



La Bellevue de Sigoulès

Newsletter – Summer 2022

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DE TOURISME

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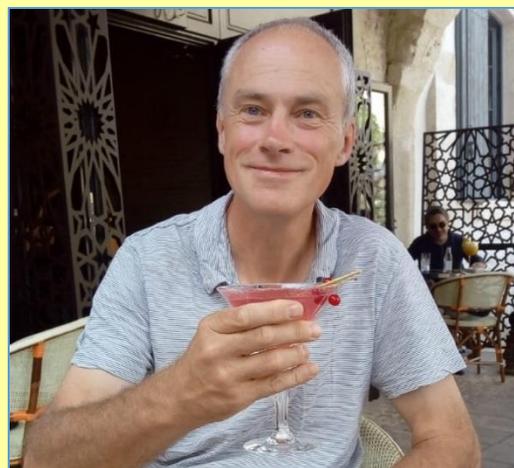
MARK'S BIRTHDAY

Speaking of being young (or not), Mark was 60 in June. There's no chance of retirement with this garden, but we were able to take some time out to celebrate. Sue's daughters Sarah and Hannah came to stay for a week and we celebrated with a party at the house, a day on the Dordogne in canoes and the chance to get out and about.

WELCOME

Welcome to our summer 2022 newsletter. At last, we have a sense of normality in our everyday lives. Our greatest pleasure in running a gîte is meeting our guests, who come from all walks of life. It is so much nicer to greet people without masks and worrying about keeping 1 metre apart. The virus has not completely disappeared and we are very happy to wear masks if requested.

Our gîte was occupied from spring into summer by archaeologists from an archaeological society who were working on an excavation in Bergerac. Their work was fascinating and we did feel sorry for them having to work outside in such hot weather. We were delighted that they made the most of the pool after a hard day's work. Mark is exhausted after an hour digging in the vegetable patch - but the archaeologists were a lot younger!



WEBSITE

We have updated our website with a new client area. This new area gives information about the practicalities of the gîte, information on local shops and restaurants and some suggested local walks. We always welcome suggestions for improvement, so please let us know if you think we could add something.

HIFI



HiFi (our cat) is now ten years old and has lived in the house longer than we have. He's everyone's favourite and always keen to meet new guests.

THE GARDEN

We lost all our cherries this year to a flock of voracious birds. However, we did benefit from a bumper crop of blackcurrants, from which we made a supply of jam. We are also very excited about our new grape vines, which have some fruit already.

OUT AND ABOUT

The festival season is now in full swing and a gourmet and music evening is held in Sigoules every Friday evening throughout July and August.

Good news if you have a sweet tooth as the boulangerie at Sigoulès has recently taken on a new pastry chef. His cakes are fabulous and it is well worth a visit.

After an absence of two years, the Félibrée returned this year to the bastide of Eymet. It was great to take the opportunity to discover the largest Occitan festival in the Dordogne, which attracts thousands of people every year.



For theatre lovers, July sees the 70th Festival of outdoor theatre in Sarlat while closer to Mark's heart is the mime festival in Périgueux (Mark went to mime school in London in his younger days).

There are plenty more festivals and events in the region which cover everyone's taste. The Bergerac Tourist Office website is good place to start.

www.pays-bergerac-tourisme.com



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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