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## Salernes visit

Following on from the walking 'treasure hunts' in Villecroze and Barjols in the last couple of years we, this



year, descended upon Salernes. Gillian Dyer had kindly agreed to set the challenge and we all went, with plan and questions in hand, on a one and a half hour tour of the village including the old village where we were looking for inscriptions, dates and other features. We were pleasantly enlightened as to the extent and facilities of Salernes. Among other things we did however learn not to urinate outside the oil cooperative (from the sign, not experience) which would give rise to a verbal warning! The presentation was made following the tour with The 2 Peters (comprising Peter and Shirley Rowson and Peter and Gill Clarke) being the winners.



This was followed by a lengthy (not of our doing) but very tasty and enjoyable meal comprising couscous or tagine at the Moroccan restaurant L'Etoile du Sud. The delay in service was regrettable as the food was delicious and plentiful and extremely good value.



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## Forthcoming Events

**Hog Roast in Cotignac**

**16 May**

**Tour of Draguignan and lunch**

**7 June**

**Woodturning and lunch in Aiguines**

**13 June**

**Summer soirée in Villecroze**

**12 July**

**Vendange Lunch in Carces**

**7 September**

**Bookings should not be regarded as confirmed unless you receive a confirmation from Peter Holdway, Events Coordinator.**

## Hog Roast Luncheon at Le Grives

**4813 Chemin le Grives,**

**83570 Cotignac**

**on 16 May at 12 noon.**

**25€ members, 27€ non-members.**



Menu Aperitif, Hog Roast on the Spit with potato and green beans, dessert and wine/soft drink

**Directions:** From Sillans la Cascade just before entering Cotignac turn right direction Barjols-Fox Amphoux. If coming through the village of Cotignac turn left direction Barjols- Fox Amphoux. After 700m turn left (which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lane . The first one goes to Saint Martin) direction Monastère Saint Joseph. After 1100m turn right 1st junction (small sign indicating : N87). The lane becomes a track. After 200m you will arrive at « Les Grives » which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left. If you have any problems you may call the following number : + 33 (0)494 777 027. If you have a GPS key in « chemin des Blétonèdes - 83570 Cotignac » because Chemin des Grives doesn't exist on GPS.

## Vendange Lunch

Following the success of last year we will again be at **Château St Croix** in **Carces**. Starting with a Dégustation at 11.00, lunch will be a choice of:

Valentines de volaille au foie gras

or

Dos de saumon en tartare et gravalax  
crème yuzu

Merlu roti risotto au vieux parmesan  
écumé citron vert

or

Pave de Veau pommes de terre  
fondantes sauce poivre

Assiette trois fromage

or

Tarte Tatin aux pommes  
glace caramel

It will include half a bottle of wine  
per person and coffee.

The cost will be €35 for members and  
€37 for non-members

Rob and Esther Flanagan  
invite you to a

## Summer Soirée with Bring and Share

**18h00- Friday 12 July**

**10€ members,**

**12€ non-members**

Please indicate on the booking  
form if you are bringing savoury  
or sweet.

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request and please bring your  
own crockery, cutlery and  
glasses.

La Tuilerie, 750 Route de  
Salernes, 83690 Villecroze.  
04 94 47 22 58

## 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)

Chabran Theatre, Draguignan: 04 83 08 30 30  
[www.culture-dracenie.com](http://www.culture-dracenie.com)

Forum Theatre, Fréjus and Centre Culturel, St Raphaël: 04 94 95 55 55 [www.aggloscenes.com](http://www.aggloscenes.com)

### May 2019

**16 Apr-4 May St Raphaël**, Centre Culturel. Exhibition: "Les Anglais à Valescure". Every day. Free. 04 98 11 89 00

**1 May Lorgues**, Chapelle St Ferréol. Festival de la Musique des Chapelles – Lyric soprano. 16h00. 11€. 06 60 90 17 23

**3 May St Maxmin-la-Ste-Baume**, La Croisée des Arts. Concert – 60s and 70s music. 21h00. 25€. 04 94 86 18 90

**4 May Trans-en-Provence**, Eglise St Victor. Concert – Dvorak "Stabat Mater". 20h30. 20€. 06 09 14 18 53

**4-13 May Fayence**, Le Grand Jardin. Salon d'Antiquaires. 10h00-19h00. 04 94 76 11 11

**4 May Seillans**, centre ville. Festival of Provençal music. 11h00-12h00, 14h00-16h00. Free. 04 94 50 45 57

**5 May Toulon**, centre ville. Formula 1 Roadshow.  
**5 May Lorgues**, Château de Berne/ Festival Food Truck. 10h00-18h00.

