Income tax changes

Prime Minister Manuel Valls has unveiled changes to France’s income tax rules, due to come into effect next year, that could see a further 3 million households pay no income tax, and another 6 million paying significantly less than they did this year.

As many as 9 million households in France could soon find themselves paying less tax in 2015 if Prime Minister Manuel Valls follows through with proposals to “remove” the lowest band of income tax. Speaking on iTélé, Valls insisted that removing the lower band would not, contrary to some speculation, mean a greater burden on higher taxpayers.

When news of the changes first came to light, there was a degree of confusion as to the number of households that would benefit. Valls was quoted as saying that six million would be better off, but as more details were made public, budget minister Christian Eckert later referred to nine million. In France, approximately half of all households pay income tax, which represents 19 million foyers.

Income tax is calculated on a household basis and not on individual incomes. A couple living together combine their incomes and will receive twice the tax allowance; an extra half ‘part’ is then added for each dependant child. Under current rules, no tax is paid on the first €6010 earned (or €12,020 for a couple - €18,030 if they have 2 children). Income between €6,011 - €11,991 is then taxed at 5.5% and it is this band that may soon be removed.

It is believed that under the new rules due to come into force next year, the 5.5% band will be removed altogether, but that the threshold for the 14% band will be lowered to €9,690.

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s I sat down to write this month’s editorial, the final day’s play of the Ryder Cup was just getting under way, so you’ll forgive me if I am a bit distracted. If you are a fan of sport, then the Ryder Cup is surely one of the highlights of the year. Golf is nowhere near as popular in France as it is in the UK and that for me is largely down to an image problem. There are relatively few “municipal” type courses where green fees are more reasonable and that makes golf quite an expensive pastime in France. As such, it has garnered an image as being slightly elitist, not something that usually sits well with the French public.

It is a shame, as the wide open spaces available, especially in central France, are just crying out to be turned into golf courses! Maybe that should be my next venture...? Golf is certainly set to receive a profile boost over the coming years as the next Ryder Cup to be played on European soil will be at Le Golf National, just outside Paris, in 2018. It will be the second time that the competition has been held in Europe outside of the British Isles. The Ryder Cup has grown in popularity over recent decades and it is one of those rare times in sport when money goes out of the window and the players are passionate about nothing other than the history of the competition, being part of a team and the glory of winning. It must be tough to do for some golfers as there are not many sports which traditionally have quite such a solo mentality.

This year’s Ryder Cup has been made all the more exciting by the young Frenchman on the team, Victor Dubuisson, who I did not know too much about, but looks a real talent. He is only the third Frenchman to represent Europe in the competition (Jean van der Velde and Thomas Levet are the others in case you are interested), but he certainly looks like he’ll be around for a while. I’ve just seen that he’s playing last, so here’s hoping he can bring it home for Europe.

I should probably announce right now that there will not be an October edition of the paper in 4 years’ time as I will be somewhere on the outskirts of Paris cheering on Europe! I was very interested to see that for me is largely down to an image problem. There are few “municipal” type courses where green fees are more reasonable and that makes golf quite an expensive pastime in France. As such, it has garnered an image as being slightly elitist, not something that usually sits well with the French public.

There will be celebrations afoot this month here at Bugle Towers as the newspaper turns 5! It feels like a lifetime ago that I launched this venture... which actually happens to be true in the case of my eldest daughter - at least I’ll always remember that year she was born. I joke of course, I don’t need the paper to remember that... it was the year Chelsea won the FA Cup.

Until next month!
Steve Martindale, Editor
Woman burnt by exploding cigarette

We all know of the dangers of smoking tobacco, but with the recent rise in popularity of e-cigarettes those searching for a nicotine hit are facing a new health problem... exploding cigarettes! In September, a 64-year-old woman from Limoges received third degree burns when the battery of her e-cigarette exploded in her pocket.

The unlucky lady was advised by her lawyer to take her burnt clothes and medical reports to the police and file a complaint, although she was reluctant to blame the manufacturer. “I am not at all against e-cigarettes, as they have been a great help to me this last year in trying to quit tobacco. But I do want to make sure that this type of accident doesn’t happen to anyone else.” The manufacturer of the e-cigarette said that it was “shocked and quickly in touch with the victim to ascertain exactly what had happened and whether a counterfeit product was involved. The incident in Limoges is not the first time that serious injuries have been caused by an e-cigarette. There have been numerous reports of explosions as well as devices catching fire whilst being charged. There was even one high-profile fatality in the UK when a charging e-cigarette is believed to have set fire to an oxygen concentrator during the night, resulting in the death of a 62-year-old man.

Bordeaux to Lyon train line to reopen in 2015

The Bordeaux to Lyon train line, which passes through Limoges, Guéret and Montluçon, looks set to reopen early next year following extensive maintenance work. The announcement was made on radio station France Bleu Limousin by a regional rail manager, and while SNCF is playing its cards close to its chest, it is believed to be reliable information.

The final decision rests with the transport ministry which handles the opening and closing of rail lines, but the Bordeaux-Lyon route is believed to form part of agreements that will be brought into force at the beginning of 2015.

“Works are under way,” said the SNCF spokesperson. “And once these are complete, there is no reason, in principle, why the route cannot reopen. The SNCF cannot be more specific than this as ultimately it is the State which decides these things.”

The intercity line via Limoges and Guéret initially closed in December 2012 for works on the tracks between Limoges and Saint-Germain-des-Fossés, sparking protests and online campaigns demanding the reopening of the route.

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Town introduces top-up insurance for residents

One aspect of French life that all expats must learn to understand is the healthcare system. Unlike in the United Kingdom, healthcare is not always free at the point of care and if you do not have the correct cover, you can be left with a hefty bill!

If you are in the French social security system - and have your carte vitale - then the state will reimburse 70% of most of your health costs. For the remaining 30%, you must find the money yourself, or arrange mutuelle “top-up” cover from one of the many companies offering this kind of insurance.

The vast array of choices for top-up cover, along with the differing levels of cover provided, can be bewildering and prices can vary wildly. But one commune in the Limousin has introduced a novel way to make the process simpler... and cheaper. Beynat, in the Corrèze, has become the first commune in the Limousin to offer a mutuelle just for its own residents. There are only 10 communes in the whole of France that have so far organised this kind of healthcare for their residents, although it looks set to be an option that will become more and more popular.

“The commune has asked the question of the mutuelles and will leave the choice of whether to adhere to the people,” explained Pascal Coste, mayor of Beynat. “We would like to work on this with local businesses, but we are not tied to anyone.”

