

# Bienvenue au Manoir de Longeveau

Richard, Olivia and all of the team, welcome you to our little corner of paradise! We sincerely hope that you will have an enjoyable and relaxing stay with us.

To help you along, we have prepared this booklet to assist, direct and inform you. Of course there is plenty more to do than is contained within these pages, but we hope it will get you off to a good start.

We have also included a few notes that we would like you to consider, to ensure you have a safe and trouble free stay.

A member of the team is always around so please don't hesitate to ask for help or further information.

We wish you a very pleasant holiday...



# Some Important Notes

## Safety

Longeveau is a safe environment for everyone who stays here, but we ask that young children are supervised at all times. The lane that accesses Longeveau is normally very quiet, but please be aware that it is still a road!

## Golf Course

The golf course can be dangerous. If you are not familiar with the rules of golf, please avoid wandering onto the course. Likewise, please ensure children do not play on the golf course.

## Swimming Pools

Young children should always be supervised when at the pool. All of our pools are securely fenced - however we ask you to remain vigilant at all times. Pool gates should never be propped open.

## No Glass in the pool areas

Please do not take any glassware or glass bottles into any of the pool areas. This includes the area surrounding the children's splash pool. If you would like to take drinks to the pool, just ask a member of staff behind the bar, and they will happily provide you with our indestructible glassware!

## Out-buildings

There are various outbuildings in and around Longeveau. They are all closed where necessary, but in the interests of safety, please ensure that your children do not enter buildings, other than those with designated facilities.

## Flying parasols

If you know there is a storm brewing, we would really appreciate it if you could take down your parasol, and either bring it inside or tuck it though the armrests on the chairs - to avoid them blowing away!

## Recycling

Please do not put glass bottles in the yellow recycling sacs (we get into trouble for this!). We do have a bottle bank for disposing of bottles. For more details, see the later section on recycling and rubbish..



# And a few more notes for your home..!

## Problems..

From time to time, things do go wrong in the properties. If you have a problem, please let us know so that we can address it as soon as possible.

We have our own handyman, but for more complicated issues, tradesmen can be more difficult to get hold of at short notice, and out of hours.

But we will always do our best to resolve any problems as soon as possible..



### **Baby & Toddler Equipment**

We stock a range of baby & toddler equipment to make your stay with us easier. If you require any additional equipment, please see a member of staff and we will try to help out..

### **Wifi**

The password for your wifi is 'Longeveau'. Any exceptions to this will displayed in your property.

### **Televisions**

You are welcome to use spare ports at the back of a TV for your own devices, but please avoid unplugging and re-arranging what is already there.

Most properties now have streaming facilities such as Netflix Disney, YouTube etc. Please don't forget to log out, at the end of your stay. We have blocked some 'payment enabled' apps, such as Amazon Prime and Apple, to help avoid issues, if you forget to log out.

### **Music**

The peace and quiet of the French countryside is the main attraction for many who stay at Longeveau. Please help to keep it that way by restricting your music you to a reasonable level, inside your property.

### **Windows & Shutters**

To keep rooms cool in the summer, we recommend keeping your windows & doors / curtains and shutters, closed during the day. This may seem counter-productive but it help keep the heat out - and is why many French villages often look deserted! Open at night, to let the fresh air in - but be aware of the bugs!

### **Air conditioning / heating**

Please remember to keep doors & windows shut while the a/c is in operation, as you would with heating. Also consider turning it off, if you know you will be out of the house for a long while.

A common reason that the a/c or heating does not work, is when one or more of the units is set to a different mode. ALL units must be set to either cooling or heating. If one is not - none of them will work. This can be common in the spring / autumn when guests like to cool in the day and heat at night.

### **Velux Windows**

If you leave your velux wide open and it rains - you will get a wet bed or floor !

### **Kitchen products**

If you are low on dishwasher tablets, salt or rinse aid - ask a member of staff.



### **Object swapping**

We understand it is convenient to borrow items between cottages, but ask you to please return them to the correct property afterwards.

### **Laundry**

Most properties have a washing machines of their own, but for those who require one, a laundry room can be found next to the children's club.

### **Drying clothes**

If you have a shared garden, please use your private terrace for drying your clothes, rather than the shared areas. If you are struggling for space, we can arrange for you to use our laundry washing lines.

### **Cats and Dogs**

There are a few cats and dogs that live nearby, but none of them live here. Most are friendly, but please do not encourage them into your properties, because it is unfair to other guests who follow you.

### **Toilets**

As is normal in the French countryside, we are served by the 'fosse septique' (septic tank). It is therefore important that nothing other than toilet paper is flushed down the loo please. We are very sorry ladies and babies, but such is life in rural France!

### **Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in any of the cottages. If you require an ash tray for smoking outside, we are happy to provide one, but please be mindful of neighboring guests.



▲ Puygironde

▶ Longeveau

*From the main car park at Longeveau to the fork at Puygironde is approximately 450 meters..*

### Facilities

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| 1. Reception            | 12. Play room                                      |
| 2. Bar / Clubhouse      | 13. Play area                                      |
| 3. Restaurant           | 14. Rubbish bins (black sacs)                      |
| 4. Toddlers play area   | 15. Recyclable rubbish (yellow sacs - no bottles!) |
| 5. Golf, hole no. 1     | 16. Bottle bank                                    |
| 6. Table tennis barn    | 17. Laundry room                                   |
| 7. Sports / Events barn | 18. L'Hameau pool (hameau guests only)             |
| 8. Salle de Conférence  |  |
| 9. Boules pitch         |  |
| 10. Chickens            |  |
| 11. Beach volleyball    |  |

### Accommodation

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 3. No 1, le Manoir | 34. Cottage            |
| 3. No 2, le Manoir | 35. Garçonnière        |
| 20. Four à Pain    | 36. Maison Micheline   |
| 21. Atelier        | 37. Chez Jean          |
| 22. Petite Grange  | 38. Salamandre         |
| 23. Loge           | 39. Chez Nicolas       |
| 24. Pigeonnier     | <b>L'Hameau</b>        |
| 25. Poulailler     | 40. Figuier            |
| 26. Amandier       | 41. Cerisier           |
| 27. Porcherie      | 42. Vieille Grange     |
| 28. Chai           | 43. Petite Ferme       |
| 29. Distillerie    | 44. Grangette          |
| 30. Jolies Arches  | <b>Puygironde</b>      |
| 31. Etable         | 50. Villa Alexyo       |
| 32. Grainerie      | 51. Lavoir             |
| 33. Ecurie         | 52. Emilienne          |
|                    | 53. Catalpa            |
|                    | 54. Pressoir de Pierre |
|                    | 55. Olivier            |
|                    | 56. Merisier           |
|                    | 57. Pottager           |



# Worth Knowing..

## L'Accueil (Reception)

Our reception is manned during busier periods. Otherwise, please ask at the bar if need any assistance.

## The Bar

From here you can collect your bread, buy ice creams, a snack or something to eat, pay for green fees, watch the rugby, tennis, football or relax with a glass of wine!

## The Restaurant

The restaurant is next to the bar, in the Manor House. It shares the terrace with the bar. Opening times are seasonal - please ask for more details.

## Pool table

There is a pool table in the bar. Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult.

## Baby-foot (Table football)

There is also a table football in the bar area.

## Games

We have a selection of board games - some for use in the bar only and some which you are welcome to take back to your cottage. Please check that all game pieces are put back and returned when you have finished with them.

## Play Areas

Longeveau has two play areas and a play room. The small play area next to the bar, is for toddlers, so you can enjoy a drink or a bite to eat with out the little ones going awol.

## Floodlights

These are operated from a switch on the side of the green box, at the bottom of the steps. They will turn off automatically.