**5 May Cotignac**, cinema. Ballet film – Le Palais de Crystal (Bizet). 18h00. 17€. 04 94 04 61 87

**5 May, Ste Maxime**, Eglise. Festival de la Musique des Chapelles – Spanish music. 20h30. 11€. 06 60 90 17 23

**9 May Brignoles**, centre ville. Formula 1 Roadshow

**10 May, Les Arcs**, Chapelle Ste Roseline. Festival de la Musique des Chapelles – Fauré Requiem. 19h30. 11€. 06 60 90 17 23

**10-12 May St Raphaël**, Palais du Congrès. Salon Bien Etre et Nature. 04 94 19 84 19

**11 May Montauroux**, cinema. Opera film – Les Dialogues des Carmélites (Poulenc). 18h00

**11 May Le Londe des Maures**, centre ville. Formula 1 Roadshow.

**12 May Cotignac**, Eglise. Concert – organ and brass. 16h00. Free. 04 94 04 61 87

**12 May Cotignac**, cinema. Opera film – Les Puritains (Bellini). 18h00. 17€. 04 94 04 61 87

**12 May St Raphaël**, Beau Rivage. Formula 1 Roadshow. Free.

**12 May Vidauban**, Place Georges Clemenceau. Classic car show. 9h00. 04 94 73 08 75

**12 May Flayosc**, Eglise. CAD Vocale concert – Magnificat. 16h30

**14 May Draguignan**, Eglise St Michel. Festival Play Bach – Camerata Vocale. 21h00. 04 94 84 54 34

**15 May, Les Arcs**, Chez Pat Toohey, La Magdeleine, 83460 Les Arcs. 06 60 73 29 48. Travelling Book Swap with coffee and biscuits. 10h00-12h00. Email Mim Kay for exact directions or follow the balloons! [mimi4opp@gmail.com](mailto:mimi4opp@gmail.com) or ring 04 94 04 78 94. Please note: NO DOGS.

**16 May Draguignan**, Chapelle de l'Observance. Festival Play Bach – chants lyriques. 20h00. 04 94 84 54 34

**17 May Seillans**, Salle Polyvalente. Concert "L'Entente Cordiale" – string quartet. 19h00. 10€. 06 75 20 71 88

**17 May Grimaud**, Eglise St Michel. Les Soirées Musicales – Organ duets. 21h00. 25€. 04 94 55 43 83

**18 May Les Arcs**, Auditorium Oiseau Lyre, Collège Jacques Prévert, Les Arcs near Hyper U. L'Indépendante Wind Band Concert with music from well-known musical comedies. 20h30. Free. Information in English: [jones.sue@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jones.sue@wanadoo.fr) 04 94 67 12 51.

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**18 May St Maximin-la-Ste Baume.** La Croisée des Arts. Concert – Les Mots du Coeur. 21h00. 12€. 04 94 86 18 90

**18 May Callian,** Chapelle des Penitents. Concert "L'Entente Cordiale" – string quartet. 19h00. 10€. 06 75 20 71 88

**18 May All towns.** European Night of the Museum – free entry.

**18-19 May Fréjus,** centre ville. Foire des Anes.

**19 May Draguignan,** Chapelle de l'Observance. Festival Play Bach – Opera, jazz, blues. 21h00. 04 94 84 54 34

**19 May Cotignac,** cinema. Opera film – The Force of Destiny (Verdi). 18h00. 17€. 04 94 04 61 87

**19 May Lorgues,** Château de Berne. Classic car rally. 10h00-19h00

**19 May St Raphaël,** St John's Church, av Paul Doumer. Concert by Big Blaze Chorus – pop and light music. 18h00. 10€. 04 94 50 38 46