By negotiating with insurance providers, the commune now offers 12 levels of cover to its residents, at prices ranging from €16 to €125 per month. By negotiating on bulk contracts, the commune was able to secure better prices. “With these group contracts, fixed prices can be negotiated in advance, at more competitive prices than those available to individuals, based on the large number of potential contracts,” explained the forward-thinking mayor.

“The number of people that sign up will allow us to evolve the contracts and offer wider cover.”

In the first instance, the commune will be focusing on the 15% of its 4,000 inhabitants who currently have no top-up cover. There are further plans to rollout the mutuelle to the wider communauté de communes around Beynat.

Licence replacement fees for Limousin drivers

Since the beginning of September, there is now a €25 fee if you lose your driving licence, which must be paid via the timbre fiscal system. In the Limousin, however, there is also a regional tax of €27 that is added on top of this fee, making the cost of replacing a lost or stolen licence €52.

The Limousin is one of only 3 metropolitan regions that still applies this extra tax, along with Poitou-Charentes and Corsica. The most recent region to do away with the tax was Aquitaine, which did so in 2009. “In the last 10 years, our region has become progressively better off, which allowed us to do this,” said the region’s president, Alain Rouset, referring to the €2.6 million in lost income.

The income from the tax is far less in the Limousin, however, according to Gérard Vandenbroucke, vice-president of the Conseil régional du Limousin, although that the regional tax may be removed in the face of the new tax, there is a front end service involved that must be paid for somehow.”
November 3rd sees the opening of the “Semaine Britannique” in Bourganeuf. It is being organized by the Association Rencontres Franco-Britanniques, which was created in January 2012 and aims to help British people, resident in the Communauté de Communes surrounding Bourganeuf, to become fully integrated in their communities and local life.

The association (ARFB) has 95 members (roughly half British and half French) and organizes a range of cultural and social activities. Fortnightly conversation groups are an important part of our association. At these meetings British members can improve their French and organizes a range of activities for local people. We are very grateful to the Mairie for their support.

There will be events and activities throughout the week.

On Monday 3rd November there will be the Official Opening of the week at the Salle Maurice Cauvin in Bourganeuf, including a short theatrical performance and an aperitif with British delicacies. Tuesday sees the start of a series of workshops run by British association members. These are open to the public and participants can come along and enjoy cooking, singing, theatre, painting and drawing, paper sculpture, enamelling and felting. Each workshop has an entry fee of €5 per session.

In the evening there will be the opportunity to see the film “Atomeen” (subtitled in French) at the Salle Maurice Cauvin. The evening will be preceded by Fish and Chips and a British aperitif. “An après Bûches 21” will be on sale.

Wednesday starts early. From 8.30am a full English breakfast will be on sale at the Salle Polyvalente at Bourganeuf. It is being produced by Sophie Hicks from “Boucherie à La Ferme” in the Corrèze (www.boucherielalaferrme.com). The majority of the produce comes from Sophie’s farm so we can enjoy a traditional British event created from high quality products. After breakfast visitors can enjoy the vide-grenier and the British market stalls at the same venue. Wednesday is market day in Bourganeuf and a free navette will run between the traditional market and the Salle Polyvalente. Later in the day the association is organizing an initiation to cricket for young people with the cooperation of the Centre des Loisirs.

Sadly, events must come to an end but the week will finish in a blaze of energy at the Salle d’Danse on Saturday. It starts at 8.00pm at Maurice Cauvin. Music will be provided by the group Slainte who will open the evening with a traditional Ceilidh before moving on to Rock ‘n’ Roll. It’s free but participants are asked to bring their own drinks and a dish of finger food that can be shared with others. For those who would like another chance to sample traditional English beer a bar will be available.

Places for the final event on Saturday, the Film and Fish and Chips, and the workshops are limited so booking in advance is a must. This can be done through the association’s website: www.francobrit.com. The Office de Tourisme at Bourganeuf: 05 55 64 12 20

Further information can also be obtained by telephone on 05 55 64 22 25. Both English and French are spoken.

And finally, a word from Chris-time: “Our members have worked hard to make this event a success so please come along and enjoy yourselves with us. It has been truly wonderful to have so much support and once again I thank not just our members but also the Mairie of Bourganeuf, the Conseil Général de la Creuse, the Tourist office and the Communauté de Communes for their generous support.”

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**Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts 2015**

Following on from the wonderful success of Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts 2014, we are now looking forward to events in 2015 and we have made some changes. Instead of the single open weekend in June, as was the case this year, there will be 3 main opening days: Sunday May 3rd, Sunday May 10th and Sunday July 12th. Some gardens will be open on other days and all these details will be posted on the website (see below).

So, for next year, visitors will be able to see a much greater variety of plants and, of course, a lot more gardens will be available. For the first time, we will have gardens in the Dordogne, Charente and Indre and we are delighted to have local co-ordinators who will open the gardens and who will provide information and advice.

For those who are not aware of the Open Gardens scheme, it is a project based loosely on the Yellow Book scheme which has run successfully in the UK for many years and has raised millions of pounds for charitable causes. A group of dedicated gardeners and volunteers is now trying to develop a similar project in France and has met with huge enthusiasm and 2015 will be the third year. The aim is to encourage garden owners to open their gardens to the public who pay an annual subscription.

For those who wish to offer your garden: If you think that people would enjoy walking round your garden and you would enjoy meeting that experience, please get in touch, no matter which department you are in. Someone will come and discuss the idea with you and you can decide if this is for you. Although you have the option of opening on one separate day, they wish throughout the year. For 2015, the profits will be donated to a French charity called “A Chanu son EVERETE”, an association which organises activities for children suffering from cancer or leukaemia. In 2014, £2,500 was sent to this worthy organisation and we aim to double that amount in 2015.

There are many ways to become involved in Open Gardens -

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Be a visitor: There are few nicer ways to spend a lazy day than strolling round beautiful gardens, being inspired by ideas that you want to adopt yourself. The membership card costs only £10 and this entitles you to visit many of the gardens as they wish throughout the year.

For those who wish to offer your garden: If you think that this may be of interest, please get in touch, we will be happy to talk over all the different opportunities to view. Some will be available. For those who would like another chance to sample traditional English beer a bar will be available.

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Security services red-faced after bungled repatriation

A 26-year-old man died in September when a World War II bomb exploded on an island off the north-west coast of France. The man was camping on a beach with a number of friends when the explosion took place. Initial reports suggested that high tides may have washed the unexploded bomb up the beach and into the group’s camp on the île de Groix.

The explosion took place at around 2am when the group settled down to sleep, instantly killing the young man and leaving a 25-year-old friend with serious injuries. The injured man was airlifted to a hospital in Nantes, where the remaining eight members of the party were transferred to Centre and treated for shock.

