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## Vendange Lunch



This year saw another wonderful sunny day at Lorgues at the home of Lindsay Phillips. Numbers of attendees were down on some previous years with about 100 in attendance, but this did not spoil the enjoyment for those that did attend. Indeed, we received numerous messages of appreciation.



There was a superb array of dishes to suit every palate with the highlights being the Coronation chicken and the Duo de Saumon. Between courses there was the auction of a delightful portrait painting by Ken Dewar which raised 150€, bought by committee member Kevin Bell, and the auction of a small cartoon which raised 30€. The books raised a further 132€ and the Christmas cards €235.



Our thanks go to Lindsay Phillips for once again allowing us to use his wonderful gardens, to Ken Dewar, to the cookies, the organizing Committee, helpers and especially Ann Mitchem for coordinating it all.



*(Editor: This was a wonderful event where we had the chance to meet and talk to other BAV members in very pleasant surroundings, and enjoy a high quality lunch. Congratulations to the committee on their organisation and planning. Don't miss it next year!)*

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## Forthcoming Events

**Committee Meeting**  
14 October

**Artillery Museum and Lunch**  
29 October - Draguignan

**Coffee morning and Book Exchange**  
5 November - Montauroux

**Coffee Morning and Book Exchange**  
Thursday 29 November - Cotignac.

### Visit to Artillery Museum followed by lunch in Draguignan

**29 October 2013 – 10h00 for optional  
museum visit, 12h00 for lunch**

Musée de l'Artillerie  
Quartier Bonaparte  
Avenue de la Grande Armée  
83007 Draguignan

Entrance free. Directions as for restaurant, but keep going past row of shops on left then turn right at traffic lights and follow Museum signs.

Au Vieux Figuier  
214 avenue du Maréchal Juin  
83300 Draguignan

Lunch comprises 3 courses at 13.50€ per person excluding wine and coffee. Members may choose on the day from the daily menu from a selection of 5 starters and 5 main courses.

Directions: From Trans En Provence continue over the 'dancers' roundabout to the next roundabout (Lidl and McDo are on the left). Cross this second roundabout towards Draguignan and the restaurant is on the left hand side. Parking is available just after the restaurant in front of shops.

Christmas cards will be available



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Forthcoming Events on our BA  
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### Coffee Morning and Book Exchange

**Tuesday 5 November**

between 10h00 and 12h00 at the home of  
Geoff and Sandie Docherty. \*\*\*\*\* 83440  
Montauroux. Donations welcome. Books  
available. Please contact Sandie for directions:  
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### Coffee Morning and Book Exchange

**Thursday 29 November**

between 10h00 and 12h00 at the home of Billy  
and Jean Naisbitt, \*\*\*\*\*, 83570  
Cotignac. Donations welcome. Books available.  
Please contact Billy for directions: 04  
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08 20 20 02 57 [aa-riviere.org](http://aa-riviere.org)

### "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)

### October 2013

**3-6 Oct Ste Maxime**, Théâtre de la Mer. Salon du Gout – famous local chefs. €2. 08 26 20 83 83

**4 Oct Les Arcs**, Café de la Tour. English Pub Quiz and lunch. 12h00. €10. 04 94 85 22 06  
[quizdelatour@gmail.com](mailto:quizdelatour@gmail.com)

**5 Oct Draguignan**, Espace F. Mitterand. Jazz Compagnie – concert. 20h30. 04 94 84 04 18

**5 Oct Draguignan**, Théâtre Communautaire Bld Clemenceau. Le Choeur du Sud – concert. 20h30.

**5-6 Oct Le Rayol Canadel**, Domaine du Rayol. Fête de l'Automne – garden exhibition. €10. 04 98 04 44 00

**5 Oct Villecroze**, Hotel Les Esparruss. Literary lunch – Ted Jones talking about his travel guide of Florence and Tuscany. 12h00. €26.

