

MAYENNE 53 NEWS LETTER

MARCH 2024



DAVE MYERS 1957-2024



Dave Myers, half of the Hairy Bikers and well-known resident of Fougerolles du Plessis has passed away aged 66 after a cancer diagnosis in 2022. He and his wife Lily were regular visitors to their house in the centre of the village and supported many local events. An episode of the Hairy Biker TV Program was filmed in his garden here in the Mayenne as part of their Chicken & Egg series.

CLASS CLOSURES



Government-imposed decisions on school openings and closures were announced on Monday 5 February 2024. There will be 17 job losses in Mayenne, resulting in 20 class closures, 2 school closures and 2 school mergers.

The following class closures have been decided:

La Rouaudière, resulting in school closure, La Pellerine now the only single class school in the department, Désertines resulting in school closure, Saint Céneré (Montsûrs) Cabrol, Bouère, possible merger with Saint Brice, Beaulieu-sur-Oudon, Hambers, Ruillé Froids-Fond, Charlemagne, Averton, Marcel Pagnol maternelle Laval, Saint Fraimbault, Neau, Mayenne Louise Michel, Dolto élémentaire Laval, Coudray, Château-Gontier J. Guehenno élémentaire, Azé élémentaire, Changé, L'Huisserie.



D5 between Gorrion & Vieuvy closed

From Monday 19 February to November 2024, the Département de la Mayenne will be carrying out redevelopment work on route départementale no. 5, between Gorrion & Vieuvy.

The work includes widening the carriageway and improving visibility at junctions.

During this period, traffic will be banned in both directions between Gorrion and Vieuvy, and a diversion has been set up via Lesbois (D 118) and Saint-Aubin-Fosse-Louvain (D 141).



The Noz shop has reopened in Château-Gontier-sur-Mayenne, in the Clémenceau shopping arcade, Having been closed for nearly a year and a half.



Yannick Favennec, MP for the Mayenne, welcomed Edouard Philippe, mayor of Le Havre, former prime minister and candidate in the 2027 French presidential election, to Mayenne, near Laval and Gorron, on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February 2024.

On Thursday 15th, they visited the economic flagship of the Bocage Mayennais, at Serap (Groupe SERAP) in Gorron.

Yannick Favennec has left Emmanuel Macron's Horizons to join LIOT: The Libertés, Indépendants, Outre-mer et Territoires (LIOT) group was created on 28 June 2022 and has 21 members.



In February 2024, there were only around 45 hours of sunshine in Laval. It was the third least sunny month in Mayenne since 2011. Even so, the weather was very mild, with temperatures 3°C above seasonal norms. More than 80 millimetres of rain fell in Laval in February 2024, compared with just 1.4 millimetres at the same time last year. Good news for the water tables, but the risk of drought this summer cannot be totally ruled out.

LIONS CLUB ANTIQUE FAIR CHATEAU-GONTIER 2ND & 3RD MARCH

The Château-Gontier Antiques Fair has become one of the most popular places in the region to view and buy furniture, chandeliers, carpets, tableware, antique objects and paintings, etc...

Around forty exhibitors (exclusively professional antique dealers and second-hand dealers) come from all over France to sell their furniture and collectables in a comfortable setting, on 2000 m2 of exhibition space in the Multi-purpose hall of the new Espace Saint Fiacre

A meeting place for enthusiasts for the past 40 years. In recent years, as the number of shows has dwindled, Château-Gontier has chosen to enhance the quality and variety of the goods on offer by carefully selecting exhibitors.

In addition, a number of craftsmen are on hand to offer their expertise in restoring antique objects.

Emergency Services Phone Number

If you have an emergency in Mayenne, you can now dial 17 again. For the past fortnight or so, the emergency number 17 has been experiencing regular problems in Mayenne. The prefecture had even invited residents to dial 112, the European emergency number. But on Tuesday 27 February, it was announced that the problem had been solved.



Montenay (Mayenne), a town with a population of 1,400, has not had a bakery since August 2019. The town council decided to open a new one. Patrick and Vanessa Fourmond, the new bakers, reopened the shop on 15 February 2024.

