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## A word from the Mayor



The spring was on its way, but it was a sad spring for our area.

The events of Trèbes brought us back to a bitter reality.

Men and women, guided by religious fanaticism, are ready to kill in order to promote their extreme ideologies.

In the face of that, we respond with openness, dialogue, democracy.

It is of course in ignorance and fear of others that fanaticism finds the best ground to grow and infect our society.

It is in learning to debate, share, listen and affirm our diversity that we will find our best weapons to fight it.

To this end, our village is continuing to set an example through its public meetings - a place of dialogue and exchange, its festivities that weave the social bonds, its associations that invite participation and sharing.

You will find the articles in this newsletter that show the commitment of the people of Argens for the good life in our little village.

I wish everyone a beautiful summer to come.

Le Maire, Gérard Garcia

### Attack at Trèbes

A letter was sent to the Mayor of Trèbes to assure him of our compassion and support.

Eric Menassi, still very affected by these tragic events, was very touched by this attention.

Our villagers were also invited to gather in front of the town hall for a minute's silence in memory of the innocents who were taken from us on that day.





## Projects of SIVOS\* for the return to the school year 2018/2019

(\*Syndicat Intercommunal à Vocation Scolaire)

In 2014, the State proposed a set of measures aimed at setting up a new plan for school hours for primary schools. In order to move to accommodate this reform, the elected representatives of the SIVOS brought in a team of people to provide an Extracurricular Activity Club to take place on Friday afternoons, these class hours having been moved to Wednesday mornings.

To date, about sixty children have participated regularly, participating in popular activities.

In June 2018, the State offered communes the possibility of schools returning to a 4-day week. The SIVOS committee decided to retain the arrangement of 4.5 days, as it was too short notice to organise in time for the return in September.

At the beginning of the school year, the teachers asked if it would be possible to return to the 4-day week. However, after a survey conducted with the families affected, it was considered that the decision to return to 4-day week would adversely affect the families' routines, especially for working parents, and when no form of additional care was being offered. In addition, this would have resulted in the dismissal of several salaried assistants currently on permanent contracts. The committee therefore decided to leave things as they were for the school year 2018/19, and to put in place a club -Accueil de Loisirs Associé à l'Ecole (ALAE).



### What is the ALAE?

It is a leisure structure that operates on school days, in this case Wednesday afternoon from 14h to 17h preceded by the option of lunch in the canteen at noon.

The ALAE is required to be, for children: - a place where they enjoy meeting, and a time when normal school periods are taken into account (activity time, quiet time and free time) - a place of fulfilment through play and practice of various activities (cultural, sports, artistic, scientific..) but also socialisation and learning of citizenship through community life.

It is a recreational structure authorised and controlled by the Youth and Sports section of the DDCSPP (Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale et de la Protection des Populations).

This authorisation is subject to certain conditions:

- the presence of a qualified managers and assistant team
- enough assistants to supervise the children
- the presence of an Academic Project provided by the team of each ALAE.



In parallel with this decision, the SIVOS committee launched a survey among families or prospective families of the three villages to ascertain the needs in early childhood, children, and youth. The resultant findings will provide the basis on which to request that the Community of Communes Childhood gives consideration under the Youth Contract to, within a few years, the prospect of creating an Activity Centre without Accommodation (for Wednesdays and during school holidays).

The Childhood Youth Contract is signed by CCRLCM, who administers the Childhood/Youth and Family Allowance Fund. It provides for the financing of family-related activities, childhood and youth (nursery, ALSH, ...).



### Planting of allée des Rosiers.

It was not easy to find a convenient slot in this rather wet spring to plant out the beds in allée des Rosiers. But, at last, it's done and dusted! This is courtesy of a small group who arrived booted and kitted out on Saturday, 21 April, ready to dig in around 200 plants in all. There is a mixture of scented plants and roses, some of which are already blooming. Thanks go to this happy team who helped improve our village!

### Area outside the Salle des Trois Copains

The hedge that divided the space in front of the Salle des Trois Copains had become increasingly embarrassing for some time, for its appearance, the practicality of organisation of festivities, and access. The gravel between the paving and the hedge were not too popular either. Not only were they not at the same level as the paving, thus posing the risk of falls, but, in addition, it often resulted in earth and sand blowing into meals eaten in that area. It was also thought that the village petanque area could benefit from some refurbishment. So, it was decided to kill three birds with one stone, and, as a result, the area has been refurbished into a pleasant open space, giving the impression of enlarging the area.



