



# Bulletin

No. 5



This bulletin has been a long time coming as we have had lots of work to do this winter. The winter has been very hard for us with short days and the cold and lack of grass meaning we have had to feed enormous amounts of hay. We give the donkeys deep beds as they love to snack on their straw bedding as well!

## GAMES EVENING

We were very lucky to have Anna Atkinson from The Quercy Local host a superb games evening for us on Sunday 5th December. Robert and Anna worked very hard to present us with a lovely room, beautiful Xmas tree and a friendly atmosphere at Las Razes with good cooking and an evening full of fun. They raised the magnificent sum of 500 euros which was very gratefully received.

## FESTIVE OPEN DAY

On 29<sup>th</sup> December we held a festive Open Day here at Lavolvène. We were delighted with the large number of visitors who turned out for mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas fare with a visit to the donkeys. It was a really busy day for us and we thank all of you for visiting us at this cold time of year. Several people contacted us afterwards to tell us how they really enjoyed their day.

## NINON



Here is Ninon, our little mule who came to us from a circus; she is full of tricks and quite a little madam. She thinks a lot about her food and is not sure if she prefers horses to donkeys! Ninon is looking for a home with a horse/pony.

## JAMIE

Jamie the mule came to us as a very loud biting kicking stallion. His previous owners had decided to send him off for meat as they couldn't control him. Having mentioned this to several people a French lady made a call to us. We collected him on a Saturday and on the Wednesday he was gelded. We don't normally geld new animals so soon as we prefer them to settle down first but we realised that being a stallion was doing Jamie no favours at all. He is a really good looking boy and he loves his carrots. He is no longer noisy and he is happy living with Bimbo our pony and Thalie another mule. Jamie needs an experienced home where he could be trained to drive or work etc.



## PROGRESSIVE LUNCH

On Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> Victor and Wendy organised a very successful progressive lunch at Roquecor. Eira, Christine and Dany helped them to make it a very successful day for us. We were lucky to be supported by many enthusiastic hosts and hostesses meeting firstly for aperitifs at Bernice and Roberts lovely home, then splitting into groups of 8 and going off to enjoy our main courses at different houses, then changing house again for our desert to be eaten with different people and meeting up for coffee and the raffle back at Le Grenier aux Artistes. Our thanks go to all who supported this really enjoyable annual event. The money raised was an incredible 1100 euros.

## BLANCHETTE

Blanchette is our pony blind in one eye who had suffered 2 very painful tendonitis injuries before coming to us. We gave her 6 months box rest and then 3 months of going out each day into a small paddock. Now she is grazing in our 'girly' group which is quite peaceful with not too much galloping around so we feel very happy that she is now out of the pain she endured in her previous life. She is looking for a home as a companion to another horse/pony who is quiet to live with.



## OPEN HOUSE DAYS

With the spring weather coming we are hosting our first Open House Days on Thursday and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We hope you will be reading this bulletin whilst drinking coffee and eating chocolate cake here with us with donkeys all around you!! Keep looking at our website [www.libertedesanes.com](http://www.libertedesanes.com) for future dates when we will welcome you to visit the donkeys.

## FUNDRAISING

If you would like to help us to fundraise in 2011 please get in touch as we have lots of ideas but need some extra help with the events we would like to hold.

Thank you for all your continued support, we certainly need it with out growing family of 26 donkeys, ponies and mules !!!!!

### **Help Us Give Donkeys A Happy, Healthy Life**

*Please help us by becoming a "Friend of the Donkeys" for a year by making a donation of 25€ (only 5€ for children).*

*Or become a member of "Liberté des Anes" by making a monthly donation of a minimum of 10€ (120€ a year).*

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