

Dear Members

Here in Monaco, we hosted the final European yacht show of the summer last week - one of the most glamorous and star studded events to take place in the Principality, with many a billionaire to be spotted amongst the milling crowds, sporting bulging wallets and patently prepared to part with eye watering sums in order to acquire one of the many state of the art vessels on show, whether for purchase or charter.

Many of you would agree that one of the highlights of the Show was the RAF's Aerobatic team, the Red Arrows, which never fails to amaze us in putting on its customary stunning display of heart-stoppingly intricate and daredevil manoeuvres.

Thanks to the generosity of British superyacht construction and refit specialists, Pendennis, who sponsored the display this year as the backdrop and highlight of their 30th anniversary celebrations, the show - not to mention the traffic throughout Monaco - came to a standstill as the nine member team roared over the waterfront trailing red, white and blue smoke in its wake in this, its penultimate display of the season - a fitting finale to the RAF's highly successful centenary season.

Wing Commander Andrew Keith, Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, said: "Key roles of the Red Arrows include supporting UK industry and promoting engineering excellence across the globe. As such, our display at the Monaco Yacht Show is a strong opportunity to help highlight UK expertise and technology at this event, in what will be the team's final public performance of the milestone 2018 season."

Now the month of October, a magical month in this part of the world, heralds the arrival of Autumn. The season's colours are at their best and the often warm and clement weather allows glorious days walking outdoors. The grape harvest season is in full swing around France's wine regions and we shall soon have the Beaujolais Nouveau to look forward to, together with the chestnuts, mushrooms and truffles which are the special signature delicacies of the season, together with all those cheering, hearty soups! The annual Fair will arrive in Monaco mid-month, with its own particular brand of excitement, thrills and spills, lighting up the Port with yet another different kind of animation.

We shall look forward especially to sampling some of the new wines during our October cocktail hours this month, as well catching up with many of you at our other events, particularly the Oktoberfest celebrations at the Café de Paris on 26 October. We have pre-booked a table for 20 but can always increase it if necessary so please do book as early as possible! Be sure to check the newsletter and our regular email updates to stay up to date on our latest news and don't forget that we always welcome feedback from you.

John Luigi Megginson  
President

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **HMRC ROADSHOW – Monte-Carlo Bay Hôtel – 6 September**

Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs office held a roadshow to raise awareness of two important new changes to UK tax legislation. The aim of this roadshow was to give taxpayers the opportunity to put their affairs in order before tougher penalties came into force in October 2018.

Anyone who still needs further information can find it by visiting [www.gov.uk/guidance/worldwide-disclosure-facility-make-a-disclosure](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/worldwide-disclosure-facility-make-a-disclosure)

### **BAM Cocktails**

Our two September cocktail events were held at L'Oliveraie in the Place des Moulins, where we were able to take advantage of the continuing fine weather, and at McCarthy's Pub in Rue du Portier, which we had not visited recently and were made very welcome so we shall be returning on a more regular basis during the autumn and winter months – see below for October dates.

### **MONACO YACHT SHOW : 26-29 SEPTEMBER**

The Monaco Yacht Show was bigger and better than ever this year, with the largest private yacht to date steaming into the Port Hercule and the Red Arrows dazzling us with their heart-stopping high precision display (*see the President's editorial*).

Pictured right is the 95.2 metre "Kismet." Built in Germany in 2014 by Lürssen, her interior was designed by Reymond Langton and she can accommodate twelve guests across seven staterooms, with a crew of up to 28! What's more, she has not one but **two** helipads!



To round off the festivities, Monaco Telecom took the opportunity to announce the arrival of 5G. Since Monaco is renowned for its technological prowess, it should really come as no surprise to learn that the world's first 5G transmitter was actually operating during this year's Yacht Show.



What is 5G? The next generation of mobile phone transmission technology and internet connectivity, it is programmed to replace 4G in Europe in 2020, offering faster speeds and more reliable connections on smartphones and other devices than ever before. Test sites are already being operated in specific locations such as Brighton, for example. What will 5G provide? Well, when you replace your phone next year for an expensive new model, it is likely

to possess the capacity to process calls and connect apps using the most up-to-date technology. With around ten times more processing speed available, it will be possible to use other devices such as drones and virtual-reality devices to connect in real time to produce the same visual images and sound that can be achieved today with cable connections. And after 2020? - well, the technology has not yet been invented, so we shall just have to be patient ...

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **The QUEEN BEE "VINTAGE ROCKS" ONE-DAY SPECIAL SALE, TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 10am – 5pm Palais Gallia, Place de la Crémillère, Beausoleil**

#### **For the ladies – and for the gentlemen who like to indulge them!**

The Queen Bee is run with love by Katie Holmes, who is English, and her shop is bursting with oodles of pre-loved goodies – clothes and shoes for all occasions, handbags (which she also repairs so cleverly as to make them good as new), accessories and imaginative gifts. She also has a wardrobe SOS service and will rescue you if you are really stressing about what to wear for that special occasion, wedding etc. or you just feel that you're stuck in a rut and want a total makeover. Tuesday's sale features costume jewellery from the USA and UK, dating from the 1920 to the present. Visit her website on [www.thequeenbee.fr](http://www.thequeenbee.fr).