<https://www.facebook.com/boulangerieioscence>

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Buvette & Restauration sur place

DIMANCHE 10 MARS
9H - 18H

3€/mètre linéaire (Table et Chaise fournes)
Réservation au 06 83 79 16 40

VENDREDI 22 MARS 2024 DE 20H à 22H
SAMEDI 23 MARS DE 9H à 11H30
SALLE ESPACE RENOIR---LOUVERNÉ

BOURSE

JOUETS VÊTEMENTS ADULTES VÊTEMENTS ENFANTS

DÉPÔT LE VENDREDI 22 MARS DE 15 H à 18H30
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Le site est à demander par mail jusqu'au 20 MARS 2024, sinon contactez le site à Boulogne-Billancourt
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VIDE GRENIERS
LAVAL
Salle Polyvalente
Place de Hercé
Organisé par Laval Bourry Tennis de Table

Dimanche 10 mars 2024

EUROMAYENNE: Pontmain
We start this outing with lunch in a local restaurant and then we benefit from a guided tour of the Sanctuary. Reservations before 13 March 2024
All details are on our website:
<https://www.euromayenne.org/march-2024-pontmain/>

16-17 MARS 2024

Salon GOURMAND

10H-20H
10H-18H

SALLE POLYVALENTE RUE VOLNEY
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ENTRÉE 2€*

*Gratuit - 18 ans et étudiant sur présentation de carte étudiante

tout le WEEK-END
FÊTE FORAINE
EXPOSITION "GORRON AUTREFOIS"

samedi 16 MARS

FOIRE FLEURIE
SAM. 16 & DIM. 17 MARS 2024

dimanche 17 MARS

DÉFILÉ CHARS FLEURIS
MARCHÉ DE PRODUCTEURS
DÉMONSTRATIONS ARTISTIQUES ET ARTISANALES
MINI-FERME

PROPOSÉE PAR L'AGAFIC ET LA VILLE DE GORRON
AVEC LA PARTICIPATION DES JEUNES AGRICULTEURS, LE CAP GORRONNAIS, LES POMPIERS, L'ÉCOLE LA SEANNE D'ORIC, L'ÉPI DU BOISSE LA NUI ET LE CENTRE DE LOISIRS

SALON DES LOISIRS CRÉATIFS

LAVAL Espace Mayenne

2024

Chérie FM

Vendredi 15 - Samedi 16
Dimanche 17 Mars
10 H 00 À 18 H 00

Salon dédié au DIY et aux loisirs créatifs

MERAL 53230
Indoor Vide Grenier
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Brecé, 53120

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Salle Agapanthe,
15 rue Morage,
Fougerolles-du-Plessis, 53190

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THURSDAY 14TH TO SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

THE O'REGANS PUB CELEBRATES ST PATRICK'S DAY

Irish music concerts, broadcast of the final day of the 6 Nations Tournament and a few surprises are on the programme!

Thursday 14 March - 9pm
Irish music trad session

Friday 15 March - 9pm
Whatever (Modern Irish Pop/Rock)

Saturday 16th March
Last day of the 6 Nations tournament
- Wales - Italy - 3.15pm
- Ireland - Scotland - 17:45
- France - England - 9.00 pm

Sunday 17 March - 9pm
St Patrick's Day with a concert by Eanair (Celtic folk music)

Ceilidh : 16 March 2024 from 7.30pm to midnight

**22, Rue de Verdun
Salle de la Madeleine
53410 Port-Brillet**

These dances are often in quadrille or en rang, and will be explained by Marge Chesnais (Saltoria company) while walking, then accompanied by a microphone. Anyone can dance, from beginners to experts.

The programme is made up of sets associated with a dance, giving you the chance to go deeper into it by replaying it, and to achieve perfection!

Between dances, there will be time for refreshments, with Marge and Arnaud providing musical and dance interludes.

As in Scotland, the food is made up of simple dishes, in this case a variety of soups: cock-a-leekie (chicken soup), Cullen skink (haddock soup), vegetarian scotch broh (vegetable soup) and a Dundee cake.

Drinks are local: beer, cider, ginger beer, apple juice and water of course.

**The Spring Edition of the
MAYENNE 53 Magazine for English Speakers
will be published this month.**

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FOCUS ON: VAIGES 53480

Vaiges is a small town in eastern Mayenne with 1166 inhabitants. The river Vaige forms part of the commune's northern border, then traverses the commune's territory from north to south before forming part of its south-western border.

Practically self-sufficient, Vaiges has a Police station, Fire Station, Schools, Post Office, Pharmacy, Library, Banks, Doctor, Dentist, Small Supermarket, Vets, Butchers, Bakery, Garage, Bars & Restaurants!

Just a few minutes from the A81 motorway, it's a 2hr 40 minute drive into Paris, 50 minutes to Le Mans and 30 minutes to Laval.



MANU DAVOUST - BLADESMITH

Manu Davoust has been making knives for five years. He works with steel but also with wood, since he creates the whole thing from scratch. To melt iron, his workshop is equipped with forges that can reach 1000°C. Once forged, the blades take shape and are sanded using an abrasive belt before being polished and then sharpened. The wooden handles are also made by the artisan cutler-blacksmith who works with local wood species.

Manu also likes to pass on his passion and his know-how. He regularly organizes two-day courses. You can learn how to make a knife and you leave with it at the end of the training.

