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AGM Report



The sixth AGM was held as last year, at Les Jonquières, Le Muy. Fifty-two members attended and there were 33 apologies and 35 proxy votes. Lorraine Strong's co-optation onto the committee was ratified and she will now undertake the role of Welfare organiser, ably assisted by Ann Mitchem who was re-elected to the committee. The following were also re-elected; Kevin Bell, John Lloyd, Michael Wharton and Rev. Peter Massey who has returned having served on a previous BA committee, before the founding of BAV. Norma Reed was elected as Auditor.

In his report the Chairman referred to the written report in the AGM papers. He thanked the committee who he considered to be a finely tuned machine "well oiled" and working well but getting older. The Chairman is not a committee member but is also working well having been reconditioned. He received a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting. Turning to activities, he mentioned the boule group as an example of what can be achieved when Members join together to enjoy themselves. To quote; "Starting with about 6 members a few years ago this has become a confirmed success with sometimes up to 30 playing. The group has become like a close knit family and volunteered to contribute prizes to the Vendange lunch raffle" There are of course other groups, such as painting and digital photography, that are also popular. More groups would be of benefit to members of the association.

Continuing his report he considered the financial highlight and the best attended event of the year was the Vendange lunch, which raised an amazing surplus of 3500€, and expressed his thanks to all those who assisted with the catering and sales of books and cards. He also thanked the Christmas card designers, Christine Long and Hilary Rost, mentioning that all the cards were sold at various events such as Shirley and Peter Rowson's Summer Soirée and the Grand Christmas lunch. These were both well attended. He then thanked Shirley Rowson, Newsletter editor and the new auditor, Norma Reed who was also thanked by the Treasurer for her professionalism. Both were presented, amongst much applause, with a bouquet of flowers.



In conclusion the Chairman said "We had an enjoyable and financially successful year, having maintained membership numbers, and have managed to deal with all welfare demands as necessary". He was sure that there were still those who think that the BAV is a social club, but declared "It is not, and is driven by the provision of welfare assistance. Welfare is therefore at the forefront of the Committee's thinking and remains our main priority". On behalf of the Committee he wished those present a very healthy year and looked forward to their continued support and attendance at events during the year. (Continued on Page 4)

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Forthcoming Events

Committee meeting
23 May

**Coffee morning & croquet at Nans-Les-Pins
plus lunch at Golf Club**
13 May

**Lunch & Quiz at Trout Lake
Entrecasteaux**
13 June

Summer Soirée in La Motte
30 June

Vendange Lunch in Lorgues
10 September

Lakeside Gourmet Lunch and Quiz

On Monday **13 June** at 12.00 we will be returning to an unusual venue for lunch at the **Trout Lake** about 3km west of Entrecasteaux towards Carcès, to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen. Members who have been before were impressed with the gourmet standard of the food served and the peaceful surroundings overlooking the trout lake. This will be followed by a quiz with a royal theme. Places are limited so please book as early as possible.

**Menu – 33€ members, 35€ non-members
+ 4€ for quiz**

Broillade aux cèpes et son gressin aux olives

Filet mignon sauce poivre vert et son légumes

3 fromages et son miel d'acacia

Une crêpe aux zestes d'orange et sa glace sanguine.

Vin et café

Directions

On the road towards Carcès to the south of the village. After 3 km there is a pronounced bend in the road to the left and a sign on the left saying "Etang du Peche", about 200m from Domaine Campagnaud. Follow this track for several hundred metres until the road opens out into a car park with the trout lake on the right.

Nans Les Pins - croquet and coffee

It's just not cricket - no! It's croquet! And now for something new to the BAV. **On 13 May** we are to go to pastures new at the home of Ian Taylor in Nans Les Pins and hold a very informal and fun croquet match and coffee morning. Coffee will be available (donations please) and there will be a fee of 3€ to enter the croquet competition. Lunch will be 27€ (29€ for non-members) including 1/4 litre of wine and 3 courses.

The morning will start at 10.30 with lunch at midday at Le Bistrot du Sens, Golf de Nans, 2664 Route de Brignoles, 83860 Nans Les Pins.

The address of the coffee morning is:-

xxxx
83860 Nans Les Pins

Directions are:- xxxx

Peter and Shirley Rowson invite you to join them for a

Summer Soirée & "Finger" Buffet with Boules Tournament

(beginners welcome)

18h00 – Thursday 30 June
10€ members, 12€ non-members

If possible, bring along your own boules if playing.

Books on sale weather permitting.

