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Blue Zone Parking Limits in Mayenne Town

Mayenne town council is launching an awareness campaign aimed at motorists who park their vehicles in the blue zone. Some are staying too long. This preventive phase will last a month. Fines will then be levied.

The town of Mayenne is cracking down on motorists who overuse blue zone parking: "Stop squatting, everyone has a turn in the blue zone" is the slogan for this awareness-raising and prevention campaign, which will run throughout May. City officials will be reminding people of the rules by placing warnings on cars caught breaking the rules, and from June 1, offenders will have to pay a fine of €35.

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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 (providing up to 3 billion euros in aid per year), French farmers have been showing their displeasure for some time and standards.

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Music Festivals in the Mayenne this summer

Some fifteen music festivals are scheduled in Mayenne this year. From well-known festivals such as V and B Fest' and Au Foin de la rue to smaller ones like Keudfest and Gazoufest, here are some to watch out for in May:

- Festival Ateliers Jazz - Meslay-Grez 4th-11th May
- Brassens & Cie - Chailland 19th May
- Les Mouillotins - Saint Poix 24th/25th May
- La Gazoufest - St Denis d'Anjou 24th-26th May
- 3 Elephants - Laval 26th May-2nd June

European Museum Night Saturday 18th May

On Saturday 18 May 2024, museums will remain open even after sunset! It's the European Night of the Museums, so take advantage of this annual event to discover the cultural sites of La Mayenne with your family, by starlight!

The 20th edition of the European Night of Museums gives you the chance to enjoy the museums in your area for free for one evening, this Saturday 18th May.

To find out which museums are participating, click on this link: <https://53.agendaculturel.fr/festival/nuit-des-musees/>





Petition against cow bells - Villepail

Local farmer, Pierre Damonville, is in dispute with his neighbours due to 30 of his cows causing a noise nuisance by the wearing of bells. A handwritten petition in the village has gathered 60 signatures and Pierre must now carry out a study to analyse the potential noise pollution.

Mr Damonville, originally from Picardy, owns 4 farms and employs 3 people. His dairy herd graze on 80 hectares of land and

he maintains that the bells are necessary to help locate the herd: "Here, we are on the highest point of Mayenne, at an altitude of 400 meters," He has instructed a specialized lawyer from the Paris bar, Thimotée Dufour, to act on his behalf. Pierre Damonville does not plan to remove the bells from his dairy cows for the moment.



The Mairie at Pré-en-Pail are currently asking residents for their opinions on what to do about the town's outdoor swimming pool, closed since 2022. With repairs estimated at 3 million euros, the fate of the swimming pool will be decided at a community council next September.



An Italian-Indian restaurant, "La fourépoêle", to open in Château-Gontier in mid-May

A new restaurant, La fourépoêle, is set to open in mid-May 2024 in Château-Gontier-sur-Mayenne. The menu will include Indian and Italian food.

Golam Rabbane (34) and the restaurant's chef are fine-tuning the menu for the imminent opening.

The restaurant is still being fitted out, but will open shortly (mid-May) at 3, rue René-d'Anjou in Château-Gontier-sur-Mayenne, formerly Chez Alphonso.

The manager, Golam Rabbane, is originally from Bangladesh and came to France as a teenager. After more than 10 years working in establishments in London and Paris, he is now keen to open his own restaurant and, at the same time, get away from the hustle and bustle of the capital.

While waiting for the work to be completed, he and his team are working on adjusting the menu. It's 100% home-made, hand-crafted with fresh, local produce.

The menu will include chicken tikka masala and the traditional milk-based drink, lassi, but with spices tailored to the tastes and palates of the Mayenne people.



Le Justice Nightclub in Mayenne to reopen

Closed since 2021, the Justice Nightclub is set to reopen in mid-May following a favourable visit by representatives from the police, fire service, mairie and prefecture.

Renamed "Club Privé Le Justice", Stéphane Bourd and his partner, Michèle Diacono have successfully appealed to reopen the basement club. The venue can accommodate more than 350 people and will be open on Fridays and Saturdays, until 5 or 6 in the morning, in addition to student evenings on certain Thursdays.