It is a place where performing artists and public will be able to mix with each other without fearing dust being blown around, and where the petanque players will be able to play their matches on very smooth ground.

The layout will be completed by a barbecue available for all to utilise, as well as a communal bread oven (in the process of drying) built during the bread festival. New lighting will add the finishing touch.



### Parking spaces

The continuing bad weather has prevented the painting of road markings and parking spaces in the village. The situation in rue de l'Ancienne Forge has been a particular issue lately, and it was necessary to intervene because some residents often found that they could no longer enter or leave their home, prevented from doing so by a car parked in front of their front door or garage. A planter was moved to gain a parking space, and spaces have now been outlined by new markings. The end of that road has yet to be completed, as has rue de la Fontaine fraiche. There too, parking spaces need to be defined, as well as spaces where parking is prohibited. Fire tender access is generally respected for residents, but they often have trouble parking outside their homes, or being able to get out. Finding a compromise that combines the rights and needs of the residents with those of Guinguette's customers has become a necessity.

### Avenue des Platanes – work and Neighbourhood Meeting

To cope with the lack of parking spaces in Avenue des Platanes, the council organised a neighbourhood meeting to come up with ideas for a solution. After discussions, the initial project was modified to incorporate the suggestions of the residents present, who presented both practical and aesthetic suggestions for improvements. The four metal gantries will soon disappear in favour of two wooden ones at each end of the parking, the space will be slightly enlarged and accessible, and one-way only. Marker poles and planting areas will enhance the finished area.

Other topics were discussed about the life of the village, the improvements made and those still to come or to consider. Questions / answers or open debates, it was an instructive and pleasant moment spent between elected officials and concerned citizens working together for the future of our neighbourhoods and our village.

## Parking restrictions throughout the village

The highway rules allow one to leave a car on a public parking area for a maximum of 7 days. This is also the length of average duration for a boat cruise on the Canal. Two or three years ago, the residents of allée des Rosiers were faced with an influx of cars being parked there by those hiring boats. As a result, the previous council installed signs limiting parking to 48 hours' duration in that area. Since then, tourists have moved to other streets, shifting the problem of lack of space with them.

The measure, already announced, to limit the parking time throughout the entire village was voted by the council and was then the subject of a bylaw. The maximum duration is henceforth limited to 48h for the whole village. The motivation is certainly not to exclude tourists from the village because they are important to us, but to ensure a quality of life for all of our fellow citizens, who appreciate being able to park in front of their property (or close enough) when they come home, especially after a long day of work.



## About fibre... or VDSL

The update about fibre in the village is a little complicated. Our village has been up to now poorly served in terms of internet speed. The current base provision comes in a copper wire network, and we are at the end of the run.

Since 3 May, the speed has been significantly improved. Recent work, undertaken by Orange, has laid fibre optic cable to a large white cabinet located in front of the school. This new power supply is now connected to the copper network of the village, which has resulted in a significant increase in speed. Beyond the basic improvement, operators can offer VDSL customers even greater volume on their existing contract.

The current network is operated by Orange, which leases its cables to other operators. It is not yet expected to be able to lay the fibre to each house on this existing network. The Syndicat Audois d'Energie (SYADEN) is the organising authority, in charge of public utilities for electrical energy, digital development and public distribution throughout the Aude. This organisation has the job of creating a public network (distinct from the one described above) that will bring fibre to every home and every business. The deployment of this network should be operational in Argens in 2019. At this time, people wishing to benefit from fibre to their homes will be able to subscribe to new contracts with operators linked with the SYADEN. Villagers will be informed in due course when this is possible.

In the past, in the PTT era, there was only one telephone network which belonged to the state. Today, there are multiple networks; we are now talking about information highways. Some are public, some private. Our region is sparsely populated and therefore has not been a priority, either for the state or for private companies which are forced to make their investments profitable. The improvement of the public network, via SYADEN, is part of the government's desire to improve service in disadvantaged areas.





## The refuse point has closed its doors for the last time

Waste treatment has become a major issue for communities, both from an environmental and economic point of view.

In recent years, waste management has become the responsibility of our community of municipalities. Despite the efforts of the CCRLCM to take full responsibility, the council of Argens-Minervois still has to organise the sorting of its waste.

