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## **Important AGM details - Wednesday 16 March 2016**

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

**Location: Les Jonquières, Le Muy**

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

### **Schedule for the morning**

**10h30 - Registration**

with coffee, orange juice and croissants available for members

**11h00 AGM commences**

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

**Nominations for committee must be with the secretary by 16 February.**

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

**12h00 approx end of the meeting**

Members can then stay for lunch if they wish.

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

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

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

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

### Annual General Meeting 16 March 2016 - RULE 6: General Meetings

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

"Questions concerning the minutes and reports can only be made in writing and lodged with the Secretary not less than 7 days before the AGM. That is by 9 March. An appropriate person will answer. Any proposals from Members cannot be put to the vote. The Committee will discuss with the proposer and determine if the proposal can be put to the next general meeting. The purpose is to safeguard the association from passing illegal or unworkable solutions. Ideas for improving the effectiveness towards meeting our objectives may be discussed under "Matters of Interest "

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## Forthcoming Events

Committee meeting  
TBA

AGM. Le Muy  
16 March

Artists Quarter & Lunch Draguignan  
22 April

Coffee morning & croquet at Nans-Les-Pins  
plus lunch in St Maximin  
13 May

Lunch & Quiz at Trout Lake  
Entrecasteaux  
13 June

Summer Soirée in La Motte  
30 June

## Committee

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## Croquet sets

Wanted: Croquet sets to borrow for BAV May Event. Please contact Rob Flanagan: xxxxxxxxxxxx or [chairman@baofthevar.com](mailto:chairman@baofthevar.com) if able to do so.

## Lunch and art galleries in Draguignan

An excellent 3 course lunch (with wine) at one of Draguignan's most respected restaurants, MB2/La Terrasse, 11 Blvd Jean Jaures, 83300 Draguignan, at a really attractive price of 22€ for members and 24€ for non-members:

### Terrine

Chicken in Brie and beer  
Moelleux of chocolate.  
1/4 bottle of wine

Followed by an escorted visit to the oldest part of town, now being transformed into an Artists' Quarter, at pedestrianised Rue de Trans - just a 2/3 minute walk from the restaurant. You will see artists at work on many styles of sculptures, paintings, wood carvings and stained glass, also available to buy.

DATE : FRIDAY 22 APRIL - Lunch 12.00 – 14.00, visit to Galleries 14.00 onwards. Free Parking 12.00 – 2.00. Otherwise, on street parking and free car park in Rue des Jardins (behind Rue de Trans). And then if you wish, wander up the road to the American War Cemetery (5 mins walk or free car park in front), or visit one of the two museums which are close by: Le Musée Municipal d'Art et Histoire, Culture, Patrimoine et Tourisme, 9 rue de la République or Le Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires, 75, Place Georges Brassens.

## 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](mailto:info@bsnvar.org) or [www.bsnvar.org](http://www.bsnvar.org)  
for further information.

## "What's On" Guide

Zenith Oméga, Toulon: 0892 700 840

[www.zenith-omega-toulon.com](http://www.zenith-omega-toulon.com)

Opera House, Toulon: 04 94 93 03 76

[www.operadetoulon.fr](http://www.operadetoulon.fr)

Draguignan Theatre: 04 94 50 59 59

[www.theatresendracenie.com](http://www.theatresendracenie.com)

Forum Theatre, Fréjus and Centre Culturel, St

Raphaël: 04 94 95 55 55 [www.aggloscenes.com](http://www.aggloscenes.com)

### March 2016

**4 Mar Grimaud**, Gloria (Vivaldi) – concert Estelerenco.

**4-5 Mar Draguignan**, Complexe St Exupéry. Salon des Séniors. 10h00-18h00. Free. 04 42 82 72 09

**5 Mar Lorgues**, Espace F. Mitterand. Concert de Printemps – L'Harmonie Lorguaise band with singers. 20h30. Free. 06 06 90 08 97

