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St Valentine's Day Auction and Social 14th February, Baginton

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(*see below)
That might have been the message sent out by the VMARS Committee for all Members, wives and partners to attend an auction and social event at the Baginton Village Hall on Valentine's Day 14th February 2015
A good number, some 40+, braved chilly weather and Motorway chaos to attend this first VMARS social event of the year.



Stuart McKinnon G0TBI, who was in charge of disposals (auctioneering skills courtesy Bonhams and Sothebys, humour courtesy Grenadier Guards), was in his usual ebullient form to conduct an auction of varied vintage and military equipment in the morning. With just a little Sergeant Major bullying, Stuart managed to end the auction by 1300 hrs allowing everybody to slip down the lane to the Old Mill Hotel to enjoy an excellent lunch, although those who had ordered the sea bass had to wait until it had been caught.

After lunch entertainment was provided by Bronek MODAF who delighted everybody with his presentation "And all because the lady loves..." – very apt for Valentine's Day. A great deal of knowledge was imparted with scientific validation on the qualities and myths of our favourite aphrodisiac. Industry standard Cadbury's Dairy Milk was used in a practical session to judge the various aspects of ingredient and manufacture which affects the ultimate taste of well-known brands. The characteristics of a brand of chocolate which features in an Audrey Hepburn look-alike advertisement created the greatest uncertainty in a scientifically conducted taste evaluation by Members, illustrating the diversity of preferences that are likely to exist. So forget chocolate for results and stick to oysters!



Thanks are due to the Committee for the organisation of a greatly appreciated early year event and last but not least the ladies manning the Baginton Village Hall canteen for a constant supply of free tea and biscuits. *Immediate – attendance required urgently



With thanks to Robin Maddison G0GNE for providing the photographs

