

EDITORIAL

Dear people of Montmaurin,

After a summer of rain and heat waves we hope that you are now ready for the return to work and school...

The preservation of the heritage of Montmaurin remains our objective as well as to encourage greater use of the various sites and infrastructure of our village. To work together to energise our strongest assets : the gallo-roman Villa, La Hillière, the museum, the Gorges de la Save and the area of special scientific interest, whose archaeology and potential are well recognized... There are many in Montmaurin who are happy to be able to live in a village where such a Heritage will be protected and enhanced. It is a collective undertaking which brings together inhabitants and associations in defence of or heritage and this allows us to express our citizenship.

This year, « **Heritage and citizenship** » will be the theme of the 33rd European Heritage days on **17 and 18 september** organized by the Ministry of Culture and Communication. Thus Heritage in essence embodies the idea of the common good and symbolizes the community in which any citizen of any origin can be part.

Jacques Sabloux has shared with us some of his latest photos taken at night: the Milky Way above Montmaurin and the surrounding area. We would like to share with you his most beautiful photos which appear on the central pages.

Various events in Montmaurin as well as in the Boulogne canton will certainly appeal to you during the month of September.

Yours ,

Silvia Belair, Mayor

CURRENT EVENTS

Good attendance at the swimming pool despite a changeable summer

Activities based at the swimming pool continued throughout the summer for those using it, people finding what suited them either in the morning, afternoon or evening.

Attendance was 3.455 users for the months of July and August with takings of 6.208.50 €

So far as the demands made on swimming and aquatic establishments are concerned, the Service de Sports at the Préfecture de la Haute-Garonne sent us its report following its inspection visit of 11 July 2016 which says that all regulations had been respected so far as the Code de Sport was concerned.

We are keen to carry out certain improvements in the coming seasons, notably concerning access to the main building (changing rooms/toilets) so far as village funds allow.

We thank :

. the pool supervisors Céline and Mélissa and the receptionists Lucas, Ambre, Loïc and Marie for their hard work and friendly manner when dealing with swimmers ;

. village employees Daniel and Philippe for their participation in the smooth running of the season and for the renovation of the furniture ;

. Olivier, the life guard who answered our needs favourably and took charge of the swimming lessons in Montmaurin for the younger ones ;

. Julie and Nina (from the campsite) for the contribution to small pieces of equipment for the swimming pool ;

. Rudy, who gave us the pleasure of his singing at the last night time session ;

. the weekly papers Le Petit Journal and La Gazette du Comminges for giving us copies of their papers to be made available at the swimming pool.

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On the road towards the preservation of nature...



Since January 2015 the village has chosen to stick to « zero pesticide » in public places, the object of which is to look after the environment and everybody's health.

A new campaign from the Departmental Council Committee on Highway maintenance gives information on its actions concerning the preservation of biodiversity by :

- Withdrawal of pesticides or tendency towards zero phyto...
- Reasonable mowing (twice a year in May and October/december).

These new maintenance practices have a positive impact on the environment and thus allow the development of diverse flora suited to certain kinds of animal species (birds, hedgehogs, small rodents...).

Our wish is that residents and farmers of Montmaurin may also be able to take the decision no longer to use phyto products on their land and so share in the efforts to become a village which is zero pesticide and zero phyto.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

COMITÉ DES FÊTES : Village meal

A shared meal is planned at the village hall on **Sunday 11 september 2016 from 12.00 onwards.**

Contact : 06 14 22 58 95 – no booking necessary.

IT LESSONS

An information meeting about getting started in IT is planned for **Wednesday 14 september at 7h** in the Montmaurin village hall. .

Contact : André DEVRIEZE – 06.49.43.13.36.

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

The JEP (Journées Européennes du Patrimoine) have been organised to take place at the **Villa gallo-romaine** and the **Archaeological museum** on **Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 september 2016.**

The theme is « **Heritage and Citizenship** » : guided tours at 2.15 and 3.30 pm at the villa following on to the La Hillière site.

Open to the public – free entry – Contact : 05 61 88 74 73.



ENCHANTING CONCERT

Within the framework of the preservation of Montmaurin, **the Ass. Entre Save et Seygouade Association** is organising a concert on **Saturday 17 september 2016 at 6.00 pm** in the village hall with Morice Benin (independent singer).

Open to the public – Contact : 06 71 17 21 30 – Adulte entry : 10 €. Free for those under 18.