**5 Mar St Tropez**, cinema. Ballet film – Sleeping Beauty (Tchaikovsky). 16h00

**5 Mar Fréjus**, cinema. Opera film – Manon Lescaut. 18h55

**5 Mar Montauroux**, cinema. Opera film – Manon Lescaut (Puccini). 18h55. 04 94 50 40 30

**6 Mar Grimaud**, Chapelle des Penitents. Soirées Musicales de Grimaud – piano recital. €22. 04 94 55 43 83

**6 Mar Ste Maxime**, cinema. Ballet film-Nutcracker. 16h00.

**8 Mar St Maximin la Ste Baume**, Croisée des Arts. Ballet – La Stravaganza. 20h45. €20. 04 94 86 18 90

**10 Mar Draguignan**, Eglise St Michel. Concert – Les Petits Chanteurs à la Croix de Bois (boys' choir). 20h30. €20

**11 Mar Brignoles**, Hall des Expositions. Concert – 70s music. 20h30. €8. 04 94 72 04 21

**12 Mar St Maximin de la Ste Baume**, Croisée des Arts. Piano recital. 20h45. €17. 04 94 86 18 90

**12 Mar Draguignan**, Pôle Culturel Chabran. Trio – piano, violin, cello. 20h30. 04 83 08 30 30

**12 Mar Cotignac**, cinema. Concert film – Jonas Kaufmann, tenor. 18h00. €8. 04 94 04 61 87

**12-13 Mar Fréjus**, Le Clos des Roses vineyard RD37. Vive le Printemps – Spring fair.

**12-13 Mar Ste Maxime**, Carré Léon Gaumont. Canadian acrobatic circus. 12Mar: 20h30, 13 Mar: 17h30. €10-22. 04 94 56 77 77

**17 Mar St Raphaël**, Salle Félix Martin. Jazz/funk group. 20h30. €20. 04 98 11 89 00

**18-21 Mar Draguignan**, Espace des Collettes. Foire au Printemps. 10h00-19h00. €3

**18-23 Mar Grimaud**, Complexe des Blaquières. Salon Bio. 10h00-18h00. €5. 04 94 55 43 83

**19 Mar St Tropez**, cinema. Opera film – Mireille (Gounod). 16h00

**19 Mar Lorgues**, Espace F Mitterand. Avalon Celtic Dances. 20h45. €15. 04 98 10 27 76

**20 Mar Lorgues**, Château de Berne. Fête du Millésime (vintage). 10h00-18h00. 04 94 60 43 60

**20 Mar Cotignac**, cinema. Opera film – Barber of Seville (Rossini). 18h00. €13. 04 94 04 61 87

**20 Mar Vidauban**, place George Clemenceau. Classic car rally. 8h30-12.30. Free. 04 94 73 10 28

**20 Mar Les Arcs**, Café de la Tour. Thé Tango – Argentine tango lessons. Free. Optional lunch. 14h15-19h00. 04 94 73 30 56

**21 Mar Draguignan**, cinema Chabran. Opera film – The Barber of Seville (Rossini). 14h00

**25 Mar Les Arcs**, Café de la Tour. Fish and chips – book by previous Monday please. 12h00. €12.50. 04 94 73 30 56

**26 Mar Fréjus**, port. Regatta – Fréjus Yacht Club

**26 Mar Ste Maxime**, Le Carré Gaumont. Requiem de Mozart – Orchestre Philharmonique de Marseille, Choeur Regional PACA. 20h30. €26. 04 94 56 77 77

**27-29 Mar Ste Maxime**, Théâtre de la Mer. Salon des Vignerons et de la Gastronomie. 10h00-19h00. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

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## Chairman's Report

The AGM is fast approaching on 16 March and we do therefore hope to see every one of you there. However, as is the way with Associations of this type, each year, prior to the event, we are concerned about achieving a quorum which under our Statutes is 10% of the membership or roughly 40 members. It is therefore desirable for members to let us know if they wish to attend, not least to ensure that there are sufficient breakfasts.

The attendance at the AGM is important for a number of reasons not least as it is the main opportunity for the Committee to understand the feelings and views of the members.

Although it is not the most exciting event that one can attend, the Committee does put in a huge amount of effort and time which is given voluntarily and it is beneficial for the members of the Committee to experience the support of members. Secondly every year some of the Committee come up for re-election, so take this opportunity to have your say.

A detailed breakdown of the accounts is given and you may reach a greater understanding of the running of the BAV which, after all, is a charitable fund assisting the British in the Var.

