Vide-greniers

Le Bourg D'Hem holds its first vide-greniers on Saturday 24th July from 08h00 in the square.

Emplacements are free, but please register in advance (05.55.62.15.31).

In the evening there will also be a pig roast and live music from 20h00.

Further information can be obtained by contacting M. David CELLIER at the "Bistrot des Arts" on 05.55.62.15.31.

Le Bourg D'Hem is located in the NE of the Creuse, in the canton of Bonnat and is in the heart of le Pays des Trois Lacs. It is a quiet unspoilt village whose panorama from the church square gives spectacular views over the lake. Le lac has superb facilities from bathing, camping, pedolo hire etc.

Sun 25th Jul CHASSIGNOLLES Festival rural

11h - procession of old agricultural machines through the town.

Fri 30th Jul BOURGANEUF Guided Tour in English

Guided tour of Bourganeuf & the Zizim Tower - in English. RDV Office de Tourisme 14h30. Adults €3, free for under 12s. Contact: Office de Tourisme Tel 05.55.64.12.20.

Fri 30th Jul RANCON Indulgence Day

Exhibitors include: Indian Head Massage, Reiki, Bowen Therapy, Flower Remedy consultations, Tarot, Natural Beauty Remedies and more.

Lunches, Cakes and Refreshments available.

Free Entry. 10.00 - 17.00.

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The Lionheart Returns

Will Smith films excepted, it's not often we get the chance to see a legend brought to life. Yet last year that happened when David Tong was able to participate in a re-enactment
of the story of Richard the Lionheart.



any will know that Richard spent the last years of his life endeavouring to bring to heel the rebellious nobles in Aquitaine; and that he died while laying siege to the castle of Châlus. However, the concept of "Le Retour du Richard" was to tell Richard's story from his return from the Crusades until his death. It used as a backdrop the historic sites associated with his campaigning through what is now the

Haute-Vienne and Dordogne. Over three days a cavalcade of the King, the Queen Mother and their knights and courtiers processed through the countryside, stopping at selected sites to stage tableaux depicting the story in the King's three languages: Occitan, English and French. This served as the nucleus around which communes staged banquets, entertainments, demonstrations, fireworks, fairs and sundry diversions with a medieval theme.

It may sound ambitious, and it was. Having experienced other Perigordian attempts at organisation which could, at best, be described as somewhat challenging, I was a little sceptical. Yet everything fell into place like a dream. This was largely due to the efforts of the producer, Christophe Eoche-Duval, who managed to galvanise a myriad of local organisations beforehand and then throughout the event was continually rushing hither and you on every means of transport imaginable to keep everything on track.

At one stage I recall him bouncing along on the back of a quad bike. It was in the heat of the day and he was surrounded by a cloud of dust, yet he remained immaculate in black leather jacket and shades. While riding he was talking into his hands-free headset, which was useful as both hands were then free to add emphasis to his conversation rather than grip

After my initial scepticism the success of the event was greatly satisfying. The whole fining was truly unique; not just the spectacle and the effort involved, but the way in which the communes embraced the opportunity this presented to make each stop special and each a real 'spectacle'. This was compounded by the crowds who watched and participated,

whether simply waving a Lionheart flag or by dressing in costume. Their fervent shouts of "Vive le Roi" all added to the fantastic atmosphere.

This year the event is to be repeated, but using a different route. Between Friday 30th July and Sunday 1st August the cavalcade will be passing along the Route Richard Coeur de Lion through Bussière-Galant, Vieillecour, Les Cars, Lastour, and Pageas before arriving for a series of events in Châlus. Further information can be obtained from www.routierichard-coeurdelion.com, the Monts de Châlus tourist information office or from the communes



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