Directions will be given on request. Please bring a plate of "finger food", savoury or sweet.

Numbers limited to 60 - book early!

"What's On" Guide

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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

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

May 2016

1 May Draguignan, Temple Protestant. Concert and apéritif – Camerata Vocale. 18h00.

2 May Draguignan, cinema Chabran. Ballet film – La Bayadere. 14h00

4-8 May Ste Maxime, Promenade Simon Loriaère. Fest'italia. 10h00-21h00. 08 26 20 83 83

5 May La Garde Freinet, Salle des Fêtes. Rock concert. 21h00. €12. 04 94 56 04 93

5-6 May Fréjus, Espace Caquot. Dog Show.

5-16 May Fayence, Le Grand Jardin. Salon des Antiquaires. 8h00-17h00. €6. 04 94 76 11 11

6 May, Lorgues, Chapelle St Ferréol. Festival de Musique des Chapelles – string quartet. 20h30. €11. 06 60 90 17 23

6 May Fréjus, Eglise Sacre Coeur. Concert – Esterelenc choir plus Swedish choir. 20h30.

6 May St Tropez, cinema La Renaissance. Concert – piano. 18h30. 08 92 68 48 28

7 May Flayosc, Eglise. Concert – harp and cellos. 20h30. Free. 04 94 70 40 03

8 May Les Arcs, Chapelle St Pierre du Parage. Festival de Musique des Chapelles – Guitar and string quartet. 18h00. €11.

8 May Fréjus, cathedral. Organ recital. 16h00.

8 May Les Arcs, Café de la Tour. Thé Tango – Argentine tango lessons. Free. Optional lunch. 15h00-19h00. 04 94 73 30 56

8 May Entrecasteaux. Cricket match - Entrecasteaux v Beausoleil

9 May St Maximin-la-Ste-Baume, La Croisée des Arts. Jazz concert. 20h45. €15. 04 94 86 18 90

10 May St Raphaël, Palais de Congrès. Juggling circus. 20h00. €26.

13 May Grimaud, Eglise St Michel. Soirées Musicales de Grimaud - concert. €22. 04 94 55 43 83

14-15 May Les Arcs, Château Ste Roseline. Salon de la Rose et du Jardinage. 9h30-18h00. €4. 04 94 99 50 30

15 May Vidauban, place George Clemenceau. Classic car rally. 8h30-12.30. Free. 04 94 73 10 28

15 May Entrecasteaux. Cricket match - Entrecasteaux v Monte Carlo

16-18 May St Tropez, centre ville. Les Bravades de St Tropez. Military re-enactment.

21 May All towns. La Nuit Européenne des Musées. Museums open at night.

21 May Montauroux, Eglise. Missa Criolla – CAD Vocale. 17h30. €20. 04 94 47 75 90

21 May Entrecasteaux. Cricket match - Entrecasteaux v Geneva CC

22 May Plan de la Tour, centre ville. Fête de l'Ane. 9h00 onwards. 04 94 55 20 50

22 May Salernes, cinema. Opera film – Carmen (Bizet). 16h00. €12. 04 94 70 72 19

23 May Montauroux, cinema. Opera film – The Magic Flute (Mozart). 20h00. €20. 04 94 47 75 90

26 May Ste Maxime, cinema. Opera film – La Fille du Far-West (Puccini). 14h30 and 19h30

27 May All towns and villages. Fête des Voisins. Arrange a party with your neighbours – organising kits from Draguignan. 04 94 60 31 95

27 May St Tropez, centre ville. Rallye Megève St Tropez. Classic car rally. www.megevesttropez.com

27 May St Raphaël, Notre Dame de la Victoire. Concert – Esterelenc choir plus Czech choir. 20h30

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

27-28 May Ste Maxime, Esplanade Simon Loriaère. Garden Festival. 06 78 88 64 48

28-29 May Fréjus, centre ville. Fête de l'Ane.

28-29 May Les Arcs, Place de la Mairie. Model boat show. 04 94 47 58 66

29 May St Raphaël, Salle Félix Martin. Jazz concert – Kyle Eastwood. 20h30. €18.

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29 May St Tropez, Eglise. Organ recital. 17h00. Free.
08 92 68 48 28

29 May Cotignac, cinema. Opera film – La Fille du Far-
West (Puccini). 18h00. €13. 04 94 04 61 87

31 May Fréjus, Forum Theatre. 50th anniversary
concert – Esterelenc choir.

Chairman's Report

The AGM went ahead as scheduled on 16 March with 52 attending, giving a healthy surplus above the quorum of 10% of membership. Thank you to all of those of you who attended. The meeting went smoothly in all aspects with no controversy or difficulties arising.