Prince Albert II of Monaco visits the Mayenne

Prince Albert visited the department at the start of the month: He unveiled the Grimaldi Historic Sites plaque thanks to the town of Mayenne joining the association that brings together the former fiefdoms of the Grimaldis of Monaco. Albert II of Monaco is Duke of Mayenne. The town is historically the seat of the Duchy of Mayenne. Created by Charles IX in 1573 and modified over the years, it was acquired by Mazarin in 1654. Albert II inherited it through the marriage of his ancestors: Honoré-Charles Maurice de Grimaldi (the future Prince Honoré IV) married the daughter of the Duc d'Aumont-Mazarin, Louise Félicité Victoire, Duchesse de Mayenne, in 1777. He also presented the prizes for the international piano competition, visited the château and took selfies with the crowds. The Prince continued his tour of the Mayenne region in Fontaine-Daniel, visiting the Toiles de Mayenne company. He also visited Laval to open an exhibition at the departmental archives. The exhibition traces the links between the Grimaldi family and the département.

Gorron Mayor: Conflict of interests

A decision is expected in the case of Gorron Mayor (Jean-Marc Allain) on 16th May following charges of favouritism and conflict of interest concerning council decisions relating to 2 Gorron businesses. Mr Allain's daughter and son-in-law also faced charges in connection to this matter. The prosecutor has asked for 18 months suspended prison sentence and five years of ineligibility for the elected official.

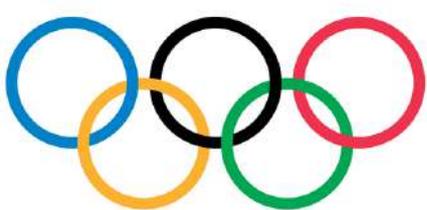


Craon bids to host a casino



The town of Craon in southern Mayenne is hoping to welcome a casino. Since December 2023, the law has changed regarding casinos. From now on, towns with significant equestrian activity can apply for permission to set up a casino. Historically, casinos have been located in seaside resorts, spa towns and large conurbations (over 500,000 inhabitants). But the change in the law to reduce inequalities between regions now allows municipalities with a significant equestrian activity (at least ten national or international equestrian events per year) as well as a national stud farm or the Cadre Noir (the prestigious school for horse riders) to host casinos.

Craon is not the only town that would like to hit the jackpot. A casino brings in almost a million and a half euros a year. At Lion d'Angers, which is less than 40 kilometres from Craon, is also bidding for permission to build a casino. But with Saumur in the same département also in the running, this competition between two Maine-et-Loire towns could well benefit Craon.



The Olympic torch in the Mayenne

The Olympic flame will be travelling through the Mayenne on 29th May. Two separate convoys will be criss-crossing the département. Comprising a number of security vehicles and Paris 2024 partners, these two convoys will provide security for this popular celebration and for the torchbearer.

