

# Bulletin !

An informal look at life in this part of France and a selection of things to see and do

## Thought for the month:

I wonder if clouds ever look down on us and say  
"Hey, look – that one is shaped like an idiot"!

Some *vide-greniers/brocantes* in this area [ '35' = area; ± = stalls expected]

Thurs. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dol-de-Bretagne (35)	v-g, ±150
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sourdeval (50)	v-g in <i>Salle 'A la Belle Epoque'</i> ; ±30
“	Avranches (50)	Monthly <i>brocante</i> in Place Valhubert; ±50
“	Bellou-en-Houlme (61)	v-g at La Chevalerie, ±150
“	Dinard (35)	<i>Foire à la brocante</i> , Espl. des Halles, ±50
W/e 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	Rives d'Andaine (61)	v-g in Salle Polyvalente, ±50
“	Bagnoles de l'Orne (61)	v-g/ <i>Brocante du Triangle des Andaines</i>
Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Granville (50)	monthly <i>brocante</i> , 8h-19h, ±40
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bellou-en-Houlme (61)	v-g at La Chevalerie, ± 150

## Marchés de Noël and Christmas Fayres

Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hardanges (53)	10h to 18h, in the Salle des Fêtes
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Notre-Dame du Touchet (50)	Cancer Support France Nord (see page 3)
W/e 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	Agon-Coutainville (50)	in Collège des Embruns

Visit [www.brocabrac.fr](http://www.brocabrac.fr) which is constantly updated with *brocantes / vide-greniers*, including any changes.

## Special dates / public holidays:

- Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> *Toussaint* (All Saints' Day) - a festival honouring the saints of the Roman Catholic church. It precedes the *Fête des Morts* on the 2nd when people honour the dead and bring flowers, usually chrysanthemums and heather, to the graves of relations.
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> *l'Armistice* (Remembrance Day): the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I. This is the day when those killed in both WWI and WW2 are remembered. Services take place across France, one of the most well known being the Memorial Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

### Eating out : ‘*le Saint-Léonard*’ in Fougères (35)

‘*Le Saint-Leonard*’ at 20 rue Nationale, Fougères (35) has been recommended as a great restaurant specialising in grills, paella, also Basque and French traditional cooking. Prettily decorated in Basque colours, it also has a room for up to 50 people, and an outside terrace with seating for up to 20. The midi menu (Tues. to Sats.) offers 3 courses for 13€ or 2 courses for 10,50€. Open: on Wed. & Suns. 12h-14h; on Tues. to Sats.: 12h-14h & 19h-22h (closed Mons.). For more info: [www.restaurant-saint-leonard.fr](http://www.restaurant-saint-leonard.fr)

### Discovery walk – *Le Château du Fay*

On Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>, 15h-17h30, this 6.3km walk starts at the *quartier Belle Epoque* in Bagnoles de l’Orne (61) and passes the monument to the Rosselli brothers (who were opposed to Fascism and assassinated in 1937) and on to admire the Château du Fay – a pretty manor house from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, with its dark face of brick & granite. Reservation necessary at the Tourist Office, up to 11h30 on the day – tickets 3,50€ (under 12s free). More info at [www.bagnolesdelorne.com](http://www.bagnolesdelorne.com)

### Exhibition: ‘14-18: *la Grande Guerre*’

Until 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. in the *mediathèque* in Champsecret (61) is the exhibition: “*La Grande Guerre – au front et à l’arrière, 4 années de souffrances*” (The Great War (WWI) – at the Front and behind the lines, 4 years of suffering”. Opening hours of the *mediathèque*: Tues & Wed.: 14h-17h30; Thurs & Fri: 16h-17h30; Sat.: 10h-12h only (closed Sun. & Mon.)

### *Atelier origami*

On Wed. 7<sup>th</sup>, 15h to 17h30 (and every Wednesday in November) at the *Centre Social*, 14 rue Louis Pasteur in La Ferté-Macé (61), you can learn the fascinating art of origami. Classes held in French with easy-to-follow instructions. Free. [www.lafertemace.fr](http://www.lafertemace.fr)

### *Le Salon des Métiers d’Art* in Granville (50)

On Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>, this takes place in the *Salle de Herel* in Granville and it promotes artisan work with 20 professionals demonstrating their trades, old & new. Free entry, [www.ville-granville.fr](http://www.ville-granville.fr)

### Lions Club of Domfront – *les roses de la solidarité*

Traditionally in mid-November you will see members of *le Lion’s Club* selling roses outside many supermarkets, commercial centres and church forecourts. They support local area events (local associations, handicapped people, families in distress, the Alzheimers Welcome Centre) as well as regional, national and international causes (including *Handi-chiens*, which trains and provides assistance dogs for handicapped people). They also organise various events – social evenings, tourist outings, flea markets, collections, exhibitions, etc.