## Notices and Information

Our notice board lists many of the current activities at Longeveau, plus information on places of interest and leisure activities in the local area.



## Fruit trees

We have numerous fruit trees in and around Longeveau, including apples, peaches, plums, mirabelle (ummm!) figs, blackberries, almonds and walnuts! Unfortunately the pomegranates do not ripen enough! You are welcome to help yourself when the fruit is ripe, but please don't take too much!

## TV Streaming

Most properties now have streaming facilities such as Netflix Disney, YouTube etc. Please don't forget to log out, at the end of your stay. We have blocked some 'payment enabled' apps, such as Amazon Prime and Apple, to help avoid issues, if you forget to log out.

## Internet & Wifi

We now have high speed internet at Longeveau! It was a long time coming, but worth the wait :)

The password for most networks is 'Longeveau' unless specifically stated or restricted for private use.

*We are happy to make reservations, find out opening times and offer advice wherever possible*

## Le Bar

The bar is open most days in the season, from 08h30. However seasonal variations apply, so please check or ask a member of staff for more details. If the reception is not manned, it is the enquiry point for all of your needs as well as for the sale of drinks and ice creams, green fees, golf and tennis equipment.

Drinks may be taken through to the swimming pool and children's play area but please let us know in advance, so we can provide you with indestructible (plastic) glassware. It is important that **no glass** be taken into any of the pool areas!

We kindly ask customers not to consume their own drinks in the bar or on the terrace and grassed areas adjacent the bar. Of course you are welcome to enjoy your own drinks in your own properties!

There is a TV in the bar for screening big matches, sports, events and important news stories. Please feel free to ask us if there is something you are keen to see. if its available, we'll happily put it on. However we likely won't be showing Love Island, no matter how much your life depends on it!

A pool table and table football are there for your enjoyment. Please ensure children are supervised by an adult, on the pool table.



# Le Restaurant

Our restaurant generally opens for arrival days though the summer period, offering a menu of fresh, local food, with an emphasis on good quality ingredients. In busier periods, we also offer fresh snacks from the bar, throughout the day.

Opening hours vary throughout the year, so please ask or see our other information for more exact details. Through July and August, Monday evenings are usually reserved for our Monday Night BBQ's, often after the social tennis. A great way to enjoy your holiday with good company! Pizzas are usually on Thursday evenings.

Children are well catered for with a varied menu offering healthy, home cooked choices. Organic baby foods are available, as are high chairs and 'colouring in' to keep everyone happy. We also offer kids lunch boxes, available from the bar.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements and we will be happy to assist.

*Bon Appétit !*

*You are free to turn up as you wish, though it would assist us, and avoid any possible disappointment, if you reserve in advance.*



*Our summer BBQs are a great way of getting to know your fellow guests and are often followed up with the 'Dads Vs Lads' game of football!*

# Bread

Fresh bread and viennoiseries are delivered to the Manoir daily, ready for you to collect from the bar every morning!

A range of breads and 'viennoiseries' (croissants, pain au chocolats, pain aux raisins etc.) are available. The complete list, with prices, is displayed in the bar.

To make an order for the following day simply fill in the daily order form which is located in the bar. Cut-off times vary depending on the baker, so please ensure you order by the end of the afternoon, to be sure. If you decide to make the same order every day, just let us know and we will organise this for you.



*A delicious range of breads  
and viennoiseries are freshly  
baked and delivered for your  
early morning enjoyment*

# Things to do at Longeveau

*You are welcome to play on the tennis courts with the floodlights, well into the night. All we ask is that you are considerate to other holiday makers.*

*Please note the sports barn should not be used after 10pm and the pool area should not be used after dark.*



## **Golf**

Golf is a big part of Longeveau and we would encourage everyone to have a go. If you are new to the sport, let us know, and we will do our best to arrange an introduction for you.

## **Tennis**

There are often organised events, but these are limited to allow plenty of time for free play. Please see the separate pages on tennis for more information.

## **Compact Tennis**

A fun alternative to the real thing, and great for the kids. It is in the barn, out of the sun, off the courtyard. The barn is a multifunctional area, but easily switched to and from tennis.

## **Basketball**

Also located in the barn, there is a full basketball court. The hoops are slightly lower than in the NBA to make life a little bit easier!

## **Swimming Pools**

Longeveau has access to eleven swimming pools including the main pool and children's splash pool, three shared pools, and six private pools. Nine of the pools are heated.

## **Beach Volleyball**

Situated next to the play area, behind the chicken. Please ask at the bar, for a ball.

## **Play Area**

The main play area is located behind the chicken, with a playhouse, swings, slides, climbing frame, picnic bench etc. Please supervise young children at all times.

## **Toddlers Play Area**

There is also a fenced play area next to the bar. This is for the benefit of parents with younger children, so you can enjoy a drink or bite to eat without having to chase after them every two minutes. Our daughter Lucy inspired us to do this!

## **Play Room**

The play room is open during the day, in the summer months. We can also open it on request. There are lots of games and toys. Please try to leave it tidy for other guests.



## **Chickens**

If any children would like to go in the chicken run, please ask a member of staff, or our gardener, Philippe, if you see him.

## **Boules**

The boules pitch is situated at the entrance to the main swimming pool. You can borrow a boules set from behind the bar.

## **Archery**

Archery is occasionally available at Longeveau, depending on numbers. Otherwise, it is based in a local village, not far from here. A small fee is payable. Beginners are welcome, all equipment supplied and booking in advance is required.

## **Pool Table**

The pool table in the bar. Adults, please supervise young children.

## **Table Football**

There is also a Table-Football (baby-foot in french) in the bar.

## **Table Tennis**

In the table tennis barn, behind the bar. Bats and balls are available from the bar.

## **Outside games**

We have a small selection of outside garden games that you are welcome to use in the bar garden. Please ask at the bar :)

# Swimming Pools



*Please take care when using the pools, supervise your children and please remember, no glass!*

There are eleven pools at Longeveau. The main pool and children's splash pool are both open to all guests. Those staying at l'Hammeau cottages share their own pool. At the top of the hill, guests at Old Puygironde share a pool too. Pressoir de Pierre and Olivier both share a pool. Chez Nicolas, Emillienne, Catalpa, Merisier, Alexyo and lavoire have their own private pools.

Please be aware that the pools are not supervised and that you are responsible for the safety of your party.

Please refrain from taking any sharp objects into the pool as the liners are plastic and can be easily damaged.

You are welcome to play with inflatable toys, but we request you take them away from the pool area after use. Inflatable toys are one of the main causes of accidents in pools in France. Any inflatables left at the pool overnight may be removed.

**Please always supervise your children closely.**

You are encouraged to use the shower before swimming.

The children's pool is for all to use but we would ask you to close the gates at all times for the safety of the little ones. Food and drink may be taken into this area but **on no account should you have any glassware (including bottles) in the pool areas.**

If you let us know at the bar before ordering your drinks, we can provide you with appropriate (non-breakable) glassware. We do make occasional visits to collect these, but if you were to return glasses when finished with them, it would be much appreciated by us and other holiday makers! No food is allowed in the main swimming pool area.

When the pool covers are in position, please do not allow children to sit or play on them. It can easily damage them and can be dangerous.

We visit all the pools several times each week to make a general inspection, check the pool water and to clean as required. However, please let us know if you encounter any problems.

There should always be a net by the side of the pools, which you can use to clear surface leaves etc, but please do not allow children to play with them as these can easily damage the liner.

# Tennis



We have three tennis courts at Longeveau, two of them floodlit. Racquets and balls are available for those who do not have their own equipment. A small supply of new balls and grips are usually available for sale from the bar.