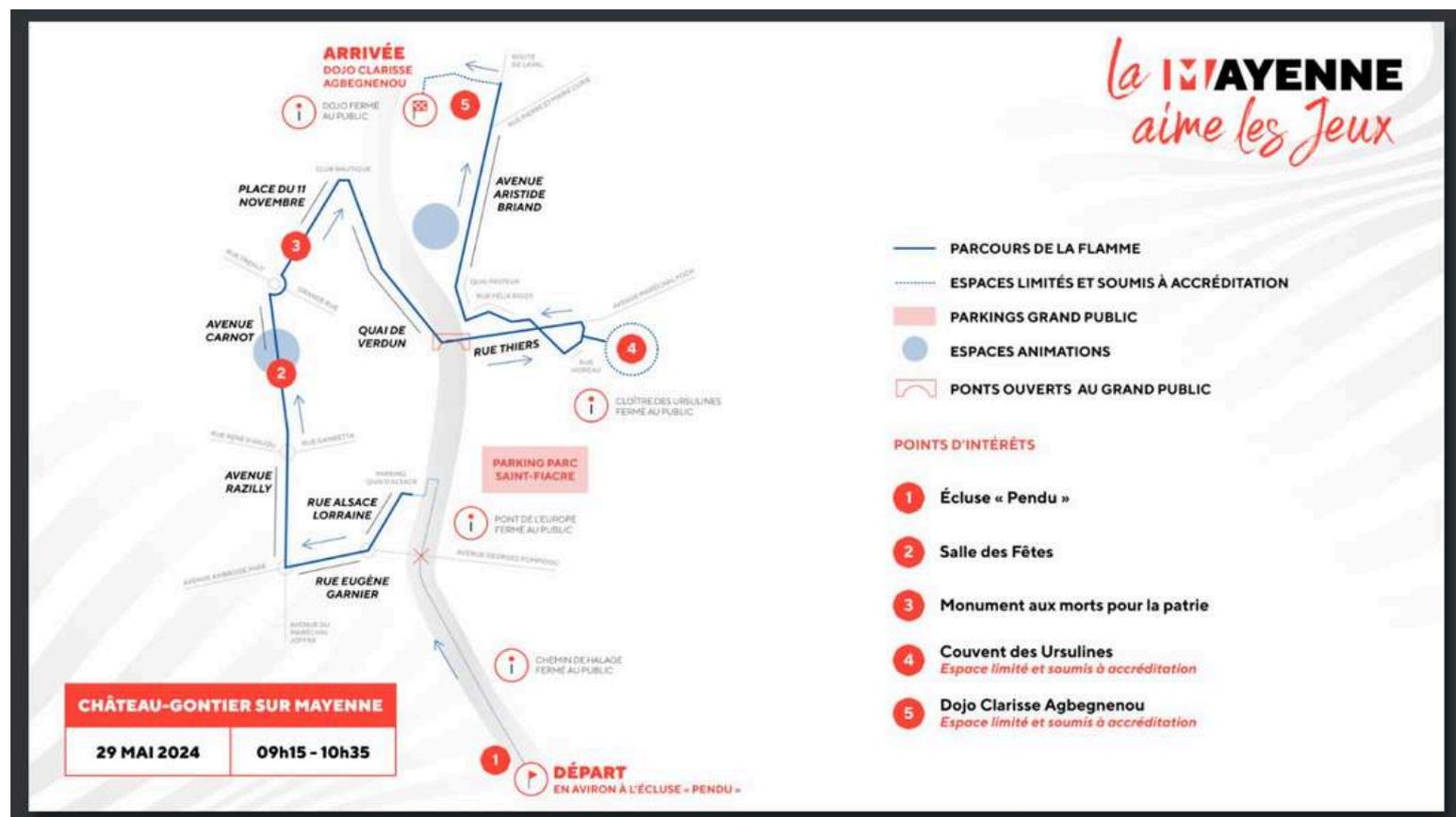
The engagement convoy will take up positions in the 4 Mayenne towns with a route of around 4-5km, with a change of torchbearer every 200 metres, while the mobile convoy will take up positions in the 3 other towns with shorter routes.

You can expect some traffic disruption in and around the 7 locations throughout the day, due to spectators and security operations. The programme of events will start at Château-Gontier, then continuing on to Cossé-le-Vivien, Sainte-Suzanne, Chailland, Mayenne, Pré-en-Pail and concluding at Laval.

The flame will end its journey at Espace Mayenne in Laval, before igniting the cauldron at the end of the day. This historic moment is open to all, with the celebration site open from 3.30pm.

A variety of activities and entertainment will take place throughout the afternoon at Espace Mayenne; 3.30pm - 7.30pm: Stands manned by Paris 2024 partners and the Département de la Mayenne stand, events and activities for the general public to promote local sport and showcase the département's initiatives.

4pm - 5.30pm: Activities organised by the Département de la Mayenne on the Espace Mayenne forecourt, in association with local sports committees and associations. 5.30pm - 7pm: Activities organised by Paris 2024. 7.15pm: Arrival of the torchbearer and lighting of the cauldron. 8pm - 11pm: Celebration evening: a convivial and festive occasion hosted by the Département de la Mayenne.



