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Walks

There will be no walks published in July and August as it is too hot. This series will resume in September.

Easyjet changes cabin bag policy

BUDGET airline easyJet is introducing a new hand luggage policy in a bid to ease over-crowded overhead lockers. From July 2 passengers may be obliged to put certain sizes of hand baggage in the hold – free of charge – if crew feel space is running out on board.

The airline will still accept bags up to 56cm by 45cm by 25cm for cabin baggage but only bags of 50cm by 40cm by 20cm (including handles and wheels) will be guaranteed to go in the cabin: either in the overhead lockers or under the seat in front.

Provence Living

Have you seen this interesting Facebook page that recently featured the BATs show in Villecroze? You can simply Google "Provence Living Facebook" to find it. This Facebook page is dedicated to introducing Provence generally and more particularly Cotignac and the surrounding villages. This part of Provence is a wonderful place to live and, through Facebook, readers are introduced to its beauty and provided with information valuable to both the residents and tourists visiting the area. The region offers something for everyone, whether avid hiker or wine lover, artist or foodie so it's good to share it with others. The site is the brainchild of three professional women: Susana Iwase Hanson (Provence Living Consulting), Sophie Carrere (Cotignac Immobilier) and Jeany Cronk (Mirabeau Wine) who voluntarily maintain and update the page. They live in Cotignac and wish to promote Cotignac and the region and contribute to the local economy through increased awareness of the area and what it offers.

Provence Living offers free access to a collection of 3,000 plus photos of Cotignac and the surrounding area. It is worth going to the pages

just for the brilliant photos (which have mostly been taken by themselves) and have already made a buzz. You can look at their pages without being a member of Facebook. You will find it informative and interesting. Just Google it and perhaps become a friend.

Boules/Petanque

It was notable at the Summer Soiree that a number of people were novices at *boules* or had not played before but thoroughly enjoyed the game. If you are in this category and would like to play *boules* casually, with friends or visitors over the summer, then we set down below a brief version of the rules of the game. If however you wish to join the Monday *boules* group then please contact: chairman@baofthevar.com

Rules

Two teams of two or three. Each team plays with three boules. If unequal then three players play with two boules and two players play with three boules.

- Decide who throws the *cochonnet* or *but* (small ball).
- Team 1 throws the *cochonnet* between 6 and 10 metres and at least 1.00m from an object, wall etc. Team 1 then throws a *boule*.
- Team 2 then throws the *boule* to try to get closer to the *cochonnet*.
- If not closer then team 2 continues to throw until they are closer. Then team 1 throws again until they are closer. Then again team 2 throws.
- In the event that both teams are the same distance from the *cochonnet* then the last thrower throws again or, if at the end of the game, then the game is replayed.
- When all *boules* are thrown the points are given only to the team closest to the *cochonnet* for the number of *boules* that are closer - ie. between the other team's *boules* and the *cochonnet*.
- Play again until a team reaches a score of 13 but continue to play the match until that game is completed.

New rights for ferry passengers

Ferry passengers travelling in the EU now have more rights after a set of new European rules came into force. The new rules apply where you take a ferry (or other commercial ship like a cruise liner) which leaves from an EU country or where you travel from outside the EU but the destination port is in the EU and the travel company is European. The aim is provide more standardised minimum care and protection, such as already exists for people travelling by train or air.

The new rules include:

- Adequate assistance such as snacks, meals, refreshments and, where necessary, accommodation up to three nights, with a financial coverage up to €80 per night in case of cancellation or delay at departure of more than 90 minutes;
- A guaranteed choice between reimbursement or rerouting in case of cancellation or delay at departure of more than 90 minutes;
- Compensation, between 25% and 50% of the ticket price, in situations of delay at arrival;
- Non-discriminatory treatment and specific, free-of-charge, assistance for disabled people, both at ports and on board;
- Systems for handling passenger complaints to be put in place by carriers and terminal operators;
- Appointment of independent national bodies in charge of enforcing the rules, including applying penalties.

There are also additional rights from December 31 2012. Passengers involved in an accident when travelling by sea will have the right to:

- Financial compensation in case of death, personal injury, and loss of or damage to luggage, vehicles, and mobility or other special equipment;
- Advance payment (within 15 days) to cover immediate economic needs in case of death or personal injury;
- Direct recourse against the carrier's insurance provider in case of death or personal injury.

My Village

There is no "My Village" article this month as my stock has run out. If you would like to write a piece about your village please let me know: newsletter@baofthevar.com – 500 words maximum plus photo.

Editor

Blue Flag Beaches and Marinas

A useful list of beaches and marinas in the Var which have passed the Blue Flag test for cleanliness:

Beaches

La Croix Valmer	Gigaro
La Croix Valmer	La Douane
La Londe les Maures	L'Argentière
La Londe les Maures	Miramar
La Londe les Maures	Tamaris
Le Lavandou	Aiguebelle
Le Lavandou	Batailler Centre
Le Lavandou	Batailler Poste de Secours
Le Lavandou	Cavalière
Le Lavandou	La Fossette
Le Lavandou	Lavandou Ville
Le Lavandou	Pramousquier
Le Pradet	La Garonne
Le Pradet	Monaco
Le Pradet	Oursinières
Le Pradet	Pin de Galles
Saint Mandrier sur Mer	La Coudoulière
Saint Mandrier sur Mer	Le Canon
Saint Mandrier sur Mer	Touring Club
Sainte Maxime	Plage Casino Centre Ville
Sainte Maxime	Plage Garonnette
Sainte Maxime	Plage La Croisette
Sainte Maxime	Plage La Nartelle
Sainte Maxime	Plage L'Eléphant
Six Fours Les Plages	Bonnegrace Le Manuella
Six Fours Les Plages	Bonnegrace Poste de Secours
Six Fours Les Plages	La Coudoulière de Six-Fours
Six Fours Les Plages	Le Rayolet
Six Fours Les Plages	Les Charmettes
Six Fours Les Plages	Les Roches Brunès
Six Fours Les Plages	Plage du Cros
Toulon	Anse Mistral
Toulon	Les Pins Centre
Toulon	Lido de Toulon

Marinas

Bandol	Port de Plaisance de Bandol
Cogolin	Les Marines de Cogolin
Fréjus	Port Fréjus
Hyères Les Palmiers	Port Saint Pierre
La Londe Les Maures	Port Miramar La Londe
Le Lavandou	Port du Lavandou
Les Issambres	Port San Peire des Issambres
Saint Cyr sur Mer	Nouveau Port des Lecques
Saint Cyr sur Mer	Port de la Madrague
Saint Cyr sur Mer	Vieux Port des Lecques
Saint Raphaël	Port de Santa Lucia
Six Fours Les Plages	Port de la Coudoulière
Six Fours Les Plages	Port de Plaisance des Embiez