**19 May Montauroux,** cinema. Ballet film – Carmen Suite (Bizet/Shchedrin) and Petrouchka (Stravinsky). 17h00

**22-26 May St Raphaël,** Office de Tourisme. Fête de la Nature. Free. 04 94 19 52 52

**23-26 May St Raphaël,** Promenade des Bains. L'Italie à Table. Free. 04 94 19 52 52

**24 May Everywhere.** La Fête des Voisins. Organise your own neighbourhood party.

**25 May Bagnols-en-Forêt,** Eglise. Festival François Poulenc. 20h30. Free. 06 88 64 11 34

**26 May St Paul-en-Forêt,** Eglise. Festival François Poulenc. 16h00. Free. 06 88 64 11 34

**30 May Lorgues,** Château de Berne. Journée Nature et Bien Etre. 10h00-19h00

**30-31 May, 1 Jun Mougins School,** av Dr Maurice Donat. Riviera Amateur Dramatic Association presents 'The Thankful Village' by Kate Bramley (a first World War comedy drama with songs from the era.) 20h00. 12€ inc drink. Details from [chrissiewilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissiewilliams@hotmail.com)

**31 May St Maximin-la-Ste-Baume,** Basilique. Concert – Dvorak "Requiem". 20h30. 15€. 06 81 17 73 33

**31 May Les Arcs,** Café de la Tour, 35 bd Gambetta. Fish and chips English or French style (batter or butter) 13,50€ or 19,50 with café gourmand. 2 sittings 12.00 or 12.30. Reservations necessary by previous Monday on 04 94 73 30 56. More details from [jim.north@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jim.north@wanadoo.fr)

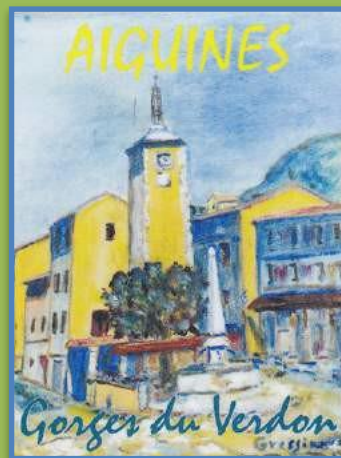
## New Members

We welcome the following new members to the British Association of the Var: Neville and Martine Davis from Gareoult; Helen and Alan Rolf from Roquebrune-sur-Argens.

## Wood-turning in Aiguines

On 13 June a visit to Aiguines near the Gorges de Verdon is proposed, to the woodturning museum and the International school of woodturning, both of which are

very interesting and interactive. Lunch is booked at Altitude 823 for three courses, to be chosen by guests before the visit, including wine and coffee for 32,50€ for members and 35 € for non-members. You can choose your courses from both menus, which are:



### Menu 1

Melon/jambon

Pavé de saumon au beurre blanc, riz pilaf et légumes de saison  
Tarte maison

### Menu 2

Carpaccio de tomates au pistou

Blanc de poulet poché sauce suprême, riz pilaf et légumes de saison  
Salade de fruits

75 cl de vin/4personnes et café compris

Depending on numbers (limited to 30 people) it is hoped to split the group in half and each visit the museum and school in the morning and alternate the groups in the afternoon, with lunch at around 12.00. There will also be a map of the village available showing other points of interest.

Suggest meeting at 10.00 at John and Tonie's, 49 Chemin de Cade, 83630 Aups and car-share for the 25 minute journey to Aiguines.

## 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
Out of hours pharmacy	<a href="http://www.3237.fr">www.3237.fr</a>

## MEMBERS' GROUPS

### The Azur Photography Group

Those who were unable to be with us on 9th April missed a superb presentation of "Street Photography"! Eamonn showed us some examples of photos by a few of his favourite SP's and then a wide selection of his own photos. He talked us through all the photos explaining what made each one and how the photographer had "caught the moment". Most photos were shot in Paris with a good sprinkling from Callian.