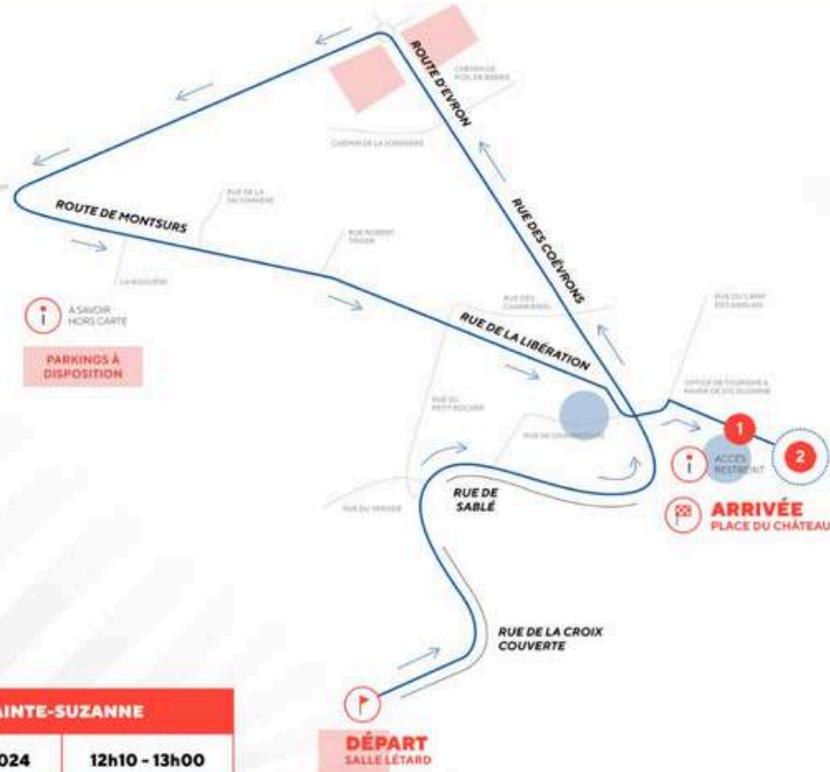


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- ESPACES LIMITÉS ET SOUMIS À ACCRÉDITATION
- PARKINGS GRAND PUBLIC
- ESPACES ANIMATIONS

- POINTS D'INTÉRÊTS
- 1 Musée départemental Robert Tatin
Espace limité et soumis à accréditation