### Something for all the family – *Biscuits du terroir*

On Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the *Biscuiterie* in Lonlay l’Abbaye (61), where they have been making biscuits since 1909, you can discover every stage of the fabrication of these famous biscuits, which are also exported to the USA. Ticket are available from the Bagnoles de l’Orne Tourist Office – Adults 10€, children 6€ [family of 2 adults & 2 children: 25€], under 4s free. [www.bagnolesdelorne.com](http://www.bagnolesdelorne.com)

### Exhibition in Pontmain (53)

Until 18<sup>th</sup> November, at the *Centre d'Art Contemporain*, 8 bis rue de la Grange in Pontmain: an exhibition of the work of photographer and modeller Laurent Millet, who also explores ancient photographic techniques. Open on Weds. & Sats., 14h to 17h50. Free.

### Cancer Support France Nord Christmas Fayre

Cancer Support France Nord are holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> in the Salle Polyvalente in Notre Dame-du-Touchet (50). Doors open at 10h. There will be lots of stalls, delicious food and festive cheer, so make sure to put the date in your diary. Entrance is €1 per adult to include entry into a special Christmas Hamper Raffle. The prizes in the main raffle will include the following: 1st Prize - £200 voucher from Brittany Ferries; 2nd Prize – Christmas Hamper; 3rd Prize – Drinks Hamper. If you need any more info about the Fayre, please contact CSFNord on [nord@cancersupportfrance.org](mailto:nord@cancersupportfrance.org)

### New business in Bagnoles de l'Orne (61)

'*Mode et Arts Africains*' has opened at 3 rue Philippe de Rozier (near the old station), by Edwige & Guy Phillipot. The boutique specialises in male and female, European and African styles – notable from the Ivory Coast where Edwige was born. There is also jewellery and handbags made in Senegal and the Ivory Coast, and some ideas for Christmas presents. They are open daily (except Monday) 9h30 to 12h30 & 14h to 19h15. Facebook: Mod Arts.

### *Balade sur les grèves*, Mont-Saint-Michel (50)

On 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, you can join a guided walk on the bay at low tide, from where you can view the architecture at a different perspective and learn about its amazing history (in French, although some English may be spoken by the guide). Tickets: 5€ (under 6s free). Reservation necessary – 02 33 70 83 49. Meet at the entrance to Mont-Saint-Michel. For details and more walks (also to double-check on the dates, as these can change): [www.decouvertebaie.com](http://www.decouvertebaie.com)

### Exhibition: "Bronz'Age" in Jublains (53)

Until 14<sup>th</sup> December at the *Musée Archéologique Départemental*, 13 rue de la Libération, Jublains (53) this exhibition looks at the Bronze Age and includes a bronze bracelet dating from 1,400 BC. Open daily (not Weds.), 9h30 to 17h30 but closed from 12h30 until 13h30. Entry: 4€ (free on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month), under 18s free.

### Monthly market in Dinard (35)

For 3 mornings a week, the *Place des Halles*, Place Rochaid, in Dinard is transformed into an open-air, top-of-the-range boutique. Cashmere sweaters, costume jewellery, perfumed candles & soaps, decorative items, designer seconds, and much more. All year round – on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

### *Expo Rail Miniature de la Baie* in Ducey (50)

On Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 14h30 to 18h, this miniature rail exhibition, at avenue Emile Dehousse (beside the Renault Garage), will be open. You will discover 3 railways of scale 1/87, with 45 metres of rail. Free entry. [www.normandie-tourisme.fr](http://www.normandie-tourisme.fr)

## Entertainment & Concerts

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> at 21h in the *Centre d'Animation*, 8 rue du Professeur Louvel, Bagnoles de l'Orne (61): concert: "Kora Jazz Trio & Guest". With 5 renowned musicians, this international group gives an evening of quality and authenticity with music from Brazil, Japan, Norway, Germany and France. Tickets: 15€; students: 10€, available from the Tourist Office. [www.bagnolesdelorne.com](http://www.bagnolesdelorne.com).