[clarissajane.emery@nordnet.fr](mailto:clarissajane.emery@nordnet.fr)

**6 Oct Lorgues**, Château de Berne. Journée de l'Italie. 10h00-18h00. Free. 04 94 60 43 64

**6 Oct Lorgues**, Point Info Tourisme. Guided tour. 10h30. €5. 04 94 73 92 37

**6 Oct Les Arcs**, Chapelle Ste Roseline. Guided tour. 14h00. €5. 04 94 73 37 30

**6 Oct Trans-en-Provence**, Chapelle Notre Dame. Guided tour. 15h30. €5. 04 94 73 37 30

**6 Oct Flayosc**, Eglise St Laurent. Organ and guitar recital. 16h00. €10.

**6 Oct Flayosc**, town centre. Pottery market. 10h00-18h00. 04 94 70 41 31

**6 Oct Le Thoronet**, Abbey. Camerata Vocale – concert in aid of Croix Rouge. 18h30. €15

**9-13 Oct Fréjus**, Base Nature. Roc d'Azur – mountain bike race.

**12 Oct Montauroux**, Chapelle St Barthélemy. Concert – classical piano. 17h00. €20.

04 94 47 75 90

**12-13 Oct St Tropez**, Parking du Nouveau Port. Paradis Porsche. 08 92 68 48 28

**12-13 Oct Ste Maxime**, town centre. Free Flight World Masters – aerobatics. Free. 08 26 20 83 83

**13 Oct Fréjus**, cathedral. Organ recital. 16h00. Free.

**13 Oct Lorgues**, Château de Berne. Brocante professionnelle.

**13 Oct Draguignan**, Office de Tourisme. Guided visit. 10h30. €5. 04 98 10 51 05

**13 Oct Bargemon**, Point Info Tourisme. Guided visit. 15h30. €5. 04 94 47 81 73

**15 Oct St Maximin la Ste Baume**, La Croisée des Arts Pôle Culturel. Festa Italiana! – Italian songs

20h30. €15. 04 94 59 84 59

**16-19 Oct St Tropez**, port. Les Dragons à St Tropez – regatta. 11h00. 04 94 97 30 54

**18 Oct St Raphaël**, Espace Felix Martin.

André Manoukian – jazz piano. €18. 04 98 11 89 00

**19 Oct St Maximin la Ste Baume**, La Croisée des Arts Pôle Culturel. Sophie Hunger – jazz singer.

20h30. €16. 04 94 59 84 59

**20 Oct Grimaud**, Eglise St Michel. Quatuor Zaïde. 18h00. €20. 04 94 55 43 83

**20 Oct Fayence**, Parking de la Piscine. La Fête de l'Olivier. 8h00-17h00. 09 82 25 39 45

**20 Oct Ste Maxime**, Théâtre le Carré. Les Paleta Singers – gospel concert. 20h30. €21. 04 94 56 77 77

**20 Oct Montauroux**, cinema. Spartacus – ballet film. 17h00. 04 94 50 40 30

**20 Oct Tanneron**, town centre. Fête de la Châtaigne. All day. Free. 04 93 60 71 73

**20-27 Oct La Garde Freinet**, town centre. Fête de la Châtaigne. 04 94 56 04 93

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

**26-27 Oct Fréjus**, Base Nature. Festival International de l'Air – incredible kites.

**26-27 Oct Draguignan**, Complexe St Exupéry. Wine Fair. 10h00-19h00. €5 inc. tasting. 04 98 10 51 05



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**27 Oct La Motte**, Château des Demoiselles, Route de Callas. Walks in vineyard. 10h00. Free.

## **Festival de Quatuors à Cordes en Pays de Fayence** – String Quartet Festival.

04 94 76 02 03

*Free bus service from Centre Culturel, St Raphaël to all concerts – reservation essential on number above.*

**26 Oct Tanneron**, Salle Polyvalente. Quatuor Hermès. 16h00. €23.

**26 Oct Fayence**, Eglise. Quatuor Prazak. 21h00. €23.

**27 Oct Montauroux**, Eglise. Quatuor Hermès. 21h00. €23.

**28 Oct Tournettes**, Eglise. Quatuor Vlach. 21h00. €23.

**29 Oct Mons**, Eglise. Quatuor Kadenza. 21h00. €23.

**30 Oct Bagnols-en-Forêt**, Eglise. Quatuor Bennewitz. 21h00. €23.

**31 Oct Callian**, Eglise. Quatuor Talich. 21h00. €23.

**1 Nov Seillans**, Eglise. Quatuor Jerusalem. 21h00. €23.

**2 Nov St Raphaël**, Palais de Congrès. Quatuor Talich. 21h00. €26. 04 98 11 89 00

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## **New Members**

We welcome to the British Association of the Var new members Chris and Diane Mayberry of Roquebrune-sur-Argens, and welcome back Barry and Sheila Dixon of Polperro, Cornwall, who have rejoined.