COSSÉ-LE-VIVIEN

29 MAI 2024	10h45 - 11h15
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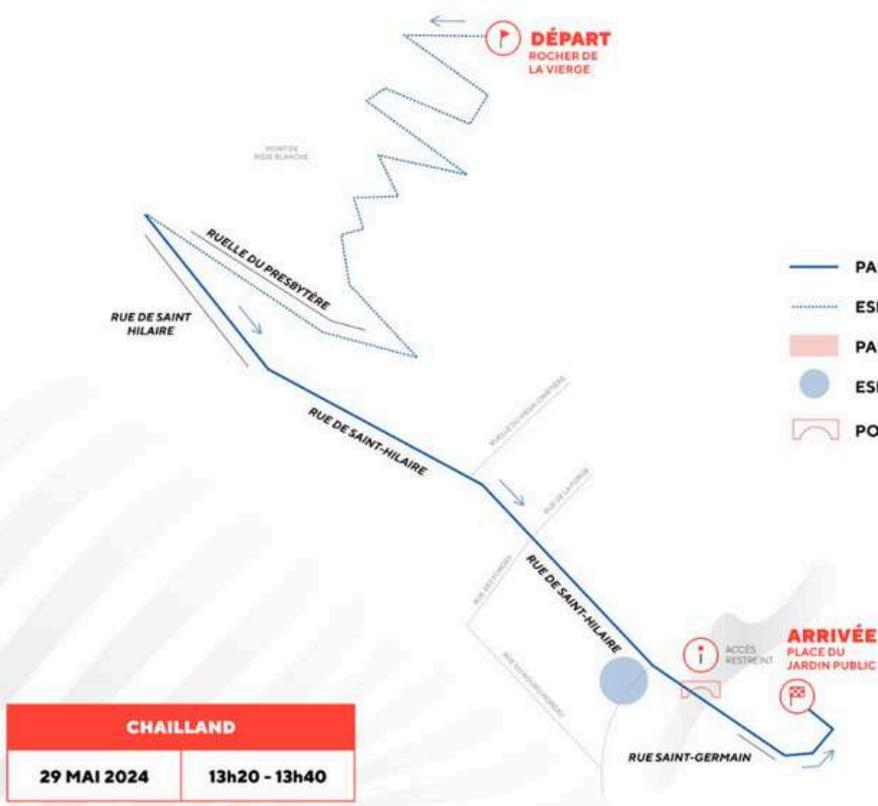


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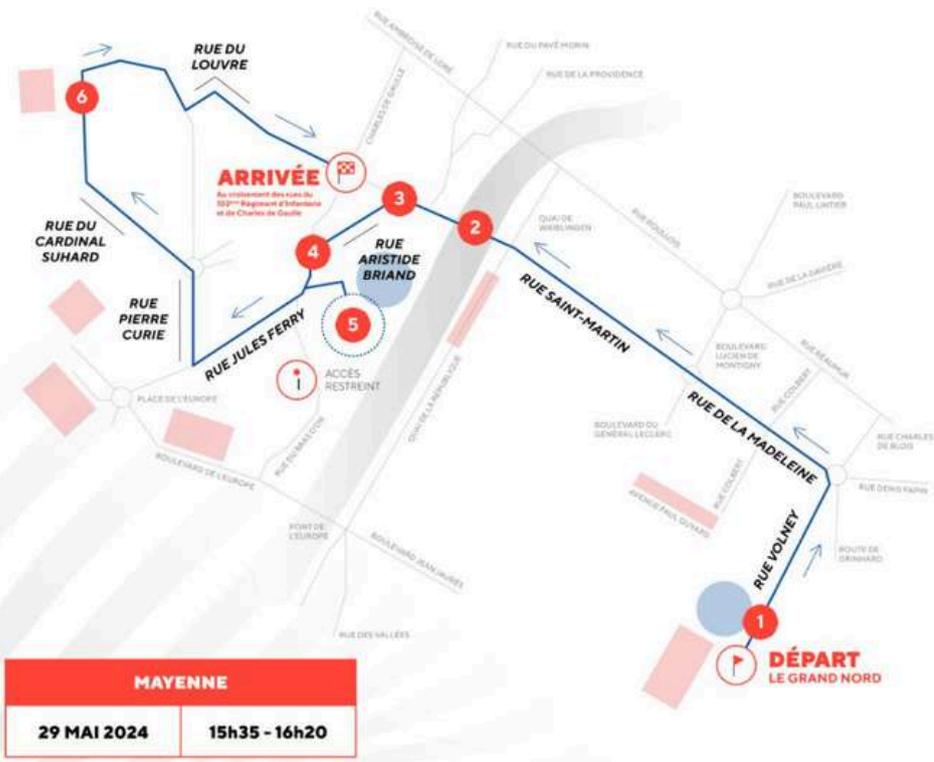
- POINTS D'INTÉRÊTS
- 1 Place Hubert II de Beaumont
 - 2 Château de Sainte-Suzanne
Espace limité et soumis à accréditation

SAINTE-SUZANNE

29 MAI 2024	12h10 - 13h00
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CHAILLAND
 29 MAI 2024 | 13h20 - 13h40



MAYENNE
 29 MAI 2024 | 15h35 - 16h20

- PARCOURS DE LA FLAMME
- ESPACES LIMITÉS ET SOUMIS À ACCRÉDITATION
- PARKINGS GRAND PUBLIC
- ESPACES ANIMATIONS
- ⌒ PONTS OUVERTS AU GRAND PUBLIC

POINTS D'INTÉRÊTS

- 1 Pôle Culturel le Grand Nord
- 2 Pont de Mayenne
- 3 Basilique Notre-Dame-des-Miracles
- 4 Place Georges Clémenceau
- 5 Parc du Château
Espace limité et soumis à accréditation
- 6 Collège Sévigné