Personally, I have never been interested in "doing" SP, but I feel so inspired by Eamonn's tutorial that I now plan to try my hand when we are in Paris for a few days at the end of the month. On behalf of all who were there, I thank Eamonn for a most



enjoyable and instructive morning.

Following the tutorial, we looked at the photos taken during our trip to Aix-en-Provence. As usual the different approaches to the same scenes were both informative and interesting Alastair ROSS [alastair.ross@wanadoo.fr](mailto:alastair.ross@wanadoo.fr). 04 94 76 17 70

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### 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 [robertmflanagan@hotmail.com](mailto:robertmflanagan@hotmail.com)

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### Golf group



There has been one match recently with four of the group and for a second time, this was down on the coast at Beauvallon. The easier venue of Salernes was tried to encourage some of those still learning but sadly no-one

came forward. 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 [blake.long@btinternet.com](mailto:blake.long@btinternet.com)

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## Chairman's Report

The AGM is thankfully now behind us but gave an opportunity for an interesting debate concerning expansion of our welfare activities. As stated by Pauline, our Welfare Coordinator, we work actively with Riviera Lifeline, the Bereavement Support Network and the Ark, not least to ensure that we do not duplicate activities and support.

We did agree at the AGM that we would keep members apprised of donations to other Associations and I therefore now report that we have, for an initial year, agreed to donate 625€ per quarter to the Ark, a 1901 Association based in Lorgues, which provides longer term care and support to individuals than we can offer. The Ark is complimentary to the activities of the BAV as we are primarily focused on short term assistance and financial assistance rather than long term care and visiting. Regular meetings are held with the Ark in order to ensure that we are apprised of the welfare cases dealt with and in order to ensure appropriate and satisfactory use of the funds.

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### Annual reminder about dealing with palm weevils

According to a law of 21 July 2010, the fight against the red palm weevil is obligatory throughout the area, as these insects are killing palms at an alarming rate.

The first signs are brown marks on the new growth and for private owners with small palms a product can be bought from garden centres which, if used annually, will keep them at bay. If not treated, your palm trees will infect your neighbours', and vice versa. Since 2016, the organisation Cavem has initiated a collective mass control action against the palm weevil, mobilising public and private owners. The whole of the Cavem area being declared contaminated, municipal decrees apply to all five Member communes to remind the owners of their obligations. They risk a 45€ fine for non-compliance. These communes are Fréjus, St Raphaël, Les Adrets, Puget-sur-Argens and Roquebrune-sur-Argens.



By the end of 2018 Cavem had placed 550 traps for the red weevils, half in private and the other half on public areas. About 2,700 owners adhered to the plan proposed by Cavem and about 5,300 palms had been treated. Financed by Cavem, the treatment of a palm tree will cost 72 euros per year. Cavem environment service technicians can be contacted by private owners on the toll-free number: 0800 10 40 11 (calling from a landline).

## French Citizenship



I am in the process of applying for French Citizenship, or naturalisation, and thought you may be interested in my progress in case you are on the same road, or considering it. I decided to do this because we want to stay in France at all costs, whatever the politicians decide, and getting a French passport seemed a good way of doing this. I do not have to give up my British nationality.

The journey started 2 years ago with an application to the Préfecture at Nice to send a list of the required documents. This varies between regions so the government list online is not accurate. It is similar to the list for the Carte de Séjour, but more so. For instance, my parents' birth and death certificates were required, but thankfully not as an accredited translation. I also had to list all the addresses I had lived at and my places of work from the age of 16. You can imagine the rest. One of the main requirements is a good standard of spoken French, similar to the UK A level. If you are under 60 you have to produce a certificate to prove this, which may involve sitting an exam in France, but if over 60 this is not required. However, you have to be able

to converse freely with the interviewer about everyday topics. Sadly my husband decided he could not attain to these dizzy heights, so I carried on alone. There is also a booklet called the "Livret du Citoyen" about French life, history, politics, and culture which you are supposed to read and digest – this is a nightmare for one who is not interested in history or politics and became the "elephant in the room" as I tried to memorise parts of it, but preferred to leave it well alone.