A study is being undertaken by the CCRLCM regarding the management of the waste across its entire area. It is anticipated that the conclusion of the report will result in the construction of a community refuse dump north of Lézignan-Corbieres, hopefully within two to three years.

Until this happens we had to do something offer our residents solutions for waste and bulky waste disposal, and solutions for collection and recycling. The area that we had in our village was in fact an illegal collection point which did not meet safety and environmental standards. It was expensive for the village to run, and the incidents and fire last summer resulted in the decision to close our dump.

We are keen to work with other councils, sharing tools and skills, and so Argens decided to join with the Roubia and Paraza to share the inter-communal collection point at Roubia pending any future decisions.

Our village worker, Anthony, has been given responsibility for overseeing the collection point. He continues to be employed by the commune of Argens, but his salary is supported by the three communes.

A sheet is available from the Mairie, giving details of the waste that can be deposited there – this is available in English as well as French.

<b>Opening times:</b>	Sunday and Monday	Fermé
	Tuesday	14h30 - 17h30
	Wednesday	14h30 - 17h30
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	14h30 - 17h30
	Saturday	8h30 - 12h00

## Update on the cats and dogs



Nine cats were captured and sterilized before being returned to where they had been captured, as required by law.

Some of the letters sent to dog owners causing noise or environmental nuisances have paid off. Some of them have become aware, sometimes with humour, that their pets, calm and affectionate in their presence, bark a great deal in their absence, and thus become noise nuisances that are difficult to tolerate.



Unfortunately, some letters still did not have the desired effect, with the owners still leaving their dogs to wander at will and defecate in the street, or not taking measures to prevent them causing a noise nuisance.

More than 10 years of reminders, articles in the newsletter, information on possible solutions, and letters to owners. We have now decided that no more letters will be sent.

Sanctions will now need to be given so that these recalcitrant pet owners understand how to love their dog by looking after it, picking up its mess, and maintaining good relationships with their neighbours.

## Environment Days

In the end, we had ideal weather for the environmental days, with them having been postponed by a fortnight due to period of inclement weather.

On the Saturday, Manu Bourrieau was able to take a small group to observe and listen to birds and amphibians.

On the Sunday afternoon, the village Library invited a storyteller for the occasion - Valérie Lefailleur enchanted the group with her stories on a pleasant walk not far from Pech Laurier. This was jointly financed by the Departmental Library and the Mairie. Unfortunately, due to the postponement, Jean Pierre was unable to be present to organise the activity of rocket launching!



No less than 40 participants took part in forming the working party on the Sunday morning, and they were divided into four sub groups:

- Maintenance of the dammed end of the lake: pruning and clearing;
- Cleaning the brook on the far side of Pech Laurier – called 'Ruisseau du four des soldats' - which now provides a clear run for the water, and which also exposed a lovely wall - work which, according to our very own historian Gérard Latieule, dates from the 17th century;
- stripping of the old wood of the "Cabane à Mazet" (at the Tuilleries) exposing the metal frame, now ready for a new fascia;
- Waste collection around the lake, along the canal and along the avenue de Mediterranean (plastic of all kinds, cartridges, cans .....)
- Fishing area – cleared by members of the fishing club.

After the effort, everyone was revived by a satisfying picnic and appreciated by all.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their involvement in the upkeep of our environment. Thank you also to those who took part in the reception and laying out of the tables and chairs, the barbecue and other food, the making of the thermos of coffee ..... and all these aspects which make life easier.

## Water quality

The Agence Regionale de Santé (ARS) annual report concluded that Argens has good water quality. Efforts to improve control and monitoring of chlorine levels in our water have paid off, thanks to our agents for their vigilance. However, we are considering the installation of a more modern system, with automatic alerts, to ensure consistent quality, and to avoid reliving the painful experience of November 2017.



## Good news : Spring has arrived!



Well, nearly..... Making the most of the first rays of sun, a few Argens swallows have already arrived at their favourite place on the side of the canal!!



## Mélanie's departure



It was with great emotion that Melanie made a little speech when she left. We are sad to see her leave, but of course we wish her all the best for her new professional life. We are sure that the new administrators with whom she will have to deal from now on, will appreciate her beautiful smile.

Cathy has taken up the post at the Mairie. We appreciate your patience as she undertakes her induction and familiarisation period.