PRÉ-EN-PAIL-SAINTE-SAMSON

29 MAI 2024

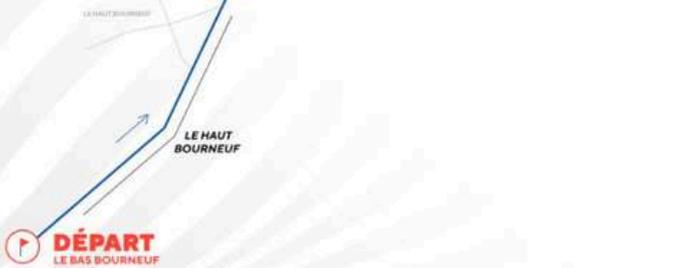
17h00 - 17h20

La MAYENNE aime les Jeux

ARRIVÉE
BELVÉDÈRE DU MONT
DES AVALOIRS

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DÉPART
LE BAS BOURNEUF

- PARCOURS DE LA FLAMME
- ... ESPACES LIMITÉS ET SOUMIS À ACCRÉDITATION
- PARKINGS GRAND PUBLIC
- ESPACES ANIMATIONS

POINTS D'INTÉRÊTS

- 1 Belvédère du Mont des Avaloirs
Espace limité et soumis à accréditation

La MAYENNE aime les Jeux

DÉPART
STADE MANUELA
MONTEBRUN

ARRIVÉE
ESPACE MAYENNE

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Site de célébration

Relais Collectif

Vieux Pont Fermé au Public

Comité départemental Olympique et Sportif de la Mayenne

Hôtel du département de la Mayenne

Église Saint-Vénérand

Vieux Pont

Collège Public Emmanuel de Martonne

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The 6 Olympic torchbearers in the towns

Appointed by the Department on the recommendation of the towns involved.

Daniel Fernandez : An athlete from Mayenne, Daniel Fernandez has competed in the French, European and World Championships in the veteran category. He is the current French record-holder in the 65-70-75-80 age group in the indoor and track high jump events.

Catherine Charles: A committed volunteer and president of the Festival de l'Humour des Embuscades.

Quentin Cornu: Territorial agent with the Conseil départemental de la Mayenne. He is a member of the Intrépide de Pré-en-Pail-Saint-Samson club, where he began his career in the athletics school category.

Mickaël Leroux: An ultra-trail runner from Chailland, he is also a volunteer fireman at the Chailland fire station and is a former chairman of the charity "Pour le sourire de Chloé". In 2023, Mickaël took part in 5 ultra-trails and runs for multiple sclerosis.

Clément Cadieu: Member of the CAE Evron weightlifting club. A regular in this season's National 1 team, he won 2 medals at U20 level, becoming French Champion and setting a French record in the shoulder throw (-55kg) in 2022.

Hortense Vanessa Mballa Atangana: Cameroonian athlete from the Rouen hope centre. A member of the Château-Gontier club, she is a three-time African judo champion and has twice taken part in the Olympic Games: Rio de Janeiro in 2016 and Tokyo in 2021.

4 Olympic torchbearers in Laval

Appointed by the City of Laval.

François Pervis: A former French professional track cyclist, François holds seven track world championship titles, as well as a bronze medal from the 2016 Olympic Games and the 2020 Paralympic Games.

Myriam Clavreul: A multiple French Paracanoe champion, Myriam was recently voted Mayenne Sportswoman of the Year 2023.

Jehanne Mekki: Jehanne is a polo player who plays for Laval Water-Polo. A former captain of the Bleuettes U19s, she recently took part in a training camp with the Bleuettes U20s in preparation for the World Championships.

Tetiana Afanasieva: The young Ukrainian swimmer found refuge in Mayenne after fleeing the war in her country. She swims for Stade Lavallois Natation and won a silver medal in the 400 m 4-swim event at the 2023 French junior championships.

The Torch Relay day will end at Espace Mayenne with the highlight: the lighting of the cauldron. For this moment, 24 people will have the privilege of forming a guard of honour to accompany the arrival of the last torchbearer.

The members of the guard of honour have been chosen according to the values embodied by the Torch Relay, namely to highlight those who make sport and its practice shine; those who undertake, innovate, create and generate progress and represent French-style excellence; and those who are committed to a more caring, inclusive and sustainable society.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Vide Greniers

- 8th May La Haie-Traversaine
- 8th May Lassay les Châteaux
- 9th May Laubrières
- 9th May Port Brillat
- 11th May Changé
- 12th May Changé
- 12th May Fougerolles du Plessis
- 19th May Saint Pierre des Nids
- 25th May Ernée
- 26th May Champéon
- 26th May Montjean
- 26th May Ravigny
- 26th May L'Huisserie
- 26th May Forcé
- 26th May St Ellier du Maine

Spring Market (Laval) : Plants, flowers, etc.

