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Dates for your diary



ABCA events in BOLD type

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| July-August | Summer in Antwerp, programme Tourism Info Antwerp |
| August | Jazz Middelheim |
| August | MoMu : Martin Margiela expo |
| 5/6 August | Open door at Bunker museum Wilrijk (www.bunkervliegtuigarcheo.com) |
| 20 th August | Lillo sjacherdorp – www.lillo-sjacherdorp.be |
| 27th August | ABCA Mussels lunch |
| 30th August | ABCA open evening at the Highlander |
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Advance Notice:

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| September | Brussels Magritte Museum major show : renejette17 |
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| 24th September | ABCA : Visit to Richard Deacon exhibition, Middelheim with guide |
| 22nd October | ABCA : annual Challenge Quiz |
| 17th December | ABCA: Christmas lunch at de Basiliek hotel |
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| March 2018 | ABCA : Visit to Havenshuis |

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From our Chairman

Dear Members,

Our annual BBQ on 21st July was a great success not in the least thanks to all those volunteers who helped throughout the day. Where would we be without our volunteers. The food was delicious and the company great! Much appreciated by all.

At the end of August we have our traditional Mussels lunch. Of course there's an alternative – check it out.

To all our members sick at home or in hospital – get well soon and keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Mary Ann Marinus
Chairman

Thought for the month

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her. Agatha Christie

Membership matters



R.I.P



It is with regret that we announce the death of Cécile Vermylen who passed away peacefully on 31 May.

To her husband, Leslie Cornwell and all her family, we extend our deepest condolences.

Get Well Soon



Margery Williams has been hospitalised recently but is now at home. We send her our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.



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ABCA Mussels Lunch,



Humans have eaten mussels for thousands of years. During the second World War in the United States, mussels were commonly served in diners. This was due to the unavailability of red meat because of wartime rationing. Everyone knows how the Belgians and Dutch prefer to prepare their mussels: i.e. consumed with french fries or bread. However the mussel can be served in many different ways depending on the country. In **Turkey**, mussels are either covered with flour and fried on shishis ('midye tava'), or filled with rice and served cold ('midye dolma') and are usually consumed after alcohol (mostly raki or beer). In **Cantonese** cuisine, mussels are cooked in a broth of garlic and fermented black bean. In **India** mussels are either prepared with drumsticks, breadfruit or other vegetables, or filled with rice and coconut paste with spices and served hot. Fried mussels are considered a spicy delicacy. Special rice balls are served stuffed with spicy fried mussels and steamed locally known as "pachilede pindi".

Sunday 27th August : De Bomma, Suikerrui 16.

This is a great opportunity to relax and catch up with everyone after the holidays.

Mussels and home made chips, mayonnaise and mussels sauce

or Chicken, cream sauce, salad and home made chips

Dame Blanche

Coffee

Also included are two glasses of house wine (white or red) and water.

Clearly state your choice of meal and numbers you are booking for when making your payment. Receipt of payment confirms your booking. Cost is **€ 38** pp (mussels menu) and **€35** pp(chicken menu), cut-off date for payment is Wednesday 23rd **August**. Bank transfer as usual, bank account number: BE 11 220-0324380-48, stating "Mussels Lunch: x Mussels, x Alternative". Let Mary Ann know you're coming.

Message from British Ambassador

Subject: Safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU, after the UK leaves the European Union

Dear all,

I am writing to you to give you more information on the UK government's proposals for safeguarding the position of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU, after the UK leaves the European Union. The full paper on the UK proposal can be found [here](#).

The UK Government undertakes to treat EU citizens in the UK according to the principles in paragraph 7 of the attached document, in the expectation that the EU will offer reciprocal treatment for UK nationals resident in its member states

Prime Minister Theresa May has said that we want to provide as much certainty as possible to the three million EU citizens currently living in the UK and the one million UK nationals living in the EU. We want to reach a reciprocal deal that covers both EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU as quickly as possible.

We have listened carefully to the concerns of UK national communities in the EU to ensure we reflect their issues and concerns in our approach to the negotiations. This is a priority issue for the forthcoming negotiations and as the Prime Minister has emphasised, we will always put the interests of citizens first.