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> at 20h30 in Brécey (50) an evening of music and French song: "Lou Casa, chansons de Barbara" with the 'Lou Casa trio'. Duration 1h45. Tickets: 9€. More info at [www.normandie-tourisme.fr](http://www.normandie-tourisme.fr)

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> at 20h30 in the Salle Polyvalente, rue Volney, Mayenne (53): "Grand Spectacle en chanson avec Costic", with Costic – giving us the voices of Piaf, Dalida, Celine Dion - and her dancers. Tickets (proceeds going to Telethon): 25€/20€, available from the Tourist Office: [www.hautemayenne-tourisme.com](http://www.hautemayenne-tourisme.com)

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> at 20h30 in the *Théâtre Victor Hugo* in Fougères (35): *Maria Dolores y Amapola Quartet* – an evening of music and humour (duration 1h30 mins). [www.ot-fougeres.fr](http://www.ot-fougeres.fr)

Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 20h30 in the *Centre Culturel Juliette Drouet* in Fougères (35): *Hoshi en concert* – Hoshi and her acoustic guitar. Tickets (7€) are available at the Fougères Tourist Office: [www.ot-fougeres.fr](http://www.ot-fougeres.fr).

Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 20h-22h in *l'Espace Clair de Lune* in Ernée (53): "3'E : Yazz Ahmed, La Saboteuse" – this well-known international singer gives an evening of jazz with her trumpet (inspired by Dizzy Gillespie and Miles David). Tickets 12€/10€. More info at [www.ccl-lernee.fr/culture\\_la-saison-culturelle](http://www.ccl-lernee.fr/culture_la-saison-culturelle).

### 'Cine-Ballet' – on film direct from Paris

On Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup>, 20h to 22h at the Cinema 'Le Vox', 16 Place Juhel in Mayenne (53) this ballet is in honour of Jérôme Robbins. It comes direct from Palais Garnier, with 'Les Etoiles', *Premiers Danseurs and le Corps de Ballet & Orchestra of l'Opéra National de Paris*. Tickets 15€ / 10€ available at the cinema. ([www.levoxmayenne.fr](http://www.levoxmayenne.fr))

### Art Exhibition: *Régional d'Art d'Ernée*

From Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> at *l'Espace Clair de Lune* in Ernée (53), this is the annual exhibition of all forms of expression of contemporary art in sculpture and paintings. Open 14h-18h30. Free.

### *Foire Sainte-Catherine* in Briouze (61)

On Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> to Mon. 26<sup>th</sup>, along the streets of the town will be this *marché agricole, fête foraine* (fun fair), tree fair & plant sale and a road race. Around 150 stalls expected. Parking & entry free.

### Feedback from October

At the new venue, the 21<sup>st</sup> *Plantes en Fête* (on 4<sup>th</sup> October in Domfront) was enjoyed by around 8,000 people. Although not such a lovely setting as the Manoir de la Guyardière, where it was held over the past 20 years, the excellent choice of flowers and vegetation covering a hectare, was still as popular as ever.

## *Foire Saint-Martin* in Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouët (50)

This annual event takes place on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> with the *fête foraine* (fun fair) and stalls along the streets. ([www.st-hilaire.fr](http://www.st-hilaire.fr))

### Sport & Leisure Activities:

#### *Country* (Line Dancing)

If you would like to learn line dancing, beginners' classes are held every Monday evening at 18h in the *Gymnase Paul Souvray* in La Ferté-Macé. Classes in French. More info: 02 33 38 65 78, or just turn up.

#### *Tournoi de Judo* (Judo Tournament)

On Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> at the *Complexe – Communs du Château*, Allée Alois Monnet in Bagnoles de l'Orne (61). Organised by *Judo Club Fertois*. Free.

#### A walk near Colombiers-du-Plessis (53)

On Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>, *les Randonneurs de la Colmont* invite you to join them on the *Grande Boucle des Renaudies* – a circuit of 11km. Meet at 14h in the car park of *le Jardin des Renaudies*. 2€ for non-members.

### Change in French law

Since 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018 the law has changed concerning the priority, and therefore safety, of pedestrians on road crossings. Now, if a vehicle does not stop for pedestrians on the crossings, there can be a loss of 6 points on the licence and a 135€ fine. Up to now, pedestrians had priority if they were on the crossing - but only if they gave a fair signal of their intention to cross. In France in 2017, 11,000 pedestrians were hit on crossings, 500 of them killed. Pedestrians should also be careful - if there is not a crossing within 50 metres, they are permitted to cross the road, but not diagonally, and crossing without due care and attention risks a fine of 7€.

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And a late items of news:

There's been an explosion at a cheese factory in Paris. There's nothing left but de Brie. (Yes, I know, haw haw!)

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Events by the day (not including *vide-greniers*):

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W/e 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Salon des Métiers d'Art</i>	Granville	2
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.5km walk & see the Château du Fay	Bagnoles de l'Orne	2
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Origami classes	La Ferté-Macé	2
Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup>	'Cine-Ballet' transmitted from Paris	Mayenne	4
“	Guided tour of the <i>Biscuiterie</i>	Lonlay l'Abbaye	2
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	'Kora Jazz Trio & Guest'	Bagnoles de l'Orne	4
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