Sale of plants, flowers, wooden puzzles, key rings, sewing decorations and accessories, small terracotta objects...

- Exhibition of young people's work in the various workshops

09h30/11h30 Tuesday 7th May

10h/18h Monday 13th May

09h30/11h30 Tuesday 14th May

09h30/11h30 Wednesday 15th May

09h30/17h Thursday 16th May

La SIPFP de Laval vous invite à son

Marché de Printemps

les 6, 7, 13, 14, 15 et 16 Mai 2024,
aux horaires suivants:

Lundi : 10h-18h Mercredi: 9h30-11h30
Mardi: 9h30-11h30 Jeudi: 9h30 - 17h

Au programme:

- Vente de plants, fleurs, plantes, casse-tête en bois, porte-clés, décorations et accessoires en couture, petit sujets en terre cuite....
- Exposition des productions des jeunes dans les différents ateliers
- Visite de la structure sur rendez-vous

Et aussi des temps forts:

- Atelier Maquillage : après-midi du 6
- Anima'terre: le matin des 7 et 14
- Land art: après-midi du 13
- Contes : matin du 14
- Vélo-smoothie: après-midi du 14

Pensez à venir avec vos cagettes ou autres grands contenants pour y mettre vos plants.

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Boulevard Lucien Daniel,
53 000 LAVAL
tel: 02.43.59.20.70
Plus d'informations sur les ventes:
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Chapelle des Calvairiennes + Jardins de la Visitation, Mayenne

6.00 pm FRIDAY 17th MAY
2pm/6pm SUNDAY 18th MAY
10am/7pm SUNDAY 19th MAY

In conjunction with Mayenne Communauté's residency on the theme of the Garden, Le Kiosque is offering a weekend on this theme from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2024.

Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday in the gardens of La Visitation: Plant swap, building a tree house, vegetable dyeing, themed tours of La Visitation, open hearth ceramic firing, on-site catering, etc.

To round off the weekend, a barbecue will be available for a shared meal.

Friday 17th May

- Opening of the Jardin exhibition at 6pm at La Chapelle des Calvairiennes

- Performance of La Veillée at 9.30pm in the Visitation cloister (€9 to €14)

Saturday 18 May in the Visitation gardens, workshops from 2pm to 6pm.

Sunday 19 May in the Visitation gardens, workshops from 10am to 7pm. From 7pm, shared meal.



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/>

L'Aareha (L'Association d'Accompagnement pour des Relations Ethologiques Homme-Animal) is holding its party on Saturday 18 May!

It's a chance to meet up, chat and discover or rediscover the association's dog and hen activities:

Training, advice and support:

- On an individual or group basis (schools, leisure centres, specialised facilities, local authorities, for children, teenagers, senior adults, etc. For the general public!)
- Find out more about the association's partners, a force to be reckoned with

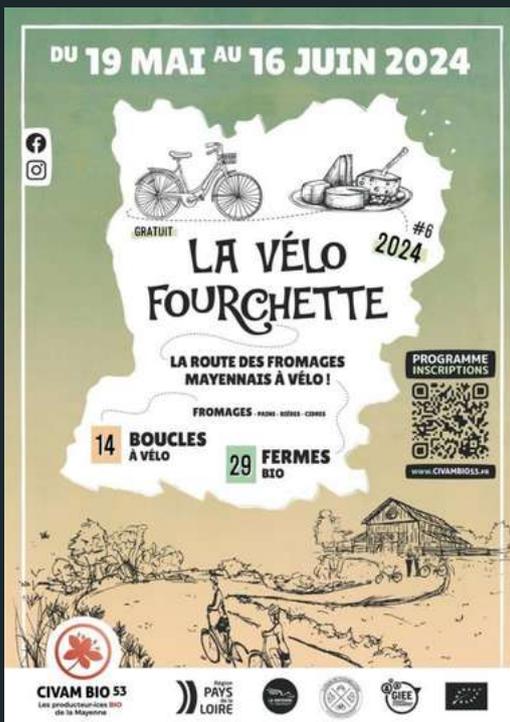
All in a friendly atmosphere, with children's activities of course... On the theme of animals.

A raffle to win some great prizes!

A refreshment bar and snacks, all with marquees to shelter from the sun, which is going to be hot!