Please do therefore give consideration to your attendance and let us know in advance.

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## Christmas Card Designs Wanted

It has been a very mild winter and few of us will have seen any snow or any really wintry conditions. However by June / July we will be asking for submissions for designs for our Christmas cards, these being either paintings, drawings or photographs. Please therefore think of us in the event of a very late snowfall or if you are in one of the many ski resorts in the area.

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## Hour change

Remember, the clocks go FORWARD one hour during the night of 26 March, so if you have anything planned for Easter Sunday make sure your timing is right.

**British Association of the Var  
Welfare Coordinator  
Ann Mitchem**

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## La Poste warns of package scam



La Poste has warned of a scam in which people are urged to call a premium rate number to organise the collection of a package or registered letter. Although the warning was issued by La Poste in Basse Normandie, the calls have been received in Hérault, Pays Basque and Mayenne.

The calls purport to be from La Poste informing householders that they have received a parcel or a letter recommandée waiting for them. The householder is told to call a number beginning with 08 to get more details about the package or letter. However, anyone calling this number is put on hold until they hang up - at a cost of €3/minute. There is no warning of the cost, so for many the first indication they had been scammed was their phone bill.

La Poste has issued the following reminders to avoid scams:

- For any undelivered parcels or letters, the postman should always leave a note that they called.
- La Poste never calls you and asks you to call an 08 number or other premium rate number
- La Poste never asks for your card details or pin whether by phone or email
- If you receive a message that purports to be from La Poste you can call their number on 3631 (standard landline rate in mainland France) to find out more.

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## International Space Station

You may be interested to know that the International Space Station can be watched from anywhere in the world, even in the Var ! If you go to [www.spotthestation.nasa.gov](http://www.spotthestation.nasa.gov) and type in your country and, for the Var, the city of Toulon, it will give you a list of exact times and directions in which to look - but you'll need to put the alarm on !

**Desperate to Stop?  
call Alcoholics Anonymous**  
24 hour helpline –

08 20 20 02 57 [aa-riviere.org](http://aa-riviere.org)

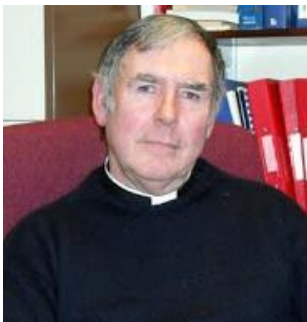
## Beware letters from water companies

Several of the main water utilities, including Véolia, have been sending out official-looking letters to tell customers they are obliged to take out insurance against water leaks. These letters contain several errors:

- Such insurance is obligatory – not true.
- If you decide you need it, get a quote from your existing house insurance provider, as an option can be added and may be cheaper than that offered by Véolia.
- A leak inside the house is only covered if it has caused damage to walls, floors, etc.
- A leak outside the house is never usually covered (see point 2). The cost of searching for a leak, digging up the garden and reinstating it can be high.
- Excess water use will be charged to the customer – not always the case. This depends on who supplies your water. In any event, the water company cannot charge more than double the usual bill.
- The letters are sent to all users but only apply to those whose water meter is outside their property.

If you feel you have been misled by such a letter, or have paid over the odds for excess water usage due to a leak, the *Conciliateur* at your local Mairie may be able to advise you.

## Priest-in-Charge retires



The congregation at St John's Anglican church in St Raphaël will be sorry to lose the Reverend Keith Bretel, and his wife Sherlie, on the occasion of their retirement on 3 April after five years' sterling service in the Var. Their dedication, sense of humour, practical

caring skills and spiritual guidance will be sorely missed in the church, and the Churchwardens will be hard put to find a suitable replacement. Happily, Keith and Sherlie will stay in the Var so friendships made can be continued.

Their final service will be on 3 April at 10.30am, followed by lunch – this time not prepared by Sherlie! Services at St John's will continue as usual with a locum, until a new priest is appointed.

## MEMBERS' GROUPS

### The Azur Photography Group



On a beautiful Spring-like day at the end of January, we visited Lac St. Cassien where the water level was at the lowest anyone can remember. This enabled us to see and photograph

the lake from unusual perspectives. We were all surprised by how many interesting photo opportunities awaited us. Inevitably, a large part of our first meeting in February was spent reviewing the photos and we were all delighted by the universally high standard achieved.

