



# TOTAL ECLIPSE OF OUR HEARTS AT PARC VERGER!

Franc and Lisa Culshaw -Camping Parc Verger

This month at Parc Verger we have been partying and celebrating and the champagne has flowed!

We started off the celebrations with Mandie and Dom, who invited us all over to their motorhome for champagne and cake to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary, this was then followed a few



days later by a lawn darts competition, which had to be temporarily halted as Nigel, one of our holiday makers, got down on one knee and proposed to Jodie, much to the delight of her parents and the rest of us, and more champagne flowed. Play eventually resumed and the competition was won by Eddie, much to the disgust of his wife Marie, who desperately tried cheating her way to victory! The under 21s champion was Jodie's daughter Lacey, so their family had plenty to celebrate that evening.

The following week Pam and David hosted a wonderful champagne and canape evening at their static to celebrate their ruby wedding anniversary, and a few bottles of wine were opened after the champagne, just to keep the party going!!

A couple of days later a few of us set our alarms for 3am and got up to watch the full eclipse of the moon. We had the most beautifully clear starlit night, and while we were out star gazing we witnessed six shooting stars as well as, of course, the most spectacular eclipse of the moon, I have never seen the moon in 3D before, and could when it was fully eclipsed, and it was the most vibrant orange colour, I also never expected the eclipse to go on for such a long time, for two hours we were stood out (in our pyjamas!) absolutely amazed by the clarity and amount that we could see with the naked eye, let alone binoculars and



telescopes. We finally got back to our beds just after 5am!

Next came our much awaited wedding reception, our friends and family started to arrive on site, and my daughter Emma announced that she had just got engaged to Matthew, so we had to fit in an extra celebration at Dinos in Champagnac la Riviere with Matthews parents and family and friends, with yes, you guessed, champagne to mark the occasion!

On Saturday 10th October, we had invited all the campers on site, our new friends and neighbours, both French and English, and our guests flown in from the UK for a lovely lunchtime meal at Le Relais de la Tour, a fabulous restaurant near Chalus, 40 of us enjoyed a wonderful four course meal, and then we all made our way back to Parc Verger for more champagne, music and generally enjoying the beautiful sunshine for the rest of the afternoon, before the evening continued in our new, and beautifully decorated, Marquee which we had put up on site a couple of days earlier. Good old English homemade pie and peas supper followed by sherry trifle and apple crumble was served at 8pm, and wedding cake finished the night off. Everyone enjoyed the day, especially Franc and I, and the glorious weather was a definite bonus.

Due to this glorious weather, the next day we decided ( and we were sober when we did so!) to go into the pool, so much to the amazement of some of our less brave, or mad, campers we all got in the pool and despite the cold, cold water we had a great time.

So our last month has been filled with love, laughter, celebrations and great company, which couldn't even be out done by the most fabulous eclipse of the moon!