## The hearing has taken place

You will remember that on 3 July 2014 several members of press, as well as regional television, were present in the forecourt of the Mairie at Argens-Minervois to cover an unusual event. A union demonstration had been organized (without prior authorisation), to support five employees who were on sick leave, and who were complaining of harassment by the First Deputy Mayor of the time, whose resignation they demanded.

A union leaflet had been distributed that day. This leaflet not only accused the First Deputy, but spoke of bullying suffered by agents on a daily basis from all councillors, except for the mayor and Second Deputy at the time.

Shortly afterwards, two of the employees strengthened their claims, going as far as to lodge a formal complaint against the First Deputy. Since none of these accusations could be substantiate, the prosecutor dismissed the case.

The employees then changed their minds and turned against the mayor, and especially the former mayor, who would have known of the problem at the time and who did nothing to give the necessary protection to the employees against the alleged actions of First Deputy.

8 January 2018 - the hearing finally took place.

## The judgement dismissed the agents in full

- The statements of third parties were considered as not related to the alleged facts;
- The facts presented were not those of harassment;
- The individual statement of each employee was described as inconclusive.

It should be noted that one of the agents who did not file a complaint contradicted himself in his statement. He admits now that he has never been harassed. He had, however, submitted a sick leave for this reason ...

Another point was made by the public prosecutor: in their letters to the prosecutor, the two complainants had said that they wanted to resume their work as soon as the First Deputy was dismissed. Since September 2016 and until the trial, they had 16 months to resume their posts, but they didn't return ...

One had claimed 20 000€ and the other 40 000€, and they had two months to appeal this court decision - this period has now passed. They were ordered to pay each 750 € costs to commune, according to the judgment. There is little chance that many members of the print media, as well as regional television, will be invited to attend the presentation of the cheque!



Given the tensions and the human waste that these slanderous allegations have engendered, the current council was very displeased by these claims. It is now simply relieved that the energy and the time spent preparing the defence files has not been in vain.

The outcome has avoided spending taxpayers' money to the tune of 60,000 Euros, but it has also helped to restore the honour of all the elected officials implicated in the leaflet produced in 2014, unfairly slandered simply for defending democracy.



## Bread festival - Sunday 4 March 2018

In 2017, Argens welcomed a new grocer, Carole Balthazar. 1 February 2018, it was the turn of Édith BRISSIAUD to start her new activity as an artisan baker. The difference with this baker is that she is growing her grain to turn into bread and biscuits. Her new enterprise, with products from the field to the oven, from grain to bread, that went public at the Bread Festival on 4 March.



This day was intended not only to market the business, but also to support Edith in setting up the business in the village through her successful crowdfunding campaign.

A hundred people attended on the day and took part in the various workshops offered: construction of a straw oven, bread dough workshop and pizza preparation led by the association Mesclavie, pottery workshop, demonstration by Isabelle Vincent of the Obvara technique, wooden games loaned by the association Jouette.

Edith would like to thank all those people who assisted her in organising this day, helping her to make it a success, especially the Lézignanais Groupement d'achat, Manuel Bourrieau, the Mesclavie association, the les Jouettes association and Isabelle Vincent.



## Mimi is 100 years old !

It was with great emotion and love that her family celebrated 100 years of Mrs. Marie LOPEZ known in the village under the name of "MIMI".

It was a memorable day that was celebrated at the salle des trois copains in Argens-Minervois.

The family gathered around her, an extraordinary, intelligent, kind, loving person, who taught us so much, gave generously, listened intently, and helped so that we can only love her very much.

We joined her and had a delicious and hearty meal, cooked by our charming "Claudine". We all had a great day together and we kept telling her over and over how much we love her.

Her family



## Ceremony of 11 November

As is customary each year, many residents of Argens were present at the village War Memorial to commemorate the armistice of the First World War. Those present paid tribute to the men and women who died for France during this war.



1917 was a notable year for the French in the First World War. The absurdity of some orders regarding the offensives undertaken, and the resultant tragic high number of casualties, led to a surge in anger among many of the soldiers, who then decided to revolt against their officers, and become mutineers. Although as a result, many of their families were despised or ostracised at the time, it was subsequently acknowledged that these men had been living in horrendous conditions.

On this occasion, our thoughts also turned to the dead of all the wars in the world, and the victims of attacks.