We do not generally operate a booking system at Longeveau, though occasionally one or more courts are reserved at times for coaching or tournaments etc. Please check the notice boards. Otherwise they are available for play as you wish, but please be aware of others waiting to play. Do not start a second or third set if others are waiting. Or invite them to join you..

## Coaching

If you'd like to improve your technique, coaching can be arranged, with qualified English speaking, local coaches. We recommend asking as early as possible, as summer is the busiest time for most coaches! Please ask a member of staff for more details.



# Tennis Events

Mondays during the summer, depending on demand, we occasionally have a fun tournament before the BBQ. These are open to all ages and abilities, and is an opportunity to find other players to play with during your stay. Check the notice boards or ask for details.

During July and August many of the local clubs have annual tournaments Aubeterre is the closest, but others run throughout the summer and guests are always welcome. If you are a more serious player and would like to try your hand, as one of our staff, or at the local tourist offices - but do so early as the dates and timings are fairly critical.

## Flood Lights

The floodlights are operated by two push buttons on the side of the green box, at the bottom of the steps. They will turn off automatically, but please turn them off manually if you finish beforehand.

Some of the lights are modern LEDs and work instantly. Others are older ones that take time to warm up - but they will get there eventually! When the older bulbs go, we are replacing them with the newer LEDs..

# Golf

We have a thriving club of around 100 members, mainly French, British and Dutch. Daily and weekly green fees are available (residents are entitled to a 10% discount when paid in advance with your holiday). Half and full sets of clubs and trolleys are available for hire if you do not have your own equipment with you, and a small supply of balls, lake balls, tees, gloves and other items are on sale at the bar.

To encourage beginners, they are welcome on the course, **accompanied by an experienced player**, and, of course a green fee! It is better to avoid busy periods, so please feel free to ask advice on the most suitable times.

Dress code, is relaxed, but appropriate for a golf course.

## **GOLF COURSES CAN BE DANGEROUS !**

While golfers are well acquainted with the hazards of being on the course, other guests may not be aware of the dangers. It is rare that accidents happen, but if they do, it can be quite serious. Therefore, non-players are not permitted on the course. Please ensure that children do not wander onto the course during daylight hours, when players may be playing.

We allow experienced children to play without supervision, but they cannot be followed around by groups of friends. If somebody specifically wishes to follow a friend or family member around, to see how the game is played for example, we do not object to this provided they ask beforehand.

As above, please avoid taking short cuts over the course. It can be dangerous and encourages others to do the same, who may not appreciate the danger.

*In the first 25 years of the golf course, there have been 62 official 'holes in one' !*



All French (and most European) residents have a personal insurance cover. You should check that you have appropriate personal or travel insurance cover to play in France.

The irrigation of the greens and tees may operate in the early morning and late evening. You can check with us if you are in doubt.

Every Wednesday, and on some weekends, we have a competition for members and visitors. Our guests are made very welcome and it is a chance to meet and play with the locals. A weekly Stableford is played every Wednesday - you must sign up at least a day before, using the QR code available at the bar. Monday is 'Men's Morning' and Tuesday is 'Ladies Morning'. Both are very relaxed, so please feel free to join in. Check at the bar for times.

***A copy of the local rules and etiquette is included overleaf - a great bit of night-time reading!***

*The lake is full for most of the year, but generally dries up from June to September*

# Golf

## Etiquette

- ▶ Players must be suitably attired for playing golf.
- ▶ No hard (metal) spikes on the course.
- ▶ Maximum of 4 players in a group, all with equipment.
- ▶ Please check the notice boards at 1st Tee and Clubhouse before playing.
- ▶ Players in an official Club Tournament have priority on the course.
- ▶ Casual players leaving Hole 9, to play a second round, have alternating priority on Hole 1.
- ▶ Players practicing have no priority on the course.
- ▶ Please do not damage tees with practice swings.
- ▶ Trolleys and bags must not be taken onto tees and greens.
- ▶ Replace your divots with care.  
Rake the bunker after playing out and replace rake in the bunker where it will least affect play.  
Repair your pitch mark on each green.
- ▶ Play at a pace which does not delay those behind. If you lose a clear hole on the group in front and are delaying players behind, invite them to play through.  
If a ball is out of bounds do not waste time searching for it.
- ▶ Please use only putters on putting greens.
- ▶ Please be aware, at all times, of other players sharing the course with you.  
In particular, take care when playing holes 3,4 and 9.  
Please use pathways where available.
- ▶ "Play in the SPIRIT of the game, with SAFETY in mind, with CONSIDERATION for other players, at a good PACE and with CARE for the COURSE." (Rules of Golf, 2004. R&A)
- ▶ GOOD MANNERS ON THE COURSE WILL HELP YOU TO ENJOY YOUR GOLF AND ASSIST OTHERS TO ENJOY THEIR GOLF.

## Local Rules

*This course, Golf d'Aubeterre, is an approved 9 Hole course of the Federation Francaise de Golf (FFG) with an SSI of 111 (see [www.ffgolf.org](http://www.ffgolf.org)) The Rules of Golf apply (as per the 31st Edition of the R&A Rules Ltd and approved by the FFG) with the addition of the specific local rules below.*

### GOLF - LOCAL RULES

#### **1. Defining Bounds and Margins.**

a. White marker posts identify the limits of the course. A ball is deemed *Out of Bounds* when all of it lies completely outside the line between the front faces of two adjacent white posts at ground level, including the white posts to the left of the first and ninth fairways.

b. Internal Out of Bounds. When playing holes 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8, a ball is deemed to be *Out of Bounds* if it lies on a closely mown area of another hole (fairway, tee, Green, fringe) **OR** in a bunker where any part of that bunker adjoins a closely mown area of another hole **OR** in any rough **BEYOND** the closely mown area of another hole or adjoining bunker.

c. Yellow marker posts define the water hazards on the course.

d. Blue marker posts identify *Ground under Repair*. Players **MUST** take relief for ball and stance, without penalty, in accordance with the procedure under rule 25-1b, (nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole, dropping within one club length etc.) The ball may be cleaned.

#### **2. Protection of Young Trees Identified by a Stake, attached or not to the tree.**

If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or intended swing (but not the line of the ball) the ball **MUST** be lifted and then proceed as under Rule 24-2b without penalty.

#### **3. Abnormal Ground Conditions.**

a. Preferred lies. A ball, lying on a closely mown area (fairway, fringe) *through the green*, can be marked and lifted without penalty, cleaned and replaced within 15cm of where it originally lay, not nearer to the hole and not in a *hazard* and not on a *green*. A player may place the ball only once and it is in play once it has been placed.

Note: Failure to mark the ball before lifting, or moving the ball in any other manner, incurs a one stroke penalty.

b. Unmarked ditches. Small, unmarked drainage ditches, as well as seasonal fissures, are to be treated as *Ground under Repair*. Proceed under Rule 25-1b without penalty.

c. Aeration holes. On the *putting green* and *through the green*, a ball that comes to rest on or in an aeration hole may be **PLACED** at a position that avoids the problem, no nearer the hole.

d. Embedded Ball. *Through the green*, a ball embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, no nearer the hole without penalty.

#### **4. Bunkers.**

a. Stones in Bunkers are defined as *movable obstructions* (Rule 24-1 applies) and can be removed.

b. In a bunker, when visible liner appears through the sand and interferes with lie or stance, player should take a free drop within one club length of location of the ball.

