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A Little Bit of History

A Very Charming Lady !

François de LA ROCHFOUCAULT took as his second wife Charlotte de ROYE, Condé's sister-in-law and a zealous Calvinist. She began, following her deep faith, to make her husband a heretic and was endowed with a cold cruelty. During her husband's absence and which saddened him greatly, she had her reiters (brutal warriors) destroy all the vaults of the churches on his property. Charmés church and those in a few neighbouring places were not spared. There was a huge fire and explosives were placed under the building's nave, the doors were closed and everything blown up. This "passionaria" of the wars of religion went on to die in Verteuil, from an illness which prevented her from eating on 8 April 1571 "It's a great pity, she said, to have an income of 60 000 livres (pounds) and to die of starvation".

The elusive bells of Saint-Pierre Church

A surprising fact – despite the plunder of the church bells in the region carried out by Jeanne d'ALBERT, Henry IV's mother, to help supply his cannons, our old Charmé bell managed to escape. Without doubt it was removed for a time like the other 3 bells, then buried in a field near Ebréon and was found by a farmworker with his pick at the end of the 19th century. Our Charmé bell was then handed over to nuns and then to the Ruffec district, which, to help the needs of the Revolution, deployed the same zeal as J d'ALBRET for her warfare, but it did manage to avoid falling into the hands of the occupying forces during the last war. Thanks to a bit of complacency, it escaped what happened to a number of other bells of occupied France, ie the recovery of non iron based metals. The bells was refurbished in 1957. This ancestor with a cracked voice bore in Gothic letters, punctuated with fleur de lys, the following inscription : **S Pierre de Chermé 1578.**

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A message from the Mayor

2020 will end in a few days, a year without equal, and during which new health conditions have turned our daily life, our professional activities and above all our relationships with others, upside down.

The Health measures have not allowed us to implement the moments of togetherness usual in our village. Elizabeth Lizot's retirement had to be celebrated by very few people in attendance and the 11th November Remembrance was honoured by just 5 representatives of the village.

At present we cannot envisage our usual get togethers, notably the traditional Mayor's New Year Wishes and we are not sure if we can arrange the "repas des aînés" in its traditional form.

Maintaining public services as requested by the State during the second lockdown has been achieved, allowing us to keep the School, the Post Office and the Mayor's Office open as well as our technical services which are very important to us. We must thank our Municipal Employees for all their work.

The latest investments and projects initiated by the last council thanks to the finance from the FST – LGV compensation, have been completed and others will be finished in 2021, with a remaining payment by the village of only 23 727,83€.

Therefore our technical services have taken delivery of a new lawnmower, a pressure washer, a large capacity electric battery, a rotary cutter and a large hedgetrimmer. The resurfacing of several village roads is now completed.

2 fire hydrants have been installed on route de Bessé and de Roussillon. The roofs of the Mairie and Salle de Fêtes, the Church and the Fountains are going to be completely renovated.

Also a new street lamp has been installed at La Plante and a second will be erected on rue Haute.

Other Projects for 2021

- Opening of the village website (in few weeks)
- Development of the communal orchard.
- Planting along paths of La Rochelle and Raix
- Individual appointments will be offered at the Post Office to allow internet access to those who don't have it personally which will allow them to carry out administrative procedures.

The Municipal Council and all the Municipal Employees join me in offering you our best wishes for a more peaceful 2021.

Bernard BORNE



11th November ceremony



On 11 November 2020, due to the lockdown, the ceremony honouring the dead soldiers was held with just a few people present. The Mayor, accompanied by Yves Baborit, the flag bearer and council deputies, laid a wreath of flowers at the foot of the war monument, beside a written memorial decorated with poppies laid by our British friends in memory of Josephine Moore's great uncles along with the flowers traditionally laid by Yves Guillit in memory of his grandfather Marcel Anon,

whose body does not rest in the Charente. After the traditional minute of silence, Bernard Borne read out the message from Mme Darieussecq, the Minister representing the Ministry of the Army and we have quoted an extract from this message below:

“This happened a century ago.