Finally I received notice of my interview at the Préfecture in March this year, and because it was so long since my initial application all the financial documents had to be re-submitted with current totals. I also had to write a letter on behalf of my husband saying why he did not want to apply for citizenship. We arrived early, before the doors were open at 9am, and queued with hordes of other people. When the doors opened it was like the first day of the sales as everyone surged in. Those who knew their destination went straight to their queue and the others milled around until they found the relevant signs. As I had an interview booked, there was no queue but I sat with others while we waited to be called. There were five interviewers on duty, with a new candidate every half hour.

When it was my turn I followed the interviewer to a small office where my huge dossier was waiting on the desk. He seemed keen to put me at my ease and was quite laid-back, making jokes along the way. He asked me where I was born and where I had lived until I came to France, then if I had studied French before I came. He asked about our daughter in the UK and how often we visited her. Then came the question I knew would crop up – what associations did I belong to? This is to check how assimilated you are into French culture so although mine mainly involve other Brits (the British Association Newsletter add the Anglican



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### The Bereavement Support Network of the Var (BSN)

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Church in St Raphaël) I stressed the parts of this voluntary work that involved contact with French people and he seemed satisfied. He then asked why I wanted to take on French nationality. You need to have a couple of good phrases for this – memorised if necessary, as it is important. I used the fact that we had lived here for twenty years and felt at home here. He then skated over the “Liberté, Egalité and Fraternité” bit as if it was a given that I knew about them and asked none of the difficult questions about life in France that I had been expecting! He was inputting all these answers into the computer and was using the prompts on screen for his questions, but it seemed as if he was just ticking the boxes and that my dossier had been approved already. However, in a recent article in the “Connexion” newspaper, a lady in Bordeaux shared her experience of the procedure and she was asked many questions about history and politics from the “Livret du Citoyen” so it seems that Nice is a good place to be interviewed.

The interview ended with a letter to prove I had been there, and the news that I had to wait another 7-8 months for the official approval, and an invitation to the awards ceremony at the Sous-Préfecture in Draguignan. All in all, not too nerve-racking. However, it is better if you converse and try to keep things light during the interview, rather than just answering the questions with the bare minimum like a rabbit in the headlights. I can imagine that doing this job all day, asking the same questions, must be tedious so candidates who show some personality make a change to their routine.

Editor

## Event Booking

We hope you have been enjoying BAV events and the opportunity to meet with other members. We appreciate your support and the more people that attend an event the more enjoyable it tends to be. However, with more people comes more organisation, and we would therefore ask all members to follow the following simple guidelines:

- 1) When completing a booking form please include your email address so that your booking can be confirmed - if you do not receive confirmation then your booking may not have been received.
- 2) Even if paying by virement then please still complete the booking form and send it to the Events Secretary.
- 3) Book as soon as you decide you would like to attend an event as numbers are often limited, and remember that cheques are not banked until the week of an event.

Recently we have had several examples of people not following these guidelines and, for example, at the recent AGM the venue kindly agreed to supply 4 meals more than we had originally booked, to avoid an issue. So please help us to help our venues by following these simple guidelines, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event.

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## Patricia Poisson

Patricia, who is in her 90s, has been a member of the BAV for many years, but due to failing health she has not been an active member for some time. Most recently she has been in an assisted living facility in Fréjus, but still keeping contact with her friends at St John's Church. However, she is now at the stage where she needs more support and her family have moved her to a nursing home near them in the Paris area. We thank her for her support of the BAV over the years and wish her well in her new surroundings.



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## Voting in the European Parliament elections

As things stand British people are once again eligible to vote in the upcoming European Parliament elections – and those living in France less than 15 years can choose in which country they vote. With Brexit having been put back to October 31 - but with a 'flexible' possibility of the UK leaving before if the deal is signed off - the country is set take part in the elections again next month. It means Britons in France will still be considered EU citizens and therefore should be eligible to vote in France.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the UK as an overseas voter but you have been in France less than 15 years and were previously on the electoral list in a UK constituency before leaving, you have until May 7 to register to vote at the latest. The best way is online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote). You should however do it as soon as possible and do not forget to also apply for a postal or proxy vote if you cannot vote in person in your old UK constituency.

