

## **May 8<sup>th</sup> ceremony**

The Municipal Council and I would like to thank you all for once again attending this so important day of remembrance ceremony.

In honouring the memory of those who fought for France, you fully do your duty of a citizen who knows the price of freedom.

We are gathered here today to commemorate the historical facts, the end of the 2nd World War, but we are also here to give meaning to them : we must explain to the younger generations that they are all affected by this past... which is not only past.

Each year, May 8, 1945 reminds us, that peace, democracy, republican values, respect, tolerance, social and economic progress, are an everyday struggle for life and peace.

Peace could so easily be broken : a few words, a few sentences and xenophobia, anti-semitism or Holocaust denial can poison our hearts and lives.

We must stay fully aware and condemn any word or act intending to divide us or being opposite to our values.

These ideals were highly carried up and defended by the Resistance : they are the bases, the roots and cement of our Republic.

After these solemn words, let's get back to our village.

Let's thank and admire the colourful flowerbeds our faithful volunteers have lovingly planted all around.

Before sharing the traditional friendship drink I'd like to make an announcement :

Jean-Philippe OBERDOFF (Fire Brigade Chief of Puy L'Eveque) and I, wish to initiate a first aid briefing with the defibrillator on Sunday, June 23 from 10:00 to 12:00 either at the "salle de la Mairie" or at the Castle (depending on the weather forecast...)

Please, register with our "adjoints".