After the incident, around twenty police officers joined divers and de-mining squads on the island to determine the cause of death and techniques soon found a metal object they believed was a “piece of ammunition” dating back to World War Two.

9 million to pay less tax in 2015

Many had questioned whether higher earners would ultimately have to foot the bill for tax breaks for the less well off, but this was strenuously denied by the budget minister who insisted: “There will be no tax losses. Hear us when we say that these measures will not be paid for by other contributors.”

If the changes go through as currently outlined, then 3 million households that paid tax this year will pay nothing in 2015 and a further 6 million will see their tax bill reduced. The total cost to the state is an estimated £3.3 billion when combined with the smaller tax pledges already made for the next financial year.

The proposals could still change as they will be debated by parliament, before coming into force at the end of the year.

WWII bomb kills camper

The French interior ministry announced that the men had been arrested before rapidly back-tracking as it emerged that they had in fact landed in Marseille, birdseed through customs and were wandering free through France’s second city.

Even the group’s lawyers were incredulous at the bungled repatriation. “As incredible as it may seem, it’s true,” said Pierre Dunac, representing Imad Djebali, “I don’t know what the interior ministry is saying, but legally if they had been extradited they would have been accompanied from Turkey to France. They came back to France of their own free will. The other reality is that they went through customs in France with their passports without being bothered in any way.” The trio later handed themselves in to police.

The bungled operation was a severe embarrassment for France, coming as it did in a week when the French had been told to be on heightened alert because of the danger from returning jihadists. Islamic State has specifically called for French people to be targeted and shortly after the episode a French tourist was kidnapped and executed by militants in Algeria. Despite these heightened security concerns, once on French soil the group’s passports were either never checked, or more worryingly, they failed to trigger an alert.

France was quick to pass blame back to Turkish authorities. French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian called Turkey’s decision to change the flights “unfortunate.” Speaking to radio station France Info, the minister said that the incident had been largely due to the lack of good collaboration with the Turkish services. “This mix-up shows that we have to strengthen relations, methods and actions with the Turkish authorities,” he said.

According to Le Monde newspaper, the three left for Syria in February to join the Islamic State (IS) group, but became disillusioned and eventually surrendered to Turkish border police at the end of August, asking to be repatriated to France. They were then kept for three weeks, before finally being sent back.

“It’s a classic story of young French or Westerners who dream of Islamic State, a society based on religion, but when they get there they are terrified by the fanaticism, the crimes and torture that is being carried out,” said lawyer Christian Etelain, who once represented killer Mohamed Merah.

He said that once the group had made plans to leave Syria, they were imprisoned by the IS as suspected French spies. “They were sure they would be condemned to death and it’s for this reason they did everything they could to escape and handed themselves over to the Turkish police to ask for their help and protection.”

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Nicolas Sarkozy on the comeback trail

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over him or hate him, there's no getting away from him. Following months of “will he, won’t he?” speculation, former president Nicolas Sarkozy has finally stepped back into the political arena, two years after promising “you’ll never hear from me again”. After announcing his comeback on his Facebook page, Sarkozy was then given a 45-minute prime-time interview on television station France 2.

The decision to announce the news on Facebook was seen as an attempt by the former president to attract support among a younger demographic, the first move in a campaign that is sure to run until the next presidential elections, scheduled for 2017. “My dear friends,” began the Facebook post, “I have been able to stand back from him. Following previous day, I have felt among many French people the temptation to stop believing in anything or anyone. This absence of all hope, so specific to France today, forces us to reinvent ourselves.”

Sarkozy’s return is ostensibly to run for the leadership of his political party, the UMP, although his ambitions surely rest with a second term as France's president. In fact, during his 45-minute TV interview, he mentioned the UMP only once. He told the nation that he had “perhaps less energy, but more wisdom”, accusing Hollande of “a litany of lies” during the 2012 presidential campaign, which he said he had “lost … but by very little”.

“I’m not going to caricature him [Hollande], because there's already too much violence in our country. His actions speak for themselves. When the energetic and charismatic Sarkozy was first elected as head of state, he was initially seen as a dynamic figure who could carry out the unpopular but necessary reforms France needed. But as France’s economy floundered amid the global financial crisis and the eurozone’s woes, his public image took a battering. He came to be known more for his “bling bling” lifestyle and his love of expensive watches and his tenure ended with election defeat to François Hollande, the self-styled “Mr Normal”, after only one term in office and with his popularity at then record lows.

After spending a few years off the public radar, he is hoping to sell himself to voters as a seasoned statesman with the experience to revive France’s economy from what he - and many others - see as President Hollande’s disastrous policies. ■
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Have you ever stood in the wine aisle, looking at row up on row of seemingly identical bottles, before silently plumping for the one with the prettiest label? Or used the phrase “this is a really good bottle” when what you actually mean is “this one cost more than I would usually spend”? France is synonymous with wine and, for many people, this country’s vineyards are a large part of the appeal of living here, but not everyone knows their cèpage from their appelation... even the French themselves!

A survey, carried out for the magazine Terre de Vins, asked a group of French drinkers if they considered themselves knowledgeable about wine. Of those surveyed, 71% said no and of these 43% admitted they knew nothing at all.

A mere 3% believed that they knew everything there was to know, although a further 26% did say that they “knew enough”.

Unsurprisingly, it was well-heeled executives and professionals that knew the most about wine, reinforcing the idea that wine knowledge is linked to social class. “This proves that learning about wine is seen as still very simple. What surprised us most is that 51% of people thought youngsters should learn about wine through tastings at the age of 17 to combat binge-drinking. As the legal age to drink is 18 this breaks something of a taboo.”

After a few difficult years, the French wine industry did receive some better news recently when it was announced that 2014’s harvest would be above average, particularly around Bordeaux, where harvests are up 40% on last year. According to government figures, the average harvest between 2009 and 2013 was 4.56 billion litres; the 2014 harvest is expected to reach 4.64 billion.

In general terms, wine consumption in France has been on the decline in recent times and earlier this year the country lost its place as the world’s largest consumer to America. US drinkers consumed 2.91 billion litres of wine in 2013, while the French drank 2.8 billion litres, followed by Italy (2.2 billion), Germany (2 billion) and China (1.7 billion).

Exports are also on the decline, with 7.3% less being exported in the first 6 months of this year, a drop which is being put down to the so-called ‘China Effect’. In an attempt to cut down on corruption, China has banned the practice of giving gifts and holding lavish banquets and this has had a significant impact on French wine imports, with the Bordeaux region again particularly affected.

DFDS route may close

Expats who travel back to the UK by ferry will be concerned by reports that DFDS Seaways is looking at closing its Le Havre – Portsmouth service. The route, which DFDS took over with LD Lines in 2012, has struggled for profitability and the companies revealed they have “recorded heavy financial losses on this service since 2005”.