If you have previously been registered as an overseas voter, you need to have kept up to date with annual renewals for this not to lapse. If you have previously asked for a 'permanent' choice of voting method this may also still be in place without doing anything, but it is best to check by telephoning the relevant local council and speaking to the elections service. The alternative to voting in the UK (on May 23) – and you cannot legally do both – is to vote in France (on May 26) if you are registered here. If you voted at the last European elections in 2014 and have not moved then you should be still eligible to vote in France this time. You may receive a new carte électorale in the post. New ones are sent out every few years and some mairies are getting new ones ready at present. Note that if you have moved house since and did not register the change of address, you will not now be able to vote if you changed commune. If however you are still in the same commune you may still be registered at your old address, so check with the mairie. If you remain on the lists you can vote in person with your voting card or identity document (passport). There is nonetheless a risk of them removing you from the lists if the address is out of date, so speak to them as a priority if you wish to vote.

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### Quotes

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

**P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian**

## French Conversation Classes

Hello to all BAV members,

An advanced French Conversation class is being offered by an existing BAV member, who is fluent in French. It is in everyday, colloquial, spoken and written French for those who want to improve on their existing knowledge of the language to communicate with French people on a daily basis. A €2.00 contribution per session and per person will cover the cost of offering tea, coffee and biscuits at the end of each class. This is a non-profit exercise that flows from the ethos of the BAV as a charitable organisation.

As the classes will be held at my house in Cotignac, those who live in its vicinity might find it easier, but the offer is open to everyone, of course. Up to taking my retirement, I was holding, via the U3A in UK (University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age) regular classes twice a month. I thought this could be a good occupation for me when I am in France to benefit my fellow BAV members.

If you are keen to join such a group, which will meet twice a month, can you let me know of your interest. The classes will start if I have enough adherents at a date to be agreed. My contact details are: Pierre Haddad, email: [pierre.haddad@wanadoo.fr](mailto:pierre.haddad@wanadoo.fr). I am listed in the BAV 2019 directory (where my UK mobile is no longer active). Please give me name(s) and full contact details by return. I will be more than happy to answer any question you have about this venture. Thank you for your interest.

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## Income tax declaration

Despite the start of tax-at-source (prélèvement à la source) in January this year, you still have to submit your tax forms as usual, and this must be done on line. The cut-off date for the Var is 6 June. If you are unsure about the procedure, the "Connexion" newspaper has produced a valuable help guide for Britons living in France – see [www.connexionfrance.com](http://www.connexionfrance.com) for details.

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## Formula 1 Roadshow in the Var

A hundred days before the French Grand Prix that will take place on the 23 June at the circuit Paul-Ricard at Le Castellet, the "Roadshow F1" will be in the Var in Toulon on 5 May, Brignoles on 9 May, La Londe-Les-Maures on 11 May and Saint-Raphaël on 12

May. It will transform the heart of towns and villages into race circuits, with demonstrations of the Renault F1 E20 and the Renault sport

R.S. 01. During this time, free "F1 villages" will be open, offering many attractions such as Formula 1 simulators in virtual reality. Meetings with drivers Daniel Ricciardo, Nico Hülkenberg, Sergey Sirotkin and other motorsports personalities are also planned. This tour will end with a sound and light show on the seafront of Saint-Raphaël on May 12th.



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### Desperate to Stop?

call **Alcoholics Anonymous**

24 hour helpline –

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

## Processionary caterpillars

Our annual warning about dangerous pine processionary caterpillars (known in French as chenilles

processionnaires) which have begun to be seen in France already this year, due to warm weather over the past weeks. The caterpillars have nests in the trees, which can often look like cotton wool.