## Father Christmas was in Argens on 10 December

On 10 December the association COM'ARGENS (ably assisted by 40 volunteers and the Mairie), organised «Noël au village».

In spite of the weather, it was magic for young and old alike - many activities were laid on (inflatable games, carousel, pony rides, rope-assisted tree climbing, treasure hunt), as well as catering, including tasty pancakes and hot drinks.....

The salle des Trois Copains was almost full for the arrival of Santa Claus in a carriage and the distribution of gifts: total success since 70 children received a present from the hands of Father Christmas, while fifteen people scoured the village for the treasure hunt.



It was a day that brought together all generations, in a warm and friendly atmosphere: the little ones left with stars in their eyes, and there were smiles for the big and the very big.

A big thank you to the companies (from the village and others), to the Mairie, and to all the volunteers who worked before and during the event.

On the occasion of the Christmas party, the Montagnes et Garrigues association helped to bring some festive colour to the village's four-hundred year old lime tree. Schoolchildren hung the decorations they had made while being introduced to rope climbing techniques.

Thanks to the brave people who participated despite the wet weather and the parents for joining in!

**So, we hope to see many of you on December 9th!**



## The Council's New Year wishes to the village for 2018

The entire team of councillors surrounded Mayor Gerard Garcia on the platform of the Salle des Trois Copains, in the presence of Jules Escaré, departmental councillor, and Emile Delpy, Mayor of Paraza. Instead of a traditional speech, the municipality opted this year for a sound and light presentation.

Photographs projected onto the large screen illustrated the Mayor's comments, which outlined the work accomplished from January to December, the shows or other festivities that had animated the village. It is all these things, both small and large, the moments of recreational or sporting events that, in the end have made our commune vibrant throughout the year. Those present were able to see photographs taken during the renovation of the interior of the water tower – a



place usually inaccessible to villagers! Current or future projects were also presented such as the start of the development of the allée des Rosiers, the first constructions on the development at les Clauses, as well as the plans of the proposed improvements to the main road through the village.



The photo album of celebrations and other festivities being well filled, it was also an opportunity to thank the associations, including the many volunteers who have been involved to strengthen their teams, for their strong involvement in the organisation of cultural events in the village.

The good turn out at the evening provided an appropriate opportunity for the new inhabitants to be presented and welcomed to the village.

Some other good news was that the mayor announced that the two agents who had brought an action against the village, saying they were harassed by the previous council, had just been dismissed, no evidence having been presented to support such serious accusations. At the announcement of the judgment, the room applauded.

Before inviting the participants to share the glass of friendship and an enjoyable buffet, all the municipal workers were invited to come on to the platform to be thanked in their turn for the work done in serving the citizens throughout 2017.

## Ceremony of 8 May

The 73<sup>ème</sup> anniversary of the Armistice of 1945 was an opportunity for the villagers to pay homage to the those gave up their lives for France. It was also a solemn moment during which the Mayor recalled that, to preserve peace, democracy and republican values, respect for others, tolerance, economic, social or environmental progress, are daily battles, and that at no time should one lower one's guard or relax one's vigilance to preserve them. The ceremony ended with the reading of André Bechtel's beautiful poem: Despite ourselves.



## Summer festivities

Here are the festivities which are being planned for Argens Minervois for summer and autumn 2018

### SATURDAY 26 MAY – FESTIVAL COM'ARGENS

Programme can be found at the end of this Bulletin

### FRIDAY 8 JUNE – OPEN AIR CINEMA

21 h à 23 h

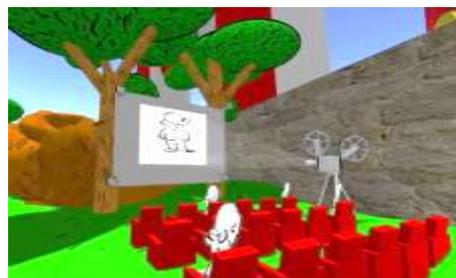
Projection of open air cinema with Ciné Aude (film not yet selected)

Salle les Trois Copains, Argens Minervois

Organised and financed by the Mairie of Argens

Entrance free – no reservation required

The event will be postponed until 15 June in the event of bad weather



### SUNDAY 17 JUNE - CHORALE

At 18h00, the choir « Aubade », choirmaster Carla Doyen is presenting a repertoire of sacred songs at the village church.