There have been numerous attempts to make the route more viable: the previous ferry, the Norman Voyager, was replaced by the smaller Seven Sisters vessel and there have been several sales and marketing initiatives, but the route has remained non-profit making and a closure consultation is now under way.

Passenger and freight customers currently booked will not be affected, and all bookings that have been made will be honoured.

France is top for online government services

France has developed something of a reputation for red tape over the years and many of us will have experienced the frustration of dealing with government bureaucracy. According to a recent survey by the UN, however, you may be better off trying online next time you need to get something done. France has been the best online government services in Europe!

The UN’s E-Government Survey 2014 puts France at the top of the European table and at number four worldwide, with only South Korea, Australia and Singapore offering their citizens better online services. Dealing with the government online is also relatively easy on the other side of the Channel, with the UK coming in at 8th place on the UN’s list, although this is down from the third position it occupied the last time the survey was carried out in 2012.

The E-Government Survey evaluates the availability of online services, telecommunication infrastructure and the general level of public education, and France was singled out for praise trying online next time you need to get something done: France has the best online government services in Europe!
Angry farmers torch tax office

There was widespread condemnation in October when a group of French farmers in Brittany burnt down government buildings in protest over living standards. The vegetable farmers in the town of Morlaix also used tractors to tear down office buildings and manure in the middle of the streets, according to police.

The drama began when around 100 farmers launched an event to protest against the tax office just outside Morlaix, which they set fire to, completely destroying it. They then drove their tractors to the main tax office in the town where they dumped tonnles of unsold vegetables, smashed windows and then set that building on fire as well. There were also reports that a busy main road was then blocked in both directions, preventing the emergency services from attending the blaze.

Politicians were quick to voice their anger at the farmers’ action, with Prime Minister Valls saying “vigorously condemn the ‘looting and destruction by fire’ of the buildings.” It is particularly shocking that the service was prevented from doing its job,” Valls said in a statement. “Legal proceedings will be carried out against the perpetrators of these acts.”

Agriculture minister Stepanie Le Foll said “nothing can justify these acts of violence” and called on all parties to find solutions to manage this crisis”.

A Russian embargo on some Western goods – imposed over the Ukraine crisis - has blocked off one of the main export markets for France’s farmers and there was some local support for their plight. Agnès LeBrun, mayor of Morlaix, said the farmers had been “sounding the alarm” over the deepening financial crisis for several weeks. “They are weighed down by social charges, by taxes, by debts. Farmers are not madmen, they are company bosses who are not being listened to.”

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“The wider implications of the recent Scottish referendum

As the Scottish referendum approached, the result was in doubt right up to the moment polling stations closed. The debate surrounding Scottish independence and the future of the United Kingdom was being closely followed by British expats around the world for obvious reasons. But the potential of a “Yes” vote also held huge significance for many other European nations, particularly in France.

Stephen Tindale, an analyst at London’s Centre for European Reform, speaking before the results of the referendum were announced, explained why governments would be worried. “What’s happening is being watched very closely by many other parts of Europe, so they [regional governments] can take the message and argue for more powers from their central governments or, in the Catalan case, complete independence.”

The French island of Corsica has long had a simmering independence movement and in other regions such as Britain and the French Basque Country, activists are pushing for greater local autonomy, if not outright independence. Pro-independence activists in these areas point to the fact that their own languages and cultures are different.

“It’s a constitutional abnormality that France is the only country in Western Europe that does not recognize any national identities other than a French identity,” Basque national and independence from a regional government, however the remaining three parachutists leapt to safety and the plane entered a spin. At this point, rather than ejecting to safety himself, Mr Fradin stayed at the controls and fought to steer the aircraft away from nearby buildings.

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fter just 9 days as France’s minister for trade fol-
owing the recent cabi-
net reshuffle, Thévenoud has been forced to resign over a scandal involving unpaid taxes.

The reason the disgraced minister gave for not declaring his income for more than 3 years was up there with “the dog ate my homework.” This particular politician, civil servant and member of parliament, apparently suffers from a phobia of paperwork!

Initially the Elysée cited “personal reasons” for the minister’s resigna-
tion, but before long sources were claiming that unpaid taxes were at the heart of the matter. Thierry said that he had missed his last 3 tax declara-
tions and website Mediapart sepa-
rately claimed that the tax office had already initiated proceedings against the politician to recover the tax back.

News then emerged in satirical newspaper Le Canard Enchaîné that the already disgraced former

Thévenoud had also failed to pay rent on his chic Parisian left-bank apartment for the last three years, leading to threats of eviction.

Mr Thévenoud insisted that he was “not a fraudster” and said his late payments were the result of psychological problems, which he described as an “administrative pho-
bia”, explaining why he tended to let his paperwork slide.

The scandal brought back painful

memories for President Hollande of the disgraced budget minister, Jé-
ôme Cahuzac, who resigned last year after admitting that he had failed to pay tax and had held an illegal eft: stock bank account.

Even worse for the government was the fact that Mr

Thévenoud was the deputy chairman of the committee that investigated Mr Cahuzac, and had overseen a crackdown on tax evaders.

Mr Thévenoud, who has been thrown out of the Socialist party, has since settled his rental arrears, as well as paying his back taxes, in-
cluding more than €12,000 in late-
payment fines. Whether he was able to fill out his own paperwork in order to do this was not revealed.

Budget price business class

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ichelin-starred meals, fully-reclining massage chairs and complimentary luxury cosmetics... it may sound like a contradiction in terms, but welcome to the world of budget business-class air travel. La Compagnie was launched in July by L’Avion founder Frantz

Yvelin and former Swissair and

CIA pilot Christophe Langree, the Michelin-

starred chef at Hotel Matignon in Paris and can refresh themselves with amenity kits provided by high-

end cosmetic brand Caudalie. There is also complimentary Wi-fi and all

personal Samsung tablets loaded with a range of films, music, books and magazines.

The launch of La Compagnie’s flights follows the announcement that newly created Odyssey Airlines is to start all-business-class flights between London City Airport and New York from 2016.

British Airways already offers all-
business-class flights on that route and Qatar Airways now runs all-
business-class flights between Lon-
don and Dubai.

Fizzy refill ban

T
he latest target in France’s battle against obesity appears to be “free refills” of fizzy drinks. Although standard in countries like America, free refills are a relatively new marketing tool in France, on only recently intro-
duced by KFC and Quick. The move sparked an outcry from nutri-
tionists who are now calling for government intervention.

“This must be banned,” said Serge Hercberg, a lead

member of the National Nutrition and Health Programme, a govern-
ment initiative to encourage healthy eating. It is in to-
total contradiction with public health recommendations. I oppose all marketing obesity promo-

dations that encourage people to con-
sume excessive quantities of unhealthy products.”

