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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Saint-Vénérand Church, Laval

The Saint-Vénérand church in Laval is to have its organ renovated. It has been classified as a historic monument and will benefit from a complete renovation thanks to the DRAC, the cultural affairs department and the heritage foundation. The organ has been silent since 1978. Thanks to the classification of the organ in February as a historic monument, the Friends of Saint-Vénérand association, which has been fighting for the renovation of the organ for the past ten years, will be able to benefit from government grants in order to finance the repairs.



Annual Sale at Toiles de Mayenne



Fabric, upholstery and furniture sale: 11th - 13th April

Toiles de Mayenne, Fontaine-Daniel, 53100 Saint-Georges-Buttavent

Dates and times :
Thursday 11 April 2024 from 10am to 7pm
Friday 12 April 2024 from 10am to 7pm
Saturday 13 April 2024 from 10am to 5pm

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FARMERS PROTESTS CONTINUE

News and government buildings continue to be targeted by farmers...
The magazine covers the latest news on agricultural protests, including the impact of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) on farmers' incomes and the challenges of climate change. It also features a special section on the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, with a focus on the role of the Mayenne region.

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The temporary garden in the centre of Mayenne will be installed from Tuesday 2 to Friday 19 April 2024 in Place Clemenceau. It will be open to the public until Monday 21 October. Parking and traffic will be disrupted during the installation period.

During the installation period, pedestrians and non-motorised vehicles will not be able to use the Place du Jet d'Eau. Traffic and parking will also be banned from a large part of the square, in phases, without disrupting access to Place Clemenceau from Place des Halles.

The Spring 2024 edition is available now!
Download from the website:
www.mayenne53.com/archive
or pick up a copy at one of our stockists (see website for details).



The 2024 edition of the Ronde Classic de la Mayenne,

Organised by the ACO 53 regional delegation, The rally will take place in the prettiest roads and picturesque villages of the department over two stages on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September! This motoring event is open to cars built before 2000.



Participants will be given a road-book before each start. Checkpoints will be held in the villages they pass through.

PROGRAMME

Saturday 28th September

180 km drive:

8am: welcome with breakfast.

9am: departure from Mayenne towards the north and east of the department.

12pm: lunch (included in the price).

6pm: End of the day at La Marjolaine hotel-restaurant for dinner (rooms can be booked).

Sunday 29th September

100 km ride:

9am: meet at La Marjolaine for a shared breakfast, followed by a three-hour ride.

12 noon: final lunch at Craon racecourse.

PRICES:

Weekend: €195 general public, €175 ACO member.

Sunday only: €85 general public, €75 ACO member.

Entries are for one car with two people, including meals. The Sunday route is initially reserved for weekend entrants. If participants only wish to run on the Sunday, entries will be subject to availability.

To register visit the following link:

<https://www.helloasso.com/associations/automobile-club-de-l-ouest/evenements/18eme-ronde-classic-aco-de-la-mayenne>

Asian Hornets: Queens coming out of hibernation



The fight against Asian hornets is already underway in the Mayenne this spring. These insects attack bees in hives, as well as being a risk to humans due to their powerful sting. The aim is to target the females, the founding queens, with traps.

The queen comes out of hibernation and builds her primary nest in 6 to 8 days, she lays eggs inside and when the first nest is full of eggs, the worker bees emerge and go on to build a second nest.

For advice on how to trap frelons, contact: frelon@abeilles-mayennaises.fr or look at this document (in French) which illustrates various types of traps:

<https://www.abeilles72.org/piegeage-du-frelon-asiatique-au-printemps/>



Interactive Tourist info Points on Velo Francette Cycle Path: Ambrieres-les-Vallées Saint-Jean-sur-Mayenne & Menil

Three interactive information boards have been installed on the Velo Francette cycle path in the Mayenne. They share information on the tourist offerings available within a radius of approximately 5 kilometers around each terminal, thus providing quick access to local activities. These terminals contain various information concerning restaurants, visits, leisure activities and even accommodation. They are supplied in real time via the Mayenne Tourisme website. This continuous update allows tourists to get comprehensive and up-to-date information 24/7.

Each terminal also has two QR codes. One of them offers access to a website dedicated to the area concerned. This site provides, for example, directions to access the different offers listed. The other allows you to obtain other tourist information concerning the whole Department and allows quick access to the content of the Mayenne Tourisme site.