As a result of this and the votes in favour of those to be elected on to the Committee I have decided to retain the Committee in their existing roles, with, as previously announced, Lorraine Strong taking over as Welfare Coordinator being supported by Ann who has remained on the committee. We are seeking ways in which we can be more pro-active in promoting the BAV's welfare services which may include advising doctors and hospitals of our services. If members have any further ideas please contact us.

On another subject, and thinking about John Collingwood's contribution to the BAV, I recall him spending many hours waiting at the CMU on behalf of welfare cases requesting Cartes Vitales or dealing with other matters. This made me appreciate that by virtue of the numerous articles in the newsletter we may have increased awareness about the French health system as we are, these days, rarely requested to help. In order to reinforce this I would comment that it is extremely sensible when living in France to hold a Carte Vitale which gives access to all of the French health services. This can be obtained through the CPAM or, in some cases, through the CMU which has offices around the Var. If you are self-employed this provision comes through the RSI.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the British Association of the Var: Richard and Gaille Doust from Lorgues, and Pauline Holloway from Villecroze.



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AGM Report

(continued from front cover)

The Treasurer gave his report thanking the previous treasurer, Lesley Honeywell for handing over the accounts in good shape. He then referred to his full report in the AGM papers. The overall financial situation was very healthy, as reflected in the cash and bank balances, and he considered this puts the association in an excellent position to handle whatever welfare demands are made. Income and expenditure showed a net surplus for 2015, with subscriptions up over 2014 and administration expenses, especially the address book and newsletter costs, down on last year. He said "Interest received was down again, reflecting the French and international reduction in rates and the likelihood is that this will continue for some long time". Reporting that advice was obtained from financial experts about putting some of the funds into higher returning investments, he had received advice that none were considered risk free for BAV. The accounts and the report were accepted. Ann Mitchem gave her final report after four years in the job and received a vote of thanks and much applause.

MEMBERS' GROUPS

The Azur Photography Group



At the end of April, the Group is planning to visit Parc Phoenix in Nice to capture some of the fabulous plants and animals on camera. We are following this with a look at software to create slide shows on your

computer, the tricky subject of sharpening photos and the experience of one of our members who is following a weekly photography course on line. Our regular photographic notes distributed to all members have included details of photo rescue programs, lists of websites worth following and photographic software for improving your photos.

One well-known bunch of software which used to cost over \$ 600 has now been issued as free software to anyone who is interested. Go to: <https://www.google.com/nikcollection> Contact me if you would like more information about the Group. xxxx@wanadoo.fr

Boules / Lunching / Golf Group



We are still currently playing in the mornings at 10.00. So please contact me if you wish to join us at:
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Painting Group

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All the way from Aussie land to play Croquet!

Marian, an occasional inhabitant of the Australian House in Cotignac, whose owners are joint BAV Members, will join us on 13 May in Nans-les-Pins. She asked how to play the game and then found there was a club on her door step in Australia.



Where is it?

Each month we will show a photograph of somewhere in the Var, some easier to spot than others, and we would like you tell us where it is on newsletter@baofthevar.com or 04 94 50 38 46. The first right answer received will get a mention the following month. April's location was Fréjus, which NOBODY spotted!



Ian Mackintosh

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Ian Mackintosh on 16 March at age 71. Ian was a member of many groups including cricket, painting, music, and gardening as well as being a dedicated member of the BAV and a former Committee member. He and Pam attended most BAV functions as well as the NN coffee mornings, and we send her our condolences.

Draguignan Prison

Permission has finally been granted for the demolition of the former prison in Draguignan town centre, six years after the flooding which caused its closure. The first stage will be to remove the asbestos, then demolition will start next year. Meanwhile, the new prison on the road from Draguignan to Lorgues is growing daily.

**British Association of the
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John Collingwood

John was a man of many parts. He was a sailor with a distinguished war record recently acknowledged by the award of Chevalier de Legion d'Honneur by the French state for his part in the minesweeping of the coastal area prior to the Allied landing in the south of France in August 1944. The honour was due to be presented to him at the victory in Europe service of May 8th. He was a pillar of the French community in Draguignan and helped those Brits in the Var who had run into difficulties.

Born in 1925, John had an unhappy childhood which he was reluctant to discuss. He attended public school at Downside, Somerset which he disliked and when he was 17 volunteered for the Royal Navy. He saw service with the R.N Patrol Service in many theatres of war mainly with the dangerous job of minesweeping and later became one of the Navy's first specialist radar operators. After the war he started a successful engineering business in London, moving to southern France in the 1970's.