#### **5. Immovable Obstructions.**

a. These include equipment and man-made obstructions (e.g. Sprinkler heads and the pathway leading from the 4th green). Relief for ball and stance is obtained under Rule 24-2b without penalty.

b. If a sprinkler head, lying on or off the putting green, lies on the line of play within two club lengths of the ball and also of the putting green, the player may take relief by lifting and dropping the ball at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

#### **6. Power Lines.**

a. If a ball strikes the overhead power lines on holes 2 or 9, then the stroke is cancelled and **MUST** be replayed without penalty (Rule 20-5). Another ball may be substituted.

#### **7. Practice Before Playing.**

a. Because there is no specified practice area, practice on the course on the day of a competition is permitted.

**PENALTY** for breach of local rule: (except where otherwise stated) Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play- two stroke penalty.

#### **\*PLEASE NOTE:-**

i. When the ball is moved, following the procedures outlined under Rule 24-2b and Local Rule 3a, good practice recommends that the ball be marked with a marker, coin or similar object before moving.

ii. The shrubs on Hole 5 and the hedge between Holes 5 and 6 are integral parts of the course. **Play the ball as it lies.**

### COMPETITIONS

**1. Handicap.** Non FFG players should submit evidence of their Handicap, to the organiser, in advance of the competition in which they wish to play.

**2. Medical Certificate.** All players who pay an annual fee at Longevau must be members of the FFG. All members of the FFG must have submitted an annual medical certificate in order to officially play in a competition at Longevau. Those players who are not members of the FFG should sign a waiver at the club house to provide self-certification in order to be eligible for competition prizes. Those visitors who pay daily or weekly green fees will only be allowed to officially play in competitions if they have signed a self-certification waiver in advance.

### INSURANCE

All players should have 3rd party accident liability insurance. FFG membership includes such coverage.

# Children

There are two play areas and a play room at Longeveau, along with plenty of other facilities to entertain and occupy! The main play area is situated behind the chickens, with a playhouse, swings and climbing frames etc. There are also some benches so that you can enjoy a bit of down time too. You are welcome to take in food and drink in, but please do not leave rubbish and be careful with any glass.

We also have a toddlers play area next to the bar, so you can relax with a drink or a bite to eat without having to chase after the little ones!

The barn offers short tennis and basketball, with rounders, football and dodgeball amongst the other favorites. There are lights if you wish to use the barn after dark, but please no later than 10h00, out of respect to other holiday makers.

We have tennis and golf equipment in a range of children's sizes, plus pétanque (bowls), a pool table, table football and a table tennis barn. Just ask at the bar for equipment. There are board games for playing in the bar and a selection for you to borrow.

There is a children's splash pool next to the main pool. Please do not leave the safety gates propped open and please never leave children unattended at the pool area!

There is a local babysitting service. If you require, please ask a member of staff for details or we can put you in touch.



# Local Activities

## Dégustation

Walnuts, goat's cheese and foie-gras are local specialities, alongside pineau and cognac.

There is a lovely little walnut farm with a small shop, just outside our local village, Pillac.

The pineau and cognac we serve in our bar is produced at Chateau des Plassons in the local village of Bors de Montmoreau.

'La Cloche' bar, in the same village, serves a range of homemade beers and ales!

If chocolate is your thing, 'Letuffe Chocolatiers', in Angoulême, is renowned on the region.



### Poltrout

About five minute drive / half an hour walk, down to the river is 'Poltrout' with a big meadow for picnics and playing, a snack restaurant, a mini river beach and a labyrinth. There is a tree climbing circuit with a zip line across the river, at the end, There is also a 'low down' (free access) circuit for the younger kids! Poltrout is one of the starting points for the canoeing towards Aubeterre. There is an open air restaurant, beside the river.

### Canoeing

Get a different perspective on the countryside from the seat of a canoe! Various points along the Dronne and Isle rivers. Aubeterre, Ribérac, St. Aulaye, Brantôme are all nearby. Most provide a bus if you would like to be dropped upstream and make your way back to base. Genuinely good fun for everyone!

### Wine & Cognac

We are fortunate to have some of the world's foremost wine and cognac houses on our doorstep. The picturesque town of St. Emilion, with numerous chateaux, is particularly worth a visit.

### Walking, Running & Cycling

The pleasantly undulating countryside is ideal for walking, running and cycling. There are numerous designated routes and countless tracks and trails in the area. Beautiful scenery and great exercise! See the following pages for some more detailed notes..

### River Beaches & Lakes

We have local river beaches in Aubeterre, St. Aulaye and Poltrout, prepared with fresh new sand at the start of every summer. There is also a lovely lake with a beach, at La Jamaye. Restaurants, play areas and kayak hire are just a few of the things on offer though the summer.



### Padel

We have local padel courts, available to hire, in Ribérac and Montmoreau, both about 15/20 minutes from her.

### Horse Riding

Our local horse riding centre is near Bors de Montmoreau, for the younger children.

### Fishing

Permits are available on a fortnightly basis for a reasonable price and there are many lovely spots along the Dronne and in local lakes. Etang Arnaud has been recommended to us.

### Museums

Roman History, Cartoons, Cognac production, Rural Life, Paper production! These are just some of the local presentations of the past. Simply presented, but giving a great insight into the history of the area.

*For further information on these or any other activities, please feel free to ask a member of staff*

# more Local Attractions



*The kids play area's at Lake Jemaye, above, and the river beach at St. Aulaye, below.*



## **Chateaux, Abbeys and Churches**

The Dordogne is the 'Land of a Thousand Chateaux', with Bourdeilles, La Rochefoucauld, Puyguilhem, Hautefort and Villebois Lavalette all worth a look. There are numerous Romanesque churches, and the Abbeys in Brantôme and Saintes are also quite impressive!

## **Action and Adventure**

There is a professional race track the other side of Chalais, with a karting track next to it. Two other karting tracks in Perigeux and Angouleme. Have a go at quad biking or jet skiing in an old quarry, at Lac Sensation Frisson. Red Impakt Paintball centre offers day and night time (outdoor) paint balling!

## **Aqua Parks**

Our closest inflatable play park is at Plan d'eau in Angouleme, but AquaPark, Biscarosse, is worth a mention for older kids (and grown ups!) if you don't mind a drive.

## **Tree Climbing**

In addition to the tree-climbing at Poltrot, there are also centres in St. Aulaye (approx 15 mins drive) and two bigger centres in Angouleme - Acropark de Soyaux and Accobranche 16, which is the biggest and best!

## **Crazy Golf**

St. Paul-Lizonne (10 mins drive), has a simple little 'mini golf'.

## **Le Chateau des Enigmes,**

An adventure chateau in Pons with loads to keep the children entertained while testing their thinking skills too!

## **Day trips**

Heading out to the coast, La Palmyre Zoo is worth a visit, as is La Dune du Pyla and Aqualand. Heading north from here to Poitiers, Futuroscope is a nationally renowned fun park, with numerous attractions and events.

## **Swimming Pools**

Great for a rainy day, but just as good on a sunny one, Les Antilles de Jonzac offers a fun pool with waves and slide etc. It is further than Nautilus, in Angouleme, but worth the extra 20 minutes (note it is obligatory for men to wear 'speedo's' at Angouleme!). Aquascope (at Futuroscope) is quite a drive, but a really impressive new pool experience!

## **Other Rainy day outings..**

There are a few indoor ball park / play centres in Angouleme and Perigueux. Both Perigueux and Angouleme also have bowling alleys and cinemas with 'version originale' movies - though Bordeaux has the best choice of movies. Angouleme has a lazer shooting centre.



# Local

## Villages & Towns



### **Aubeterre**

Listed as one of France's prettiest villages and only 5 kms from Longeveau, Aubeterre is perched on cliffs above the river Dronne. The charming village centre, with its small Sunday market, cafes, restaurants and shops where you can sit and watch the world go by. The Monolithic church carved deep in the rock face is a must see. Narrow streets and interesting architecture are all a part of the charm. Down by the river, you can relax on the sandy beach, swim, play, enjoy a picnic or hire a canoe! Our local football club, FC Aubeterre is based next to the river, and sponsored by Longeveau!