<https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/culture-loisirs/en-mayenne-des-bornes-interactives-installees-sur-la-velo-francette-7811811>



Disappointment for Lidl in Ernée

Lidl's plans to build a new store in Ernée (53500), originally planned for 2022, have finally been officially shelved and the site is now for sale. Despite originally gaining permission despite objections from Carrefour and SuperU. After another appeal by Carrefour to the administrative court of Nantes in the summer of 2023 the building permit previously granted by Ernée Mairie was over-ruled. The Mairie appealed this decision to the Council of State, who did not respond. As a result, the decision of the administrative court became final.

Thanks to a very wet winter, the water table level in the Mayenne is high

The Geological and Mining Research Bureau, which constantly monitors these levels, have announced that there has been enough rainfall to drastically reduce the risk of restrictions on water use this summer. Groundwater tables have filled almost to the brim in Mayenne. After two years marked by droughts and significant restrictions on water use, the situation is reassuring for this summer.



Neighbourhood-Watch type scheme for Mayenne town.

The Gendarmerie of Mayenne have unveiled a proposal for a neighbourhood surveillance scheme: To become a member of the Citizen Participation initiative, you have to be of legal age, have no criminal record, and have attended a one-morning training course in Laval. At a public meeting on March 18, 2024 to discuss the possibility of implementing this project, around thirty people attended. Chief Warrant Officer Franck Leriche, in charge of implementing citizen participation in the municipalities, made a detailed presentation. Similar schemes elsewhere have been shown to reduce certain crimes by 25-40%.

Laval Annual Budget set at €105 million for 2024

An unprecedented budget for Laval. Elected representatives voted in the budget for 2024 at a city council meeting in March. At €105 million, it has exceeded the threshold of €100 million for the first time.

I part due to the redevelopment of the town centre and the creation of the Halles Gourmandes.

The development will consist of 1,600 m² on two levels, containing a dozen food merchants: five caterers, a food court, as well as a restaurant of 400 m² on two floors and a large café of 250 m² on two floors, which will have outdoor terraces.

A decision on which businesses will take the coveted places is expected in April 2024. A jury, made up of elected officials, merchant associations, representatives of consular chambers and professionals made the first selection in January. The selected candidates then had to submit a detailed project.

To help Les Halles traders for the first two years an aid budget of €100,000 has been set aside. The cost of renting the restaurant and the Grand café will be a fixed rate of €240 (excluding tax) per m² per year for the first two years two years, before rents and parking fees are indexed to turnover.

The Halles Gourmandes is expected to be opened by June 2025.

Photos courtesy of ABIngenière (ANGERS) <https://www.ab-ingenierie.com/>



WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Vide Greniers

Sunday 7th April:

- salle des Roseaux et Nymphéas, rue christian d'Elva, 53810 Changé - Childrens Items Only.

• Parking Super U d'Ernée
Les Semondières, 53500 Ernée

- Leclerc Mayenne
582 rue du Prieuré de Berne
53100 Mayenne

Sunday 14th April:

- Bourg de Sacé Face Bar la Détente

Bourg de Sacé, 53470 Sacé

- 53940 Ahuillé
- Salle polyvalente, 9 rue des Oiseaux, 53200 Gennes-sur-Glaize
- Salle des fêtes, 53410 Le Bourgneuf-la-Forêt
- Rue des écoles, rue le tourneur du val, 53970 Nuillé-sur-Vicoin
- Sous le parking de Centre Commercial E.Leclerc, 43 boulevard des Loges, 53940 Saint-Berthevin

Sunday 21st April:

- Dans le bourg, Rue du Maine, 53220 La Pellerine

Sunday 28th April:

- Rue de la Gare, 53470 Commer
- 2 rue du Pont, 53170 La Bazouge-de-Chemeré
- Port Brillet, Place de la gare, 53410 Port-Brillet
- Petit Plan d'eau, 39 rue Charles de Gaulle, 53170 Villiers-Charlemagne



Wednesday 17th April

Event by [Association EuroMayenne](https://www.euromayenne.org)

7km walk along the towpath

Beau Rivage, 53100 Moulay, France

<https://www.euromayenne.org/walking-group/>

Bourse aux Velos

The 2024 bike exchange will take place on Saturday 13 April at the halte fluviale (viaduct car park nearby).

Drop-off from 10am to 12.30pm (€1 per child's bike dropped off / €2 per adult's bike dropped off) with proof of identity.

Appointment recommended on our website (see ticketing link)

Sales from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. (we strongly recommend arriving as early as possible).



