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# A word from the mayor



Dear fellow citizens,

In this newsletter, you will find, amongst other things:

the results of traffic surveys on the roads leading into the village made by the ADA, an article about the Christmas meal for the village school pupils,

the distribution of gourmet packages to replace the normal pensioners' meal; the planting of hedges and trees to enhance our village.

We strive to be at the service of our village and its inhabitants. When something is not going as we please, we will speak to the Village council and its mayor, that is as it should be.

However, each of us as individuals can also do our own thing by not allowing the leaves of our trees to cover pavements and choke gutters, nor leave branches, hedges and various objects to block pavements for pedestrians, taking care not to leave bags and household waste bins outside other than the time required for collection.

We can all make sure we maintain good relations with our neighbours while respecting everyone's right to peace and keeping a caring eye out for our elderly and/ or isolated fellow villagers.

If each of us makes a contribution, we can really make Charmé a clean and pleasant village where living together is a real pleasure.

The Mayor

#### Website opening

The website of the town "mairie-charme.fr" is now accessible, thanks to the enormous amount of work carried out by Robert Claeyssens, one of our village councillors. We would like to thank him very much. The site, which is still under development, will continue to be regularly updated by Robert who is responsible for its management. As indicated on the autumn 2020 bulletin, the village associations who so wish will be able to send documents to Robert, who will post them on the site. Likewise, company and gites owners are also invited to send documents to Robert. To do this, please use the following address: webmestremdc@orange.fr.

# Presentation of the city council



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# Deliberations

During the Council sessions of the last quarter, the city council approved the following points:

- Price revision Meals taken in the canteen: Children 3.00 € Adults 5.80 €.
- The rental of the village hall and the sports ground hall: the prices remain unchanged. Free for the Associations of the Municipality.
- ATD 16: The municipality adheres to the Data Security and Backup Agreement computer science.
- The secretary, Maryse Bréchet, has been appointed prevention officer for compliance with the rules of occupational safety and hygiene for municipal staff.
- An agreement has been signed with Emmaus Ruffec to come to Charmé twice a month in the area of the France-intinerant services (internet access, public services ..)

The report of each session is posted at the town hall and all the reports are available for download from the website.

# **Registration to the Electoral Lists**

If you are not registered on the electoral list of Charmé to participate in the elections of 13 and 20 June 2021, you can do this until the end of April. Please come to the Mairie during opening hours: Monday 9am to 12 noon, Wednesday 9am to 12 noon and 2pm to 5pm, Friday 9am to 12 noon.

# Communication

As little interest has been shown in the group SMS service, it has been abandoned. We would like to set up a "chain" of communication between the inhabitants, if we can set up area contacts to ensure links in case of emergency, between the town hall and the citizens.

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On Friday December 18, 2020, our school pupils accompanied by their teacher, Caroline Fortuné and Eleanor, a volunteer helper, walked to Salle des Fêtes to share a Christmas lunch with the Mayor, the Deputy and members of the school staff.

The guests enjoyed the starter concocted by "La Maison de Charente" in Tusson, followed by the sausages made by "P'tits moutons de Vévé" from Charmé, accompanied by mashed split peas from "La Ferme de Chassagne", then cheeses from "GAEC de l'Ouche à Vigné" near Juillé and finally the Yule log prepared by Karine, the school cook.

Christmas carols sung by everyone during the dessert lent a greatly appreciated festive note to the lunch.



# Hampers for our Senior Citizens



Due to the current health situation, the traditional meals for seniors on the first Sunday in February could not be organized. The city council wished to replace the meal with a distribution of gourmet hampers which were organised by "La Maison de Charente" in Tusson. The distribution took place in the Salle des Fêtes , complying with health measures, on Wednesday March 10.

For those who were entitled to a hamper but could not attend the Salle des Fêtes, the counsellors delivered the hampers to their homes. EHPAD residents were not forgotten and received a small gift package of sweets.

The Mayor went to offer the traditional bouquet to our village doyenne Jeanne Fradin, who is still in robust health and very active in her garden, and will celebrate her 97th Spring in a few days.

## **Elderly villagers contacts**

The health situation is not deteriorating in Charente, but it seems important to us to set up contacts for the elderly and/or isolated in the village. Please send us your suggestions.



# Volunteer information for the vaccinations

The vaccination center at the Aigre health centre is looking for volunteers to help out at the reception desk.

The opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm and 1:30 pm to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm If you think you can help, please contact Ms. Christine Bourdier by phone: 07.71.35.15.45 or by email at the address: cbourdier@coeurdecharente.fr. :

cbourdier@coeurdecharente.fr.



# Traffic

The town had the department carry out a count of vehicles crossing the town in both directions. Two counting devices were installed. One at the northern entrance, and the other at the southern entrance to the town.

The diagram below summarizes most of the results. Depending on the direction of traffic, the town is crossed daily by a number of vehicles between 700 and 1000.

As for the average speed, it is always higher than the limit of 50km/h, whether for light vehicles (vehicles Light) or PL (Heavy duty).

Full results (In french language) will be available on the website.



Diagram legend:

Vit. moy.jour = Vitesse moyenne durant la journée (Daytime average speed) Vit. moy. Nuit = Vitesse moyenne pendant la nuit (Nightime average speed)

# Charmé in the Gallo-Roman era



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The town has very few traces of the Gallo-Roman era, unlike some of its neighbors. The remains of a Gallo-Roman villa had been updated at the end of the 19th century, in Bellicout, but nothing remains and we do not know from what century it dated, or even if artifacts (objects shaped by humans) were found on the site. Objects from the same period had been unearthed at La Touche and Ligné. After the conquest by Julius Caesar, the Pax Romana (the 200 year old period of peace in the Roman Empire) settled in the area known as Roman Gaul, which quickly became one of the most prosperous provinces of the Empire. In 27 BC, Augustus founded the province of Gaul in Aquitaine, the first capital of which was Mediolanum

Santonum (Saintes). In two centuries, the landscape of our region changes. The countryside becomes structured and modern cities begin to appear. Political unrest, repeated devaluations and constant inflation will get the better of this prosperity which had appeared to be neverending.