They will often crawl down the trunks in a "processionary" line (hence their name), and reach the ground, often to find a sunnier place to rest. One line can include hundreds of caterpillars. It is here that they pose a danger to humans and pets, as the little "hairs" on the outside of their bodies can be an extreme irritant. Their hairs can be picked up and spread by the wind, and can cause intense itching, rashes, and sharp skin flare-ups. They can also irritate eyes. They can also damage the trees, as the caterpillars devour pine needles.

The insects were first seen in southern areas of France, but in recent decades have moved further north as average temperatures have risen. The caterpillars are notoriously difficult to get rid of or avoid. Methods include traps, spraying the caterpillars and trees with special pheromones, or using natural insecticide as a last resort. You can also request a specialised pest control through your local Mairie, among other natural methods.

### 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.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

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

We shall return to Carces for our next gathering at the usual time 10.30 on **Friday 31 May**. Café opposite the Church.

Contact: [Michael Wharton](mailto:Michael Wharton) 07 61 30 17 16

[mjw57@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mjw57@cam.ac.uk)

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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](mailto:Ann & Maurice Mitchem) 04 94 70 74 55

[mamitchem@hotmail.com](mailto:mamitchem@hotmail.com)

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### La Motte and Le Muy

We will meet on **Thursday 9 May** at the Bar des Cascades, La Motte, from 10am to 12 noon.

[Shirley Rowson](mailto:Shirley Rowson) 04 94 50 38 46

[peterandshirley.rowson@gmail.com](mailto:peterandshirley.rowson@gmail.com)

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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](mailto:Richard Tolaini) [tolaini83@aol.com](mailto:tolaini83@aol.com)

04 94 96 94 77 or 06 69 08 97 47

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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 16 May** 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](mailto:Diana Andre de la Porte) 04 94 86 59 02

[adlp.diana@wanadoo.fr](mailto:adlp.diana@wanadoo.fr)

### St John's for the Var St John the Evangelist

#### Ave Paul Doumer, St Raphael

19 May Big Blaze Chorus concert 18.00  
Ring for details.

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](http://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**

Ascension Day Picnic with communion  
with Bishop Robert. 30 May 10.45am

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

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**

## Committee Meetings

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](mailto: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

**HOG ROAST. 16 May**

**25€ members, 27€ non-members**

**Venue: Le Grives, 4813 Chemin le Grives 83570 Cotignac . 12.00**

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

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

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### British Association of the Var Reservation Slip

**DRAGUIGNAN TOUR AND LUNCH 7 June**

**27,50€ members, 30€ non-members (if available)**

**Venue for tour: Café des 2L, Place René Cassin, 83300 Draguignan 10.00**

**Venue for lunch: Restaurant 1000 Colannes, 2 Place aux Herbes, 83300 Draguignan 12.00**

Names of those attending	Terrine	Tomato/ mozzarella	Daurade	Poulet	Cake au citron	Salade de fruits	Member Y/N	Value €
<b>**FULLY BOOKED**</b>								
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**WOODTURNING AND LUNCH IN AIGUINES 13 June**

**33,50€ members, 35€ non-members Limited to 30**

**Venue: Meet at John and Tonie's, 49 Chemin de Cade, 83630 Aups at 10am to car share**

Names of those attending	Melon/ ham	Tomato au pistou	Saumon	Poulet	Tarte maison	Salade de fruits	Member Y/N	Value €
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**British Association of the Var Reservation Slip**  
**SUMMER SOIREE WITH BRING AND SHARE 12 July**  
**10€ members, 12€ non-members**

**Venue: Chez Flanagan, La Tuilerie, 750 Route de Salernes, 83690 Villecroze 18.00**  
**Bring crockery, glasses and cutlery**

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

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**British Association of the Var Reservation Slip**  
**VENDANGE LUNCH IN CARCES 7 September**  
**35€ members, 37€ non-members**

**Venue: Château Ste Croix, Route du Thoronet, 83570 Carcès at 11am for Dégustation**

Names of those attending	Volaille	Saumon	Merlu	Veau	Fromage	Tarte Tatin	Member Y/N	Value €
							<b>Donation to BAV Welfare Fund</b>	
<b>Payment by: Cheque                  or virement                  (please tick)</b>							<b>Total value paid</b>	

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