

Dear Members

Our wonderfully sunny October has turned overnight into a wet and windy November and, with the clocks turned back one hour, the dark winter nights are with us once again. No matter, for November brings with it the usual multitude of events to enjoy in Monaco.

I was delighted to see many of our members at the recent Oktoberfest at the Cafe de Paris. A fair few were dressed up for the occasion, sporting the traditional *lederhosen* and *dirndl* - hats off to you for your dedication, which I will reciprocate at what I hope will be a repeat event next year!

As well as our two regular Thursday cocktails this month, details of which you will find on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter, BAM Committee member Julie Lewis and her team "Chances for Children" will be participating in this year's No Finish Line which runs from 10-18 November and the annual Fair on the Port continues until 19 November.

One hundred years ago on 11 November, the guns finally fell silent on the world's first truly global war. We take this special opportunity to remember all those who lived through this tragic and remarkable time - and who put Great Britain on the path to becoming what it is today. The traditional one minute's silence will be "heard" on Riviera Radio at 11am - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - and the remembrance ceremony will be held following the Sunday morning service at St Paul's Church, when the Standards will be paraded by the Royal British Legion, leading a short procession to the Winston Churchill statue in avenue de Grande-Bretagne. The Royal British Legion is always most grateful for our help and contribution towards its work. If you have not already obtained your poppy, they are available at the Church, from the office of the Honorary British Consul at 11 av Saint-Michel or from BAM at the Thursday cocktail at the Novotel on 8 November.

The evening of 18 November heralds the celebrations of Monaco's Fête Nationale with a splendid firework display and the "embrasement" of the Palace ramparts, followed on the day of the 19th itself (a public holiday) by the celebration of mass and "Te Deum" in the Cathedral at 10am, after which the extended Princely family returns to the Palace for the traditional presentation of awards and decorations, presentation of arms and parade in the Place du Palais. The day will be rounded off with an evening gala performance of the opera "Samson et Dalila" in the Grimaldi Forum, at which all the monégasque dignitaries can be seen in their finery. A great spectacle not to be missed!

Our trivia enthusiasts will be happy to know that we shall be holding our annual Pub Quiz at the Ship and Castle Pub on 22 November. Given the date, we shall be taking the opportunity to combine our usual Fish 'n' Chips fare with sampling the newly-arrived Beaujolais Nouveau, so start getting your teams together right away!

With Christmas approaching rapidly, we shall look forward to our annual Christmas lunch, on Wednesday 12 December when, once again, we shall be welcomed by the Automobile Club of Monaco.

And finally : be sure to mark an extra-special date in your diary - our Burns' Night Supper at the Salon Bellevue of the Café de Paris on Saturday 26 January is sure to be a beautiful evening.

John Luigi Megginson
President

OBITUARY / MEMORIAL SERVICE

It is with great sadness that we record the death of **George Sandulescu** on Saturday, 27 October. George was a well known and respected academic in the Principality, specialising in the works of James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, Samuel Beckett and Oscar Wilde. He was a co-founder of the Princess Grace Irish Library which he ran for many years. Although Roumanian by birth, he carried a Swedish passport and spoke several languages fluently. He could often be heard holding forth on many and varied subjects, his stentorian voice having no need of a microphone in order to command and maintain the attention of his listeners. A longstanding BAM member, his failing health in recent years had, regrettably, prevented him from attending many events. His funeral will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 7 November in the Chapel of the Monaco Cemetery.

The memorial service for **Donna Dobson**, whose obituary appeared in our September newsletter, will take place at St. Paul's Church on Thursday 22 November at 11.30am, followed by drinks and refreshments, the venue for which will be announced during the service.

PAST EVENTS

BAM Cocktails - Our two Thursday cocktail events in October were held at McCarthy's Pub in Rue du Portier, where, despite the rather unkind and unseasonably rainy weather on each occasion, we had a very healthy turnout.

LUNCH at the LYCÉE TECHNIQUE et HOTELIER de MONACO on Friday 19 October was, as usual, fully booked and we enjoyed an inventive and appetising meal prepared and served by the students of the Lycée.

OKTOBERFEST - On Friday 26 October a group of twenty BAM members and guests donned their finery (although it must be said that we *dirndl*-clad girls were disappointed to note a distinct absence of *lederhosen* amongst the male members of the party - not a knobbly knee in sight!) to brave the noise, high spirits, hilarity and general *gemütlichkeit* of the traditional Bavarian knees-up that is *Oktoberfest*. Our friends at the Café de Paris kindly gave us one of the three top tables, right at the edge of the dance floor, and there was much "*Prosit*"-ing and "*Supp*"-ing from one and all, not to mention the copious amounts of *Sauerkraut*, *Schwarzwaldtorte* and *Strüdel*, all washed down, of course, with the famous *Weihenstephaner* beer, from what claims to be the world's oldest brewery.



FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY COCKTAILS - 8 NOVEMBER - Hôtel NOVOTEL, bd Princesse Charlotte

LUNCH at the LYCÉE TECHNIQUE et HOTELIER de MONACO
Friday 9 November at 12.15pm

Places are limited to a maximum of six. Please bear in mind that, as well as the pleasure of enjoying a meal prepared and served by the students, we are expected to encourage them to speak English so do make the effort to converse with them. Contact Yvonne Bernhardt on 06 60 21 63 99 or email bernhope@libello.com to book a place.

QUIZNITE/FISH 'n' CHIPS/BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

Ship and Castle Pub, Fontvieille - Thursday 22 November at 7pm

A three-in-one night, replacing our normal Thursday cocktails.

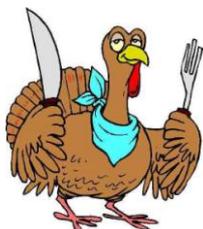
Sample the newly-arrived Beaujolais Nouveau, enjoy a traditional English meal of Fish and Chips followed by apple crumble and then try your luck in our General Knowledge brain teaser Quiz. Make up your own team (maximum of six players). Booking form will be available shortly.

THURSDAY COCKTAILS – 13 December – Venue to be announced

Please note that there will be no Thursday cocktails on Thursday 27 December.

The first Thursday cocktail of 2019 will be on 10 January.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Automobile Club de Monaco – Wednesday 12 December



Our annual Christmas lunch is now confirmed so please mark the date firmly in your diaries. The booking form will be available shortly. If you wish to make up your own tables please try wherever possible to make a block booking using a single form and including cheques for your entire booking. Otherwise, please indicate with whom you would like to be seated. Every effort will be made to accommodate your wishes but preference will be given to those who book early.

SAVE THE DATE !



**Burns' Night Supper
Saturday 26 January 2019
Salon Bellevue, Café de Paris
Full details coming soon !**



OTHER NEWS

The No Finish Line in aid of Children and Future runs from 10-18 November starting from the Châtepeau de Fontvieille. Inaugurated in 1999 under the auspices of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, who often participates Himself, the course is hours a day, to run or walk for donors and sponsors, for each donates €1 to support deprived or the President's editorial, BAM has formed a team together with President of Chances for Children, funds to complete construction of a living/dining area for the Charity's centre in Kampala, Uganda in time for Christmas. But you don't need to be part of a team to take part – registration is quick and easy. For full details visit <http://childrenandfuture.com/no-finish-line/>.



To contribute directly to Chances for Children, please contact Julie on 06 40 62 57 63 for details on how to make payments by cash or cheque payable to Chances for Children, or click on the link <https://www.leetchi.com/c/no-finish-line>. Please make it clear that you are contributing on behalf of BAM.

The Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival runs from 13 November to 2 December, featuring such names as Gregory Porter, Bobby McFerrin, The Amazing Keystone Big Band, John McLaughlin, Benjamin Biolay, Boy George, Marcus Miller and Selah Sue in the magnificent setting of the Palais Garnier. Reservations on 98 06 27 27 / 98 06 41 59 or on client@sbm.mc or ticketoffice@sbm.mc

Princess Grace Irish Library – Friday 16 November at 7.30pm

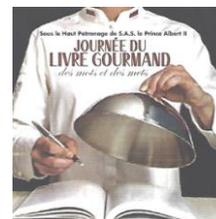
Professor Kevin Barry will speak on "The Crime and Punishment of Marie Girodin and Vere St Leger Goold"

The Library is situated at 9 rue Princesse Marie-de-Lorraine (1st floor).

Reservations essential on info@pgil.mc; entrance €10 payable at the door. **Seats limited.**

MonacoUSA will be holding its annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Thursday 22 November at the Stardeck of Stars 'n' Bars. An "all you can eat" buffet will feature roast turkey with all the trimmings. Reservations must be made in advance on rsvpmcusa@gmail.com (no payment at the door).

Journée du Livre Gourmand – on Saturday 24 November the Princess Grace Theatre will be opening its doors from 10m to 7pm for a day of cooking demonstrations, book signings and meetings with world-renowned chefs. If you've ever wanted to know why your soufflés sag or your teacakes are tough, maybe this will be the chance for you to find out what you're doing wrong – an interesting day out for all you budding cooks and an excellent opportunity to find original Christmas gifts for your friends in need of culinary inspiration.



OEUCUMENICAL KERMESSSE - SATURDAY 1 December – Châtepeau de Fontvieille

This year's Kermesse will again feature BAM's Christmas-themed stand, selling traditional cakes, Christmas puddings, mince pies, chocolates and Christmas cards. Many members have already very kindly offered to bake cakes for us to sell but if anyone has home-made jams or marmalades we should be very pleased to receive them. If you are planning to visit the UK, perhaps you might also consider bringing back some goodies for the stand. Julie Lewis and Petrina Tedeschi will be happy to collect them from you during the last week of November. Please ring Julie on 06 40 62 57 63 or Petrina on 06 40 62 06 24. Alternatively, you can deliver items directly to the stand at the Châtepeau on Friday afternoon, 30 November.

Items for other stands can be delivered all day on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November.

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