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## **Members' Address Book**

During a recent meeting with a commercial company it was discovered they had a copy of the address book. This could have only have been provided by a Member. The Company has been asked to return it and reminded that the Information contained in the document is confidential to members and is protected data, not to be used commercially.

I would remind members of the confidentiality of the information in the address book and the conditions of use contained on page four. Misuse leads to automatic resignation of membership of BAV. This situation should not have happened.

*Michael Wharton, Hon. Secretary*

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## **John Collingwood**

A long-serving BAV member, former welfare worker and committee member, John Collingwood at 89 is now taking a rest from his BAV duties but is still very much involved in the local community in Draguignan where he is known and respected as a representative of Her Majesty's forces at all the Liberation commemoration ceremonies around the area.

As *Var-Matin* recently reported, a 19-year-old John participated in the *Débarquement* of 15 August 1944 aboard a minesweeper off the coast of Fréjus charged with the fearsome task of clearing the coasts of German mines, which he continued to do throughout Europe until 1948.



He has lived in France for 46 years and feels French "in his soul", but is a keen member and supporter of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and has been a valuable member of the British Association of the Var, using his knowledge of French bureaucracy to benefit many members and others in need.

## Proposed Withdrawal of Winter Fuel Payments

(from "The Connexion" newspaper)

The UK government has announced that the Winter Fuel Payment will be stopped for British pensioners in France from the winter of 2015-2016. The reason given is that France is deemed to be 'too hot'. The data used to decide this was based on France's average winter temperature which was found to be higher than that of the south-west England, and thus the £200 - £300 annual payment will be stopped. Italy, by comparison, was below the temperature check and so British state pensioners there will continue to receive the payment. However, the French figures included France's five tropical overseas departments - the Caribbean islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, the Indian Ocean islands of Réunion and Mayotte and French Guiana in South America. This is despite only 30 British state pensioners being registered as living in these departments, according to official government figures, as opposed to 59,600 in mainland France.

A petition has been launched with the aim of asking the UK government to reconsider on this issue. Please could you pass on details to anyone you believe would be interested in signing it. The allowance is important to many households in France. If the petition attracts 10,000 signatures (it is currently at 8,030) the UK government will provide a written answer to the petition. It can be found at:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/52121>

and is open to all British nationals whether living in the UK or abroad. If signing from abroad people should not place their postcode in the box - it stops the ability to sign - but should leave this field blank.

## Snooker players wanted

Ex resident of the Var returning to stay near Lorgues for 3 months from January 2014 seeks information on snooker club/hotel with available snooker table/somesuch, and BAV members who may be interested in friendly, very amateur standard games. Alan Scott -

[\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@hotmail.com](mailto:*****@hotmail.com)

## British Association of the Var Welfare Coordinator

**Ann Mitchem**

04 \*\*\*\*\* or 06 \*\*\*\*\*

[welfare@baofthevar.com](mailto:welfare@baofthevar.com)

## MEMBERS' GROUPS

### Happy Boules

The boules group have had an excellent summer and have welcomed many friends and family of members. We continue throughout the winter and will, at some stage, change from mornings to afternoons. We will be pleased to accept any new members and feel free to bring a guest along. No previous experience necessary!

*Rob Flanagan*

[\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@hotmail.com](mailto:*****@hotmail.com)

### Painting Group

Please contact Stella Reynolds for details of the next meeting. 04 \*\*\*\*\*

### The Azur Photography Group



After the summer break, the group met to show their pictures of the summer. We had also headed for Seillans for a practical photography session

under the careful guidance of visiting tutor, John Wyatt. The challenge set by John was rather an unusual one, viz, to use our powers of observation to see if we could identify and photograph the letters of the alphabet which were concealed in the village streets and houses. Many ingenious and creative examples were produced, a few of which stretched photographic licence somewhat, but as an exercise in getting us to observe closely the subject matter, it was a very useful activity.



In addition, as a separate task we were also asked to look closely at the importance of 'texture' when taking photographs.

After a convivial lunch under the plane trees, each of us presented our response to the activities while John added his comments and practical advice.

All of us were able to learn from his suggestions which hopefully will be applied in the future.



