

# **BROS** NEWSLETTER

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## 1. Domaine AGM

You will all have received the voting papers for the Domaine Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2011. There is nothing contentious particularly as there is only one candidate for the post of Gerant. May I implore everyone to vote so that there is not the need for the expense of a second vote.

As you will be aware M Valentin is retiring from the post of Gerant. I am sure that something will be done at the meeting to mark his retirement. Arrangements have been made for a tribute from BROS members.

## 2. Electricity Meters

The following is with permission of the BA of the Var.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 a new law [NOME –Nouvelle Organisation du Marche de l'Electricite] came into effect. This law requires EDF to sell up to 25% of its electricity production to its competitors. Its competitors can then invite current customers of EDF to change supplier.

To permit customers to change supplier EDF will have to install digital meters in all properties that do not currently have one. The cost of installing these meters will be high and there is little doubt that EDF will try to recover the cost from the customer. It is thought that the cost could be in the region of 300€ per household.

No one should seek to try to prevent EDF from installing the new meter but the cost can only be recovered from the customer if the customer signs a document confirming that the work has been done.

So, it is important that you READ CAREFULLY ANYTHING YOU RECEIVE FROM EDF, or its appointed contractor, and, if it relates to the installation of a new electricity meter DO NOT SIGN IT. Also it is equally important that when EDF, or its appointed contractor, arrives to install the meter, that you DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING ELSE ON SITE that authorises the installation or confirms that the work has been done.

EDF's competitors are already making contact with potential customers by mail shots and cold calling. If you are asked for the details of your EDF supply contract [all of which appear on your electricity bill] DO NOT GIVE THEM. Armed with this information, it will be possible for EDF's competitors to switch your supply contract without you being aware of it. The decision to switch should be yours and yours alone. More information is available on [www. poursavoir.fr](http://www.poursavoir.fr)

### 3 Council Refuse Tip – Decheterie

Le Muy now has a different system for depositing items at their decheterie. It is now necessary to obtain a form from the Marie so that you can get a Badge of Identification which I understand is in the form of a card like a credit card. When you arrive you have to insert that card in the machine by the weigh scales. Your car will be weighed and weighed again when you leave. A copy of the necessary form is attached. I understand that it has been suggested that the Domaine obtain some badges for visitors which they would give out on request.

### 4 BROS Meeting

The next BROS Meeting will be held at the Lou Paradou Club at 5 for 5.30pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. The arrangements will be as in previous years.

### 5 BROS Accounts

Theses attached to the newsletter. I would like to thank Tony for his work looking after our finances.

### 6 Miscellaneous

Dot and I hope that you have all wintered well and enjoying the lighter nights. We expect to be at Canebieres early in June until early July and of course in September.

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