

Newsletter 2014

La Combe de Ferrière

You remember that naturist paradise in the South French Cevennes?

A special guest



To everybody's delight an owl, the barn owl to be exact, had taken residence on the campsite last summer. And as you know, they are very "imperturbable" and this one received his numerous visitors very "owlishly": he didn't blink an eye.

And we are wondering if it's the same owl that was sitting on Zarina's window sill some time ago? At first the screeching disturbed her, but later on Zarina wanted to know if maybe the owl wanted to say something to her. A good question, to which we had no answer but no problem; according to Zarina, if one can communicate with the eagle owls, you certainly can with the barn owl so in the end she was waiting for the owl to talk to her.

Other guests

It's not only our human guests who have discovered our centre, it seems like many other guests have followed in your wake; or maybe it's the other way around? A young specimen of an eagle owl had taken residence outside the bar last summer. One of our human guests has dressed a list of more than 20 different kinds of birds that he has seen or heard at La Combe. Several people have seen young foxes or badgers at the campsite and the deer are equally often spotted. And nearly everybody has heard the nightingale or that cry, so specific for the eagle owl.



And the wood pecker might wake you in the morning and you can see, if you're very patient, the chip monkey;

In spring the wild boars are very much in evidence and in autumn you will be overwhelmed by the cry of the fighting deer; I thought at first it was a motor bike ... city bred as I was.



Very well behaved guests



Before buying La Combe, we talked with the major to be sure that a naturist camp site would be tolerated. They weren't shocked by the naturist part ("to each his own" as they said) so we went ahead. It was only a couple of years later that the major told us that she wasn't very keen on our project at the time, because the campsite in Collet de Dèze was causing quite a bit of nuisance in summer. And she was happy to add: "But none of that with your guests: so polite, so well behaved, always saying hello". And that compliment has been repeated over the years, so we are happy to pass along the message!

Ecological guest and owners

Talking about compliments, we are also happy to inform you of the evaluation of the Green Key, an organization which judges campsites on their ecological level on a lot different points. We have got the Green Key stamp, right from the beginning and this year's judgment says:

“All of your projects are going in the right direction, namely to reduce the impact of your activity on the environnement, with a real dynamism and progress You are really setting an example for your sector. “

And this year we will again install a system to make compost, like we did 22 years ago, in the very beginning. But that didn't work so we gave up, but nowadays at other campsites a closed compost heap seems to work, so, evidently, we will try again. In other words, this summer you can give back to nature what she has given you, avoid unnecessary driving and help diminish the cost for the community of getting rid of the rubbish.



Your well being

In order that your well-being at La Combe might even be better, we offer you this year the opportunity to follow a workshop Qi Gong. A French Qi Gong teacher who speaks English has recently moved into the Cevennes and gives courses in Collet de Dèze. Jur is now trying to master that noble art and that's how it came about.

Hélène Chaudagne will come five mornings at La Combe and she even can come back in the evening to guide a meditation session. A woman of many talents.



And if you like, you can make it a whole wellness week, starting in the morning with a Qi Gong work out, followed by a massage by Brigitte, the next day followed a dip in the pool, or a round in the sauna or a visit to the brook, to contemplate nature and your part in it and in the evening a meditation session to make your Zen attitude complete. All that amidst a splendid nature, what more can one wants?!

For the Qi Gong, you can choose between the week from Monday the 16th of June till the 20th or from the 4th till the 8th of August.

Brigitte will be coming each week whole season to do massages.

Everybody's well –being

We have found someone in the neighborhood who can help us with the cleaning but she won't be able to do all of it. So we are looking once again, like we did last year, for people to help us with the campsite, cleaning the sanitary building and from time to time a gîte or studio. We offer you a free pitch and if you're interested, don't hesitate to contact us.

And of course you're welcome to stay with us in one of our gites or studios, which are available all year round. And spring in the Cevennes is magnificent, overwhelming and full of joy and life blossoming everywhere. Autumn is not to be missed either, it's a regular Indien summer, beautiful colors all around, with the golden yellow of the mulberry tree, the brown red of the chestnuts against a backdrop of a blue sky and the soft yellow light of the autumn sun.

We don't have to sing the beauty of summer for you know it already and if you want to, you can pitch your tent or caravan at La Combe between the 15th of May and the 15th of September.

Outside the high season we give nice discounts on the rentals and for the campsite you only pay 17 € per night in Mai and only 20 € per night in June and September.

For exact prices and reservation [click here](#).



And in order to enhance our well-being we would be grateful if you could write something about us; we don't have as yet many English commentaries. So just [click here](#).

And maybe we will have the pleasure of seeing you again this year and if not, who knows, maybe another year.

Best wishes

Lisa, Jur, Todor and Zarina