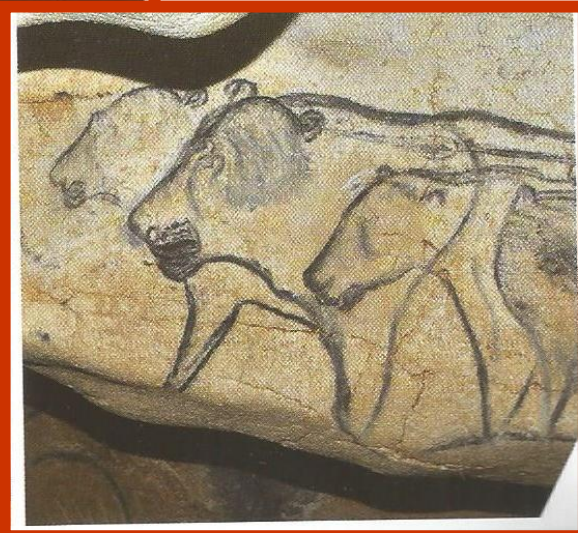


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EDITORIAL

Dear People of Montmaurin,

“First appearing during the glacial periods about 300,000 years ago, the cave lion was the largest predator of that era. It lived in Siberia and Alaska but also in Europe and Asia. It disappeared about twelve thousand years ago after living alongside our prehistoric ancestors. Such skeletons as the one discovered in Montmaurin are rare”. This is how the skeleton is introduced by the Aurignacien Museum.

A temporary exhibition entitled “**in the skin of the lion**” can be seen at the Musée Forum de l’Aurignacien until November 30. It includes the actual skeleton of **the cave Lion of Montmaurin** together with a multimedia display allowing us to go back in time and find out about this iconic specimen.

The Comminges Pyrenees PETR, in partnership with the three Communautés de Communes and local tourist offices, has just brought out a publicity video on **Comminges as a tourist destination**. You can view this video on the village site [www.montmaurin.fr / accueil / actualités...](http://www.montmaurin.fr/accueil/actualites...)

To accompany this video a travel booklet will soon be published promoting culture and tourism in the area, aimed at visitors to our mountain and hillside sites in all seasons.

You will find, following this, information about events organised particularly in Montmaurin for the beginning of summer 2018.

Sincerely,

Silvia Belair, the Mayor



« MARIANNE DU CIVISME » AWARD

The village of Montmaurin was classed first in its category and rewarded at the Mariannes du Civisme awards because of its high turnout in the following elections: municipal 2014, regional 2015, presidential and legislative 2017.

The Association of former mayors and deputies of Haute Garonne who organised the event at St Gaudens, attended by Mme the Deputy President of St Gaudens, presented a statuette of the Marianne du Civisme to the commune on 11 April last.

We wanted to let you know about this and - by way of thanking you- we are placing this bust of Marianne in the Mairie as it was obtained thanks to your interest in both national and communal elections.

INFORMATIONS

REMINDER OF THE BAN ON BURNING GREEN RUBBISH

You are reminded by the Occitanie regional prefectural office that at all times and everywhere in the region, in the interests of improving air quality and preventing risks (fire, health...) it is forbidden to burn green rubbish in the open air.

A leaflet, available from the Mairie, suggests amongst other things alternative solutions for the disposal of green rubbish (crushing, composting, tip).

Cf. also on the village website [www.montmaurin.fr/services de proximite](http://www.montmaurin.fr/services_de_proximite)

LEGAL SPEED LIMIT 80 KM PER HOUR

As **from July 1** the maximum speed allowed (VMA) will be 80 km per hour on some roads outside built up areas that are two way and do not have a central barrier.(cf. measures announced on 9 January by the interministériel committee on road safety (CISR) - as decreed by the Ministry of the Interior.

LE CEMALOUN : it is planned to open towards the middle of June, depending on the progress of works undertaken by the new owners. This summer you will be able to meet John Seager who wants to make the bar-restaurant a convivial place for all generations.

VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL : Summer opening from Saturday 30 June till Sunday 2 September so that people can benefit from two additional weekends when it will be open.

NATURALISATION CEREMONY

Joséphine LOUGE-AIRLIE, who has lived in Montmaurin since 1993 and has been a councillor since December 2014, has just obtained French nationality and on 3 May last at the Prefecture in Toulouse her naturalisation was validated at an official ceremony.

In her role she assures the necessary communal links with our English speakers and we thank her most warmly for that.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018



From Friday 1 June till Sunday 3 June, « **RENDEZ-VOUS AUX JARDINS** » will take place at the **Gallo-roman villa de Montmaurin** on the national theme of « Europe of gardens ». Programme in Montmaurin - contact 05 61 88 74 73.

On this occasion the Montmaurin camp site invites you to visit its landscaped areas on the afternoon of Saturday June 2 and wishes you to know that the camp site with its 35 pitches, has, for the second year running, been classified as excellent by "TripAdvisor" - category 3*.

Contact : 05 61 79 71 47
www.campingdemontmaurin.com

From Friday 15 to Sunday 17 June : **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAYS**

On these days all those involved will be busy helping the public to find out about our heritage and the discipline of archaeology.

Programme at the Gallo roman Villa : 05 61 88 74 73.

The **Montmaurin Comité des Fêtes** is organising the **ST JOHN'S BONFIRE** on Saturday 23 June, an evening of entertainment with the **Bandas** group.

The **Foyer Rural de Larroque** is organising its **FESTIVAL OF "LIVE MUSIC"** on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June, a concert lasting 14 hours spread over 2 days where 18 groups of musicians will play for 60 minutes.

Open to the public. Free entry.
Programme – contact :
Foyer rural de Larroque au 06 51 79 96 09
www.larroquefestival.fr
facebook.com/larroquefestival

Association **Terre de Choix – Terracor** is organising an **ITALIO-GASCON** evening on Friday 29 June in the Montmaurin village hall.

Programme and reservation : 06 77 97 55 21

REMINDER : the open air market in Larroque – every first and third Sunday morning of each month (between May and October) – producers and craftsmen display their products.

OPENING TIMES AT THE MAIRIE : Tuesdays 14-17.00 – Wednesdays and Fridays 14-17.30

An appointment with Mme the Mayor may also be arranged :
Telephone 05 61 88 10 84 – email : mairie.montmaurin@orange.fr

In emergencies : Silvia BELAIR – 06 07 23 16 07 – Mayor's mobile : 07 85 68 00 91

French and English versions of this letter are distributed and are also available at the Mairie and can also be consulted on the internet www.montmaurin.fr