**Princess Grace Irish Library : Friday 5 October at 7.30pm sharp (doors close promptly)**

**Lecture by Professor Declan Kiberd**

**"After Ireland : Writing the Nation from Beckett to the Present"**

Professor Kiberd will speak about how Irish writers provided an early warning system concerning many of the social and cultural problems which have only recently come to light in the media (crises of faith, child abuse, financial scams, touristic theme parks, frustrations of rural womanhood etc) and will cover themes of multicultural Ireland and likely developments in cultural, social and religious life.

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

**Canadian Club of Monaco – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – Monday 8 October at 6.30pm**

**Maison du Caviar, 1 av St-Charles**

The Canadian Club of Monaco is offering BAM members the same rates as its own members (€75) for its Thanksgiving Dinner. Full menu and booking details on [www.canadianclubdemonaco.com](http://www.canadianclubdemonaco.com). Deadline for booking is 5 October.

**BAM COCKTAILS : THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER – Venue to be announced**

**The ROAD to TASTE : QUAI ANTOINE Ier : 11-14 October**

3<sup>rd</sup> Organic Festival. Food tastings and workshops on healthy and organic eating. Further details on 98 06 36 36.

**MUNEGU COUNTRY EVENT : Espace Leo Ferre : 13 OCTOBER**

**12pm-6pm then Dance Night from 7.30pm**

Intermediate, novice & beginners line dancing workshops. Further information on 06 78 63 96 80.

**Exhibition of Sculptures by François-Joseph Bosio**

**Palais Princier – until 14 October**

Last chance to see the works of the Monégasque sculptor, organised by the Archives Service of the Palais Princier and displayed in the Grands Appartements to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

Something of a child prodigy, his talent was recognised at the young age of sixteen and he was sent by Prince Honoré III to Paris to study there. He eventually became Court Sculptor to Louis XVIII. His bas-reliefs can be found on the column in the Place Vendôme.

The picture on the right is that of his "Nymphé de Salmacis," the original of which is in the Louvre and which is the basis for the famous "Nymphé d'Or" presented annually at the Monte-Carlo Television Festival.



**LUNCHES at the LYCÉE TECHNIQUE et HOTELIER de MONACO**

**Thursday 18 October at 12.15pm.** Places are limited to a maximum of six. Please bear in mind that, as well as giving the students an opportunity to practise their cooking and serving skills, the purpose of these lunches is to give them the chance to speak English so do be prepared to converse with them. Contact Yvonne Bernhardt on [bernhope@libello.com](mailto:bernhope@libello.com) to book a place.

We are also planning to organise a dinner event during early January, at which the wines will be specially paired to complement the menu. Further details will be advised in due course.

**STAG NIGHT AT McCARTHY'S PUB : 18 OCTOBER From 6PM**

Men only drinks night – at McCarthy's Pub, rue du Portier

**ANNUAL FUN FAIR – PORT HERCULE : 19 OCTOBER – 19 NOVEMBER**

As happens every year in the run-up to the Fête Nationale on 19 November, the Fun Fair rolls into Town for a month, with all the usual sideshows, thrilling rough-and-tumble rides, seemingly higher and higher each year, with lots to eat and drink, imaginative handicrafts and gifts to suit all ages and pockets.

**THIRD MONTE-CARLO eRALLY : 24-28 OCTOBER**

The third Monte-Carlo eRally will run from Nevers via Valence to Monaco, arriving in Monaco on Saturday afternoon, 27 October before the last day of trials, finally arriving back in Monaco at 1am on Sunday, 28 October. For full details visit [www.acm.mc](http://www.acm.mc)

**BAM COCKTAILS : THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER – Venue to be announced**

**OKTOBERFEST - CAFÉ de PARIS : 26 OCTOBER 7.30 pm for 8pm**



BAM has pre-booked a table of 20 for the evening of Friday 26 October. Further details will be available shortly but please note that there will be a fixed menu or à la Carte and everyone will pay individually on the night.



Please reserve by email to [bam@monaco.mc](mailto:bam@monaco.mc)  
And feel free to wear the traditional dirndl  
or lederhosen if the fancy takes you!



**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS : MONDAY 22 OCTOBER**

**OTHER NEWS**

Although BAM is a strictly non-political organisation, we have been asked to point out to our South African members that elections in their country are coming up shortly and, with that in mind, they can register using the following link :

<http://www.elections.org.za/content/For-Voters/How-to-register-and-vote-abroad/>

We have been asked to provide information on an English speaking vet. **Isabelle Basson-Blanchi** speaks good English and can be found at 24 Quai Jean-Charles Rey. Tel : 92 05 74 77

**And finally :** Don't forget the English Library, open every Saturday morning from 10.30am-12noon in St. Paul's Church Hall, avenue de Grande-Bretagne. A constant supply of new reading, books for sale and a friendly chat are all on offer.

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