### **St Severin**

Our other neighboring village is a little more practical, with some handy shops, including the well stocked SPAR and a fabulous Italian Restaurant, La Trattoria. It has a nice little park with children's play area, hidden behind the Marie.



### **St. Aulaye**

Another village with a lovely river beach and a simple restaurant. The water slide is reserved for residents of the camp site, but the tree top adventure park is open to all. A small selection of shops and a supermarket.

### **Verteillac**

A beautiful village with some nice bars, restaurants and brocantes around the square. A small play area for the kids and a shop (Merlauds) that sells everything and keeps getting bigger the further you walk in!



### **Villebois Lavalette**

A pretty little village with a selection of shops, restaurants and bars. Central to the village is an ancient covered market. Oysters are a must on market day (Saturday) or enjoy a meal in the historic setting. An impressive old Château sits at the summit !



### **Bonnes**

Another pretty little village along the Dronne with a river festival in August, ending with a splendid firework display. At other times a walk around the 'Circuit de Bonnes' provides a pleasant 11 kms walk covering varied ground and countryside with lovely views.

### **Ribérac**

16 kms to the south east, Ribérac is a small town with reasonable sized supermarkets and shops and a Friday morning market reputed to be one of the biggest in the Dordogne.

### **Chalais**

16 kms to the south west, Chalais is another small market town dominated by its chateau. Not the prettiest town locally. but there is a good market on Mondays.

# Places to Visit Further Afield



## St. Emilion

As well as being world renowned for its wines, St. Emilion is an beautiful little town with some superb restaurants and plenty to see. At just over an hour away, it is highly recommended.

## Périgueux

Capital of the Dordogne, a lovely old town with a wealth of restaurants and shops, sited around the numerous squares, courtyards and winding old streets that make up the town centre. About 45 minutes' drive.

## Angoulême

The capital of the Charente, again about 45 minutes drive, world renown for its cartoon festival. Many of the buildings have cartoons painted on the side! It also hosts the famous "Circuit des Ramparts" each September, when lots of famous, fabulous old cars race around the old Ramparts, in the town centre. The Old Quarter is lovely, but otherwise it lacks the charm of Perigueux.

## Cognac / Jarnac

About an hour. Visit the famous Cognac Houses of Martell, Hennessy, Rémy Martin, Courvoisier... See the distillation process and sample the liqueur of the Gods!

## Bergerac

Capital of the famous wine region, with an attractive old quarter, about an hour and 15 minutes away.

## The Coast

Sand, sea and really great sea food. Royan, Arcachon, Biscarosse, La Rochelle, to name but a few (all about 2 - 2.5 hours). La Dune du Pyla is the largest sand dune in Europe with great views, coastline and an exhausting climb back up! The zoo is really good! Talmont-sur-Gironde (1.5 hours) is a lovely 'almost' island on the estuary.

## Bordeaux

A beautiful, historic city about an hour and a half south west towards the coast. Located on the Garonne River and surrounded by one of the most famous wine growing regions in the world. Fabulous shopping and restaurants, with a lovely park and plenty to do. Worth considering as a city-break in its own right!

## Les Eyzies & Lasuaux

Some of the most historical caves in the world can be seen at Les Eyzies (1.5 hours) and Lasuaux (2 hours). A little closer to home are the caves near Brantôme (45 minutes).

## Oradour-Sur-Glane

On 10 June 1944, 642 inhabitants of the village, in Nazi occupied France - including woman and children, were assassinated by a German Waffen-SS company. A new village was built nearby, but French president Charles de Gaulle ordered the original be maintained as a permanent memorial and museum. The village has not been touched since the day of the massacre. (About 1h 45mins).

## Sarlat

A long drive, (2 hours, 15 minutes) but perhaps worth it to see a very picturesque medieval town.

# Brantôme

An attractive town about 50 minutes east of Longueveau, dubbed "the Venice of the Dordogne". A bit of wishful thinking but none the less a very pretty town encircled by the river.

There are some great restaurants and interesting shops. You can hire canoes to paddle around the town or relax in the park. The caves near Brantôme, at Villars, are fascinating for children and adults alike.

Bourdeilles is another lovely village about 40 minutes on the way to Brantôme. The Château there is really worth a visit.



# Running Routes



*Don't forget  
your phone  
and take a  
bottle of water  
with you..*

There are numerous runs and cycle routes in and around Longeveau, most offering quiet roads and stunning scenery. Most also involve some quite steep inclines, so be prepared to work up a sweat! The roads are generally quiet and safe, but the flip side is that drivers are not always expecting to turn a corner and find a pedestrian - so please be careful!

Avoid running in the woods during hunting season, from September to the end of February. Always take a charged phone with you, in case you get lost. Please do not under-estimate the afternoon heat on hot day in the summer.

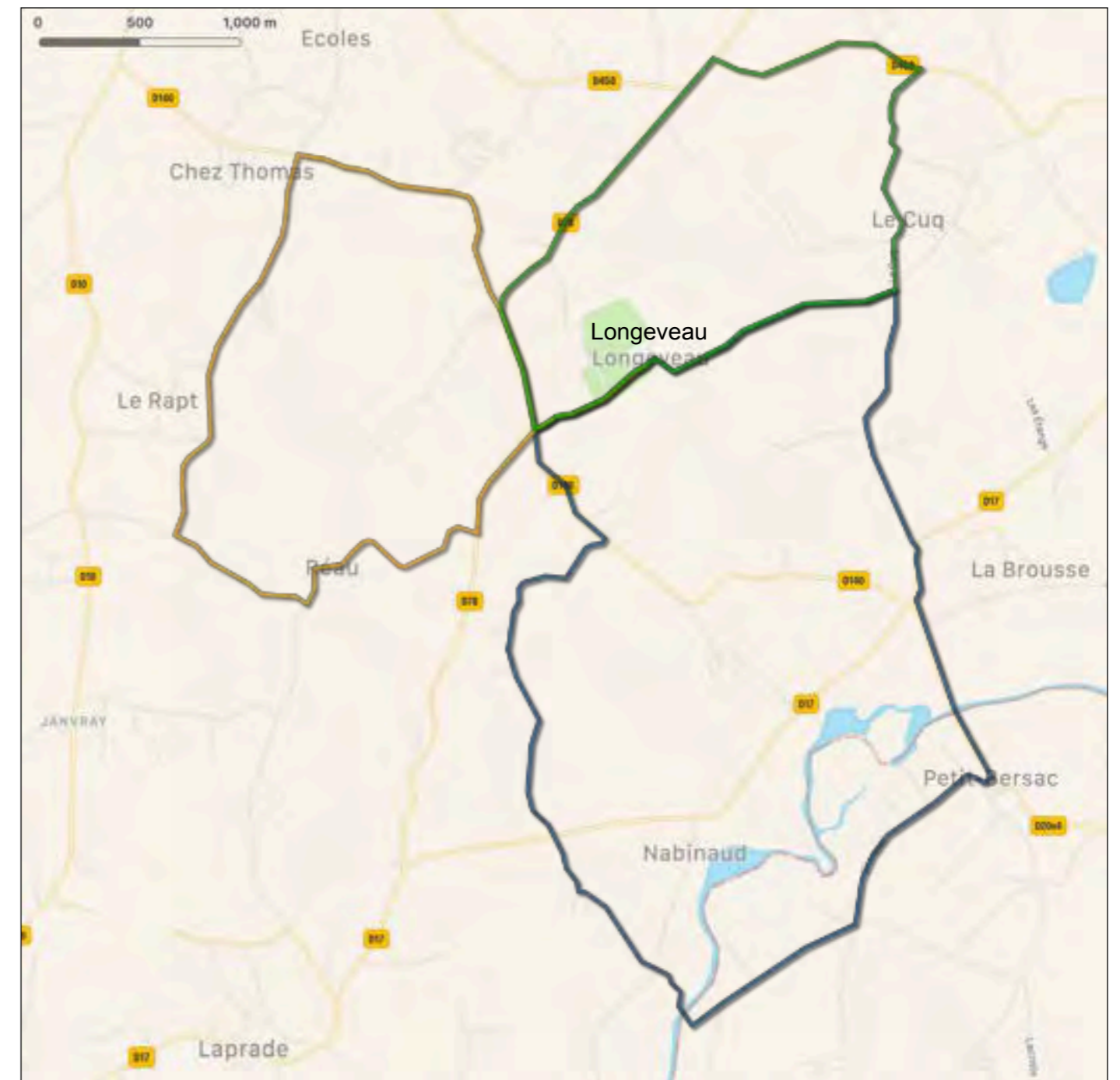
There are so many good running routes locally but unfortunately many of them involve taking turns and tracks that are impossible to describe in these pages. So we have laid out a few of the easier runs to follow, to get you going!

