

BROS NEWSLETTER

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1. Domaine AGM

You will soon receive details of the domaine AGM for April, 2012 including voting forms. Pam Kilbey has put her name forward for election to the Conseil.

Whilst I do not know what other matters will be up for discussion will you please vote for Pam and to make sure that there is enough votes cast to avoid a costly second ballot.

2. Domain Address

If you wish to write to the domaine I understand that the road number needs to be included as follows; Mr/Mrs Blank, Lot 1000 Domaine des Canebieres, 4350 Route de Ste Maxime, 83490 Le Muy, France.

3. Motoring Law

SatNav/GPS

As from January if you are using SatNav/GPS equipment it is illegal if it alerts the driver to locations of either fixed or mobile radar [speed cameras] positions whilst driving. Now in France it must only alert drivers to 'danger zones'.

The fine proposed for being caught with a system that is still alerting the driver to these positions will be €1500 and the offence does carry a very definite 6 point penalty.

I understand that modern equipment from retail outlets and those in car original equipment navigation systems should now conform, although you may wish to check that it is so. However older equipment will need to have the speed camera location section deactivated/disabled.

I have a Garmin SatNav and by working through the menus it is easy to find this facility and disable it.

Breathalyser Kit

I understand that in the spring of this year it will be necessary for all cars to carry a breathalyser kit. I further understand that there will be an on the spot fine of €15. There are plenty available on line at Amazon and other sites ranging from £3 to over £60.

Mobile Phones

You should also note that if you are stopped for using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving it will attract an on the spot fine of €130 and 3 points.

4. Telepeage Equipment

It is now possible to obtain telepeage equipment in the UK and pay for it and the tolls through your UK Sterling bank account. It can be obtained from; Sanef Tolling, Hornbeam House, Hornbeam Park, Hookstone Road, Harrogate, HG2 8QT, telephone 0113 815 1930, email support@saneftolling.co.uk Their website gives details of the costs.

5. Paul Topham

I am sorry to report that Paul Topham is in Kingston upon Thames Hospital where he is very seriously ill. We wish him well. If you wish further information please telephone Antony Topham on 01722 500265

6. BROS meeting/Accounts

The BROS meeting will be held at 5 for 5.30pm on Thursday 13th September, 2012. The arrangements will be as in previous years.

Details of the BROS Accounts will be published in the next newsletter. Please pay any outstanding subscriptions, £5 or €7 to Tony Godwin at 36 Woodmans Vale, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6DL Telephone 01454 315467. All cheques to be in sterling only please.

Dot and I will be at Canebieres at the end of February through into March we do hope that by then the very substantial snow fall that fell on the domaine and surrounding area will have disappeared by then.

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