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Dear Members,

I would like to start my editorial with a very big thank you to members and guests for attending what seems to have been a very successful Queen's Birthday cocktails in June. 140 guests and dignitaries attended this year's event and were again entertained by the Orchestra of the Carabiniers accompanied by the lovely Alicia Sedgewick. Photographs of the evening have been posted on the website and we have included some in this newsletter. This was an evening for BAM to thank so many of their members and friends for supporting the association throughout the year.

The Friday Friendship team organised a special leaving party for Father Walter Raymond of St. Paul's Anglican Church on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and we were delighted to welcome some new faces and enrol new members. Father Walter was delighted with his AS Monaco leaving present.

After seventeen years AS Monaco became Champions of the Premier League and they proved worthy Champions of the League. There was an enormous amount of excitement for the fans, who were joined by Prince Albert at the Chapiteau to congratulate the team on the season's performance. The Chapiteau was filled to the edges with excited supporters cheering the players, silence as they listened to a heartfelt speech from The Prince and a rousing chorus of the Queen song "we are the champions". Everyone present experienced a very proud and emotional time. The celebrations were crowned by a performance from 50 Cents..... Allez Monaco!

Following a very busy month of June which ended with the Longines Global Champions Tour which brings together the top show jumpers in the world to compete in prestigious locations and took place on Port Hercule, the month of July promises to be just as busy and rewarding.

***Vanessa Ilsley***

To provide a focus for British and Commonwealth citizens residing in Monaco and surrounding areas to meet socially, represent their views in the Principality and to provide a welfare service for those in need.

### **BAM Happy Hours**

**Happy Hour – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** at the **L'Oliveraie** located on **Place des Moulins** from 6pm to 7.30pm.

**Happy Hour – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at the **Place d'Armes** from 6pm to 7.30 pm

A special cocktail evening – Gallerie Birch have recently opened on the Rock and are hosting *Tuesday on the Rock* for cocktails and viewings. BAM have been invited to attend the event on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Come along and view some wonderful artists and enjoy the evening on the Rock.

**FFC** - There are no FFC – Friday Friendship Club meetings in July or August.

## Forthcoming BAM Events

### **BAM Private Tour - Grimaldi Forum**

On **18th July**, BAM has organised a special private viewing of the Summer Exhibition; *'The Forbidden City in Monaco: Imperial Court Life in China'*. Following on from the 2001 exhibition of the first Chinese Emperors, this year's exhibition is focusing on the last Imperial Dynasty with a collection of around 200 remarkable pieces from the former palace of the Chinese emperors. An English speaking guide will enable us to discover the incredible lives of the emperors and the courts during this period. The tour will take about two hours and is followed by cocktails at Le Rose des Vents. **Fully booked**

### **BAM Summer Seaside Supper**

The committee are organising a Summer Seaside Supper at **Le Baobab** on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be a very relaxed evening for members and friends to enjoy some local cooking. It is also the night of the Red Cross Ball so we will have musical entertainment followed by fireworks. (Booking form at end of newsletter and on our web site, <http://www.bam-monaco.org/bam-events/booking-pages> )

## Past BAM Events

The President and Committee hosted a wonderful Queen's Birthday Party at the Cafe de Paris. There were more than 140 members and guests including several dignitaries and Ambassadors raising their glasses to Her Majesty, who this year aged 91, celebrated 65 years on the throne. Once again the Orchestra of the Carabiniers of the Prince joined us to provide a programme of music that set the scene for a most convivial evening. They were joined by Alicia Sedgwick as a guest singer who serenaded us with many well known songs made famous by Vera Lynn, who celebrated her 100th birthday this year. As you can see from the accompanying photographs and the smiling faces, it was a fun evening and a great success. I would like to thank Mike Colquhoun for his wonderful photographs.



In her speech, The President thanked the patrons, sponsors, the committee and BAM members for supporting her during the past year. Again, it was stressed how important the Community Support Team is to residents and how in her years as President she has made it her focus to raise the profile of CST. As a result of becoming more known throughout our wider community, it was a pleasure for BAM to welcome Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou who has become a Patron of the organization and attended the cocktails.



We hope members will join us again next year at this marvellous event.

## Hudson Foundation

BAM is delighted to announce that, for the second year running, it has presented the Hudson Foundation Prizes for progress in the English language, to pupils at the Lycée Albert 1er, the Lycée Technique et Hotelier and FANB. Members of the Committee attended the Prize Givings at each school to present the cheques to the pupils who had shown the greatest progress in the study of English as a foreign language, over the course of the school year. We are extremely proud to have initiated these English language prizes within the Monaco school system.

The Hudson Foundation was established in 1937 by Mr Robert W. Hudson to promote the English language in Monaco. It has been administered by BAM since 2004.

