down to a nice crowd of about eight - but there is always room for more!

Diana Andre de la Porte

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Amendment to Address Book

The phone number for Miriam Parry and Peter Robinson is now 04 *****.

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.

For an informal chat, please call Mim:

04 94 04 78 94 or email Mim2Kay@aol.com

Le Luc Airshow

Every two years there is an airshow at *Le Cannet des Maures* near Le Luc. This year it will be held on July 21st. The airbase is the home of the French Army Aviation School and is where Prince Harry spent some time training. There will be demonstrations by WW 2 planes, helicopters, sky divers, aerobatic displays and very fast flybys by ultra-modern fighter jets. A very enjoyable time for all you aviation buffs. Food and drinks are available on site as well as picnic tables. Bring a picnic, a couple of chairs and a parasol and enjoy a wonderful day. Hope to see you all there.

Web site with more information is:

<http://www.meeting-leluc.fr/en/index.ph>

New members

We welcome the following new members to the British Association of the Var: Philip and Anise Maitland from Fayence, Les and Helen Elliott from St Raphaël, Maria Trang from Vidauban and Philip and Yvonne Davies from Flayosc. This geographical spread illustrates how we attract members from all corners of the Var, and we hope to continue to provide events in different areas which reflect this.

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Before taking action in response to articles about law and finance in the Newsletter, please take advice from a suitable qualified person.

Tour de France 2013

This famous cycle race will be crossing the Var on 3 July with the following viewing points and times. The time given is when the publicity "caravan" arrives – the specially designed cars and floats of sponsors and suppliers, from which gifts are thrown into the crowd. The cyclists follow about 1 hour 40 minutes later. As it is a popular spectacle it is difficult to find a parking spot close to the viewing point, so be prepared to walk a distance from your car. It is advisable to take lightweight chairs and a parasol if there is no shade in the area.

Carrefour D562-D19	11h20
FAYENCE (D19-D563)	11h25
Carrefour D563-D562	11h30
Terrissole (FIGANIÈRES)	12h03
DRAGUIGNAN (D562-D1555-D557)	12h11
Col de l'Ange	12h19
Carrefour D557-D562	12h20
LORGUES	12h33
ENTRECASTEAUX	12h48
CARCÈS (D562-D13)	12h58
Carrefour D13-D24	13h10
VINS-SUR-CARAMY	13h18
BRIGNOLES (D24-D554-VC-D554-VC)	13h30
Carrefour VC-D405	13h34
LA CELLE	13h35
Carrefour D405-D5	13h40
Côte de la Roquebrussanne	13h51
LA ROQUEBRUSSANNE	13h53
Carrefour D5-D554	14h01
MÉOONES-LÈS-MONTRIEUX (D554-D2)	14h05
SIGNES	14h19
Le Camp (LE CASTELLET)	14h35
Carrefour D2-DN8	14h35

John Collingwood

Having dedicated himself to the BA for many years and worked tirelessly for the Welfare Fund, John has found it difficult to attend Committee meetings due to personal reasons, commitments to other charities and illness and he has therefore felt it appropriate to resign from the Committee with effect from 1 May 2013.

John will continue to act as an advisor to the Committee and attend social events as a member. We give him our very best wishes and look forward to celebrating his 90th birthday in January.

MEMBERS' GROUPS

The Azur Photography Group

The end of the busy runway at Nice seems an unlikely place to attract anyone but dedicated plane spotters. However, between the Promenade des Anglais and main railway line lies an oasis of relative calm known as the **Parc Phoenix**.

It contains an outstanding collection of plants, some interesting animals plus a number of very unusual sculptures dotted around the grounds. The group enjoyed a morning capturing the varied aspects and opportunities of the Parc but had to be nimble to dodge the legions of local school children being escorted around at the same time.

After a relaxing lunch at the Parc restaurant, we headed back just before the heavens emptied. A master-stroke of timing to round off a successful visit. For more details about the group please contact:

Mike Harper
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Happy Boules

The boules group is continuing well, with members coming to meetings at several central Var bouledromes from as far away as Le Val, Roquebrune sur Argen, Montmeyan and Aups. Please come and join us! For more information please contact:

Rob Flanagan
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Painting Group

There is no date arranged as yet. For details please contact:

Pauline North
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Musique Cordiale 2013

This wonderful music festival will take place between 6 and 17 August this year with concerts in villages in the Fayence area, mainly. The orchestra and choir are drawn from the UK and France, together with international soloists, and produce concerts of great variety and to a high standard, both classical and jazz. Some of the works included this year are: Stabat Mater - Dvorak, Symphony No. 29 – Mozart, Dixit Dominus – Handel. See website for full details:

www.musique-cordiale.com

British Association of the Var Welfare Coordinator Ann Mitchem

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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€.

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Rent and pension tax rules confirmed

A senior French tax official has confirmed that UK rental income and government pensions should not attract French income tax or social contributions. This also applies to the above incomes where no UK tax was paid on them due to UK tax allowances. There was widespread confusion on the matter last year following changes to double-tax treaty rules, with different tax offices taking different views – some imposing tax and/or social contributions and others not. Progress has been made in clarifying the situation and a tax credit will be applied if the corresponding income has been subject to income tax in the UK. In cases where the UK tax is zero because of a tax allowance obtained in the UK (related to age or the level of other incomes etc) the tax credit removing French tax is maintained.

This decision will be communicated to local tax offices, with priority to those where there is a substantial English-speaking community. People using internet declarations may still make changes to their declarations with no penalty, if necessary, and any specific questions about individual circumstances should be taken to the local tax office.

Monitoring river levels

After the floods in recent years we are all on alert when there is persistent heavy rain. Here is a government website where you can check on the situation with main local rivers, updated regularly: <http://www.vigicrues.gouv.fr> - click on the south-east region.

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The Var Tuesday Club
 meets every 3rd Tuesday
 see www.vartuesdayclub.org for details

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The Bereavement Support Network of the Var (BSN)

is actively looking for caring, empathic volunteers, who are willing to give some time to help bereaved people, or those with a terminal illness, including their carers & families. Training will be given with the on-going support of a mentor.
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