## 6.5km (green)

- Anti-clockwise, from Longeveau - Head down the back of the village to the dirt track. Follow this down, across the stream and up to the road.
- Turn left onto the small road towards Le Coq, then continue past Le Coq on the dirt track, continuing till you meet the road.
- Turn left onto the road and follow downward to the T-junction with the D78. • Turn left onto the D78 up the hill, veering left at the silo, back round to Longeveau.

## 8km (orange)

- Clockwise, from Longeveau - Head to the top of the lane and turn right.
- Veer left at the silo and continue. At the cross-roads, turn left (away from Pillac).
- After 2km, turn left at the T-junction. Continue to the next T-junction and turn left.
- Go through the hamlet of Réau, onto the dirt track / woods and back to the road.
- Turn left on the road, heading back towards Longeveau.



## 10km (blue)

- Clockwise, from Longeveau - Head down the back of the village to the dirt track. Follow this down, across the stream and up to the road.
- Turn right on the road down to the T-junction with the main road.
- Turn right onto the main road, D17, then left, shortly afterwards, to Petit Bersac.
- Over the bridges, into the Dordogne. At the village of Petit Bersac, turn right.
- After about 1km, turn right down a dirt track, towards 'Poltrot'.
- At the Poltrot parking, cross the rope bridge, go through the meadow, over (or through) the stream, past the water mill and tree climbing, up to the main car park.
- Take the small road opposite the parking. Through a small hamlet and across the D17 (where you will see the Marie de Nabinaud).
- Continue to the T-junction, after the cow shed. Turn left, back up to Longeveau.

# Road Cycling & Mountain Biking

If you don't mind a good work out, the cycling around Longeveau is amazing! If you are keen, but don't have a bike, local bike hire is available. Ask one of the team. As with running, always take a phone with you and don't under-estimate the heat on a hot summers afternoon! Take plenty of water with you.

## Road Cycling

Road cycling is very popular here and there are local races every year. Occasionally the big races pass through, including the Tour de France! How far you go depends on your ability and ambition. We suggest picking a local village or town as your destination. Google or Apple Maps are ideal for route planning, but we're happy to offer advice on destinations.

## VTT / Mountain Biking

If you'd like to get off the tarmac, there is some great mountain biking to do locally. The good tracks are difficult to describe on paper, but here are a few suggestions..

The first is a fairly easy but fun off-road route to Aubeterre. Stop for a drink and a bite to eat before heading back to Longeveau. See map over the page..

The second (below) heads towards the woodlands near Saint Romain, which are full of MTB tracks. The best way to discover them is to follow the heat trails on Strava.

For more details on the VTT / MTB trails, ask Richard :)



## Mostly off-road route into Aubeterre..

- Go to the top of the Longeveau lane and straight over, down the road through the woods.
- About two thirds of the way through the woods, in between a sharp left, then right - there is a path going off, up to the right (pictured above).
- Follow the path through the woods.
- The second section (blue arrow) is usually cleared but can be a bit overgrown sometimes, in which case take the detour.
- There is another short section of road, past the Laprade cemetery, then back on the trail into Aubeterre.

*These signs indicate various cycle routes - ranging from a local circuit around Aubeterre, to a route several hundred kilometers long!*



# Numbers

0	Zéro
1	Un
2	Deux
3	Trois
4	Quatre
5	Cinq
6	Six
7	Sept
8	Huit
9	Neuf
10	Dix
11	Onze
12	Douze
13	Treize
14	Quatorze
15	Quinze
16	Seize
17	Dix-sept
18	Dix-huit
19	Dix-neuf
20	Vingt
21	Vingt et un
22	Vingt-deux
30	Trente
40	Quarante
50	Cinquante
60	Soixante
70	Soixante-dix
80	Quatre-vingts
90	Quatre-vingt-dix
91	Quatre-vingt-
100	Onze cent
1,000	Mille
1,000,000	Un million

# A quick guide to speaking French

Hello.

Goodbye.

Please.

Thank you.

You're welcome.

Yes.

No.

Excuse me.

Sorry.

I understand.

I don't understand.

One moment please.

Help!

Do you speak English?

What time is it?

Where is the beach?

Where is the nearest  
cafe?

A bottle of water.

A glass of red wine.

A glass of white wine

Two beers please

I would like to reserve a  
table for...

I would like two banana's  
please.

How much is it?

**Bonjour.**

**Au revoir.**

**S'il vous plaît.**

**Merci.**

**Je vous en prie.**

**Oui.**

**Non.**

**Excusez-moi.**

**Pardon.**

**Je comprends.**

**Je ne comprends pas.**

**Un moment, s'il vous plaît.**

**Au secours!**

**Parlez-vous anglais?**

**A quelle heure?**

**Où est la plage?**

**Où est le café le plus  
proche?**

**Une bouteille d'eau.**

**Un verre de vin rouge.**

**Un verre de vin blanc.**

**Deux bières s'il vous plaît.**

**Je voudrais réserver une  
table pour...**

**Je voudrais deux bananes  
s'il vous plaît.**

**Ça fait combien?**

**Language name:** Français / French **Language family:** Romance

**Key country:** France

**Approximate no. of speakers as.. 1st language:** 136 million; **2nd language:** 190 million

**Countries / territories with French speaking communities:** 57

**Close relatives:** Italian, Spanish, Portuguese

**Donations to English:** Numerous - some estimate three fifths of everyday English vocabulary arrived via French!

# Parking

Each cottage has an allocated parking area  
Please keep to that area, to avoid inconvenience for other guests.

You may access 'non-parking' areas, such as the courtyard, to load and unload, but please do not drive over the grass gardens.

If you need help with your luggage, please ask - we would be more than happy to help... But of course you've probably already done it by the time you're reading this! We can help you back to the car though..

If you have more than one car per cottage, but only one space, please park your second car in the main car park.

Out of high season, when we are not full, We can be more flexible, but please ask in advance.

