



# Le Nouveau BULLETIN

DELIVERING GOOD NEWS OF GREAT GETAWAYS!

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR GUESTS

### WELCOME TO OUR FIFTH EDITION OF LE NOUVEAU BULLETIN!

Once again it was lovely to meet those who visited Les Petites Cigognes for the first time, as well as catching-up with those who returned to visit us again. In 2012 almost 25% of our guests were returnees from previous years. We've always welcomed guests from around the world but this year we added Norway, Brazil and South Africa to our 'Guest Home Country' list. It's always a privilege to meet so many people from different countries. Bookings for 2013 are now in full flow. If you are thinking of visiting us again next year, please don't hesitate to contact us as soon as possible to check date availability. **Book by the end of January for April, May or June 2013 and benefit from one free night for a booking of 5 days or more.**

*Thank you to everyone who completed our Questionnaire. Feedback is very important to us and for 2013 we're expecting to respond to as many comments as possible, such as improving shade on the patios, providing ipod/iphone docking stations, espresso coffee making machines, hairdryers. All this in addition to redecorating La Colombe and Le Grebe before the start of the 2013 season.*

Thank you David for producing this lovely sketch during your stay in July



## Sunshine, relaxation and fond memories of Cussay!

*The Aussies (left) were first in the pool on May 1<sup>st</sup> but the Scots waited until the warmer weather in July!*



The weather has been as bizarre here as it has elsewhere. After 3 weeks in February when the temperature didn't rise above 0°C and a minimum of -11.3 on 7<sup>th</sup> February, the drought of 2011/12 ended in April. In 3 weeks our pond went from empty to nearly full. From early June to the end of September we had no rain and back to drought. However, since October we've again received more than our fair share of torrential rainfall. The maximum temperature this year was 37.6°C on 18th August, only 3 days earlier than hottest day in 2010 and 2011!



Of course we had to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with our own gite/street party. Enjoyed by young and old alike! Thank you to our English guests who provided all the bunting, decorations and cooking on the barbecue

There are so many superb places to visit which are easily reached from Les Petites Cigognes. This year we visited the chateau at Cheverny. Renowned for its magnificent interior and hunting dog kennels, this chateau also formed the basis of the Tintin stories and has beautiful botanical gardens and a forest to explore.



If you use **Facebook**, don't forget to 'Like' and 'Follow' us at Les Petites Cigognes. Soon we will be on Flickr too.

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