<https://placeauvelo.org/events/bourse-aux-velos-2024/>

ST-MARS-sur-la-Futaie (53)

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VTT et Pédestre

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Départ libre de 8 h à 10 h

- 5 parcours VTT : 20 km familial - 30 km - 40 km - 52 km - 69 km
- 3 parcours pédestre et nordique : 8 km familial - 14 km - 21 km

Revitaillements sur les parcours

- Inscriptions sur place :
Tarif unique VTT 8€
Marcheurs 6€ - Enfants 3€ (moins de 12 ans)

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- **Café offert au départ**
- Assistance dépannage sur place
- Poste lavage pour vélos

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Organisation : Les Riders de la Futaie

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Craft & Produce Market - Pré-en-Pail 21st April

On 21 April, the Étinbulle archaeo-farm opens the 2024 season with the inauguration of the return of the creators' and producers' market.

This time, just over forty exhibitors will be showcasing their talents. Beautiful, local, made with love and talent for young and old. Whether you're into sewing or welding, there's something for everyone.

Food lovers will be able to feast on the burgers from "Ma petite folie" - a foodtruck - at lunchtime, or enjoy a cold (and local) drink at the bar.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Taupins Duo. There will also be games for all ages.

New: the Étinbulle association is organising a tombola to support its activities. Prizes will be donated by the artisans.
<https://etinbulle.com/>



2pm/5pm FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

10 a.m./4 p.m. SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

The Jardin du Cœur opens its doors to the public to present its integration project and visit its garden, which produces more than 10 tonnes of vegetables for the 9 Restos du Cœur distribution centres in the Mayenne region. Vegetable and flower pots are also on sale. The Abeilles Mayennaises association will also be opening the doors of its educational apiary next to the garden.

On the programme:

- Sale of vegetable and flower plants
- Presentation of the integration project
- Meet the volunteers and staff
- Discovery of the Abeilles Mayennaises educational apiary from 10am to 4pm
- Sale of honey
- Possibility of walking along the banks of the Mayenne from the Jardin du Cœur to the educational apiary (less than 30 minutes)



Château de Ste-Suzanne

1 rue Fouquet de la Varenne 53270 Sainte-Suzanne

11 a.m.-5 p.m. SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

What if you were to become a real 17th-century musketeer? That's what the master-at-arms and his comrades from the Compagnie Les Lames de Sévigné are offering you! You'll spend an hour in training, with your weapon securely in your hand, learning how to hold it, how to move (forward and backward passes), how to attack (jabs, backhands) and how to dodge sideways. At the end of the session, you'll be ready to present your work in pairs...



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FARMERS PROTESTS CONTINUE

Roads and government buildings continue to be targeted by farmers' unions protesting against EU regulations. Despite France being at the front of the queue for subsidies from the Common Agricultural Policy (receiving up to 9 billion euros in aid per year), French farmers have been showing their displeasure for new rules and standards.

Farmers unions are unhappy about Brussels' refusal to extend the exemption allowing the cultivation of fallow fields which was introduced following food shortages due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They also claim to be the victims of unfair competition courtesy of the EU-Mercosur trade deal with Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay which allows foreign farmers to export to the EU without being tied to the same regulations and standards as EU farmers.

Since October 2023, the Fédération nationale des syndicats d'éleveurs agricoles (FNSEA) et du syndicat Jeanes agriculteurs (JA) have been turning village signs upside down in protest at the government's agricultural policies. The campaign, started in the Occitanie region, quickly spread throughout France and has resulted in over 10,000 signs being inverted. With over a third of farmers expected to

rebre in the next 10 years, unions warn of a growing crisis as government plans to increase taxation on non-road diesel vehicles and glyphosate pesticides make it harder for farmers to earn a living.

At the time of going to press, the Agricultural Orientation Bill was due to be presented to the French Parliament. Despite the seasonal demands on farmers, you can expect more protests unless Macron's new Prime Minister Gabriel Attal can offer them more concessions.



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AIRMEN REMEMBERED.....

2 Halifax Bomber crews lacked with bombing Laval aerodrome were shot down by German anti-aircraft guns on 19th June 1944. All 14 airmen are buried in Laval cemetery and 2 memorials were installed at the crash sites in 2014. To mark the 80th anniversary of their deaths we've launched an online fund to raise money to buy flowers to put on their graves and at the memorials...

See pages 14 & 15 for the full story



With over 70 dogs currently in their care, the SPA animal refuge in Laval has launched an appeal to find them homes. 10 salaried employees and around twenty active volunteers work hard to provide the animals with care and comfort, but nothing beats a real home and a happy ever after.

If you can't offer a home, there are other ways to help. You can sponsor an animal for 10€ a month. They also have a "Wish List" of items that you can buy and have delivered to the shelter. <https://bit.ly/3PwKtLz>. Or you can donate a cash amount online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3PwKtLz>.



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More locations coming soon, check the website for updates.

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Mayenne 53 Group for English Speakers - Over 3000 members
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mayenne53english>

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