On that 10 November 1920, in the Citadel of Verdun, August THIN, a soldier of the second class and a ward of our Nation, places a bouquet of white and red carnations on the casket of a soldier. One soldier among all the soldiers. One among thousands became the Unknown Soldier and was buried on 11 November 1920 under the Arc de Triomphe. The whole country, grateful and as one, bows respectfully before his casket, saluting the memory of all the dead soldiers under the tricolour flag. This unknown soldier represents each and everyone of our dead at the same time. This memory also lives in each of our communities, in each of our monuments to the dead, and in our family memories. It lives also in the masterpiece of Maurice Genevoix who today enters the Pantheon as a soldier and a writer.

Every 11 November, the Nation honours solemnly all those who have died for France, those of yesterday and of today.”



Yves Barbarit, the flag bearer as a former soldier in the Algerian war, intoned the Marseillaise. Our photographer and British representative for this occasion, Eleanor, managed to immortalise these solemn moments despite the lockdown.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

During 2020, no marriages took place in Charme

The announcements below are printed with the permission of the families concerned.

- Births :
 - Margaux FRADIN born on 22 May
 - Medhi ADDES born on 14 October
 - Maddelyna BOUCHERAU-LAMOUIZIE born on 15 November

- Deaths :
 - Espérance MANGUY died on 2 March
 - Jeanne CHANSON died on 11 April 2020
 - Gilbert NAUD died on 14 April
 - Claude KERENEUR died on 12 May
 - Claude GUILLET died on 21 May



Municipal Tariffs

Revision of Tariffs

Canteen Meals:

Tariff: 3.00€ for pupils
 5.80€ for adults

Community Hall and Sports Field Hall.

Rental rates remain unchanged and can be consulted at the Town Hall. (free for associations of the Municipality)



Autumn 2020 Survey

The returns from the survey proposed in the autumn newsletter have been received by the communication commission which suggests that you continue to give ideas in the boxes of the same name which will be placed at the post office and in the hall of the town hall from January 2021.

The first answers will be treated in January, the November confinement having limited us in our possibilities of meeting.

Regarding group SMS, the number of people who responded is insufficient for us to set up this system, which is a real shame.

If you have not returned your coupon, you can still do so, by requesting it from the Town Hall.

School and Extracurricular Activities

Education in the Environment

To continue to help the children understand the need to modify the way we behave in order to respect the environment, they and their teacher will be invited to take part in the planting which our village is going to carry out in partnership with the CDC Coeur de Charente at the beginning of 2021.

Every day, in the school canteen, the children take turns to empty the compost bucket which contains the vegetable waste left from the preparation of the canteen meals. The composter has been set up by the village employees. A dustbin to help recycling waste has been placed in the canteen.

Tuesday lunchtime extracurricular activities

In September, volunteer pupils planted peach stones and 3 chrysanthemums in a piece of land at the end of the school yard, made available by Mme Jonquet.

During November – December, the children who expressed an interest, made decorations for Christmas in salt dough. These activities were supervised by Eleanor and Agnes.

Future planning for extracurricular activities

A proposal has been drawn up, submitted to the village council for approval and also sent out to parents, to set up a timetable for the children to come to school in the morning between 7.45-8.50 and 12.30 -13.50 and in the afternoon between 16.30-17.00.



The Post Office

Open 9-12 noon Mon – Sat and closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Through Tatiana, you have access to postal services:

- All manual postage
- Sale of stamps in current use, envelopes and ready to post items
- Drop-off point for parcels, recorded delivery items
- Collection point for parcels and letters
- Collection point for mail by proxy
- Local service for setting up mail forwarding contracts, looking after mail, contracts for ready to post resending service where your mail will follow you if you spend a lot of time away from home.

Financial Services and Associated Benefits

- Withdrawal of cash from a current postal account.
- Withdrawal of cash from a savings account or savings book.
- Forwarding information to the central office (cash payments on CCP, savings book, proxies linked to financial services).

A New Service

Those Charme residents who do not have access to a computer or the internet, will be offered from January 2021, an appointment by Tatiana, our Post Office Employee, to carry out any necessary administrative procedures at the Post Office.