You can contact Manu by email: manu.davoust@aliceadsl.fr or visit his Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/100058971973869>



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YOUR GARDEN IN THE MAYENNE - MARCH 2024

As winter wanes and the promise of spring looms closer, gardeners in the Mayenne are eagerly preparing for the upcoming growing season. March marks a crucial period for tending to the garden, laying down the foundations for a productive and beautiful Spring! Here are some essential gardening tasks to think about this month:

1. ****Prepare the Soil****: With the soil thawing after winter's chill, March is an opportune time to begin soil preparation. Turn over the soil in flower beds and vegetable patches, incorporating compost or well-rotted manure to enrich its fertility. This ensures plants have access to vital nutrients as they begin their growth spurt.

2. ****Sow Early Crops****: As the days lengthen and temperatures rise, seize the moment to sow cool-season vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, and peas. These hardy crops thrive in the cooler conditions of early spring, offering an early harvest to enjoy.

3. ****Prune Fruit Trees and Bushes****: March presents an ideal window for pruning fruit trees and bushes before they burst into new growth. Remove dead, diseased, or damaged branches, and shape the tree to encourage an open, airy canopy that facilitates better air circulation and sunlight penetration.

4. ****Divide Perennials****: Many perennial plants benefit from division every few years to rejuvenate their growth and prevent overcrowding. March is an excellent time to divide plants like hostas, daylilies, and ornamental grasses, ensuring healthier, more vigorous growth throughout the season.

5. ****Prepare Seedbeds****: For those planning to start seeds indoors or in a greenhouse, March is the time to prepare seedbeds. Fill trays or pots with a quality seed-starting mix, sow seeds according to their specific requirements, and provide the warmth and light necessary for germination.

6. ****Tend to Bulbs and Tubers****: As the first signs of spring bulbs emerge, it's essential to provide them with care. Remove any weeds around bulb beds, apply a balanced fertilizer to promote strong growth, and deadhead spent flowers to divert energy back into the bulb for next year's display.

7. ****Mulch and Weed Control****: Apply a layer of mulch to garden beds to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature as the weather fluctuates. Additionally, stay on top of weed control efforts to prevent invasive plants from establishing a foothold.

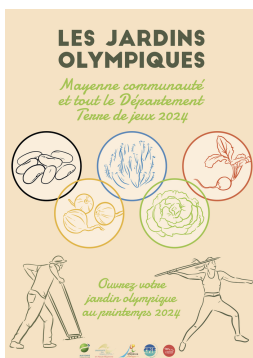
8. ****Plan and Design****: Use March as an opportunity to plan and design your garden layout for the year ahead. Consider crop rotations, companion planting schemes, and aesthetic arrangements that maximize space and promote biodiversity.



APPEAL TO OPEN PRIVATE GARDENS TO THE PUBLIC....

Guy Beaudet, a keen amateur gardener, has had the idea of offering individuals who love gardening the opportunity to open their garden, park, orchard, city or country: "Our idea is to generate enthusiasm among hundreds of gardeners who would not dare open their garden to an informed public, but who say to themselves that after all, their garden is worth it", explains Guy Beaudet. "Gardening is an endurance sport and it is therefore entirely appropriate during this Olympic year,"

The event will take place from April 1 to June 30 in Mayenne. For those who want to open their garden to the public, simply register by email at the following address: 2024jardiniersolympiques53@orange.fr and indicate your chosen visit date, free or guided, and practical information (location, times). An announcement will be made in the local press, listing the gardens you can visit.



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Don't Forget! The next clock change in France will be on March 31st, 2024 at 02:00 to daylight saving time.

Les jardins des **RENAUDIES**

COLOMBIERS DU PLESSIS (53) entre ERNEE et GORRON

Chasses aux œufs

The **Jardins des Renaudies** will reopen their doors for Easter weekend: 31st March 2024

Easter Egg Hunt: more than 2,000 eggs. To make sure that all the children get a fair share, they will go hunting for the pictures in the gardens before collecting the chocolates. All children under 12 will receive their own bag of chocolate.

Face-painting with Faribambelles

Sale of crêpes, hot chocolates and other drinks by the Friends of the Gardens.

Spring has already sprung in the park, with the first flowers in bloom. Daffodils, narcissi, camellias and magnolias are all in bloom, revealing their seasonal colours. Open from 2pm to 6pm



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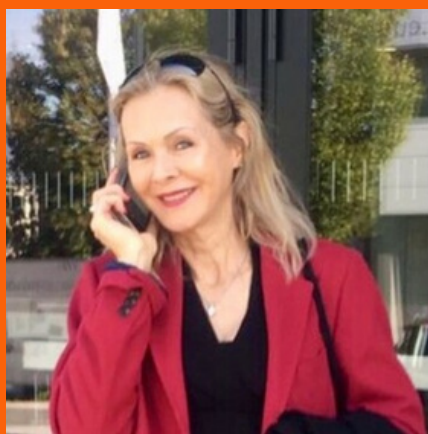
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