### SUNDAY 24 JUNE - VIDE GRENIER

Exhibitors welcomed from 6 h – open area by port

Organised by Argens Minervois Tennis Club

10 € /5 metres

Light food available at midday

Contact : Didier Bourdel

### SUNDAY 24 JUNE - FEU DE LA St JEAN

Last year high wind prevent this event from taking place, and a lesser event was held at the Salle des Trois Copains.

This year Rémi Bourges has again offered his ground at le plateau d'Albouc (at the junction of rue de la Tour and rue des Armandiers) and we are sincerely hoping that the weather will be favourable so that we will be able to share time round the Fire of St Jean, where we will find plenty of music to entertain us!

We are hoping that village associations will support us to make this event as lively as possible.



### FRIDAY 13 JULY - FESTIVAL CONVIVENCIA

21 h à 24 h – Concert of World Music

Held on the side of the canal, in the area behind the Tennis Club

Financed by the CCRLCM and the Mairie of Argens Minervois

Bar and food on site – entrance free

### SATURDAY 14 JULY - FETE NATIONALE

Morning : fishing contest organised by the fishing club of Argens.

Midday: République meal – reservation essential – at the Salle des Trois copains (approx 15 €/pers)

Afternoon: ball with the group MENTHE A L'EAU free at the Salle des Trois Copains

All activities free for the day for young and adults

Organised by the Mairie of Argens Minervois and the associations of the village

### SUNDAY 15 JULY - FETE NATIONALE – continuing the celebrations

Pétanque Association is arranging a "républicain" contest

### WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST - VEILLEE CONTES

See the following page for details

Participation free but essential ! No reservation required

### SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - BAL DES VENDANGES organised by the Association AbonDansen

During the afternoon : Two introductory workshops (registration obligatory)

- Folk dance with Béatriz Lalane
- Contact Improvisation dance with Maryse Gouzy



**BAL DES VENDANGES (continued)**

20 H 30 "Bal des vendanges under the stars"

Musicians : Laurent Cavalié, Guilhem Verger, Youk Trio et Lucas Torini

Depending on the weather : on a temporary dance floor outside, or in Salle des Trois Copains

Bar and light food on sit

Entrance - PAF free but necessary

Contact : Gioras Fischer 06 72 90 05 00

**SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - FESTIVAL MARIONNETTES & THEATRE D'OBJETS**

Salles des Trois Copains

Afternoon :

« Papier Oiseaux Ciseaux Forêt » by Cie Groenland Paradise

Evening :

« Comment Pantagruel rompit les andouilles aux genoux » Cie Anonimo teatro

Organised and supported by the Mairie d'Argens - Fee on entry

**SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER – PLANT FAIR**

Organised by the Gardening Club

Outside – in front of the Salle des Trois Copains

More details to follow

**SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER/ TRAIL DES AIGUILLES – local run**

Morning : trail 19 kms /course 12 kms course /ados 5kms /walks 5 et 12 kms

D: 9h

Courses for children and activities available

More information : [montagnesetgarrigues.com/trail-des-aiguilles/](http://montagnesetgarrigues.com/trail-des-aiguilles/)

Contact : Emilie Veissière 06 41 87 33 93

Participation fee – food by reservation

Nothing happens around here!



You need to go to Argens – everything happens there!

**This summer, Argens will be a stopping point for :  
« La marche des Conteurs »**

**On 8 August**, a group of **24 storytellers**, undoubtedly musicians, will be arriving and stopping **on the banks of the canal at around 16h**. Having have walked for most of the day with their luggage, **they will regale us with their stories under the stars**.

These troubadours of modern times, coming from different horizons, are all professionals, but volunteers for this adventure of "**the walk of the storytellers**", and they come to share an evening with us.

We are offering accommodation and food for six of them in exchange for their entertainment. The other storytellers will be spread over the villages of Canet, Sallèles d'Aude, and Moussan, also hosted by the locals.

**At 8:30 pm - The vigil is open to ALL young and old, Salle des Trois Copains (outside if possible)**

Participation free

**If you wish to offer accommodation, please contact** D'HENIN - 06 87 50 17 05

- Offer bed, a shower, and breakfast, and provide a few delights for their picnic the following day.

- Come and offer a welcome drink at the Salle des Trois Copains, on 8 August between 16 and 17 h provide some food. (Drinks provided by the Council.)

- Bring something to eat with our six storytellers after dark.

