

Dear Members

I trust many of you have now fully recovered from the excitement of the two Grands Prix this year. From speaking to various people, the consensus seems to be that they were less well attended than last year but with tighter security all round. The streets certainly seemed less busy post race but this did not appear to deter anyone from partaking in the celebrations!

It was great to see Daniel Ricciardo, driver of the day and very popular in the F1 world, finally achieving his much deserved win. Also impressive was Max Verstappen driving a well-judged race to recover from his back of the grid start after a crash in practice caused him to miss out on qualifying. He finished 9th from 20th, not a bad result for a race in which it is virtually impossible to overtake.

Last month we held a very successful Wine & Cheese tasting event. Beginning with a nice Champagne, we followed this up with four whites and finished off with a robust red. We paired this with some fantastic cheeses, all organised by Ann and Eric from Pure Taste France. For me personally, the emphasis was more on the wine than the cheese! It was great to catch up with so many members and to enjoy this evening with all of you. Thanks again to everyone who came! We shall be continuing our tasting adventures later in the year and look forward to seeing you all again there.

Later this month, we shall be holding our much anticipated Queen's Birthday Party at the Salon Bellevue of the Café de Paris. This is one of the events I most look forward to and this year we are doing things a little differently and bringing in some new musical entertainment - a feast for the ears! It is also a chance for us to acknowledge the loyalty of our members and their guests who continue to support us by attending our events and we also extend a very special thanks to those members and Patrons who donate so generously through the year. Without this ongoing support, we would struggle to maintain the marvellous work that BAM does in providing practical and financial help to those in need in the community.

John Luigi Megginson
President

HURRY HURRY HURRY – LAST DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS SATURDAY 9th JUNE!

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COCKTAIL - WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE at 7pm
SALON BELLEVUE, CAFÉ de PARIS**

With the birth of Prince Louis and the marriage of Harry and Meghan, we have all the more reason this year to celebrate the 92nd birthday of the longest reigning Monarch in the history of Great Britain and the Commonwealth – or, indeed, anywhere else!

DOWNLOAD YOUR BOOKING FORM HERE : www.bam-monaco.org

PAST EVENTS

Lunch at the Lycée Hôtelier et Technique

Tuesday 8th May was the opportunity for another six BAM members to sample a first class lunch, prepared and served by students of the Lycée Hôtelier et Technique - excellent value at only €17 per person (wine is extra). This is a monthly event which takes place during the school year so lunches will resume when the new school year begins in September. See our next newsletter for details of future dates to book a precious place for one of these delicious lunches.

Wedding of the Year



On Saturday 19th May, members of BAM and friends from the British community in Monaco celebrated the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Larvotto Beach became "honorary" British territory for the afternoon, with a red, white and blue theme; the sun shone as glasses were raised in honour of the happy couple. Other BAM members, as well as billions of Brits worldwide, were glued to their televisions to watch the excellent full UHD coverage of the ceremony and the comings and goings of stars from all walks of life, culminating in the carriage parade around Windsor. We wish the happy couple a wonderful life together.

Wine and Cheese Tasting – 22nd May



Twenty five members and guests attended a very jovial presentation of wines from around the world. Anne and Eric are both wine experts from the Dutch Academy and recently moved to France where they have developed an online business along with additional Provençal products. The wines were laid out on a long table starting with a Champenoise and following through various whites, including some from New Zealand and South Africa, moving on to more rounded reds from around the globe.

Everyone was allowed to taste at will and invited to make notes on a comprehensive tasting sheet. The wines were accompanied by some very delicious cheeses and a truly ambrosial pâté, sourced locally by Anne. A huge thank you to Pure Taste for giving us such an informative and pleasurable dégustation. For anyone still wishing to place an order or for members who are interested in contacting Anne and Eric, contact details are as follows:

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Monaco Grands Prix

Tales from the Automobile Club of Monaco

The commissaires have completed their mission for this year and are, by now, presumably enjoying a well-earned rest. The Automobile Club has been organising this year's two Grand Prix events and as usual, Monaco residents have been unable to ignore them, other than by opting to leave the Principality at this time of year.

So, for those of us who were behind the barriers, the results of the Historic GP gave us Brits a chance to shine, with Englishmen winning most of the races - maybe being helped by the wet track. Michael Lyons won race F, in car #7, Andy Middlehurst in his Lotus won race D, Chris Ward and his Cooper finished 1st in race C, and the day ended with Martin O'Connell in car #8, winning race G, having led from the start.

The Historic Grand Prix is, of course, a pre-cursor of the F1 race, held two weeks later. The sun was much in evidence over the long weekend of 24th to 27th May but not too hot for the main race. The qualifying rounds showed the Red Bulls extremely rapid and Max Verstappen, known as the "Flying Dutchman," was fastest in Q3. But flying across the track is highly inadvisable and, sadly, his car needed some serious repairs prior to the start on Sunday (a new gear box ensured that he could not take Pole position). So it was Daniel Riccardo who was up there in front - and in front he steadfastly remained, right up to the chequered flag.

