



IT'S A WARM WELCOME TO AUTMNN AT PARC VERGER

Franc and Lisa Culshaw - Camping Parc Verger

Well I know the season has changed because the trees around us have turned the most beautiful colours, from green to yellows, oranges and dark reds with every hue in between, the landscape is breath taking in every direction, especially against



the blue cloudless skies that we have experienced in the last month. The sun is still shining, and there is real heat in that sunshine, can you believe that we have still been wearing shorts and t-shirts in late October and early November, the thermometer reaching 39 degrees in the sun last weekend!

The sun shone too for the Autumnal Pork and Cider fete held each year in Champagnac la Riviere on the third Sunday in October. This year the fete was bigger than ever, it had a wonderful display of vintage cars and vehicles which paraded up the main street in the morning before parking up to allow visitors to admire them up close, there was an old bi-plane on display, fire engines and army vehicles, motorbikes as well as classic cars from every decade going back to the war era. The fete also provided music and dancing by local people wearing traditional costumes from the area, and working cider presses were in full swing during the day producing fresh apple juice which was bottled and sold on the day. As usual there were lots of stalls selling local produce, sausages, cheeses, nougat and bread, as well as craft stalls and market stalls demonstrating and selling their wares. A four course hot meal was put on at lunchtime in three marquees for the 200 guest who had



pre booked their tickets for it, and I am reliably informed that it was absolutely delicious.

We had yet more excitement here when Jeff and Sue's long awaited new fifth wheel was delivered by Monster Moovers, and was expertly pitched in no time, the only fuss being the number of campers who came out to watch, hey, we know how to lay on entertainment for our guests!! Talking of which, we had to put on a small social night to celebrate Halloween, it would have been rude not to, and everyone enjoyed a great time chatting the night away eating and drinking the homemade pumpkin soup and hot dogs and wine that we provided, followed by a rather special pumpkin pie made for us by Sue and Andy another two of our long time guests who are house hunting in the area, so we've not a bad start to Autumn here at Parc Verger, and now I'm off to continue raking up a couple of tons of fallen leaves, thank goodness that sun is still shining!