The storytellers will be taken the following day to Boutenac, meeting point for the next stage of their journey.

For further information : contact the organisers - MARCHE DES CONTEURS : 06 82 19 07 391

<http://lamarche-des-conteurs.blogspot.fr>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_WXAOcU9-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_WXAOcU9-M)



L'actu des associations



## Art'Zygoté

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 Avril the Association Art'Zygoté celebrated its 10 years at Salle des Trois Copains, at Argens et at 21 avenue de la méditerranée.

The programme included dance and music, readings, an exhibition of paintings, workshops, sharing supper (repas Espagnole), a ball, and improvisation open to all.

It was a great event, with 150 people enjoying joining in the fun together.

The event was led by Laetitia Escalier, choreographer and president, Michelle Lejeune, musicians from the local area and Toulouse, dancers from the Association and participants from writing workshops led by Adeline Tallent-Pengam, exhibits provided by Catherine Oulanier and painters and designers from



workshops in Argens.

The Ball was followed by the Trio providing

music for folk dances, with flavours of Yiddish, Irish, Brazilian, Chinese and Eastern European!

Long live this association which helps to develop skills for listening, storytelling and creative art!



## Argens Fishing Association

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 17 January 2018. Twenty members participated in a presentation of the projects.

Forty kilos of white fish and 30 zander were caught along the canal at Allée des Rosiers on 19 January 2018, an event financed by l'AAPPMA de LEZIGNAN and our Association.

**Coming up (or maybe already taken place) :**

**Saturday 28 April 2018**, after a gap of two years, we decided to hold our Trout Fishing Day and meal by the lake.

Thank you to our cooks - **Carole, Salvador et Daniel.**

**14 July** – our traditional Fishing Competition will take place, with a new trophy and a number of prizes for presentation.

**Sunday 6 August 2018** : Big competition of l'AAPPMA and fete in LEZIGNAN.

End of October to celebrate the Vin Primeur – come along to support our association at the events.



— C'EST SIMPLE ! J'APPÂTE A LA LIMAILLE DE FER !...

## Association ACCA

The hunting season has now finished.

The breeding season of wild animals throughout the countryside (vineyards, scrubland, woods, lakeside) is now under way.

Please may we remind dog owners (joggers, walkers and villagers) not to let their dogs roam alone as they are likely to destroy broods.



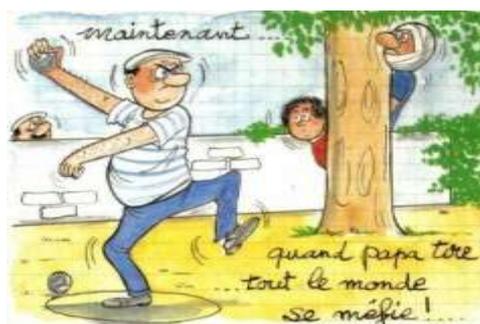
Thank you all for respecting the cycles of nature.

- ✚ The council wishes to add to this ACCA article that the members of the association have reopened the path connecting the village to Bassanel, having worked hard to clear it.

## Pétanque Association

The association will resume its competition on Friday evenings from mid-June, on the recently renovated area. On alternate weeks a grill will take place. Registrations on Fridays at 8:30 pm, start of contest at 9:00 pm.

We will take the opportunity to participate in other summer events in the village.



## Association "Les Toqués du Jardin"

The objects of the association:

- Garden naturally
- Garden in a way that minimises the use of water
- Create friendly links
- Arrange informative and educational visits and outings
- Make joint purchases in pursuit of association activities

But also :

- We undertake work in gardens of members who require help.
- We visit different members' gardens
- We have 28 members
- We meet every Tuesday at our headquarters, the Salle des Associations, kindly lent to us by the Mairie.



- ✚ The council has added to this article by acknowledging that the Association regularly helps at the Environmental Day and lends a hand when necessary with cleaning of gardens, and planting up areas around the village, eg Allee des Rosiers.

## Association LTLS

(Loisirs, Temps Libre et Solidarité – Pastimes, Free time and Solidarity)

On Easter Monday, despite a 'marin' wind and grey skies, a hundred people turned up; residents of Argens of all ages responded positively to the invitation of the Association LTLS to make 'Paquettes' (Easter omelettes) in the garrigue.

At 11am, there was an egg hunt (donated by the Association), followed by a harvest of wild asparagus, and a tombola, with prizes shared between adults and children.