## Welcome to our New Patron – Stelios Philanthropic Foundation

BAM members who attended the Queen's Birthday cocktail will have noticed amongst our special guests, Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou, who has kindly agreed to become a BAM Patron.

Sir Stelios is well known as a substantial donor to many charities – he has recently signed up to the "Giving Pledge," an organisation founded by fellow billionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffet which encourages the world's super-rich to contribute a major part of their wealth to a host of charities.



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By becoming a BAM Patron, Sir Stelios is demonstrating his support for our Association, for which we are most grateful. We look forward to welcoming him to future BAM events.

### BAM PATRONS

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

 <p>Barclays</p>	 <p>Banque J. Safra (Monaco)</p>	 <p>BNP Paribas</p>
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### WHAT'S ON GUIDE

**INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION** Date: From July to August 2017 Event: This free event attracts thousands from the area to view some of the most beautiful and original fireworks around. The competition has been held since 1966 and brings pyrotechnic specialists from around the world to show off their talent. Fireworks begin around 9:30PM, or when it is dark. There is good viewing from several locations: around the port sitting at a café, from the palace area or along the ramparts of Fort Antoine, and just off the Casino Terrace. The competition continues through the month of August and the winner returns November 18 to create the fireworks display on the evening before the National Holiday.

**EXHIBITION:** Date from July 7 to August 20. Seventy-three years after the Normandy Landings, a unique and graphic exhibition in Monaco this summer will help shed light on this momentous event. **'Normandy, June 6, 1944, the Extraordinary Story of the Landings'**, will be open to the public from **July 7** through **August 20**. This unique exhibition at the **Chapiteau, Fontvieille**, will lift much of the mystery from the biggest military operation in history.

Six hundred tons of original remains, artefacts and specialised equipment will be gathered in one spot for the exhibition. The exhibition consists of 24 sequences that detail, hour after hour, the unfolding of the undoubted turning point of the Second World War, as US, British and Allied Forces started the liberation of Europe.



## Times Past

Joan Collins attended the Celebration service at St. Paul's Church in June for Sir Roger Moore, and in the course of conversation Father Walter mentioned an amusing talk he once had with me about her younger days. It may amuse members too!!

Way way back in the past, I was in Dover Street, London, in the office of my show business Agent, Bill Watts (also Joan Collin's agent at the time). Looking out of the window, he saw both Joan and Jackie Collins coming to call on him.

They were both very strangely dressed for midday London – in ragged old trousers with no pattern or design; very scruffy and very odd.

Bill Watts flew into quite a fury and demanded his staff to tell them that it was forbidden to appear in his offices premises in such a dreadful (unglamorous) look! I don't think they took any notice because within a month, everyone in England was wearing them.

The sisters were the first people to wear American Jeans in Europe! - JK

## Obituary – Margaret Wright and a bit of Monaco history (25 Feb 1926 – 1 June 2017)

Margaret and Allan came to live in Monaco during 1962; at which time Allan became the Chairman of British Motors- Wright Brothers; a family company selling luxury and non luxury British cars along the Riviera. During this era Monaco was very different than today. Margaret would often tell of attending cocktail parties, and entertainments, where elegant gowns were worn for the occasion. Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were also known to the family who, along with invited guests, attended the cocktail parties given by British Motors. As Allan was a member of the Yacht Club for the purpose of hosting important guests to lunch or dinner; Margaret was always warmly greeted by many of the staff who knew them; even for Allan's 70th birthday and Margaret's 80th. Margaret maintained that the bygone era was the best of Monaco for such elegance; much of which is sadly absent today. Margaret will be greatly missed by family members, and close friends.

## BAM Committee 2017

Vanessa Ilsley	- President	Marie Hayward	- Member
Stephen Bull	- Vice-President	John Luigi Megginson	- Member
Sarah O'Connor	- Honorary Treasurer	Lincoln Phipps	- Member
Petrina Tedeschi	- Honorary Secretary	Yvonne Bernhardt	- CST
Eric Blair – Ex-officio member. Honorary Consul - British Honorary Consulate in Monaco.			

## **BOOKING FORM – Summer Seaside Supper 28<sup>th</sup> July, Le Baobab. ESPLANADE du LARVOTTO (Bookings close 25<sup>th</sup> July)**

I/we wish to reserve ..... members' tickets at €45 each / ..... non-members' tickets at €55 each.

I enclose a cheque for €..... payable to "The British Association of Monaco."

NAME(S) : .....

TELEPHONE : ..... Email :.....

Name(s) of Guests (please print clearly) :.....

Main course – please indicate your preference(s)

- Baobab Bacon Burger with salad and chips  
 Fish and chips  
 Vegetarian option

**Please send your booking form and cheque to :**

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