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Dans l'intérêt du Village*

*April 2014*

## *Mayor re-elected*



Mr Yves Michel has been re-elected at the first vote !

The French system consists of two stages. A first vote one Sunday and a second vote, if needed, the following week. The second vote is only required if there is not a candidate with an overall majority on the first vote.

Yves Michel polled 59.19% of the first vote and so was elected outright. He beat the second contender, Williams Meric, by over a thousand votes. (It will be remembered that Meric was mayor from 2002 to 2008 and was defeated 51/49% on the second vote in 2008.)

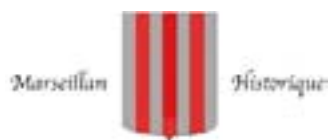
The French electoral system varies considerably from others. First, of course, you have to register. Five years residency is required. Then, just ahead of the election, voter's cards arrive in the post.

Go to the designated polling booth on the Sunday and sign in. Collect one A4 sheet of paper for each candidate. These have not only his or her name but also the members of his or her team.

Take these to a curtained booth and throw away the sheets for the candidates you don't want to vote for. Place the sheet for your chosen candidate in a small envelope.

Take this envelope to a central point and prove your identity with photo ID. Then put the envelope into a transparent box. Finally sign out. So you are identified three times in what could be a simple process. Complex or what ?

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