#### The barbarian invasions

We all remember names like Goths, Visigoths, and Ostrogoths (No, they are not just Hervé's Captain Haddock's insults in Tintin's Adventures). Barbarus in Latin means someone who speaks neither Latin nor Greek and expresses himself by "bar-bar", as one would say "gibberish" nowadays.

The words "invasions" and "barbarians" are both questionable. They evoke hordes of thousands of shaggy, dirty warriors clad in animal skins running amok over the Roman Empire. In reality it is more about

migration, certainly accompanied by abuses and violence, rather than invasion. Of course, the barbarian smears his hair with rancid butter, while the Romans and Greeks prefer olive oil with which they smear the body, but it is not as animal like as it is presented to us.

At that time, according to Hippocrates, the cold gave the people of the north greater physical attributes to resist hand to hand attacks and that most of the blood rushes to the lower body (which is believed to explain the fertility of Scandinavian women).

They can therefore be injured, lose blood since they have more than the opponent. On the other hand, they have less blood in their heads ... So the northerner is brave and courageous, but stupid (nice for ch'timis! People from the North of France!). By contrast, the southern man is intelligent, but cowardly. The Greeks and Romans, standing right in the middle, are therefore both intelligent and brave!

The arrival of these invaders were to have consequences on everyday life. It was at this time that the toga disappears from the wardrobe of the people, in favor of the breeches (trousers). It is indeed easier to run and to run away, in trousers than in a dress! Likewise, before these invasions no one was armed. From now on everyone will be armed. This is the end of the Pax Romana.

#### The Visigoths settle in the Charente

In 412 AD, the Visigoths entered Gaul and discovered a territory devastated by the invading barbarians. They conquer a narrow strip of territory which goes, approximately, from La Rochelle to Toulouse. In 418, in exchange for their collaboration to protect the borders (Le Limes), the Roman emperor Flavius Honorius allows them to settle in Aquitaine. There they founded the kingdom of Toulouse, which extends from Loire to Gibraltar. And here are the Visigoths, in the service of the emperor of the West, who adopt the way of Roman life and express themselves in Latin. They will even abandon their funeral rites (cremation) in favor of Roman rites(burial). Progress! Their king, Athaulf, marries the emperor's sister. So here they are, brothers-in-law! All of this does not please the Emperor, who still has to swallow the bitter pill.

Their presence in Gaul will end at the dawn of the 6th century, when Clovis I will win the battle of Vouillé(86) in 507, and in 508 when they will lose Toulouse, and will be pushed back beyond the Pyrenees. They will establish their capital in Toledo. Septimanie (now known as Languedoc) will remain the only province of Gaul under their domination.

**Robert Claeyssens** 

# Nature

## Plantation des enfants de l'école



1 – To listen



3- To fertilize

Friday February 26, 2021, the school children accompanied by their teacher Caroline Fortuné and Eleanor, our volunteer helper, arrived at the area next to the stadium, equipped with their planting tools, properly dressed for the job as the morning promised to be cool and wet.

Everyone was welcomed by Mathieu Bergeron, technician from CETEF, surrounded by the Mayor, councillors and three volunteers. They listened carefully to the information on the need to plant trees in general and old fruit trees and to the instructions given by Mathieu Bergeron.

They intend to produce a booklet to keep track of this fundamental action to fight against global warming. Ask them anything: they know everything about old varieties, praline, mulching ...

Jérôme Moreau, technician and Anne Teillet vice-president in charge of the environment of the PETR of the Pays du Ruffécois, showed, by their presence, the intent and the interest of this community in the planting of the communes. Florence Thivet, the village baker Les Marchis



in Courcôme graciously provided the 20 bales of straw that the children placed at the foot of each of their trees.

The correspondent of Charente Libre came to get information for an article to appear in the local daily paper.







In the afternoon, about fifteen residents of Charmé met at 2 p.m. in front of the stadium to plant the hedges.







The presence of Mathieu Bergeron from CETEF and Jean François, the village employee, greatly contributed to the quality of technical exchanges and information on the species planted. It is within the framework of the PETR of the Pays du Ruffécois that the cost of these plantings taking place that morning has been subsidized at 80%.

Action on Wetlands



The SMABACAB puts in place actions in favor of wetland environments to welcome in fauna and flora, oversee water quality and prevention measures to limit the risk of flooding and improve conditions in low water.

For this, a policy in favour of wetlands is being carried out; the upgrading of these environments, a real working together of land and water, is a key issue for the future.



In order to better understand the floristic diversity, the challenges and the state of certain areas, SMABACAB has recruited an intern, Noémie AUFFRET; her mission will be to characterize and extend the knowledge of certain sites thanks to floristic inventories which will then be mapped out.

We are happy to say Noémie will be in the field next spring and that you will see her on your property if it's in a wetland area. Please welcome her with kindness and do not hesitate to ask her any questions you might have.

SMABACAB has set up geographical commissions which divide the countryside into five large area for easiness of close communication. These commissions allow the meeting of 30 different types of people living and working in the area (elected officials, agricultural owners or not, hunters, fishermen...).

The reports are available at the town hall or on the website <u>www.smabacab.fr</u>.

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