Mr Hercberg, who is also professor of nutrition at a lead-
ing Paris medical school, went on to point out that it was low-
income people who were the main customers of the fast food

chains: “It is the most disadvan-
taged people who are the greediest, suffering from the avail-
ability of fizzy and sugary drinks. We have to fight social

inequality in nutrition.”

Xavier Denamur, a lead-
ing French chef who owns four restaurants in Paris, is a prominent campaigner against junk food and pointed out that the French state owns a large

static of Quiche, which meant that the chain was effectively “going against government policy.” “The officer is telling people to eat less fat, less sugar and less salt, and here we’ve got a largely state-

owned chain that’s going to get kids hooked on fizzy drinks. People get more addicted to sugar than cocaine. Anything that encourages people to eat junk food is as much as they like is a catastro-

phe. It should be outlawed.”

The average Frenchman has put on 3kg since 1997 and the government has introduced a raft of measures to try and tackle the obesity problem, which is worst amongst the country’s youth. A tax on sug-

ary drinks was introduced three years ago and fizzy drinks are banned in school canteens in a bid to curb the country’s grow-
ing obesity problem.

Despite government con-
cerns, France has one of the lowest obesity rates in the western world, although the reason for this is likely to be the weather.

The French get through an average of 14 burgers each year, making them Europe’s second biggest burger eaters after the British, who consume 17, according to a recent sur-
vey.

Man phones ex 21,000 times

A

French man has been jailed for phoning and texting his girlfriend 21,807 times following a messy break-
ap.

The 33-year-old admitted at his trial that, with hindsight, “it was stupid”. The unnamed defendant was given a 10-month sentence - six months of which was suspended - and a €1,000 fine. He was also ordered to undergo psychiatric

treatment and was issued with a restraining order.

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ther thank him for fixing up their flat, or compensate him for the work he had done. “At the time, my logic was that until she returns the money - or at least says thank-you - I would not stop the calls,” he told the court in Lyon.

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stead and her workplace,” said Manuela Spee, lawyer for the victim, a 32-year-old teacher who was also not named.

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friend finally said thank you during a meeting organised by a mediator.

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The joys of a wood burning stove

Winter is fast approaching and Stove Sellers have teamed up with The Bugle to give readers a quick-fire guide to help you to get the most out of your wood burning stove this season. No matter whether you are a wood burning novice or seasoned professional, you will certainly appreciate the following advice on using your wood burner safely and efficiently as we all begin to light up our stoves for the first time this autumn.

If this is your first season with a wood burning stove, you are likely to encounter the following common scenario on your way to becoming a professional "fire starter" (not to be confused with an arsonist!) Once you’ve lit your stove for the first time (or think that you have it alight!) the first stage is to fill the room with smoke before opening all the doors and windows to let the warm smoke out and the cold air in. When you’ve had enough of the cold and your cheeks have turned blue, it’s then normal practice to close all the windows and doors (with your house still half full of smoke) only to then realise that the fire in the stove has “gone out". Thankfully, you’ve a small electric convector heater which you bought locally from Mr Bricolage and you can huddle around that in the meantime whilst you meticulously read though the stove's instruction manual which helpfully contains all you need to know about lighting and using your stove in at least a dozen different languages... except English! If you have instructions in English you will most likely not read much further than the first page of the instruction manual which reads something like: “Congratulations for the first time and it will take you meticulously read though the instruction manual which reads something like: “Congratulations... except English! If you have instructions in English you will most likely not read much further than the first page of the instruction manual which reads something like: “Congratulations... except English! If you have instructions in English you will most likely not read much further than the first page of the instruction manual which reads something like: “Congratulations...

This is not an exact classification, but can be used as a good rule of thumb. The ability of a stove to heat your room will be affected by such aspects as the number of doors & windows and whether or not they are double-glazed, the quality of any insulation material and the type of floor covering and even the wall construction and its covering can affect the thermal qualities of the property. In these cases you may need to look at a stove with a greater output. And remember, most British manufacturers quote the MAXIMUM output of their stoves when fired with best quality seasoned wood. You should also look for the stove's NOMINAL heat output in order to work out the size of appliance that you require and it is worth bearing in mind that heating your room or property to a comfortable level is one thing when the outside ambient temperature is 6 degrees, but heat- ing it to a comfortable level when the temperature outside slips 10-15 degrees BELOW freezing is quite another!

The FLUE

A sweep of your chimney (aka ramonage in France) is essential...
If you intend using an open fire or solid fuel appliance such as a wood burning stove. It’s important to ensure that your flue way is clear, free of any build-up of tar and sooty deposits and working correctly. In France you should have your chimneys swept throughout its entire length twice a year (once, if you have a gas or oil appliance) and sometimes even more is required if poor quality wood is burnt. A certificate (certificat de ramonage) should also be issued which will be required by insurance companies if you make a claim from, for example, damage arising from a chimney fire. In addition to ensuring that the flue way’s walls are free of deposits, you can never tell what may have happened since the last time the fire was used. Birds can nest in the stack during the nesting season or masonry may have fallen and partially blocked the flue. There are still folk in rural farming communities in France who believe that the best way to clear their chimneys is by firing their 12-bore shotguns up them, or by dropping live chickens down them! Although quite an effective means, some stacks have been known to collapse using the “twelve-bore” method and some poor potlucks have become stuck half-way down the stack as they frantically attempt to ‘flap’ the flue clean. My advice here would be to consider hiring a qualified sweep instead, with a good selection of brushes. Contrary to popular belief in rural France, the remains of last year’s Christmas tree make a pretty poor substitute!

The FUEL

This may sound like a ridiculous question but you’d be surprised at what some people try to burn in their wood burners. There are industrial waste disposal sites that do not incinerate some of the things we have found remain in people’s wood burners. These include rubber, plastics, railway sleepers, dead animals and bicycle tyres!

It is recommended that you only burn good quality well seasoned hardwoods such as ash, oak or beech. Don’t try to burn wood covered in preservatives or paint, for instance. Make sure that your supply is dry and ideally it should have been seasoned for about two years to reduce the moisture content. Stack your wood and cover the top of it to protect it from the rain. Ideally, the sides of the stack should be exposed to allow air to circulate over and around it. Don’t cover your wood with impervious materials such as polythene as condensation may form underneath and rot the wood. A breathable tarpaulin or sheets of corrugated iron are ideal for sheltering wood during the seasoning process.