We were also introduced to our new A3 printer and able to admire some of the first prints from the machine and print some more. We now look forward to working towards our first exhibition, hopefully later in the year. Our next two meetings are on 8 and 22 March. Please contact me for details.

For more details, please contact Alastair Ross:

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### Boules / Lunching / Golf Group



We play at 10am so please contact me if you wish to join us at:

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### Painting Group

There will not be a painting group meeting until the Spring unless someone would like to hold one. contact Hilary xxxxxxxxxxxxXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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## VISIT PROVENCE – (places to go in the Var and beyond)

### Châteaux de Vins, Vins sur Caramy

Listed in the Inventory of Historical Monuments, the castle overlooks the tranquil Caramy valley. It was built in 1542 on the site of an older building of the Gothic period, and belonged to the Garde family (from Jaumegarde near Aix en Provence) who built it for their primary residence. The most emblematic figure of this family was Hubert, Count of Provence, who became famous during the wars of religion. The castle saw a period of transition from medieval fortress to Renaissance refinement and has a particular character.



It was abandoned for several decades but the ruined monument was saved at the initiative of three private owners. Now, restored as a centre of culture, the castle overlooks a tranquil nature reserve comprising the Caramy river valley and surrounding woodland hills.



For over 25 years l'Association de Sauvegarde et d'Animation Culturelle du Château de Vins has organised a summer festival in July and August called "Les nocturnes du château" with internationally renowned artists in the realms of music, theatre

and dance, both classical and contemporary. Details can be found on their website: <http://chateaudevins.pagesperso-orange.fr/>. Reservations for " Les nocturnes du château " on 06 62 08 71 05 or [contact@chateaudevins.com](mailto:contact@chateaudevins.com)

Guided tours are held daily (except Tuesday) from April to October, and all year for groups by appointment on 04 94 72 50 40.

Opening hours : 10:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 17:00. Guided tour: €5.

Guided tour followed by a tasting of wines. (Tarif from 11 to 16 € per person. Contact us)

Guided tour followed by a concert of 45 minutes in the courtyard or in the hunting room.

Association de Sauvegarde et d'Animation Culturelle du Château de Vins, 83170 Vins-sur-Caramy . Tel : 04 94 72 50 40.

## Moissac-Bellevue lunch

Moissac is a beautiful perched village best viewed in the morning light when approaching from Aups. Le (not 'la') Bellevue has hosted several boules group lunches and we have now opened up our 'secret' to the BAV.



The BAV had previously visited this restaurant 5 or 6 years ago under different ownership. On 15 January our genial hosts, Thierry and Melanie, the proprietors, offered 23 of us a wonderful 3 course

all-inclusive lunch comprising a delicious mushroom and truffle ravioli with salmon sauce followed by steak, salad and chips and then dessert and coffee all for an amazing price of 20€ per head.

We will no doubt be adding this venue to our list of regular functions

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## New initiative for property sales

Buying or selling a property in 45 days by way of an invitation to tender on the Internet with full benefits of legal guarantees is now possible with the Immo-Interactif service of French Notaries. With this procedure, conceived a few years ago under the name Vente Notariale Interactive (VNI), (Interactive Notarial Sale), and renamed Immo-Interactif ®, the notaries conceived the real estate version of "eBay®", an innovative method of selling, which falls somewhere in between traditional negotiations and auction sales. It consists of an online invitation to tender, the execution whereof is orchestrated and secured by the notary.

The Immo-interactif process allows obtaining, within 45 days, the fair price of a property through the real time interaction between demand and supply. All this takes place with complete transparency because the bids are placed by potential buyers on [www.immobilier.notaires.fr](http://www.immobilier.notaires.fr), the official French Notaries real estate site, accessible to everybody online. The transaction is concluded only after the seller accepts, by signing the promise of sale, the offer that best meets his/her criteria, defined in the specific specifications that have been brought to the attention of potential buyers.