*Mike Harper*

[\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:*****@yahoo.co.uk)

## Chairman's Report

I do hope that all members have had a very relaxing summer vacation and have not been too inundated with visitors. We have now, hopefully, seen the back of the long queues of tourist traffic and the regular circuses until at least Easter next year. Can small villages actually sustain circuses every couple of weeks?!

Certainly the Committee has been able to take a well-earned breather, although the welfare cases have continued to be time consuming, and we have been active in planning the annual Vendange lunch. This is a mammoth task in arranging the varied home cooked menu and arranging the tables and chairs and delivery of books etc.

Having suggested last month that the BAV may be prepared to sponsor group French lessons we have not had any requests and are therefore pleased that members seem to feel that they have an adequate command of the language - but is this in fact the case?! Is it just that members do not want a regular commitment to lessons or feel that they simply can 'get by' with minimal French? We have even recently been telephoned by a non-member asking us to call the emergency services! We would still be happy to hear from you if you need assistance with French, as at least one Neighbourhood Network already had in place arrangements for lessons.

### 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.

For an informal chat, please call Mim:

04 94 04 78 94 or email [Mim2Kay@aol.com](mailto:Mim2Kay@aol.com)

### Corrections to Address Book

Please note that Colin and Sandra Bingham-Wallis's phone number is 09 \*\*\*\*\* and not as printed in the Address Book. We apologise for this error.

Please note that June Grindley has a new e-mail address: [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@btinternet.com](mailto:*****@btinternet.com) She is listed under McIntyre.

## MIKE LORIMER SARL, FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR PART OF "LE TOUR DE FINANCE"

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Mike Lorimer, a member of the Spectrum IFA Group, will once again be holding his very popular Financial Seminar, in conjunction with the British Association of the Var, at the prestigious conference facility of Les Domaines de Saint Endréol, Route de Bagnols-en-Forêt, 83920 La Motte-en-Provence on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - registration from 09:00am onwards. This event will form an essential part of the 2013 international Tour de Finance.

A number of interesting topics will be covered, with French Tax Lawyer Stephanie Glasper giving us an **update on the recent French tax changes and how these will affect you.**

Are you getting the best exchange rate on your Sterling/Euro transfers? **Currencies Direct** will give some ideas of how to get institutional rates to ensure you beat bank exchange rates.

**Assurance Vie**, once again we will be going over the many tax saving benefits for French residents of the Assurance Vie ensuring that you get the best from your savings.

**QROPS** (Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme) was brought about following changes to UK pension legislation on April 5, 2006. The QROPS provisions enable non-UK resident individuals who have accrued pension benefits in the UK to transfer these to other jurisdictions once they have left the UK.

**Investment Market Update** – A representative of one of the world's leading Investment Companies will provide an up to date overview of global financial markets.

The presentations will be followed by wine and canapés, when the visitors can relax and ask questions of all the respected speakers.

For more information on this event please go to [www.mikelorimer.com](http://www.mikelorimer.com) or contact Mike Lorimer on 04 93 74 73 35 or via e-mail at [info@mikelorimer.com](mailto:info@mikelorimer.com).

### New parking guide for Sainte Maxime

A detailed map of the 2200 parking places available in central Sainte Maxime, complete with charges in winter and summer, can be obtained free from the Tourist Office, the Mairie, the Municipal Police station or the car parks' offices.

## Les Canebières

The BAV was pleased to be invited to the annual meeting of the British residents of *Domaine des Canebières*, just south of Le Muy. The meeting addressed local issues of the *domaine* including that of sewage disposal. About 40 residents attended of which a large number are members of the BAV. Books and Christmas cards were available and a total of 69€ was raised (60€ for the cards and 9€ for books).

## Members' Interests

Do you have an unusual hobby or hobby that would be of interest to other members? If so, would you like to write a small article for the Newsletter? Please let us know of your hobbies whether this be wood turning, stained glass, skiing or paragliding! Please note that we cannot include any pursuits of a commercial nature and articles are subject to editorial changes.

Please send items to [chairman@baofthevar](mailto:chairman@baofthevar)

## Bargain Basement

**For the collector – Grundig World Band amateur radio receiver**, in mint condition, battery and mains, inlet for roof aerials, used in the Pacific area for a short while. Donation of at least €50 to BAV Welfare Fund secures. Draguignan centre –

Tel: 04 \*\*\*\*\*, mobile: 06 \*\*\*\*\*.

