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Dear Members,

We are already through the first month of the year! This will be the year of change for the association. Some of the committee members have reached their statutory term limits and must step down this year. We invite any members who wish to join the committee to put themselves forward.

The committee have decided to return to the monthly newsletter but in a simpler form. We will still send out the weekly email updates to cover items which are not included in the printed version. This year we are asking as many members as possible to sign up for the email version in order to cut our postal costs.

It has become evident that “Happy Hour” is not the correct name now for Thursday evening aperitif. We have therefore decided to rename our get-togethers to Evening Cocktails. We would welcome any suggestions from members for an alternative title. We have to bear in mind that fewer venues offer an “Happy Hour” with cheaper drinks as in the past. Our next Evening Cocktails will be on Wednesday 7th February at CREM.

The curry supper was great fun – a small gathering of members enjoyed a very generous meal at the New Indian restaurant in January. Suppers seem to be a popular event and we are organising more of these during the year.

As usual at this time of the year, Monaco has held its annual events. The Circus has been and gone. The celebrations of Ste Devote were attended as always by the Sovereign family with the younger members also participating. It was delightful to see HSH Prince Jacques and HSH Princesse Gabriella accompanying their parents to celebrate the Patron Saint of Monaco.

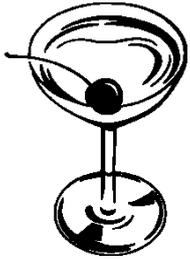
Encore!, the French driver Sebastian Ogier won the Monte Carlo Rally for the fifth consecutive time!

The BAM AGM is scheduled for 13th March so don't forget to renew your membership beforehand so that you can attend the AGM and vote for the committee and any other matters of importance. Remember you can renew BEFORE the AGM starts.

Vanessa Ilsley

BAM Cocktail Hours and Apéro

Our next **FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will be at the Tea Shop in Place des Moulins on the 2nd February from 3 to 5 pm.



BAM@CREM – We'll be joining CREM on their regular cocktail evening on the 7th February at the CREM club from 6.30pm onwards. Cocktails created and served by the resident barman, Nicolas. CREM is located at Le Mirabeau, 1 Avenue Princesse Grâce. You walk into the building (past the entrance of Cipriani that's to your right), through the large building front door and CREM is to the right just past the sofas.

Our first Madmens' pubbing **Blokes' Night** is on the **21st February** at McCarthy's Pub from 6pm. The pub is located at 7 rue du Portier. Just turn up and you will be welcomed by Steve and John Luigi.

Our second Cocktails in February will be on the **22nd February** at the **Ariston** from **6-7.30 pm**. The Ariston is located on **39 av Princesse Grace**.

Our first Cocktail night in March will be on the **8th March** at the **Buddha-Bar**. We will post more details in next month's newsletter, online and in our regular emails.



BAM AGM 2018



On **Tuesday 13th March**, the BAM 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Maison des Associations, (Casa d'I Soci) 2bis Promenade Honore, Monaco starting at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by drinks. Details of the AGM will be published here: <http://www.bam-monaco.org/about-bam/agm>

CST - Community Support Team - Here to Help !

The BAM Community Support Team is a small group of volunteers who know their way around the Monegasque social services, health and education system.

The team offers practical day to day help such as visits, shopping and a variety of errands for people who are temporarily or permanently house-bound. They'll also visit patients in local hospitals and homes for the elderly. Whatever the problem or situation, the CST is there to offer support, where it can, discreetly and competently. The confidentiality of each applicant for financial help is extremely important to BAM and is respected at every level.



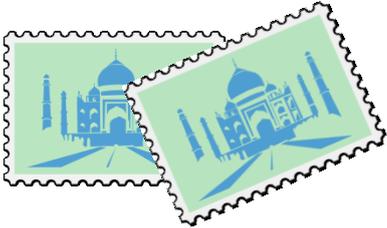
Do you know of anyone who you think the CST can help? It could be a friend or relative in Monaco who you are concerned about. They don't have to be a BAM member. Many people through grim determination or pride don't seek help until it is too late and many don't know about this important part of BAM.

Call BAM on +377 93 50 19 52 or email us on bam@monaco.mc

The BAM Community Support is funded from BAM member and Patron donations.

Our Curry Night

On a wintery night 14 members attended the Curry Supper at the New Indian Restaurant in Beausoleil. The restaurant was extremely generous with their selection of curries making sure nobody went home hungry! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening a great success. There was lots of laughter and joking. Thank you also to Vivienne for coming up with the idea.



We are planning more such suppers in the future!



VIRGINIA CONNELL - Monaco Ireland Arts Society

Long-time BAM member and also the driving force behind the Monaco Ireland Arts Society's annual theatre presentations. As many members will recall, these events can range from tragic to comic and bring a real taste of Ireland to Monaco.

"At an early age, I left Ireland and came to live on the Côte d'Azur. I studied ballet and then went on to teach it. During my life I have been closely involved in the French theatre, as well as many international music festivals.

*Over a period of fifteen years I travelled 'solo' all over the world, occasionally working in various places, where I was able to use my languages. Most of these experiences are in my recently published book - **The World in a Grain of Sand.***

For the last thirty years in Monaco, I have been involved in the Irish Theatre thanks to my husband. Where I am involved in the annual Monaco Ireland Arts Society theatre presentations.

I have always painted and have had several exhibitions of my oil paintings of Provence, where I own a lovely house."

Information on the next Monaco Ireland Society presentation this year is below,

MONACO-IRELAND ARTS SOCIETY invite you to join them at a dramatized reading of two contemporary plays:

- 'STONES IN HIS POCKETS' by Marie Jones
- 'RITUAL FOR DOLLS' by George MacEwan Green

on Friday 16th March 2018 at 20:30 hours at the Auditorium du Collège Charles III
Avenue de l'Annonciade, Monte-Carlo (Parking available opposite the Collège)

R.S.V.P. essential on Tel: +33 (0)4 93 41 97 22 +33 (6) 82 40 55 34 Drinks on the House.

www.monaco-ireland-arts.org



Obituaries

Ruby Taylor – 17 March 1922 – 15 January 2018: We are sad to announce the death of Ruby Taylor, a long-time resident of Roquebrune-Cap-Martin and member of BAM who died on 15 January 2018 surrounded by her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. A service of remembrance took place on 25th January.

Paul Gill – 14 September 1943 – 23 January 2018: A resident of Monaco and recent BAM member. We are sad to announce the sudden death of Paul and our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time. The funeral service was held on 1st February.

Robert Jones - died 31 January 2018: We are sad to announce the sudden death of Bob Jones at 81. Bob was a long time resident of Monaco and BAM member. The funeral will be held on Friday 9th February at 15.30 at St. Paul's Church, Monaco. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

BAM PATRONS

We thank our Patrons for their continued support of BAM's work within the Principality.

		
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Eric Blair	- Ex-officio member. Honorary Consul	Administrator: Vivienne Taylor	

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