Before moving to the Var in 1997, John lived in Menton with his third wife Pat, who he had met when living in Monaco where he was working as a maritime insurance assessor. Pat, who as Patricia Burke had been a star of stage and screen, sadly suffered a stroke soon after the couple moved to Ampus. John cared for her in every way. One example- using his engineering skills to adapt their camping car to accommodate Pat's wheelchair. Sadly, Pat died in 2004.

His naval service left an indelible mark on him. He once told me of his anguish when he rescued a young sailor from a torpedoed tanker. Shortly afterwards the young man died in John's arms. Those who never came back from the sea were never far from his thoughts. He was thrilled to be taken to visit the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle at Toulon in 2014, where he met President Hollande as part of the 70th commemoration of the Fréjus landings of 1944.

In the French community of the Var he was an enthusiastic member of two choirs. He worked for the *Croix Rouge* and the *Secours Catholique*. Until a few years ago he was a helper at the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Helping others was the theme of John's life, so when I met him through assisting one of the British Association's first welfare cases in 1999, he was a natural for helping with the BA's welfare work. He joined the BA committee where his encyclopaedic knowledge of the French Social Security system was



John with Elaine Bowler, BA's third Welfare Officer

invaluable and he was on first name terms with its officials. He became an irreplaceable assistant to successive welfare officers. Likewise, a staunch supporter of the Royal British Legion, he hardly ever missed Remembrance parade in Draguignan where he was well known to the other *anciens combattants*.

Sadly, he spent most of the last twelve months in hospital but he never once complained about his problems. His passing will leave a void in the community of the Var.
Selwyn Glick

Tax declaration dates released

This year's income tax declaration dates have now been released and are earlier than ever.

The dates are similar to 2015's but the trend continues for them to move earlier in the calendar, though just by a day or two this time. The main declaration date for everyone declaring by paper forms – including non-residents - will be May 18 at midnight, whereas internet declarations in the Var – and for non-residents - can be made up to 7 June. The online declaration service is available at www.impots.gouv.fr.

For full information on how to make your declarations this year, the Connexion Newspaper's 2016 French Tax Forms guide is now available as a PDF download (or plus p&p as a printed version posted out) €9.50. See: www.connexionfrance.com "Helpguides". Remember that those whose last *revenu fiscal de référence* (net taxable income, as shown on the income tax assessment) was €40,000 are required to declare online this year if they have internet access.

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

Châteaux de la Verdrière

Built in 980 for the Castellane family, the Verdrière fortress controlled the route from Arles to Castellane, dominating the region of Mont Ventoux and the Lubéron as far as the Sainte-Baume and Sainte-Victoire mountains.



Its current layout is due to Louis-Roch de Forbin d'Oppède who took it on in 1756 and made it one of the most sumptuous dwellings in

Provence, complete with plaster mouldings of the highest quality. En route for Paris in 1789 he died of sorrow on hearing that the local people had

wrecked the castle and its valuable contents. At the Restoration the castle was renovated and protected by walls and railings. It was briefly occupied



by the army in 1848, housing 800 men and two cannons from that area exist today. At the end of the Second World War the castle was added to a supplementary list of Monuments Historiques, receiving official listing in 1986. During the following years the state of decay was often brought to the attention of the Minister of Culture and compulsory purchase was considered.

In 1985 the last Marquis gave the castle to antique dealers in Aix-en-Provence who stripped it of valuables and sold it on to another dealer. It was then left to deteriorate, becoming open to the elements in parts, and the exquisite plasterwork



was destroyed. Finally, in 2003, the new owner Frédéric Champavère embarked on a daunting restoration project which was to take seven years, in collaboration with Monuments Historiques. It has 365 doors and windows and a floor space of 5000m².

Open to the public from 16 June to 15 August 2015. Guided visits every day except Monday at 14h00, 16h00, 18h00. €10.

Candlelit visits on Fridays and Saturdays at 21h00, followed by a cocktail. €20

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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.

Hotel and restaurant L'Orée du Bois, Quartier Ste Roseline, Le Muy. 04 98 11 12 40. Free coffee or tea with meal.