**For sale:** 4 oil-filled radiators €15 each or €40 for all four, 1 Mothercare pushchair €15, 1 paint sprayer €30, 1 electric charger 12/24volts €30, 1 cage for ferrets or chinchillas €40, 1 portable air conditioner €35, a selection of 60s/70s LPs and singles FREE to a good home! Le Luc -

mobiles: 06 \*\*\*\*\* or 06 \*\*\*\*\*.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS due 1 November

Each year we endeavour to save costs in dealing with the renewals and we have now settled on sending out postal reminders. **However, would you please ensure that you have paid your subscription by 1 November.** The subscription rate remains as last year. Please remember that we are a welfare organisation and delays in payment cause unnecessary expense and additional work for the Committee and Membership Secretary.

*The Committee*

## Benefits for BAV members

(Please show your membership card)

Cigalon, Grand Rue, Flayosc 04 94 70 45

85. Offer: complementary espresso coffee at this fine dining restaurant.

Flayosc Co-operative - 5% discount available with the special BAV fidelity card. Full range of wines and sparkling wine available together with fresh cheeses, wine accessories etc.

Le Petit Romain, opposite Casino, Salernes

04 94 67 54 11. Offer: complementary espresso coffee at this popular restaurant with a menu de jour at 14.50€.

Lei Cigales, Route de Draguignan, Villecroze

04 98 53 02 88. Offer: complementary espresso coffee in this restaurant specialising in galettes and crepes with a separate menu du jour at 13.50€.

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.

Ink Thistle on-line stationery products - Useful for gifts both in the UK and abroad. Every item gift-wrapped. Special offer for BAV members: 15% discount until 31 October 2013 – use code VAR15 at checkout. [www.inkthistle.co.uk](http://www.inkthistle.co.uk) More information from Moira Waterworth at [mw@mandm.force9.co.uk](mailto:mw@mandm.force9.co.uk)

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.

## British Legion

The British Legion will be distributing their "Poppy Day" collection boxes to the Neighbourhood Networks for contributions.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

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

We shall revert to **the last Friday in the month** -  
25 October at the Cafe de Cour, Cotignac at 10h30.

*Michael Wharton*

07 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*@cam.ac.uk](mailto:****@cam.ac.uk)

### Draguignan, Le Cannet des Maures, Les Arcs, Le Luc, Taradeau and Vidauban

We meet on the **second Friday of the month** at the  
Café de la Tour, Les Arcs at 10h30. You will find a  
warm welcome and interesting discussions if you care  
to attend. We make available a limited selection of  
popular English paperback novels.

*Pauline and Jim North*

04 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@wanadoo.fr](mailto:*****@wanadoo.fr)

### Entrecasteaux, Salernes, Tourtour and Villecroze

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

*Ann & Maurice Mitchem*

04 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@hotmail.com](mailto:*****@hotmail.com)

### La Motte and Le Muy

Ten of us met in La Motte - including an unexpected  
guest, the BAV's own Treasurer - and between the  
coffee and croissants we discussed the Chairman's  
suggestion of possible French language lessons for our  
members. Our ideas have been forwarded to the  
committee. Our next meeting is on **8 October** at  
10h00 at the Bar des Cascades in central La Motte  
where all are very welcome.

*Alexandra Lewis-Smith*

04 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@bbox.fr](mailto:*****@bbox.fr)

### Les Issambres

We meet **every other Tuesday** at 11h00 at L'Arpillon  
café next to Casino.

*Richard Tolaini*

04 \*\*\*\*\* or 06 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@aol.com](mailto:*****@aol.com)

### 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, October 17** from 10h30  
onwards at the *Cercle Philamonique* in the main  
square of St. Maximin la Ste. Baume. We shall be  
featuring the Poppy Appeal and may have another  
interesting event to introduce to you.

*Diana Andre de la Porte*

04 \*\*\*\*\* [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@wanadoo.fr](mailto:*****@wanadoo.fr)

### The ARK, LORGUES

#### L'Oasis Christian Fellowship

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 [www.arc-en-provence.com/oasis](http://www.arc-en-provence.com/oasis)

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### CALLIAN

#### Le Pradon Anglican Church

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Rev Keith Bretel

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