

News & Info

A sporting month of May

VO are proud to be supporting two sports clubs from Lyon: the Lyon Ouest Sporting Club (LOSC), for which we recently sponsored a weekend tournament in the Loiret for the Under 11s team, and the ARCOL rugby club in Écully.

And speaking of sports, Kirsty attended the final of the Lyon Open on the invitation of our client Axial, who we would like to thank for a wonderful day!



Spring Day 2018

TESOL France is hosting their annual Spring Day event on Saturday, June 9th, in Paris. Jenny will be attending as VO is a TESOL member. This is a great opportunity for ongoing professional training, and in the words of TESOL, to "Create, Learn, Share, and Participate!"

The European Union Gets Tough on Data Privacy

On May 25th, a new law went into effect in the European Union that changes how companies can collect, process, and store our personal data. Here's a brief explanation about what it means for you, as a European citizen.

More control over personal data

If you're like us at VO, your inbox has probably been bombarded lately with emails from every company that has ever gotten hold of your contact details. In the past, it was never very easy to know exactly what information companies had about us.



This new law is meant to change that, giving EU residents more control over their personal data. And it applies to any organisation operating within the EU or that does business with EU customers, regardless of where in the world they may be located.

Consent, Access and Erasure

The GDPR makes it clear how companies can get our consent to use our personal information. Companies must also explain how they do this using clear and plain language, which cannot be buried within pages and pages of text.

All EU citizens can now request access to see all data gathered by companies. They can also request their data to be deleted or corrected. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to 20 million euros, or 4% of the company's annual global revenue.

VO is GDPR Compliant!

If you've received this newsletter, that means you have already agreed to continue receiving our news and updates (following our email to you sent on 25 May). It also means that we have made sure VO is 100% compliant with the new law. We thank you for your agreement, and we look forward to sharing more news with you in the future!

Click [here](#) to see a BBC video explaining GDPR.

VOCABULARY

gossip - casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details which are not confirmed as true

to wed - to get married

tidbits - a small item of gossip or information

tongues wagging - when people talk about others' personal lives; to gossip

matrimony - the state of being married

stir (noun) - a commotion

higher-up - a senior person in an organisation

hubby - husband (informal)

highbrow - intellectual or rarefied in taste

paterfamilias - the male head of a family or household

veer - to change direction

VO's picks for worst...



... and best dressed wedding guests.

The Inside Gossip From The Royal Wedding

On May 19, Prince Harry, sixth in line to the British throne, and American actress Meghan Markle, officially wed to become husband and wife. It had all the makings of a fairytale moment, with enough newsy tidbits to keep tongues wagging for many moons.

Lead-up to the big day

The story made the media rounds for months: prince to marry commoner. But before the couple could join in holy matrimony, Queen Elisabeth II needed to give her consent.



But that wasn't the only thing needing formal permission: Harry's facial hair also caused a bit of a stir. British military rule states that neither beards nor moustaches are to be worn by troops in uniform. So he either had to get permission from the higher-ups, or from the Queen herself.

The wedding

600 people were invited to the ceremony at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Royals in attendance included Queen Elisabeth II and hubby Prince Philip, as well as Harry's father, Prince Charles. Rounding out the highbrow guest list were Oprah Winfrey, Sir Elton John, George Clooney and wife Amal, and David and Victoria Beckham. And despite not being invited, several of the bride's estranged family members turned up anyway!

Notably *absent* were Ms Markle's own paterfamilias. So what does a fatherless bride do in such circumstance? Walk herself down the aisle of course, before Prince Charles steps in and delivers her to the altar.

A fiery sermon

Perhaps the most memorable moment of the ceremony was Bishop Michael Curry's fiery sermon that wove together the ideas — and ideologies — of love, politics, and religion into a theologically-charged oration that veered from Church of England *and* Royal Family tradition.

But that's exactly what this wedding seemed to be about: an American made the cake (no fruitcake, please), no politicians were invited, and the couple wed on the anniversary of Anne Boleyn's execution in 1536. How's that for some Royal gossip!