In France wood is usually sold by the ‘stère’ which equates to 1m³, or by the ‘corde’, which equates to 3m³ or 4m³ in some areas. Always buy good quality hardwoods and avoid softwoods such as pine or fir. It’s true that these woods will still burn well (properly seasoned); however, unsawned fir should be avoided as it contains a lot of resin which will create tarry deposits in your flue way if not burnt completely. In principle, woods having equal density will have the same calorific value and it’s worth noting that a stère of oak would be nearly twice the weight of a stère of pine (more commonly used for making pallets).

The price of a stère can vary widely (I can buy a stère for about €55.00 including delivery) but it can range from as little as €35.00 to well above €80.00 and more in some areas. Make sure the quality of wood is good, ensure that it is dry and seasoned and not mixed with any inferior quality wood. Not sure? Then buy yourself a moisture meter for €30.00 and test it for yourself. A good supplier will cut your logs to length and this usually means that a metre-length log will be cut in half (50cm) or into thirds (logs of about 30-35cm in length). You may still have to split the wood yourself, though, to fit it into your stove. Don’t try to force your wood into your stove’s fire chamber, as you can crack and damage the internal fire bricks of some models and door glass if your logs rest against the glass under pressure during the combustion process, especially when burning damp wood.

We have this old saying in the trade that if your stove fails to work correctly it can only be down to one of three things: the FLUE, the FUEL or the FOOL that’s using it!

Enjoying your stove

Once you have got your wood supply organised, you can get on with enjoying the cozy warmth and glow which makes this sort of heating so attractive. Back boilers can be fitted to some stoves if you want the stove to heat water for a central heating system. Even the smallest of stoves can often have a boiler fitted so that you can plumb in a couple of radiators or boil a hot water cylinder for domestic hot water use. Imagine, a cosy wood burner with hot water generated for free!

With the winter season on its way most of us will be firing up our wood burners for the first time this year, so it’s important to get the most out of our stoves as safely as possible if we are all to ward off the inevitable French cold snap this winter.

If you’d like to know more about the topics raised here, take a look at Stove-Sellers’ website for more information on wood burning stoves and cookers, central heating systems, chimney installations and chimney sweeps at www.stovessellers.com or call 05.55.67.78.72

The FUEL or the FOOL that’s using it!
In the garden - jobs for October

by Michelle Pierce

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FUTUER EUROPEAN SUCCESSION RULES AND “CONTRATS D’ASSURANCE VIE”

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Your question demonstrates just how many “grey areas” still exist as to the potential consequences of using the new European succession rules and changing UK law. You have effectively arranged for your husband to receive your invested capital, while ensuring that it will ultimately be divided between your children and step-children, in the percentage ages you require, with little or no inheritance tax. You have done this through your “beneficiary clause” under French insurance law.

It is logical to assume that this should still be valid, since, under French law, the beneficiaries of life assurance policies are not governed by a will. However, UK law, which you plan to use to govern your inheritance, does not recognise “beneficiary clauses” and the beneficiary of a life assurance policy is normally your estate. In theory, therefore, the policy could be reintegrated into your estate, meaning that your stepchildren would end up paying the 60% tax you have managed to avoid.

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Kids and schools and gardens

Whilst school gardens are quite common things in the UK, strangely in the French countryside they seem rather rare. Maybe everybody already has a garden at home...

This year, Club Liscou has a project to re-launch the Garden for the Elementary School in Massignac, which had fallen into disrepair and was pretty much abandoned. A working bee is planned in October to pick up the first pots of plants to put in the ground, which means there’s lots of workable month of the year outside in the garden, which means there’s lots to do. That said, some years have mild winter and others have harsher weather earlier. So who knows...

It’s my resolution this year to pick up piles of rubbish like prunings, twigs, flower pots dumped in corners, half used bags of compost, etc., before things start hibernating in them. At the same time, I must have a look round to see that there are enough spaces for them. At the same time, I must have a look round to see that there are enough spaces for it...

Put in the ground. You may also decide to bury the pots in the ground so that the cold weather will probably come, will have less of an impact and so you don’t need to remember to water them. The grass is still growing, but leave some of the peripheral areas longer for the wildflora to walk or patch of lawn!

Think also about any pots or troughs you have. Move them into a greenhouse or other shelter. Cover it. Remember it’s the combination of cold & wet that does the most damage, sometimes just putting a pot under the eaves where it won’t get rained on can be beneficial (depending, clearly, on what’s in it). Any really big pots that can’t be moved should be protected by being wrapped in a layer of insulation, and a good layer of mulch spread on top, or a fleece spread over the plant.

Very tiny water features, such as miniature waterlilies in buckets, should also have some protection, but this must be done in such a way that you can easily monitor the water level, so it doesn’t drop too far.

Remember, whilst plants in pots are generally pretty tough, the more you have, the more work you have, so, too it may be judicious to spend the month deciding what to put in the ground. You may also decide to bury the pots in the ground so that the cold weather, which will probably come, will have less of an impact and so you don’t need to remember to water them. The grass is still growing, but leave some of the peripheral areas longer for the wild-life. Bulls are entering the shops now. Check if they are OK for autumn planting and plant them reasonably quickly after purchase. Most of us plant them too shallow, so try and respect the depths. As a rule, it’s good to plant the bulb at least 3 times its depth.

Logical when you think of how solid the ground gets when there’s frost. Add a bit of grit under them if you have waterlogged, clay soil. Note where you’ve planted them, so you don’t damage them in the spring.

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**Searchwordoku** © - by Anthony Parson

Complete the alphabetical Sudoku grid to the left using only the letters already shown, then use the result word-search grid to find: **A disease**

**How does it work...?**

Complete the Sudoku grid in the usual manner, using only the 9 letters already shown. Once complete, you will be left with a 9x9 wordsearch grid, in which to find the final piece of the puzzle.

See the completed example to the right, the clue for which is “An English county.”

Be careful not to jump to conclusions, as with the letters available, the answer could be SURREY, SUSSEX, ESSEX, or as it turns out in this case... SOMERSET.

**Solution on page 29**

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**Crossword**

Chutes and answers (page 29) in English

**Across:**
1. Informal gathering (6)
4. Intolerant person (5)
8. Bloodsucking worm (5)
9. Part time policeman (7)
10. Funeral procession (7)
11. Pantomime Jack (4)
12. Tipster’s best (3)
14. Inhabitant of Jellystone Park (4)
15. Give praise (6)
18. Winner’s trophy (3)
21. Exaggerated publicity (4)
23. Mott maple (7)
25. Female thespian (7)
26. Sibling’s daughter (5)
27. Large wading bird (5)
28. Smouldering pieces of wood (6)

**Down:**
1. Join two ends (6)
2. Farewell greeting (7)
3. e.g. Charlton, Wigan (8)
4. Prepare a drink (4)
5. Surname (5)
6. Old dancing grid (6)
7. Poplar tree (5)
13. Metallic element (5)
16. Four stringed instrument (7)
17. Sword case (6)
19. A velvety fabric (5)
20. Emphasize (6)
22. Humorous father (5)
24. A long period of time (4)

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**Sudoku - Easy**

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 2 4 3
 7 2 5
 6 8 4
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**Sudoku - Medium**

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 9 4 7
 5 6 1
 2 3 4
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**Sudoku - Hard**

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 6 1 8
 2 5 9
 3 7 4
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The solutions to this month’s sudokus can be found on page 29.
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A simple solar energy system that runs on its own, even when you are not there! – And provides a free heat supplement in winter.