If you'd like to meet us, if you're curious, if you love dogs or chickens: you're more than welcome!

If you've already taken part in one or more of L'Aareha's activities, you're welcome to come along and talk about your experiences!



Cheese Discovery Bike Tour
FROM 19 MAY 2024 TO 16 JUNE 2024

Discover the programme for the 6th edition of the Vélo Fourchette, the Mayenne cheese cycling route!

A fun event to enjoy with family and friends
- the Vélo Fourchette.

A project combining visits to organic cheese farms, tastings and cycling! Come and discover the wealth of farmhouse cheeses from the Mayenne region, as well as bakery, cider and brewery farms!

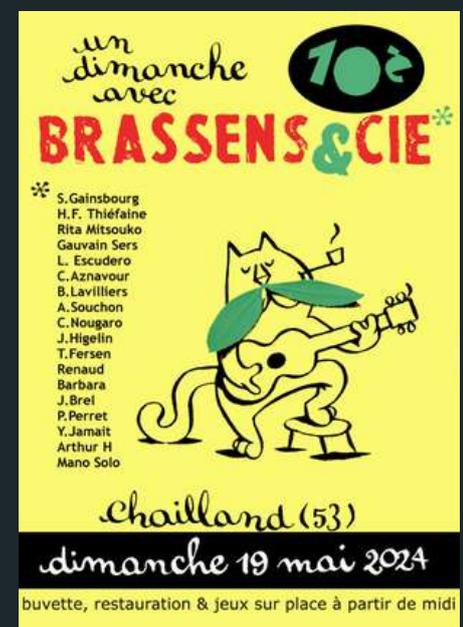
For this 6th edition of the Vélo Fourchette, the Mayenne cheese cycling route, 14 loops are on the programme between 19 May and 16 June.

Detailed programme of visits to organic farms and cheese dairies and suggested cycling routes on the website: www.civambio53.fr

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09h/11h FRIDAY 17 MAY
09h/11h FRIDAY 24 MAY

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)



You have to solve the riddles and get to each stage using 'soft' modes of transport: cycling, walking, scooting (electric or otherwise), rollerblading, or even the bus (buses are free in Laval on Saturdays!), horse-drawn carriage or sedan chair (oops, we don't want to give you too many ideas, see below).

By 5 p.m. at the latest, you'll need to get to the secret finish point (which will be given to you at the start), having completed as many stages as possible.

7pm/...FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024
6pm/...SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024

For its 22nd edition, the Mouillotins are going back to basics, a rural festival where the local and the proximity are masters!

For this new edition, which promises to be full of great moments, the programme has a pop and contemporary music identity. Johnny Jane, Gwendoline, Madam, Club Mutant, Hoorsees, I Am Fez, Gnoomes, Social Dance, Vipères Sucrées Salées, Hyper Jacuzzi, Yolande Bashing, Rest Up, Treaks. So book your weekend!

Friday:

Johnny Jane (French Indie), Gwendoline (French Indie), Madam (Rock), Club Mutant (Alternative Rock), Hoorsees (Indie Pop), I Am Fez (Immersive Electro), Gnoomes (Pop Rock)

Saturday:

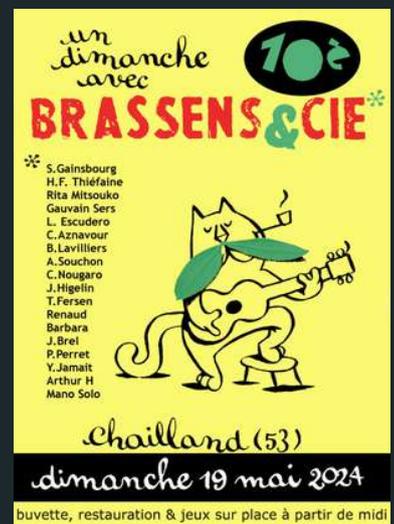
Social Dance (Chanson Pop / Electro), Vipères Sucrées Salées (French Indie), Hyper Jacuzzi (Electro), Yolande Bashing (Chanson Pop / Electro), Rest Up (Post Punk), Treaks (Post Punk).



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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

reire 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.



Wish 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/3Wk0LzU>. Or you can donate a cash amount online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/3Wk0LzU>.



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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



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