A personal appointment is necessary for confidentiality as the equipment you will use is in the Post Office public area. If you would like Tatiana to help you carry out these procedures, you will be asked to complete and sign a document she will give you to allow here to help you.



Stray animals

It is against the law (art L.211-19-1 of CRPM) to allow domestic animals to stray or to keep wild animals as pets or locked up. Below is what is considered being a stray for dogs and cats :

- Any dog no under it's owner's control or found more than 100 m away from the owner, except in the case of hunting or shepherding.
- Any dog abandoned, left to its own devices, except as part of a hunt and it can be proved that the owner was looking for the dog after the hunt.
- Any cat with no identification found more that 200m from habitations and any cat found more than 1000m from its owners' home and not under its owner's control including any cat whose owner is unknown.

The Mayor is responsible for the control of stray animals in and around the village, any stray accidentally straying animal is his responsibility.

The village is able to take advantage of the recovery service of the pound (www.fourriere16fr) .To ensure the care of any animals which have to be dealt with outside the working hours of the pound, the village has the use of an enclose and a cage to provide the animal with shelter, on condition that it is docile.It should be noted that the removal of any animal to the pound is not free and the cost can rise to several hundred euros.

In Summary:

- **Make sure your animals have some kind of identification (collar, name tag, tattoo, chip)**
- **Don't let them stray from your control.**

Domestic waste

A reminder of best practice for the uplift of household waste.

The yellow and black bags are collected between 4h-14h. It is strongly recommended that they are put out the day before for reasons:

- If they are put out on the pavement too early, the bags become obstacles for pedestrians forcing them to walk on the road to get round them. It also doesn't look nice and could be considered as illegal dumping.
- Secondly, if the bags are put out too late, there is a risk they won't be uplifted. Some people have got into the habit of putting the bags out in the actual morning as the bin lorry usually arrives at their house late morning. Please take care, Calitom cannot guarantee an exact time for the collection as unexpected events can change the time eg there could be a change of their rout due to roadworks in a neighbouring village which could cause the uplift to be earlier.

Those who have their own rubbish bins are requested to keep them clean and to remember to take them back in after the uplift.



Practical information

Registration in electoral list

The department and regional elections will take place in 2021. Please remember to register on the electoral lists, if you've not already done so. Those young people who reach 18 during the year will be registered automatically by the Préfecture.

Military Status

This procedure must be done in the month of the young person's 16th birthday and in the following 3 months. A status certificate will be issued and preserved while waiting for the summons to the Defence and Citizenship day (JDC).



The School Winter Term



To bring this unusual first term of the school year to an end, we got together with the pupils from the schools at La Faye and Courcome at Charmé Sport Stadium for a sporting event. Afterwards the Pupils' Parents Association provided us with a snack.

Next get together? A visit to the cinema – if we are allowed before the Christmas Holidays.

Associative Life



Croq'Sentiers

Our Association was founded in November 2005. Its aims remain to organise hikes and cultural excursions in a friendly and sporting way. This year, our members number 50.

We walk **every Saturday**

- Either all day
- Or just mornings for around 12km
- Or afternoons for 8-10km

Other outings: small walk on a Wednesday afternoon every 2 weeks with a restricted group.

Walking Healthy Outings: every Tuesday from 14h – 9am if it's very warm.

Since April 2017, our Association in affiliation with FFRandonnées have started an option called: **The Healthy Walk** – this gentle walk is a way to stop loneliness and inactivity. It takes into account the age of the walkers, it helps recovery from accidents or chronic illnesses. To be able to take part, the walker must provide a medical certificate agreeing to your participation. Walkers are recommended to wear sturdy shoes, bring a bottle of water, any medication and you must tell us of any risks that could cause you harm. For more information, please contact Raymond Boutant on 0545395290.

We would love to welcome more walkers from Charmé. Our pace is steady – around 4km an hour and we don't leave people behind! On Saturday, there is a refreshment break and picnic at noon for those who want them, under shelter in the colder weather. You can walk either in the morning or afternoon (a shorter walk) or all day for those who want to do more. A detailed programme is produced every trimester. You will be very welcome. You can benefit from 2 trial walks before you join. After the 2 trials, the licence insurance to FFRP and the subscription to the club would be required.