*Out of consideration to others, please do not park in the courtyard, or drive over the grass areas.*



<b>Alexyo</b> .....	Alexyo driveway	<b>Grainerie</b> .....	In front of your cottage
<b>Amandier</b> .....	Walled area with the 'well'	<b>Grangette</b> .....	Grangette garage
<b>Atelier</b> .....	Across the road.	<b>Jolies Arches</b> .....	In front of your cottage
<b>Catalpa</b> .....	Catalpa driveway	<b>Lavoir</b> .....	Lavoir driveway
<b>Cerisier</b> .....	L'Hameau car park	<b>Loge</b> .....	Across the road
<b>Chai</b> .....	Almost in front of your gite	<b>Maison Micheline</b>	In front of your cottage
<b>Chez Jean</b> .....	In front of your cottage	<b>Merisier</b> .....	Merisier driveway
<b>Salamndre</b> .....	Next to your cottage	<b>No. 1 Le Manoir</b> ....	Main car park
<b>Chez Nicolas</b> .....	In front of your property	<b>No. 2 Le Manoir</b> ....	Main car park
<b>Cottage</b> .....	Next to your property	<b>Olivier</b> .....	Olivier driveway
<b>Ecurie</b> .....	Next to your cottage	<b>Petite Ferme</b> .....	L'Hameau car park
<i>(Please do not block access for tractors &amp; combine harvesters, to the field)</i>			
<b>Emilienne</b> .....	Emilienne driveway	<b>Petite Grange</b> .....	Across the road
<b>Etable</b> .....	In front of your cottage	<b>Pigeonnier</b> .....	Walled area with the 'well'
<b>Distillerie</b> .....	Almost in front of your gite	<b>Porcherie</b> .....	Walled area with the 'well'
<b>Figuier</b> .....	L'Hameau car park	<b>Potager</b> .....	Puygironde car park
<b>Four à Pain</b> .....	Across the road	<b>Poulailler</b> .....	Walled area with the 'well'
<b>Garçonnière</b> .....	Opposite your cottage	<b>Pressoir de P.</b> .....	Pressoir driveway
		<b>Vieille Grange</b> ....	L'Hameau car park

# Rubbish & Recycling



The local authority runs a recycling program for all domestic and commercial waste. They are very proactive in terms of recycling, even so far as providing chickens to help with waste! **The rules may be different to what you are used to at home, but it is quite simple, so we hope you can play your part..**

## Recyclable goods

Recycling rubbish is collected every week. Properties at Longeveau are generally provided with a yellow sack, which can be placed in the recycling area, opposite the chickens.

Properties up at Puygironde with private bins, please empty your recyclables directly into the yellow wheely bins. No bags required!

Recycling waste includes all paper, cardboard, (clean) plastic and metal food and drink containers. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE GLASS BOTTLES.

## Regular rubbish

All other household rubbish can be put into the black plastic sacks provided, and taken to the rubbish containers next to the main car park. Puygironde guests will have your own private wheely bins.

The black rubbish is now collected every two weeks, so please recycle where possible. If the bins are full, please let us know or leave them tidily within the enclosed area and we will deal with them accordingly. If you run out of black or yellow sacks, we will be happy to supply more.

## Bottle bank

All bottles and glassware you should be put in the bottle bank, located at the main car park. PLEASE DO NOT PUT GLASS BOTTLES IN THE YELLOW SACKS!

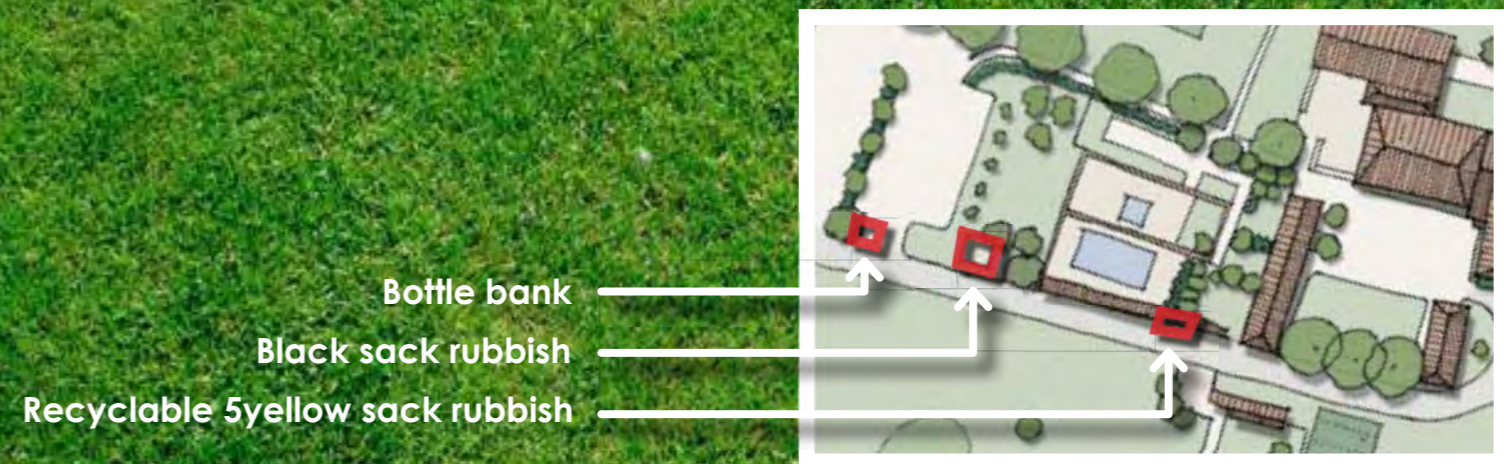


*Please do not put glass bottles in the yellow sacks!  
We get into trouble for this!!!*

## Bottle bank

We have our own bottle bank, situated in the main car park. Please remove caps from the bottles before putting them into the container.

Guests staying at Puygironde can use the bottle bank in the main car park too.



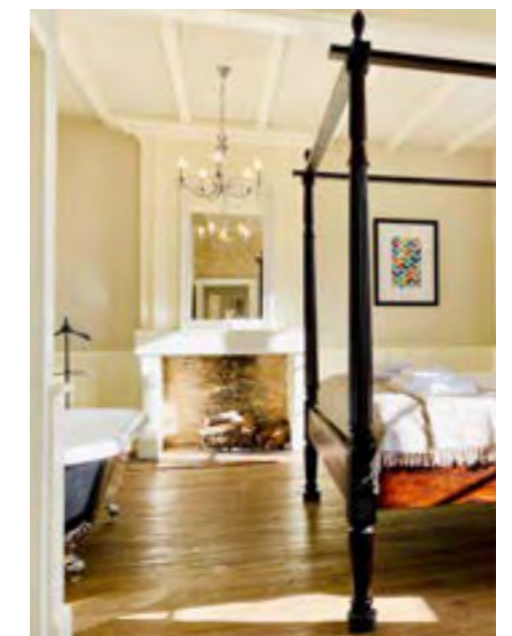
# Weddings & Special Occasions

Are you seeking a private estate for a unique wedding, or know somebody who is? Do you like the idea of hosting a party that spans days, rather than hours, in a village where everyone of your guests can be accommodated? At Longeveau you can welcome not only your immediate friends and family but everyone on your guest list. With capacity for over 180 guests in 32 beautiful properties, your wedding holiday can truly be a fun filled affair from arrival to departure. Longeveau provides an assortment of tailored spaces, facilities and services to ensure your guests are cared for throughout their stay, while you can focus on enjoying every aspect of your special time with those you love!

We offer a bespoke and personalised service for all of our amazing couples because we believe that your wedding should be unique to your individual style and personalities. We are here to help you create the event of your dreams, from the planning right through to your wedding day, we work with you to ensure that every aspect of your wedding weekend is tailored to perfection!

For those of you not getting married, we can help you organise the perfect Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion you wish to celebrate!

Check out our website, or ask one of the team for more details.



