

# Centre Le Page - Newsletter Autumn 2014

## Latest News

Since our last newsletter... we've been accepted by



*What it means to us*

[Rando Accueil](#) is France's main accommodation site for cycle and walking tours. We've been inspected and detected but not neglected! RA recommended we change a few things - now we have bike racks and maintenance frame, and thus present an inexpensive and secure base for all types of cycling.



Each weekend many groups of cyclists scoot through Le Quiou. Cycling clubs, families or just friends, all take advantage of easy cycling here in Brittany.

In 2014 we've had several cycling groups stay via tourist offices and local mairies:  
*RA should attract more for us.*

Also we've been accepted on the [Freewheeling France](#) site for English-speaking cyclists. So we're looking forward to family groups, clubs and anyone else beating a path to our door.

## The Weather

As in Britain, we had an appalling rainy winter and spring but things brightened up in April and May. Unfortunately the summer was fairly bland and 2013's heatwave in August was deferred this year to September. At times our archaeologists got very damp.

## WHAT'S NEW IN LE QUIOU?

### (Yes it should rhyme!)

M le Maire was duly re-elected with his team for another 6 years in a bizarrely French way. They all entered the election with no other team competing. Arnaud finished 6th but as his team obviously wanted him leader he's now le Boss!

## Burlesque Le Quiou! Two!



We're on the map and expecting a full house at CLP when 5000 people from [villages with burlesque names](#) descend on Le Quiou the weekend of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Corps Nuds (naked bodies) will be present here too.

## FIXIN' STUFF

Although customers shouldn't be expected to worry what's behind the scenes, to give you an insight, many things we inherited when we took over CLP in 2013 were simply worn out and we had to make some significant non-planned replacements of items large and small: locks, oven, washing machine, fridges, table tennis table to name a few.

## FIRE!!

That got your attention! At great expense we had a spanking new state of the art smoke and fire detection system installed throughout Centre Le Page. The previous owner had been advised the system had been past its sell-by date so we thought there was no alternative but to replace the system.

This ensures that together with the entry alarms we are up to scratch to ensure the safety of our guests.



Testing the Alarms 1

In 2014 we also redecorated the ground floor bedrooms. We replaced clunky wardrobes and added lots of bright posters and mirrors where we could to give the place a facelift and a renewed warmth.

## CENTRE LE PAGE – EVENTS

### Le Quiou liberated again - official!

70 years after DDay, in June, we were strategic command post for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps who moved in from their home in US Army bases in Germany. They took part in three days' worth of commemorative events which included one at Omaha beach scene of the US troops landing in 1944.



### Cousinade and wedding

We had the mayor's extended family here for buffet and sleepover, followed a few months later by many of the wedding guests from a wedding in nearby Plouasne. They cohabited with the archaeologists who accepted it with good grace.



## TRIPS

### Bétineuc Lake

We have a decent sized man-made lake about 5 minutes à vélo complete with beach, kayaking and sailing in summer. Beach rugby or volleyball optional.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Fal'Ane du Quiou

A new activity is being run by Our Lady of the Asses, Chantal. She tours the neighbouring villages with small groups on ass-back. Here's one, looking to do a runner from outside Mimi's over the way. Recognise him?



### Rink/Roller Hockey

Dinan-Quévert, our local team are national champions again but their unbeaten season was trashed at home by local derby rivals St Brieuc 2-0 in the last game of the season!



## Cycling

As part of our initiation into Rando Accueil we have developed several cycling and walking routes based hereabouts.

A good one is to cycle part of the Tour de France 2013 route and the Le Hinglé sprint, returning home via the V3 Canal towpath.

### Breton boules

One of our English groups discovered the merits of Breton boules in the paddock behind the Mairie. It's like a combination of putting the shot and boules!



## FUTURE

There seems to be great interest for 2015 with groups as varied as the burlesques of Nouvoitou (nous vo[yons] tout) and VATAN (va t'en) choirs, rugby tours, scouts, cycling and of course schools both English and French and..we never know whether the archaeologists will return for yet another year.

*Here's to 2015 and hosting lots of groups, old and new.*

*A bientôt!*

*Chris and Peter*