The Ferraris were next, with Vettel in second place, with a fully operational engine but no way of passing the Red Bull. Mercedes and our own Lewis Hamilton in car #44 came a respectable third to complete the podium.

The next F1 race is scheduled for 10th June in Montreal, then the French Grand Prix, at Le Castellet in the Var. As mentioned in our periodic e-mails, Timothy Molyneux, a BAM member, is organising a group of British Association members from the region to attend the Paul Ricard circuit, from 22nd to 24th June. If you are interested, please contact Tim at teldata.consulting@gmail.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Queen's Birthday Cocktail – Wednesday 13th June

Please see Page one – Admittance is by prepaid ticket only. Deadline for bookings is Saturday 9th June.

Dress : cocktail wear

Please note that there will be no facilities for paying at the door.

Fête St-Jean – Place des Moulins – Sunday 24th June

Free music and folk dancing from 8.30pm

Organised by the Mairie de Monaco

Cocktails – L'Oliveraie – Place des Moulins – Thursday 28th June

6pm – 8.30pm

Return of the Summer Seaside Supper – Friday July 6th

Back by popular demand, we are organising another "Summer Seaside Supper" at the Baobab Restaurant on Larvotto Beach. Last year we had 55 people enjoying melon and ham, tomato and mozzarella, fish and chips, burgers etc so we are planning to repeat the experience and have an even greater time this year. Booking form will be available soon but please put the date in your diaries now so as not to miss out on the fun!

VISIT TO THE SUMMER EXHIBITION AT THE GRIMALDI FORUM – Save the date

The Gold of the Pharaohs – Thursday 12th July at 5pm

This year's annual summer exhibition at the Grimaldi Forum will feature more than 150 masterpieces on loan from the Museum of Cairo, including sumptuous ensembles (sarcophagi and funeral masks, gold and jewels, liturgical items and tableware).

We have arranged a private guided tour of the exhibition on 12th July at 5pm, followed by cocktails. Further details and Booking Form to follow.



Cocktails – Thursday 26th July

Final cocktails before the summer break – venue to be confirmed.

Local News/Interest

By a strange coincidence, the publication of a new biography by Valerie Lester of the late Victorian botanist, archeologist and artist, Clarence Bicknell has been announced just as our Committee has been discussing an idea proposed by our Treasurer, Brian Chancellor, to arrange an outing to the Vallée des Merveilles, near Tende, where Bicknell spent some forty years of his life studying, drawing and cataloguing the thousands of remains and engravings, some dating back to the beginning of the bronze age, 2000 years BC. The area contains tens of thousands of petroglyphs engraved on the rock and which, having been exposed to the open air, have, over time, taken on a red tint. The origins of these works of art (orants) are not known but illustrate agricultural implements such as ox-drawn ploughs, axes, daggers and what could be construed as field plans.

Many of these engravings are to be found around Mont Bégo at an altitude of 2872m and the Vallée de Fontanalba 2000-2700m and can only be accessed by officially approved four-wheel drive vehicles.

Since 1989 the area has been placed on the historical buildings register.

Brian is happy to arrange a day trip to the Vallée des Merveilles at the end of August. Please note that the trip does involve some three hours of walking and the cost is expected to be in the region of €90. For further details please contact BAM on bam@monaco.mc. If you are interested in ordering Valerie Lester's book, please visit www.clarencebicknell.com/en/shop

Changes to Monaco Bus Services

From Tuesday 5th June, at the same time as the new Boulevard des Moulins bus lane (between the junction of Avenue Saint-Charles and the Avenue de la Madone/Boulevard Princesse Charlotte roundabout) will be tested in an attempt to improve traffic flow and reduce travel times for lines 1 and 4, the Compagnie des Autobus de Monaco (CAM) will adjust the schedules of several other lines, with the aim of maintaining an average frequency of 10 minutes on the main bus routes (1,2,4 and 6) whilst also better serving commuters in the morning and evening rush hours.

Meanwhile, the night service is to be divided into two routes in order to provide a much-improved service for users.

Night Line 1 will run between Fontvieille/Larvotto/Saint Roman, which is a mix of the daytime lines 1 and 6.

Night Line 2 will take its normal route from the Jardin Exotique via Monte-Carlo to the Place de la Visitation and back.

Both lines will operate with a frequency of 35 minutes. The schedules have been designed so that the buses arrive at the same time at the stops Princesse Antoinette and Monte-Carlo to ensure a smooth connection for travellers.

For further details please visit www.cam.mc

AND FINALLY !



Many congratulations and every possible good wish to John Davis, who celebrated his 100th birthday on 1st June. CST members and friends visited him (pictured here with his carer, Rachida, left, and nurse) at Cap Fleuri to join in the fun as he and his other guests enjoyed his birthday tea.

John will be a guest of honour at the Queen's Birthday Cocktail on 13th June so you will be able to meet him then and congratulate him personally on his wonderful achievement – and, who knows? - maybe he will share with you the secret of his longevity. Well done, John!

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