

RURAL CAPERS GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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BEAUTIFUL RURAL FRANCE IN ALL ITS AUTUMNAL COLOURS

Welcome to the Rural Capers Group Newsletter!

Dear Reader,

As autumn and winter weave their magic across the breathtaking landscapes of rural France, we are embraced by a tapestry of amber, ochre, and gold. The crisp air and cozy atmosphere create the perfect setting to celebrate the season's charm from the rustle of fallen leaves underfoot to the hearty, rich flavors of the harvest.

In this edition, we're delighted to bring you the latest news, upcoming events, and inspiring stories from our vibrant rural community. Together, let's savor the beauty of this season, a time for warmth, reflection, and connection.

Thank you for being a part of our journey, and welcome to the wonders of autumn!

Happy reading,

The Rural Capers Group

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Experience the Magic of Christmas Markets Near Coussac-Bonneval

France is renowned for its enchanting Christmas markets, and the region surrounding Coussac-Bonneval is no exception. From twinkling lights and festive decorations to artisanal crafts and seasonal delicacies, these markets offer a delightful way to immerse yourself in the holiday spirit.

Explore the charm and warmth of these local treasures as you sip mulled wine, sample traditional treats, and discover unique gifts to take home. Whether you're seeking holiday inspiration or simply enjoying the magic of the season, the Christmas markets near Coussac-Bonneval promise an unforgettable experience.



AUGUST HOLIDAY SEASON

Plan Ahead: Book Your 2025 Summer Getaway at The Old Piggery

We're excited to announce that bookings are now open for the August holiday season in 2025 at The Old Piggery! Don't miss your chance to secure your stay at our charming retreat.

Visit our website's booking platform today to reserve your spot and look forward to an unforgettable escape in 2025. We can't wait to welcome you!

OUR WEBSITE UPDATE NEWS

Exciting Updates to RuralCapersGroup.com!

Our website, ruralcapersgroup.com just keeps getting better! We're thrilled to announce the integration of a brand-new online booking system. This user-friendly feature allows guests to easily check availability and book their stay at The Old Piggery Gite directly through our website.

We're committed to making your experience as seamless and enjoyable as possible, so head over to our site and explore the latest features today. Your next getaway is just a click away!

THE GIRLS



The Girls: An Update on Our Beloved Poitou Goats

Our three Poitou goats—Fleur, Lulu, and Willow, affectionately known as The Girls—recently had quite an adventure. When Vic had to make an unexpected trip to the hospital, Uncle Eric graciously stepped in to care for them, providing them a temporary home at his farm during Vic's recovery.

Now back and thriving, The Girls are growing rapidly and shedding their fluffy winter baby coats. In their place, they're sporting sleek, soft black coats that highlight their stunning beauty. Despite their recent upheaval, these resilient little ladies are doing wonderfully and continue to charm everyone they meet.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE – KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

Health and Wellbeing Update

It's been a challenging couple of months for us on the health and wellbeing front, and not all of it has been good news. Vic experienced an unexpected health scare after a simple fall, which led to an emergency hospital visit. He was diagnosed with a blood-borne infection that caused complications, resulting in a prolonged hospital stay.

During this time, Heidi stepped up to manage gite operations and tackle many of the ongoing projects, ensuring that everything continued to run smoothly despite the disruption.

We're happy to share that Vic is now home, receiving nursing care, and steadily regaining his strength. While this health scare created some significant hurdles, we're overcoming them day by day and are focused on moving forward.

With a couple of bookings already under our belt, we're gearing up to promote the project through various marketing opportunities in the near future. Thank you for your support during this time—*we're back in business!*

INSTAGRAM



FOLLOW RURAL CAPERS GROUP ON INSTAGRAM!

We're excited to announce that Rural Capers Group is now on Instagram! We'll be sharing photos regularly to keep you updated on all the happenings, sights, and stories from around our beautiful corner of rural France.

Why not join us on this journey? Follow us today and be the first to see what's new at Rural Capers Group!

New Booking System Now Live

We're excited to announce that a new booking system has been added to our website at ruralcapersgroup.com. This system allows guests to check availability and book directly online—no need to call or email us!

Our booking system operates 24/7, giving you the convenience to secure your stay at any time. You can also take advantage of our special offers and promotions, make secure payments by card, and receive an instant booking confirmation and invoice via email.

Plan your next rural escape with ease—visit ruralcapersgroup.com to book your stay today

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START YOUR DAY RIGHT WITH OUR LOCAL BREAKFAST BASKET

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and we couldn't agree more! That's why we offer a complete basket filled with locally sourced and produced delights.

Enjoy freshly baked baguettes and pastries, artisanal jams, Couleurs Miel honey, fruit juices, cheeses, cold meats, and more—all delivered right to your door at the time you prefer.