Fee for 2020-2021 47€ (30,60€ to FFRP and 16,40 € to Croq'Sentiers.



Cellettes with Simone, who celebrated her hundredth birthday in 2020 (foreground on the right).

Events Committee Charmé-Baustert

As with all our Associations, the committee has not been able to organise its events this year due to the pandemic.

Nevertheless, on 5 September, a sheep festival did take place. The summer was extended with a market of our local producers. The day was divided up into different events such as the moving of animals around 4 km, several demonstrations of shepherding dogs and mowing. This day for which the Prefecture gave its permission, could not have taken place without the aid of the committee volunteers and other helpers.

The day was hard work but after due consideration, everyone feels ready to do it again. The committee hopes to be able to organise the event for 2021 if the situation allows.

If the meals indoors seem too complicated to organise, a dinner walk and the sheep festival could definitely be on the cards if the rules can be respected. We must wait to see how the situation evolves.

2021 is the year of our journey to Baustert, dates are being discussed between the 2 parties concerned and we really hope we can leave in August to visit our friends. We will keep you informed. Take care of yourselves and your families as we all reach the end of the year.



The Charmé Hunt Society "La Charmante"

For the Hunt Season 2020/21 which began well, our member numbers have reduced unfortunately, some missing or ill.

At the AGM of 2020, a new committee was elected:

- President M BEAUFILS Stéphane from Charmé
- Vice-president M FRADIN Philippe from Les Plans
- Treasurer Mme MOREAU Bernadette from Charmé
- Secretary Mme BERNARDIN Karin from Charmé

We take this opportunity to thank M Mainguy Serge who was our Treasurer for several years.

Despite the health situation, we were able to organise our annual meal in August in between the two lockdowns. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this friendly and enjoyable day in Benoit Fradin's barn



At the moment, we can only hunt deer and boar. But we can release small game as normal even if, for the present, we cannot hunt them..



Comité des fêtes

Due to current events, it is with regret that the Comité des fêtes had to cancel all the events of this year.

The dates of the 2021 events, if circumstances permit, will be as follows:

- May 1: Brin d'Aillet
- June 20: Brocante
- August 1: Village Picnic

We are always happy to welcome new members to our small troop, so if you would like to join us and help bring these events to life, please do not hesitate to contact Karin or Mary-jo. An AGM is planned for January 2021..

We wish you all a happy holiday season with your families. See you in 2021

Karin

E.S. Beaux-Pins



First of all, the Club ES Beaux-Pins (jointly with Charmé and Tusson), its President, his office, his associates and the team of players are happy to wish you a Happy New Year for 2021. May it bring you prosperity, happiness and above all, in the present situation, good health.

Because of the health crisis, our season 2019/2020 came to a halt in March, leaving our Team A in fifth place in the Championship table and, still in the running for the district cup, still hungry for success but not being able to play the quarter final, the players are still up for the challenge. Our reserve team for their part, saw themselves at the bottom of their league, not without demerits,

proved by its goal average worthy of the teams at 4th and 5th place.

Good mindset and attitude at the centre of the club, we see ourselves for the season 2020/2021 with fresh start and above all, expanded the group with good players, which augurs well for the rest of the season as long as the health crisis runs out of steam and allows us to play.

The pandemic is preventing us from organising our events. As President, I would like to thank those who registered for our meals last season where we enjoyed ourselves and I hope to be able to organise a meal this year to get our faithful supporters together.

All the club hopes to see you soon for the good times or supporting us.

Sportivement
Le président



Commission "Nature"

The Municipal Council wants to continue with the planting project started by the previous council, on the site of the commune orchard. Secondly it is involved in partnerships with CDC and in agreement with the owners and farmers of the plots of land concerned, to plant trees along the Raix and la Rochelle paths at the start of 2021.

It has been decided to ask the Department to designate the part of the wood of Les Couradeaux situated in Charmé, as a Protected Natural Site, with the objective of enhancing the site and to protect it.

A map of village paths has been made by M. Bauchaud, an employee of the Charente Department and proposed during the Municipal Council meeting on 10th December. It's all about preserving the integrity of these paths in the long term.