

# **BROS NEWSLETTER**

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## 1 BROS Meeting

The BROS meeting took place at 5 for 5.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at the Lou Paradou Club. About 60 members were in attendance.

The meeting was also attended by Auriol Langen and Pauline North of the British Association of the Var who set up their stall at 3.30pm. They provided tea, coffee and biscuits. They also had books, assorted Christmas cards and notelets for sale. The Christmas cards were prints of hand paintings by B A members. The notelets contained photographs of local scenes.

Auriol and Pauline reported that the afternoon had been successful having raised 174€ for their welfare fund and gained 6 new members.

Bob opened the meeting by welcoming everybody including Auriol and Pauline.

M Jacquemin was welcomed by Melanie Ancliff who explained that M Jacquemin was going to demonstrate the use of the defibrillator. Melanie made a disclaimer of the translation in case of problems with technical language.

M Jacquemin apologised for the absence of M Valentin who was moving house to Draguignan on the day of the meeting.

It would not be appropriate for me to include the detailed instruction given by M Jacquemin because there is a need to be able to see the machine.

M Jacquemin then demonstrated the defibrillator. He opened by saying that the machine was not dangerous and it was not possible to harm anyone with it.

Firstly there is a need to dial 112 for the ambulance as it takes 25 minutes for the ambulance to get to the guard room.

The machine, itself gives instructions and tells the operator what to do. The patient must be on a flat dry surface. It tells the operator how to connect the pads to

the chest. It gives the state of consciousness, what if any artificial respiration is needed, does an electro-cardiogram and if an electric shock is needed.

If artificial respiration is needed, the machine gives the timing and the pressure needed.

The defibrillator will be kept in the guard house. M Jacquemin will give demonstrations to small groups on request. An English translation is available in the bureau for anybody to read if they wish. Mr Jacquemin ended by stressing that the defibrillator was not a dangerous machine. It appeared to be just about as idiot proof as possible.

Mr Jacquemin then reported on other matters.

There had been a problem with people from le Muy using the club. More guards will be used to prevent this.

There was also a problem with bad parking and removal posts will be used to prevent this.

If members had large items to dispose of, i.e. fridges, washing machines etc, a form should be completed at the bureau and the item would be collected within a week.

Disabled parking bays will be provided at the swimming pool and the shop/restaurant.

M Jacquemin was thanked and then left the meeting.

The following other matters were then raised.

The matter of the internet access on the domaine was raised by Joe Newman. Mel Woodcock reported that free access was available at McDonalds, perhaps the purchase of a coffee would make it look good!

It was also reported that the large refurbished building on the Le Muy by-pass at the second set of traffic lights was a technical library where there were computers and internet access could be obtained. There is a charge and opening times need to be checked.

Joe also raised the question of making it clearer about priority at the junctions on the main avenues.

Melanie agreed to raise these matters with the bureau at a later stage which she did. The domaine is looking into having wireless internet access and will continue to do so but no news yet. Melanie also raised the question of having the nose of some of the stops at the swimming pool painted in a dark colour to prevent people tripping.

#### Treasurer's Report

Tony Godwin reported that the BROS finances were satisfactory and sound. It will save costs if members could take the newsletter by email. Would members whose subscriptions are due please make cheques payable to BROS and not to Tony.

The accounts will be published at the first newsletter in 2010.

Mice and rats

Bob reported that he had suffered damage caused by mouse or rat, now killed and he had heard of others that had also suffered damage. Bob suggested that poison be put down when plots were unoccupied.

BROS Website [dcanebieres.com](http://dcanebieres.com)

Antony Topham reported that was having trouble with the server [now corrected]. A photograph of the meeting was taken at the end to be added to the site.

#### Miscellaneous

Bob reported that three members were leaving Canebieres. Roma Overton having left her lofty abode was now living at Middleton in Sussex. Joan Stacey was expecting to leave at about Christmas. Barry and Noreen Chapman have sold and have now left [at time of writing]. Bob said that it had been a pleasure to have met them all and will miss their company. He thanked Barry and Noreen for the help that they had given him and Dot.

Bob thanked Melanie for translating and Tony for managing the finances. He also thanked Barry and Noreen, Peter and Pam Kilbey, Mel and Jen Woodcock and Dot for helping with the meeting which was then closed.

#### 2. Elsie Wish

It is with sadness that I report the death of Elsie Wish died in September. Her funeral took place on 7<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's Church, Theydon Bois, Essex. + She and her late husband were long term owners at Canebieres. She will be missed by all those who knew her well.

#### 3. Shop/Restaurant

I understand that the shop/restaurant will be open until the end of November.

#### Finally

Dot and I would like to wish all members a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

We expect to be at Canebieres for about 10 days in the middle of November.

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