Start your day with the flavours of rural France and experience the perfect beginning to a memorable day.



SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISANS

At Rural Capers Group, we take great pride in supporting local artisans by featuring their unique, high-quality products in our gîte. From handcrafted goods to local delicacies, we're committed to showcasing the talent and creativity of our community.

Are you a local supplier with something special to offer? We'd love to hear from you! Join us in celebrating the artistry of our region by having your products featured in our gîte. For more information, please contact us at ruralcapers@gmail.com

Let's work together to highlight the best of what our local artisans have to offer.



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SWEETEN YOUR STAY WITH COULEURS MIEL

We're proud to partner with local honey bee artisan Christophe Lorain of Couleurs Miel (www.couleursmiel.com), whose organic honeys capture the essence of our region. Christophe's dedication to sustainable beekeeping and artisanal methods shines through in every jar.

Explore his delightful range of honeys, including:

- **Honey and Royal Jelly:** A luxurious blend with added health benefits.
- **Spring Flower Honey:** Light and floral, a taste of spring.
- **Summer Flower Honey:** Rich and fragrant, perfect for summer flavors.
- **Buckwheat Honey:** Dark and robust, a unique culinary treat.
- **Creamy Honey:** Smooth, spreadable, and utterly delicious.

While staying with us, enjoy these wonderful honeys during breakfast or place an order to take some of this local treasure home with you. For orders, email us at ruralcapers@gmail.com. Sweeten your stay with the flavors of Couleurs Miel!



DISCOVER CHAMPIGNONS COUSSACOIS

We are thrilled to introduce Champignons Coussacois—your local specialists in culinary and medicinal mushrooms! Dedicated to quality and sustainability, they grow and sell premium fresh and dried mushrooms, proudly 100% French, using ecological and artisanal methods.

Whether you're a foodie seeking to elevate your dishes or someone interested in natural wellness, their exceptional products are sure to delight. Explore their range, including:

- **Lion's Mane:** Renowned for its unique flavor and potential cognitive benefits.
- **Grey Oyster Mushrooms:** A versatile favorite with a delicate, savory taste.
- **Shiitake:** A robust, earthy mushroom packed with nutrients.



Visit their website at champignonscoussacois.fr to discover more about their offerings and bring the rich flavors and wellness benefits of these mushrooms into your kitchen today!

EXPLORE RURAL FRANCE WITH VELOLIM E-BIKE HIRE

Ready to experience the charm of rural France on two wheels? Rural Capers Group has partnered with Velolim, a trusted local E-Bike hire service, to offer you an unforgettable cycling adventure.

Hire a fully equipped, high-tech electric bike fitted with GPS mapping devices preloaded with scenic routes to some of the region's most beautiful villages and trails.

We'll deliver your E-Bike directly to your gîte on the dates you need—just let us know in advance.

For more details, visit ruralcapersgroup.com

Start your next adventure with ease and explore France like never before



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Tourism is at the heart of our business. We collaborate closely with our local tourism offices to showcase the many wonderful sights, activities, and experiences our region has to offer. Come explore with us



THE BEST WALKS, HIKES, AND CYCLING ROUTES AROUND COUSSAC-BONNEVAL

Exploring the picturesque landscapes around Coussac-Bonneval is a delight for outdoor enthusiasts. With at least 10 incredible walks and hikes, as well as numerous cycling routes, the region offers endless opportunities to immerse yourself in nature.

Top Hikes Around Coussac-Bonneval

- Hike of the Château de la Brégère – 13.1 km

This scenic trail winds through rolling hills and tranquil forests, culminating in breathtaking views of the historic Château de la Brégère.

- Heerlijke Snacks Onderweg Loop from Château-Chervix – 15.1 km

A charming route that offers peaceful countryside views and the chance to enjoy delightful local snacks along the way.

More to Explore

The Haute-Vienne region is renowned for its diverse landscapes, from lush forests and serene lakes to quaint villages and historical landmarks. In addition to hiking, cycling enthusiasts will find a network of well-marked routes that traverse the scenic countryside, perfect for both leisurely rides and challenging treks.

Whether you prefer to hike through shaded woodland trails or cycle past picturesque farmlands, Coussac-Bonneval and the surrounding Haute-Vienne region provide the perfect setting for outdoor adventures.

IN CONCLUSION

The Limousin region of France offers an abundance of unforgettable experiences, and we warmly invite you to discover its many attractions just a short drive from Wisteria Cottages. We maintain a close partnership with the local tourism offices in Saint-Yrieix-la-Perche and Coussac-Bonneval, ensuring our guests have access to a wealth of brochures and information available in the gîte.

We encourage you to explore the region, immerse yourself in its charm, and enjoy the warm hospitality that only the serene beauty of rural France can provide.