The Solarventi air panel was invented more than 20 years ago by Hans Jørgen Christensen, from Aah Mjøl, with the backing of the Danish government. He wanted to use the sun’s energy for airing and ventilation of the thousands of holiday homes on the West coast of Jutland, – houses that were left empty and unheated for long periods - houses with damp problems, mould and bad odours - houses that left their owners with discomfort, lots of work and expense. He wanted a system that would be safe, simple, without the need for radiators, water and/or mains electricity. Slowly but surely, the first Solarventi model came together.

How it works
The principle behind Solarventi is simple: a small, built-in, solar cell powers a 12V fan that is connected to an air vent, a control unit and an on/off switch. Whenever the sun shines, the air in the solar panel is heated and the fan, receiving power from the solar cell, introduces warm, dry air into the home at the rate of 20 to 100 cubic metres per hour. The initial models were more than capable of keeping the cottages dry (and ventilated), even with the limited sunshine hours available in Denmark during the winter season. Since that time, the technology has really come along in leaps and bounds. Now, more than 20 years later, the 3rd and 4th generation Solarventi have exceeded all expectations.

In Southern Europe, Solarventi is not only used for ventilation/dehumidification purposes; with far more winter sunshine hours, it also provides a substantial heating supplement. Several technical and governmental studies show that incoming air temperature can be increased by as much as 40°C.

A DIY Solution?
The installation process is very straightforward and should only take two or three hours. All that is needed is a drill, hammer and chisel to make a hole in the wall. Roof installations are also possible. In fact, the Solarventi was originally designed to be a DIY product - in Scandinavia it still is.

There are no electrical or water connections and it can be safely left running, even when the property is empty. Solarventi requires no maintenance - if the property is unoccupied during the hot summer months, then it can be left running at low speeds for ventilation and dehumidification purposes or simply switched off.

With a range of panel sizes, and the option for wall or roof mounting, Solarventi is suitable for all types of buildings, caravans or even boats!! Following the patenting of its design in 2001, Solarventi has only recently been actively commercialized. Over the last six years, Solarventi units have been installed in more than 24 countries and demand is increasing rapidly. From Greenland to Australia, Solarventi is finally getting the recognition it deserves.

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First prize winners in the classes were as follows:

Class 1: Five tomatoes - Betty Anstett
Class 2: Largest courge - Richard Dorrington
Class 3: Five tomatoes - Betty Anstett
Class 4: Four onions - Joint prize winners Milly Beckett and Mervyn J Wood
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Class 6: Three beetroot - Milly Beckett
Class 7: Three beetroot - Milly Beckett
Class 8: Three capsicums - Jackie Humphreys
Class 9: Three leeks - Fran Martin
Class 10: Plate of raspberries - Carolyn Lees
Class 11: Three different herbs - Betty Anstett
Class 12: Single dahlia - Christina Callans
Class 13: Yellow flowers - Fran Martin
Class 14: Pink flowers - Betty Anstett
Class 15: Largest sunflower Jackie Humphreys (2nd)
Class 16: Flowering pot plant - Carolyn Lees
Class 17: Vase of seed heads - Betty Anstett
Class 18: Single hydrangea - Fran Martin
Class 19: Mixed potted plants - Carolyn Lees
Class 20: Flower arrangement All Things Green Jackie Humphreys
Class 21: Conserve sweet - Eve Barlow
Class 22: Conserve savoury - Betty Anstett
Class 23: Creature from Vegetables - Gill Broadhurst
Class 24: Whimsical arrangement - Fran Martin
Class 25: Photo Wildlife in your garden - Christina Callans

Interested? We’d love to see you so contact Dave Lee tel 05 49 87 53 11 email dave.leet@optipel.net or Dolly Alonso Buenos Aires email sylvia.murray@wanadoo.fr

Music
Open Mic Night
If you like music and have ever fancied getting up and having a go, why not come along to our Open Mic Night at “Le Clochard” every 1st Friday, every month at 8.30pm. Music starts at 9pm. 
Please book at Mervyn on 05 55 36 54 32. You never know you might win the biggest prize of all: a table in order to sell their handmade or unusual items. This is a very successful event and we always look for new vendors and would like anyone interested to contact me, Linda, on any of the above numbers.

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Marché de Noël
I would like to invite everyone to our annual Marché de Noël on the 14th December in Abjat-sur-Bandiat.

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Experienced shopfitters required for installs all across France. joiners, electricians and labourers also required.
Email: contact@reactive-resource.com

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Italian restaurant in St-Étienne-de-Fursac
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www.carraciola.com
Tel: 05 55 63 86 05

Le Moulin du Breuil
Restaurant, Bar, Terrasse
23140 PIONNAT
Sat 11th Oct – Quiz Night
€10 including meal and quiz entry. Max 6 per team.
Man 13th – Sun 19th October
“Tous au Resto”
Buy 1 menu get 1 free - midday and evenings.
4-course meal - €38
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Tel: 05 55 80 37 70
Mail: info@lemoulindbreuil.com
Web: www.lemoulindbreuil.com

Atelier d’Art du Jardin
The tea room is now open.
2km from Chénérailles and the Chateau Villemonteix – 26, Ecurat 23150
tel: 05 55 81 31 85
e-mail: artdejardin@gmail.com
www.atelierdartdujardin.net

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23140 Aigurande
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Catering, Wed 12th, 26th Oct.
Intriguing Venetian masks & themed buffet.
Tel: 05 55 81 31 85

Limousin Dog Training
We have new puppy training classes starting at
Les Grands-Chézeaux & St-Borbant
For more information, please contact Elaine on:
05 55 68 67 56 or 06 04 47 35 19

Très Jolie
Fashion Accessories
Where to find me this month:
Every Wednesday - Piegut Market
Items arriving daily, please see my facebook page ‘Tres Jolie Milhaguet’ to see what’s new.
Mail order available, email for more details.
Next items now listed at the ‘Coeur et Etoile’, St-Mathieu
05 55 78 62 29 / 06 04 08 29 53
tres.jolie1@orange.fr