A number of you have asked me what will happen to your UK State Pension after the UK has left the EU. UK State Pension is payable worldwide under domestic legislation. It is the UK's intention to continue to uprate UK State Pensions for individuals living in the EU after we leave, subject to a reciprocal deal with the EU. The paper also covers other issues I know are of concern to you, such as health care, benefits, social security, education and mutual recognition of qualifications.

Please do let me know if you have any questions. Best wishes,

Alison Rose

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Traffic Chaos



As most of you probably know, from June 1 the Leien in the centre of Antwerp are undergoing extensive changes. The Opera Square is being reconstructed at the same time as underground parking and car tunnels are being created. In short this means a tale of woe for the motorist, and one that looks set to last until December 2018.

In June work also started on the restructuring of the Italiëlei to the Paardenmarkt and from September the stretch of road to the Noorderplaats will be included.

Some of you might prefer to invest in a bike.

Updated information can be obtained from the website www.noorderlijn.be



Summer in Antwerp



Café de Muze

If you want to chill out in a café on a hot summer night (or even a cool one – you can never predict the weather here) the Café de Muze has re-opened its doors. This world famous jazz café has been hot and happening ever since it first opened in 1964.

Café de Muze represents everything the city stands for: artists and writers, up and coming musicians and those who have made it. Only in De Muze can you find the wonderful blend of people so characteristic of the city itself. At least three times a week there is a music gig during which new bands test their jazz skills out on the public.

Café de Muze, 15 Melkmarkt, 2000 Antwerp

Bocadero Bar

Nine years ago it was just a small beach bar at **Waagnatie**. Now Bocadero has grown into one of the coolest bars in town. Sunbathe and chill out with an ice cream on the sandy beach, enjoy a tasty meal in one of the four restaurants, sample a range of snacks from the take-away restaurants, network in the exclusive Aperò bar, or buy those essential summer accessories from the beach shop. New this year is the play corner for the kids.

In the evening, Bocadero transforms into a cosy beach club with a covered lounge. Dream the night away with a delicious cocktail (or three) and watch the sun set over the Scheldt. Try The Bocadero is open up to and including September 3th. Admission is free and there is plenty of car parking space in the area.



Cruise on the Meuse



The River Meuse/Maas flows over a distance of 950 km, through Haute-Marne, Vosges, Meuse, the Ardennes, Belgium and the Netherlands before reaching the North Sea. In Meuse, it is a wild, winding waterway covering some 200 km, forming the backbone of the “county” of the same name and flowing through it from north to south, across beautiful countryside. Among the towns along its route are Stenay, Dun-sur-Meuse, Verdun (a major World War I site), Saint-Mihiel and Commercy.

The “county” of Meuse has the most beautiful stretch of river because, here it is an untamed waterway, relatively unaffected by industry. Meuse boasts an outstanding natural heritage. The wetlands around the river are biodiversity hotspots, filled with iconic flora and fauna and is a Natura 2000 zone. Its creeks, backwaters and wetlands are significant habitats for numerous very rare species. Birds such Eurasian curlew, corn crakes and whinchats can still be seen in the Meuse Valley.

Dinant Evasion organizes regular service cruises with trilingual guide for groups or individuals, daily from April to October.

Dinant-Freÿr + visit tour of the castle of Freÿr.

This beautiful cruise reaches the wilder parts of the Upper Meuse. You can combine this trip with a visit to the famous castle of Freÿr and its French gardens set out in the style of Versailles. The castle was the summer residence of the Duke of Beaufort-Spontin. It features many original elements such as the impressive main hall with wall paintings by Frans Snyders and a ceiling covered by Louis XV frescoes, or the chapel with its Regency wooden panelling and its Baroque altar. At Freÿr the Coffee Treaty or Treaty of Freÿr (1675) between France and Spain was signed, and the Treaty of the Borders between France and the Prince-Bishopric of Liège (1772) was negotiated. At this time Louis XIV stayed here as the guest of Jeanne d'Harscamp, Dowager Duchess of Beaufort-Spontin.