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Brexit: expats launch High Court action that could delay referendum



Expats say their rights on issues including freedom of movement, health care and pensions are at stake, yet they get no say in the decision. Britons living in Europe

who feel betrayed by Government's failure to reinstate their voting rights ahead of the referendum have launched legal action to win the right to participate. If successful, the High Court proceedings could see the In/Out vote, scheduled for June 23, delayed while up to two million extra names are added to the register of voters. "We will take any steps necessary to get the vote," said Harry Shindler, 94, a veteran of the Second World War who lives in Italy and is named on the legal action. "It is quite undemocratic and we have tried everything – I've written to the Prime Minister, it's been raised in the House of Commons, to no avail. The only thing to do now is go to a court of law. It might well delay the referendum if we're successful but it doesn't have to. There are cases where legislation has been fast-tracked through Parliament in a few days.

At present, the so-called '15-year rule' prevents up to four million long-term expats, around half of whom live in Europe, from participating in UK elections. The Conservatives pledged in their 2015 manifesto to get rid of the rule, but the promised Votes for Life Bill has yet to materialise, despite pressure from campaigners. Now expats represented by London law firm Leigh Day will issue urgent judicial review proceedings in the High Court on Wednesday in a bid to force the Government's hand over the issue. They will argue that the EU Referendum Act – which excludes those who fall under the 15-year rule – breaches their rights under European law. Richard Stein, a lawyer from Leigh Day, said: "Our clients are being penalised for exercising their EU free movement rights. The EU Referendum Act 2015 is said to be based on legislation for UK parliamentary general elections. But it gives a vote in the referendum to members of the House of Lords, as well as to Irish and Commonwealth citizens who are resident in Gibraltar. None of these are allowed to vote in UK general elections. The people it arbitrarily excludes are those UK citizens who are among those most likely to be affected by the decision taken by voters in this referendum."

Mr Stein said Brexit could affect expats on issues including health care and pension rights. "Not to allow them to vote on the decision whether the UK remains part of the EU is unlawful and we have asked the court to deal with the issues urgently so that the act can be amended before the June date, to include all UK citizens residing in the EU for however long," he said. Mr Stein expects the court to give a decision by the third week of April.

A Cabinet Office spokesman said: "The franchise for the EU referendum was debated, considered and agreed by both Houses of Parliament and is set out in legislation. Scrapping the 15-year rule for overseas electors is a manifesto pledge which the Government remains committed to delivering. It is not connected to the referendum."

Who is Harry Shindler, the nonagenarian who could delay the referendum? Harry Shindler MBE, a veteran of the allied landings at Anzio and the liberation of Rome during the Second World War, has tirelessly campaigned for a decade to have UK voting rights restored to British expats. The 94-year-old argues that they should be able to participate in decisions potentially affecting their pensions, health care and freedom of movement, no matter how long they have been out of the country for. He said: "Giving us the vote back costs the Government nothing. When the EU was set up we were told we could go and live anywhere we wanted and work across Europe. No one told us we'd also lose the right to vote." The so-called '15-year rule,' passed while Labour was in power under Tony Blair, means that those out of the country for more than that amount of time are blocked from the electoral register. But Mr Shindler, who met his late wife, Ida, in Italy when he was serving with the British Army, wants expats to be able to register in the last UK constituency they lived in. "Many of the chaps affected by this are ex-servicemen like me," he has noted. Two years ago, the EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding praised him as a "remarkable" man who has "lost his voice in the nation for which he fought".

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

Cabasse, Carces, Correns, Cotignac and Le Val

We will meet on the **last Friday in May** at 10.30h - place to be notified.

Contact Michael at: Michael Wharton
xxxx xxxxx@cam.ac.uk

Les Arcs, Lorgues, Taradeau & Vidauban

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

xxxxx@gmail.com

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

xxxx xxxxx@hotmail.com

La Motte and Le Muy

La Motte/Le Muy Neighbourhood Network - We plan next month's get together for **Thursday 12 May**, same time, same place – Bar des Cascades, La Motte, 10am. All are always welcome. Please note **change of day** due to BAV event on the Friday.

Shirley Rowson xxxx,

xxxxx@gmail.com

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 xxxx@aol.com

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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, **19 May** 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

xxxx xxxx@wanadoo.fr

Congregation of the Ascension MONTAURoux

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

You are very welcome to join us.

We are meeting on the **1st May at 11h00** for a service and Baptism at 106 Chemin Font de Cade Route de Tournon **Montauroux**

and Sunday 15th at 11h00

124 Chemin des Esclapieres **Montauroux** for a Family Service

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

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

Holy Communion is held

every Sunday at 10h30

followed by refreshments and a monthly lunch.

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Grimaud Village Church

The monthly Ecumenical services will cease until further notice.

Please ring 07 80 55 20 36 for details

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

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

