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Well the summer season is nearly at an end, but we still have the warm lazy days of autumn ahead of us. This year we were very excited by the opening of our swimming pool, which was enjoyed by all from young Jack just three years old, to a very brave lady of 84 years, who put us all to shame with her stamina and love of life - and wine!!

Also this year we had our first visitors in Albizzia, our two bedroom gîte, everyone who stayed there said it was very comfortable, and especially loved the beamed ceiling in the bedrooms and the antique dining-room furniture.

July as always was a busy month in France, it is when we shake off the cooler months and prepare for summer, this is done mainly with village fêtes and vide greniers - literally meaning empty your attics and come and sell. Our local fête in Villegmagne, was celebrated with a superb meal in the village square, followed by an open air cinema.

Fitted in between the fêtes, we also had the Tour de France; this year it passed just a few miles away through Ravel and along the side of the lake at St. Ferreol.



July 14th, is celebrated everywhere in France, but Carcassonne is well known for having one of the largest firework displays. As dusk approaches, the fun begins, Arrive early, and you can claim a spot by the river, take a picnic, and enjoy the re-enactment of the burning of Carcassonne.



During August to while away the lazy evenings, we introduced our boules competition evenings. Our first winner was the father and daughter team of Grundys, who won our Champions Trophy, the runners up being mother and daughter, who celebrated with a bottle of bubbly, but the tastiest prize went to the runners up - a famous Villemagne onion to Maxine and Dave.

Latest News - On September 14th, Ryanair announced that from March 18th they will be flying out of East Midlands Airport to Carcassonne, four days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday). If you book now prices start from £5.99+taxes. for more information see [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com).

Winter Hols. For winter 2005/6 we are introducing a short ski break. This holiday is for three nights (4days), and includes free pick up for Carcassonne Airport (if required), Day 2 spent at a ski resort, where we will show you where to hire ski equipment, and accompany you on the slopes. Day 3 to relax - and recover!! or visit a local attraction and return to the airport on Day 4. Self-catering price - for 2 people staying in Tilleul is £250 and 4 people staying in Albizzia £400. For more information please contact us. *This could also be that ideal Christmas present for those of you who have got everything!!*

Have a great Autumn.

Regards  
Simon and Suzie Weedon