Petticoat Lane
This month we will only be at the following markets:
Saturday 4th Oct - Aigre
Sunday 12th & 26th Oct - Panazol
http://www.petticoatlaneshop.com/
5 Rue Nationale – 16150 Chabanais
Tel: 05 45 29 03 99

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OPEN MIC/JAMMING SESSION – SAT 11th
Get that summer feeling back. Come and sing the night away (or if you’re like me, just enjoy)
Please note: evenings of Sat 4th & Wed 8th we will be closed (Naomi’s 18th!) - sorry for any inconvenience.
Sunday Lunch is by reservation only

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Le Champasac
Quiz Night – 3rd Oct and 7th Nov – 7pm
Pizza Van – 4th, 11th and 29th Oct – 6pm
Fish & Chip Van – 6th Oct and 3rd Nov – 6pm
Themed menu night – 18th Oct – homemade pie and chips
Charity Race Night – 1st Nov from 7pm
To find out more go to the “This Month” page on our website:
www.lechampsac.com

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COMMUNITY
WHAT’S ON ♦ MONTHLY FOIRES

importantly, you’ll be helping Phoenix Association to care
join friends, have lunch and enjoy yourself. And most
So come and make a day of it, browse, meet new people,
savouries, tasty cakes, scones and other assorted goodies,
sorted and recent books, CDs and DVDs will once again
for those with limited mobility, and then at 09:30 for
The largest Anglo-French fund-raising event in South-
com or email welham_books@yahoo.co.uk
For more information see www.welhambooks
arrange for a signed copy.

Sat 18th Oct CAMPSSEGRET - DORDOGNE

The Great Phoenix Book Fair
Sat 18th to Sun 19th Oct CROZANT
phoenixasso.com
Bergerac and Périgueux.
Salle Municipale, 24140 Camsegret - on the N21 between

THURSDAY
Boussac: Cévennes-Souvenir
Puy-de-Dôme
Dentizy
NANTIER

FRIDAY
Algerian
Morocco
North African
Blacks
Bœuf au vin noir

SATURDAY
Aixe-sur-Vienne:
Municipal Hall

BY DATE
Aixe-sur-Vienne: 1st Fri
Amboise: 2nd Tue
Bourgon: 1st & 3rd Wed
Boussac: 1st & 2nd Fri
Château: 2nd Thu
Château-l'Hermitage: 2nd Sun
Cognac-le-Fort: 1st Thu
Cognac-la-Forêt: 1st Tue
Condat-sur-Vienne: 3rd Thu

Pumpkin fair & vide-greniers/boucane. 9h-18h.
Sun 19th Oct FLAVIGNAC
20ème Fête du Cidre et vide-greniers
Cider festival & vide-greniers. From 9h.
Sun 5th Oct BUSSIÈRE-DUNOISE
Fête de la Chevauchée
The third annual Carriage Driving competition will take place on Sunday, October 5 at La Chevauchée Equestrian Farm in Les Couperies Basses, just outside of Bussière-Dunoise. This is a regional competition which will test the talent of the drivers and the fitness and training of the horses. It is a very exciting event to watch and there will be many other activities to provide guests with a full day of fun for the entire family, including a farmers market, Creuse artisans demonstrating and selling their crafts, a classic car display, carriage rides, live music, refreshments, tombola and children's entertainment.
For more information, tel 05 55 81 61 43.
9h-18h. Admission is free.

Sun 12th Oct CHÉNÉRAILLES
Foire aux Chevaux
Horse fair. All day.

Sun 12th Oct MONTBRON
Concert with the ODYSSEÉ Trio
The ODYSSEÉ Trio brings together three artists who are passionate about chamber music: Marta PETRLIKOVA (violin), Lionel MICHEL (cello) and Philippe MARTY (piano).
Programme:
- Trio No. 1 in B major (opus 8) BRAHMS
- Trio No. 4 "Dumky" opus 90 (B 166) DVORAK
- Andante Appassionato (Opus 44) for trio by TCHAIKOVSKY
Eglise St-Maurice de Montbron. 17h.
Tickets: €15; free for Under 15s.
Reservations: Antenne de Tourisme de Montbron, tel 05 45 23 60 09.
For more information visit www.tardoireallegro.com

Wed 15th Oct to Sun 9th Nov
Jazz à La Sout
Jazz Festival with events organised all over the Creuse. Visit www.jazzlasout.com to find events near you.
Fri 17th to Sun 19th Oct
CLUSSAIS-LA-POMMERARIE
Hope Association 3-day book sale
3-day book sale at the Salle des Fêtes, Clussais-la-Pommerie 79190 (D45 Sauzé-Vaussais to Lercy road). 10am to 4pm (also open Thurs 16th from 3-5pm for disabled book lovers).
Thousands of English and French books for just €1 each.
* Fish and chips
* Tea and cakes at the Hope Cafe
* Bacon butties
* Exciting bric-a-brac
* Trade stands
* Bouncy castle
* Eddie’s hand-crafted greetings cards
* Grand Tombola and Raffle
* Classic car display (Sunday 19th October)
The HOPE Association helping animals in need.
Books to donate? Email: givebooks4hope@gmail.com
See www.hopeassoc.org for further details.
Please bring any unwanted towels, blankets, duvets and tins/croquettes of dog/cat food for Hope to donate to animal refuges and local SPAs.

Fri 17th to Sun 19th Oct
LIMOGES
Salon Fête Mariage Réception
Getting married? Need to organise an event for friends and family? Looking for inspiration? Why not pop along to this 3-day Fair taking place at the Zenith from 17th-19th October!
Over 70 stands. Entry €5.50.
Fri 14h-19h; Sat & Sun 10h-19h.
For more information visit www.fetemariagereception.com

Fri 17th Oct LIMOGES
La frairie des petits ventres
This gastronomic fair - “La frairie des petits ventres” or ‘The Brotherhood of Small Bellies’ - is one of Limoges' most popular events and takes place on the third Friday of October in rue de la Boucherie.
The Frairie des Petits Ventres was created in 1973 by Renaissance du Vieux Limoges, an association of preservationists and butchers who came together successfully to fight plans to demolish the old city centre.
Sample Limousin specialities including the region's meat products, prepared by the city’s tripe and offal butchers, gateau, potato pie, tripais, clafoutsis.
From 12h.

Sat 18th to Sat 25th Oct
Book Signings
Signed copies of Mike Welham's new thriller WTC Building 7 will be available at the following:
Mon Chic Cottage, Pl. Charles de Gaulle, Le Dorat, Saturday 18th October, 10am-12.30pm.
The English Library, La Souterraine, Saturday 25th October, 10am-12.15pm.
If you are unable to attend and would like a copy of any of Mike’s books please contact him by email and

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