JOURNÉES DU BOULONNAIS

For the fifth Journées du Boulonnais on **17 et 18 september** there will be an animal show and a regional competition of the Charolaise breed, with local associations, a farmer's market... in the streets of Boulogne-sur-Gesse.

In the Rue Désirat local craftsmen will have stands and there you will be able to see Nathalie Sajoux who will be showing her latest mosaics.

Programme on the following site: www.ville-boulogne-sur-gesse.fr/festivites-et-manifestations-boulogne-sur-gesse.php

Contact : Office du Tourisme – Dominique Lacaze - 05 61 88 13 19.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

David BELLCHAMBERS will once again be holding his event to raise funds to fight cancer in the village hall between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm on **Saturday 24 september 2016.** Tombola. Good atmosphere. Please give your support.

Monthly meeting of the CCAS

You are cordially invited to take part in the monthly meeting with refreshments organised by the CCAS in the village hall every last Monday of the month. This will be starting up again in September. By coming you will be able to meet up with your neighbours of all generations. The next meeting will be on **Monday 26 September 2016** from 3.00 pm in the village hall.

The defibrillator has been moved and is again in its case outside the Mairie for the rest of the year.

Chess Club will be starting on Wednesday 7 September at 4.00 pm in the Maison des Associations de Boulogne-sur-Gesse. Register with Serge Nicola : 05 62 00 10 14.

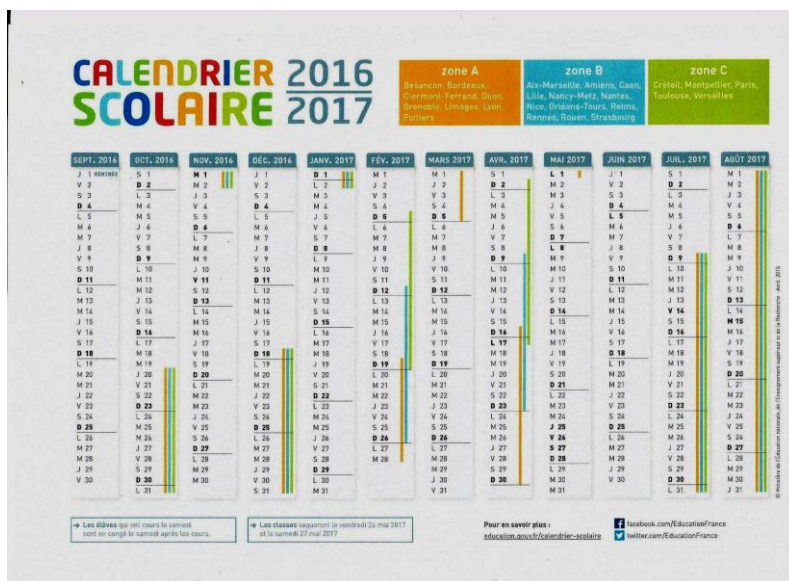
School calendar 2016/17

21 Montmaurin children have gone back to school :

- . 5 to the primary school in Cardeilhac,
- . 2 to the primary school in Blajan and 1 to Boulogne Primary,
- . 6 to the secondary school in Boulogne,
- . 1 to one of the sixth form colleges in St Gaudens,
- . and 6 other children to various establishments in the region.

Most of these children receive free school transport from the Haute-Garonne Conseil Departemental as soon as they are registered at the school (other criteria have to be considered). The school bus pick up point is in the centre of Montmaurin.

We hope that this return to school has been looked forward to and is happy for all.



Montmaurin Sports Club has started up again...

The Montmaurin football club has rebuilt a team trained by Jean Raymond CHEROUT, Jordan PLANTE and Christophe ARTIGALA. As soon as it has been finalised the calendar of matches and meetings will be available on the village website. The first match will take place at Franquevielle on 17 September 2016.

We wish them a successful season in 2016/17 !

Young people over 16 years of age All young people (whether girl or boy) of French nationality must be registered between the date of their 16th birthday and the end of the their month following. Having been registered, they must take part in a Journée de Défense et Citoyenneté (JDC), formerly called Journée d'appel de préparation à la Défense (JAPD).

OPENING TIMES AT THE MAIRIE: Tuesdays : 14.00-17.00 – Wednesdays and Fridays : 14.00-17.30

The Mayor and her deputies are also available to see people by appointment :

Tél. 05 61 88 10 84 – email : mairie.montmaurin@orange.fr

In emergencies : Silvia BELAIR – Tél. 06 07 23 16 07 – Bertrand MIRO – Tél. 06 75 10 76 20

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