*'Why have a hotel, when you can have a whole village!'*



# Corporate Retreats, Team Building & Groups

Our former Cognac estate offers a unique setting for corporate retreats, meetings and team building. With elegant accommodation for over 180 guests, versatile meeting and event spaces, and a tranquil countryside setting, Longeveau offers the perfect environment to focus, connect, and recharge. Our wide range of facilities supports both work and relaxation, while our dedicated hospitality team ensures a seamless experience tailored to your objectives. Le Manoir de Longeveau will help transform your business goals into memorable results.

We offer three principal meeting rooms, equipped with projectors, microphones and high speed internet. Glass writing walls, white boards and pads also available. These spaces are complemented with additional breakout areas to support workshops, team activities, or smaller group discussions.

Accommodation is provided in a selection of comfortable, thoughtfully renovated stone cottages and villas, each with modern facilities and high speed internet.

**35 x individual properties**  
**91 x bedrooms / 187 x beds**  
**70 x bedrooms with private bathrooms**



*Our air conditioned  
seminar room seats up  
120 people. Our  
Grange de reception  
seats up to 200 people.*

# A brief History of Longeveau



The name 'Longeveau' comes from the meaning 'long valley' - presumably referring to the valley that stretches out from here towards to the Dordogne. There has been property at Longeveau since at least the 16th century.



Longeveau was a prosperous Cognac Estate until the end of the 19th century when the disease, pheloxera, hit vineyards throughout the south-west, wiping out countless vineyards. The estate went into decline until the arrival of a young man, Max Petit, in the early 1920's, who planned to farm the land and revive the hamlet. In 1927, after their wedding in Versailles, he and his new wife, Lucette, embarked on their exciting venture, which, over the next 50 years, would lead to a successful mixed farming business; four children: Jacques, Albert, Christian and Alice; and a happy and respected place within the community.



In 1977, they sold the property and retired to a more modest home near Angoulême. Their three sons continued to live within a short distance of Longeveau. Jacques and his own son started a successful walnut and hazelnut plantation on the edge of Pillac (as mentioned earlier in this booklet). Albert ran the butterfly museum in Aubeterre and grew organic fruit and vegetables at his home, at the top of the hill. Christian has retired to Aubeterre from a business in the north, and still occasionally plays golf at Longeveau!



From 1977 Alain and Catherine Schebesta became the new owners. They brought up their two daughters at Longeveau, but as they did not farm too seriously, they sold off much of the land and used few of the outbuildings, many of which fell into disrepair. The place was ready for an injection of new life when Rick & Lynne and Leo & Sue, came along 16 years later.



On 4th September 1992, Rick ,Lynne, Leo and Sue became the owners of Le Manoir de Longeveau. The run down farm was just what they had been looking for to start a holiday business – country cottages holidays with with an emphasis on tennis. The neighbors in the hamlet and surrounding farms thought they were crazy, but were very friendly and welcoming!

*Les Jolies Arches was once home to the grape crushers at Longeveau (pictured above at harvest time, circa 1913)*

The next nine months saw a rapid change at Longeveau as the first of four courtyard properties were developed along with the main swimming pool and the first tennis court. Fourteen paying guests arrived during May half term - and a new chapter began! Longeveau slowly expanded and in 1996, the nine hole golf course was added.

Richard, Olivia and their son, Thomas, arrived at Longeveau in 2007, working alongside Rick and Lynne. In 2011, they took over the business and Longeveau has continued to grow and and diversify, while staying sympathetic to what has always made Longeveau special. Richard & Olivia live at the top of the hill at Puygironde, with their three younger children, Lucy, Rupert and Eléonor.

# Local Shops & Markets

## **Aubeterre**

Aubeterre is a 5 minute drive, but more a tourist attraction than a practical shopping destination, but it does have a pharmacy and a small groceries shop, down by the cross-roads. It has a butchers on the the village square, a tabac and lots lots of touristy shops and brocants. There is a small but pleasant market on the square, every Sunday morning.

## **St Severin**

St Severin is our other local village and is a bit more practical for local shops. There is an excellent Spar shop, open every day, including Sunday mornings. It is well stocked and the staff are always very friendly! There is a pharmacy, a a bank, a post office, a tabac and three hair dresser / barber shops!!

## **Petite Bersac & Allemand**

These two little villages on the way to Ribérac, both have a bakers,

## **Chalais**

Chalais is a small market town about 20 minutes drive from Longueveau. It is not the prettiest town locally, but has a good market held every Monday morning. But be sure to go early as the stall holders pack up around midday. Chalais has a couple of supermarkets, bakers, butchers, banks etc.

## **Ribérac**

Ribérac is a 20 minute drive from Longueveau and the Friday morning market is reputed to be one of the largest in the Dordogne. Well worth a visit, but again, get there quite early because they tend to pack up by around mid-day. Ribérac has a few supermarkets including L'Eclerc, which is probably the biggest one locally. Bakers, butchers, banks and all of the usual shops you would expect to find in a small town.

## **Montmoreau**

15 minutes drive from Longueveau, there is a Super U supermarket, a butchers, bakers, tabac and a small assortment of other shops.

## **Villebois Lavalette**

The Saturday morning market here and is held under cover of the ancient historic "halles" ! The Halles are also home to a lovely restaurant, La Lavalette.



# in case of **Emergency**

There is usually someone on site to help with any problems which may arise. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you need assistance.

We can help arrange appointments with a doctor, a dentist, a local garage or anything else that might come up during your stay. We will do our best to help.

In the event of an emergency, during the night or when the bar is closed, Richard or Olivia can be contacted on +33(0)6 20 27 63 97 or +33(0)6 26 14 13 73.

After which, Julie can be contacted on +33(0)6 63 11 02 51.

If it is an emergency, please do not be afraid to contact us.

The numbers of the local doctors are as follows, Aubeterre and St Severin are the closest, but can involve long waits. Montmoreau has several doctors and you can make appointments in advance.

St. Séverin +335 45 98 52 35

Aubeterre +335 45 98 50 18

Montmoreau +335 16 29 06 20  
[www.groupe-medical-montmoreau.fr](http://www.groupe-medical-montmoreau.fr)

You can also use [doctolib.fr](http://doctolib.fr) to book local appointments.

You can reach the **emergency services** by dialing the following..

- 15 Medical**
- 17 Police**
- 18 Fire Brigade**

**112 The European Emergency Number**  
*(English speaking, covering all services)*



*Lizards - commonly  
seen and perfectly  
harmless !*

# At the End of Your Stay...



Sorry to mention the end of your holiday, but there are certain points which are helpful to us as a management team.

Would you be kind enough to inform us of your approximate departure time on the day before you leave. This helps us plan our schedule for the cleaning team the next day. We normally require cottages to be vacated by 10h00 on the morning of departure but can occasionally make exceptions if cleaning time allows.

It is the requirement in self-catering properties that the property be left as clean as found. However, we appreciate that you do not want to spend several hours cleaning before departure!

We have an experienced team but certain basic procedures help them not to be confronted by an extra daunting task. We therefore ask you kindly to ensure that the following is done before your departure :

- ▶ Empty all waste bins, take secured bin bags to the rubbish disposal area and bottles to the bottle bank.
- ▶ Clean and put away all crockery, cutlery, pots and pans.
- ▶ Wipe down work surface and gas hob.
- ▶ Strip all beds of linen and make two piles of dirty linen and dirty towels.
- ▶ Check on door hooks, under beds and in drawers for any forgotten items!
- ▶ Turn off lights :)

If you would prefer to just pack your stuff and go, we do offer an 'end of stay' cleaning service. Please enquire for details.

All bills should be cleared by the morning of departure. Please leave the key in the door of your cottage as you leave, thank you.



**Bon Voyage &  
à Bientôt !**

All of the above helps us tremendously. Merci !

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