Sellers, buyers, Internet novices or experts, Immo-Interactif is available to everyone - the notary accompanies you during all the steps :

### 1. Evaluation and preparation of the terms and conditions of sale

The seller contacts his notary with the aim of selling his property. After having assessed the property by referring to the notarial real estate database and to his knowledge of the market, the notary determines the submission value of the property\*, the terms and conditions and the schedule of the sale along with the seller and receives an exclusive authorisation for a very brief period: maximum six to eight weeks.

### 2. Posting the property and the advertisement online

The notary disseminates the property advertisement with photos, description, 1st possible offer\*, dates and visiting schedule and of the sale on the site [www.immobilier.notaires.fr](http://www.immobilier.notaires.fr). All useful information (diagnoses, town planning documents, plans, summary note of the property, etc.) is posted online. At the same time, the notary advertises the property through a powerful and targeted communication plan on different media.

3. Property visit and online registration of the sale  
The notary schedules property visits on predefined days and time slots. During these slots, which generally range over a period of 3 to 4 weeks, potential buyers visit the property, ask questions to the notary, if necessary, to obtain specific information and sign a request for approval (free and without any commitment), wherein they acknowledge having read the specific terms and conditions of sale. At the end of the visits, interested persons would register online on the website [www.immobilier.notaires.fr](http://www.immobilier.notaires.fr) to receive an electronic approval, which would be issued to them by the notary and would enable them to make their offers during the sale.

### 4. Conduct of the sale

The sale begins at the time and on the dates fixed by mutual agreement between the seller and the notary and lasts 48 hours. Only those who are registered and have received the notary's approval may participate and make their offers\*. Potential sellers and buyers directly witness the issue of successive offers\* that appear in the online sales room [www.immobilier.notaires.fr](http://www.immobilier.notaires.fr) in realtime.

### 5. Selection of the offer and signing of the promise of sale

At the end of the offer receiving period, the seller chooses the one that best fulfils his expectations: it is not necessarily the most expensive. Then, he signs a promise of sale in his notary's presence and the subsequent procedure takes place like a traditional sale.

\* The presentation value and the offers include the brokerage fees and advertising costs

**ATTENTION** : the offers are made over a 48-hour period. In order to be able to participate in it, it is imperative to be registered before this period commences. Any offer made in the last 2 minutes postpones the end of the offer receiving period by 2 minutes. The sale ends only when no new offer has been made in the last 2 minutes. Despite this system, given the possible risks of slow connection or other computer malfunctions, it is highly recommended not to wait until the last minute to connect and make offers online because of the risk of being excluded.

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## New Members

We welcome to membership of the British Association of the Var Trev and Sally Ford of Bargemon.





## More flights from Toulon and Marseille

From 2 July to 12 September, Flybe will operate a thrice-weekly service from Toulon to Southampton. Cityjet also operates flights from Toulon to London City.

A new summer service from Marseille to Olbia in Sardinia will fly twice a week from 26 July, operated by Meridiana.

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## UK voting and the EU Referendum

The British Embassy in Paris has asked us to raise awareness of registering as an overseas voter. There are approximately half a million Brits living in France, many of whom are eligible to vote, and it is important that their voices are heard in the forthcoming EU referendum which is due to take place before the end of 2017. As the Prime Minister has said, this will be "the most important decision the British people will have to take at the ballot box in our lifetimes".

Although the exact date has still to be decided, the eligibility criteria for this important referendum will be based on UK parliamentary elections. This means British citizens can vote if they were registered to vote before they left the UK and have lived in France for less than 15 years. So far only 5% of overseas voters have registered. It is quick and easy to do so and only takes five minutes. It can be done online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

Many of us who have been here longer than 15 years have had our right to vote removed, despite recent campaigns and petitions, so we rely on the rest of you who are eligible to ensure the UK stays in the EU so that our rights as EU citizens in France are not affected.

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## SNCF new charges



SNCF has announced that all modifications or cancellations will be charged to travellers from April onwards. Until now it was possible to change or cancel tickets free of charge 24 hours before

departure. As of April any modifications or cancellations will cost 5 euros, with modifications made on the actual day of departure costing 15 euros.

## Observation point at Taradeau



Taking the Route de Flayosc (D73) up the hill from Taradeau village, there is a turning to the right leading to the chapel and observation point, with wide-ranging

views over the Argens valley and the Maures hills.