The gardens were designed in the style of André Le Nôtre in 1760 and are set on walled terraces. Ponds and fountains are on the lower level where orange trees, most of them 350 years old exude their delicate perfume. The trees came to Freÿr in the first part of the 18th century from Lunéville, the residence of the Duke of Lorraine and are the oldest trees in cases in Europe. (The wooden cases are still built according to the original design). The oldest orangery of the Low Countries (early 18th century) it combines elegance and simplicity. The upper level is covered by hedge mazes that unveil one by one: into a set of patterns inspired by card game figures, a theme also present in the terra cotta statues. At the very top of the gardens, the Rococo pavilion commands a view over the Meuse and seduces by its delicate stucco decoration, based on the theme of fertility with cornucopia and Tritons.

Carolus Festival



The **Carolus festival** in Brussels includes a series of events showcasing Europe's Renaissance heritage and the important role Brussels played during this time. The name Carolus refers to **Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor**, the most powerful sovereign of the 16th century, whose main place of residence was Brussels. This city, where he received his first series of inheritances in 1515, has since become the capital for over 500 million Europeans. The era of Charles V changed the destiny of the city for ever. During his 40-year reign, between 1515 and 1555, he turned the city into a power hub for his vast empire "where the sun never sets" (this term originally referred to Charles V's empire). It was also in the great ceremonial hall of his palace in Brussels that he chose to abdicate in favour of his son, Philippe II.

The highlights of the festival include a Family Day with a Treasure Hunt for the Golden Fleece. Set off as a family to hunt for the collar of the Golden Fleece in the underground remains of the former Palais de Bruxelles; the young Charles V needs you to find the password that will open the treasure chest. How does it work? Each child will receive a backpack containing supplies for the missions (a treasure map, a disguise, a puzzle, a torch etc.) Each mission reveals a clue to the password that will lead them to the treasure chest containing the famous Golden Fleece collar. At the end of the game the children will receive a small gift.

Dates: Until 31 August – Tuesdays to Sundays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Price Euros 4 per child (aged 5 to 8, accompanied by an adult). Duration 1 hr to 1hr 30 mins. . Info and bookings: www.coudenberg.com.

A Renaissance weekend at the Erasmus House - September 23/24

Or they can immerse themselves in the Renaissance, on a colourful weekend, with activities for all the family: dances and music, period costumes, demonstrations and an introduction to ancient trades, craft markets, with stories and games for children and adults, enthusiastic guides and the opportunity to sample food and drinks from another era. During the festival period, an autographed letter from Charles V will be temporarily exhibited.

The Virtual World of Magritte



August 15, 2017 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the famed Belgian artist, René Magritte. During this international Magritte year, Knokke-Heist is celebrating the life and work of the great surrealist with a series of events. The top attraction is undoubtedly the Belfius Margritte Virtual Reality Tour. Enter wearing a huge bowler hat, put on a VR-viewer and make a breathtaking journey through the world of Magritte and his most important works. Afterwards visitors can view his famous fresco, *Domaine Enchanté* in the Casino; it is exceptional that the Magritte Hall is open in the summer months.

Children can take part in various creative activities on the beach while their parents enjoy a drink in the bar of the Magritte lounge.

Expo Magritte and the Sea

Magritte used the sea as inspiration in 25 of his works. The beach, the waves, the sea and sky often formed the background for his surrealist subjects. An exciting autumn exhibition has been planned. From **October 20, 2017 through January 14 2018** you can look at the story of Magritte, the artist and the man.

Venue: the Cultuurcentrum Scharpoed in Knokke-Heist.



Summer Nights



Memories of balmy summer nights walking along the beach can keep you going through the long, cold winter.

The most famous beach resort in Belgium, is split into five parts: Heist, Duinbergen, the Albertstrand, Knokke and Het Zoute. Of these the latter is by far the most mondaine with numerous art galleries and expensive shops. It's also something of a parade ground for flashy cars, flashier beach lovers and golf buggies as far as the eye can see. It's been called the Deauville of Belgium by the French media and a mini-Hamptons by the New York Times. Even so, a few kilometers inland, Het Zoute is a calm and green oasis of narrow winding lanes, beautiful houses and of course the famous nature reserve De Zwin.