The generous appetitive table was then prepared, kindly donated by the MJC, our partner for the day.

Eggs brought by the participants were added to the pan with the asparagus, and prepared by the volunteers, transforming it into a tasty dish.



Other volunteers gathered round the barbecue to grill the sausages (also donated by the LTLS), which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The Fishing Association was not able to join us, as had been arranged, for a Poisson d'Avril contest – worried that the strong easterly wind might damage their hooks.

The Petanque Association was also invited to participate at this event. Several petanque players didn't want to miss this tradition, so joined in at the end of the day.

The celebrations ended, and, as the Belgian motto says "unity is strength", and it was certainly true on this day, we can add: union is conviviality.

Thanks are extended to all « Argensois » who participated in an enjoyable day. Also, to all those who helped on the day – thank you very much for your devotion and kindness.

Some photographs to remind us of the day!



COM'Argens

# Soirée Festive

Samedi 26 Mai 2018

Argens Minervoïs Salle des 3 copains

**19h Première partie : La Chiffonnière**  
Morena la griotte, Harangue musicale et théâtrale

**21h Deuxième partie : Groupe musical Level**  
Concert live des années 50 à nous jours

**Entrée 2€**

**(gratuit pour les enfants)**

**Petite Restauration, bar, jeux enfants**



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ASSOCIATION DES COMMERÇANTS

# MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

To remind you, the village library is open :

- Tuesday - 16h00 à 17h00
- Wednesday - 15h00 à 18h00
- Saturday - 11h00 à 12h00 (once a month – date available from the Mairie)

During the first quarter of 2018, we were visited by 236 people, twenty or so children, plus the pupils of Argens' school.

In total 216 books were loaned, and 142 books for children.

On 14 February 2018, a dozen children joined us for making masks for Mardi Gras. The joyous and relaxed atmosphere helped with the children's creativity. The different masks turned into fantastic creatures to the delight of the participants.

After this inventiveness, the artists were able to regain strength by enjoying pancakes, waffles and doughnuts. The empty dishes showed how much they enjoyed them.

As good modern communicators, the participants had to ensure that the event is immortalised with 'selfies' and photographs, examples of which are here:



**Thank you to all those artists who have decorated our large cupboards.**



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## BIRTHS

- Nolan BERDOT born on 30 Octobre 2017 at NARBONNE  
Fils de Edwige et Sébastien BERDOT
- Lise MICHET DE LA BAUME born on 11 October 2017  
Daughter of Philippe MICHET DE LA BAUME and Elodie RODRIGUEZ  
Granddaughter of M. Mme MICHET DE LA BAUME Didier
- Léo COCIELLA born on 7 March 2018 at Narbonne  
Son of Sophie LOPEZ et Renault COCIELLA  
Grandson of M. et Mme LOPEZ Yves
- Alycia Grondin born on 13 March 2018 at Narbonne  
Daughter of Mme Marion VOISEUX et M. Grégory GRONDIN

## MARRIAGES / CIVIL CEREMONIES



- Saturday 24 March 2018  
Hélène GARCIA & Eva Maria FERNANDEZ ALVAREZ  
Congratulations to the young couple

## Deaths

- ◆ 15 November 2017 – M. COSTECHAREYRE Georges
- ◆ 15 February 2018 – M. BELHABCHI Mohammed
- ◆ 8 January 2018 – M. RABAT David
- ◆ 8 May 2018 – Mme CABEZAS Raymonde

Sincere condolences are extended to all those touched by these deaths.



## ARRIVALS

- Mme BESSON Bénédicte and her son – 30B Avenue des Platanes
- M. HEBRAS Valentin – 30C Avenue des Platanes
- M. COSTA Adriano – 4 Place Jean Moulin
- M. FLORY Frédéric – 2Bis passage du figuier
- M. Mme STAPLEFORD – 7 Rue les terrasses du port
- Mme GLACET – 7Bis Rue Marcel Pagnol

Welcome !

## DEPARTURES

- ☒ M. FUSARO – 30C Avenue des Platanes
- ☒ Mme LAPALU – M. PAULY – 7b rue Marcel Pagnol



*If you arrive in our lovely village, you leave, there is a birth, a child or adult gains a qualification, a marriage or civil partnership, a death.....*

*We would appreciate it is you come and inform us at the Mairie*