



La Bellevue de Sigoulès

Newsletter – Summer 2021

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WELCOME

Welcome to our 2021 newsletter. We would like to start by thanking all our guests who have stayed with us. It has been a real pleasure meeting you all and we want to thank you for your kind comments. Before moving to the Dordogne we had talked about moving to France for several years. The plan was for Sue to be a language teacher and for me to run a Gîte and Chambres d'hôtes. When we moved to Sigoulès in June 2019 we got to work preparing the gîte for guests and the classroom for students. Visits from family and friends were easy with Bergerac airport only 15 minutes away and we were spoiled for choice with all the festivals, concerts and restaurants.

How things changed! No one could have predicted the events of the last two years. Like everyone, we have had our difficult times during confinement - not being able to see our loved ones or fully engage with the life that we chose.

At last though there are reasons to feel more optimistic. More and more people are vaccinated (we've had ours) and bars and restaurants are opening with a feeling of safety. I'm pleased to say that I am now finally able to promote the Chambres d'hôtes business for off-peak breaks and weekends away. The gîte remains available all year.

CHAMBRES D'HÔTES

From September, we are now offering weekend breaks and short stays in our chambres d'hôtes. Both our double rooms are spacious and comfortable, have electric heating and en-suite bathrooms. Breakfast features cereal, fruit, yoghurt, juice, tea/coffee with bread and pastries from our local bakers. We try and use local and homemade products as much as possible and thanks to a fantastic crop of apricots, we can also offer our home-made jam. We guarantee you a very warm welcome.



HiFi

HiFi (our cat) has spent winter sleeping in warm places and seeking out attention from anyone who will stop and stroke him. He is spending summer doing the same, so expect a friendly welcome from HiFi !



THE GARDEN

This year has been a great year for fruit. We escaped the late frosts and so far we have had great crops of cherries and apricots. Plums are up next with plenty of figs, pears and apples still to come. Last year we lost all our cherries to a flock of birds. This was not going to happen again! In the place of a scarecrow we found an old doll (1m tall) who sat up in the tree and did a great job of scaring off the birds - and the neighbours !



OUT AND ABOUT

At last we are able to socialise again! The virus has not gone away, so it is important to be safe by following social distancing and hygiene etiquette. We are delighted to be able to go to restaurants, markets and concerts once more. In nearby Eymet we have already visited the new cocktail bar, had a 1920's theme day as well as having the pleasure of seeing the great Omar Sosa in concert.



We wish you all a very happy summer and all the very best for the rest of the year. We do hope that you will come to stay with us soon and don't forget that Sue is able to teach via Skype should you want to brush up on your French !

Mark and Sue

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