A project is in hand to build a new electronic observation table which interacts with smartphones and tablets, giving information about the views, by the use of electronic chips in the concrete. This will be a feature unique in France. Look out for local information about its launch.

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## Bonus for changing to electric or hybrid car – follow-up

In December we ran an article about the new "green" disc for cars which is part of an anti-pollution campaign in France. As with many of these government schemes, the proposed start date of 1 January 2016 has been delayed.

However, the other part of this scheme involved a large bonus for those trading in a pre-2001 diesel vehicle for a new electric or hybrid one. This does seem to be up and running and more information can be found on AngloInfo France at: <http://france.angloinfo.com/transport/vehicle-ownership/emissions-tax/>

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## 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 42 86 49 01
EDF English speaking number	05 62 16 49 08
Orange English speaking No	09 69 36 39 00

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## Cap 3000

Serious shoppers will immediately recognise the title – this is a large shopping mall in St Laurent du Var next to Nice airport which is very popular with people from far and near. One of the biggest problems has been parking, especially at sales times, but this has now been addressed by building a multi-story car park on site so you can happily indulge in retail therapy without the hassle of finding a parking space.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

### Cabasse, Carces, Correns, Cotignac and Le Val

No meeting in March due to Easter.

Contact Michael at: [Michael Wharton](#)  
[XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#)

### Les Arcs, Lorgues, Taradeau & Vidauban

The next meeting is at the Cafe de la Tour in Les Arcs at 10:30 am on **Friday 18 March**. Please contact me if you have any comments, suggestions or queries.

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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

La Motte/Le Muy Neighbourhood Network - 9 of us met, 7 regulars and 2 visitors who have decided to join the BAV. We plan next month's get together for **Friday 11 March**, same time, same place – Bar des Cascades, La Motte, 10am. All are always welcome.

[Shirley Rowson](#) [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#)

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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](#) [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#)

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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, **17 March** 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](#)

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

**Every 2nd Sunday at 11h30** at Arc-en-Provence, 1801 Chemin des Pailles and **every 4th Sunday at 11h30** at **Notre Dames des Anges Maison de Retraite**

We have a Bring and Share lunch afterwards. For details or directions **please contact** Rev Peter or Shirley Massey 04 94 73 93 37 or 06 87 94 04 83

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

You are very welcome to join us at **The Presbytery, 37 Rue Ste Brigitte, Montauroux**

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

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

[www.lorgueswithfayence.org](http://www.lorgueswithfayence.org)

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**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.

**25 March – Good Friday Service 11.00**

**27 March – Easter Sunday communion 10.30**

**3 April – Farewell service for Revd Keith Bretel 10.30**

**Grimaud Village Church**

**The monthly Ecumenical services will cease until further notice.**

**Last one 4 March 11h00.**

**27 March – Easter Sunday communion at Port Grimaud 17.00**

**Please ring** 07 80 55 20 36 **for details**

[www.sjevar.com](http://www.sjevar.com)

## British Association of the Var Reservation Slip

**When booking multiple events at the same time, please attach separate cheques for each booking in order to facilitate the banking procedures.**

### British Association of the Var Reservation Slip AGM and optional LUNCH in LE MUY

**16 March 2016**

**Venue: Les Jonquières, 1005 Bd de la Libération, 83490 Le Muy. 10.30**

Names of those attending	Apologies for absence	Lu nc	Member Y/N	Value €
				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
				N/A
			<b>Donation to BAV Welfare Fund</b>	
			<b>Total value of cheque enclosed</b>	

**Additional names overleaf      Please add contact details below as an acknowledgement will be issued.**

**Email address:**

**Phone No:**

**Please return this slip with your cheque made payable to BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF THE VAR**

**To: Kevin Bell,**

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### British Association of the Var Reservation Slip LUNCH AND ART GALLERIES IN DRAGUIGNAN

**€22 members, €24 non-members. 22 April 2016**

**Venue: MB2, 11 bd Jean Jaurès, 83300 Draguignan. 12 noon**

Names of those attending	Member Y/N	Value €
<b>Donation to BAV Welfare Fund</b>		
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