Each year on the **first Friday in August** (this year 4th) **The Night of Het Zoute** takes place when the exclusive shops stay open and offer their merchandise in what must be the most glamorous braderij in Belgium, complete with fashion shows and other events. Then there is the world famous **Art Nocturne**, this year showing from **August 5 through 15 (from 16h00 to 21h00)**. Art Nocturne has become one of the most prestigious art fairs of the European summer season attracting both young artists and experienced art connoisseurs. Art Nocturne Knokke offers the visitor the opportunity of savouring art while enjoying an exclusive seaside setting at the height of summer.

Last but not least, is the spectacular annual **fireworks competition** on the Zeedijk/Meerlaan of Knokke-Heist. The criteria for judging the fireworks display, which come from different countries, are colour, synchronisation, composition, harmony and originality. Dates this year are August 17/19/21/23/25 and the displays start at 22h00 accompanied by great music. A must-see for all the family.

SuDokus

August puzzles

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June solutions

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August Quiz

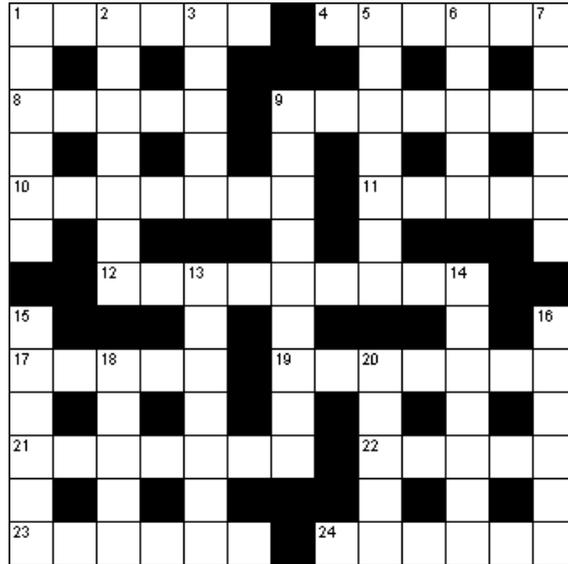


1. Which colour appears along with red on the Albanian national flag?
2. The Gracie family from Brazil are renowned competitors in which martial art?
3. The withdrawal of which candidate led to Theresa May winning the Conservative Party leadership election on 11th July 2016?
4. What was Elvis Presley's middle name?
5. The Cornetto Trilogy of films were directed by which British director?
6. Which is the most northerly county in Ireland?
7. Which piece of bathroom fixture takes its name for the French word for pony?
8. Around which year did Gutenberg invent the printing press?
9. Which female author released 'Into The Water' in May 2017?
10. Who became the first man to free-solo climb El Capitan in Yosemite National Park in 2017?
11. Donald Tusk quoted the lyrics to which song when asked about the possibility of reversing Brexit?
12. Which two nations have been added to the list of countries which are eligible to play international test cricket?
13. Derek Carr of the Raiders just became the highest paid player in the history of which sport?
14. Which Oscar-winning director will take over the reigns of the Han Solo film?
15. Yorkshireman Johnny Bairstow helped England to a T20 victory?

June answers

1. Amber; 2. 27; 3. Doula; 4. Water-bearing rock layer; 5. Bullet points; 6. Joint immobility 7. Sputnik ; 8. Small; 9. Shooting; 10. Tree and spice; 11. Moto Guzzi;
12. Footballer ; 13. Voltage; 14. China Japan Korea Vietnam ; 15. September, October, November, December

August Crossword



Across

1. Catlike (6)
4. Consume (6)
8. Strained (5)
9. Toxic element (7)
10. Correspondence (7)
11. Copious, abundant (5)
12. Catastrophe (9)
17. Glowing coal (5)
19. Refrain from voting (7)
21. Thai (7)
22. Troublesome little insect (5)
23. Tyrant (6)
24. Spanish capital (6)

Down

1. Useless (6)
2. Madman (7)
3. Female relative (5)
5. Rapture, bliss (7)
6. Confess (5)
7. Wealthier (6)
9. Colleague (9)
13. Submarine weapon (7)
14. Wander, wind (7)
15. Came to an end (6)
16. In fact, truly (6)
18. Alloy of copper and zinc (5)
20. Brazilian dance (5)

June Solution



Useful Information

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