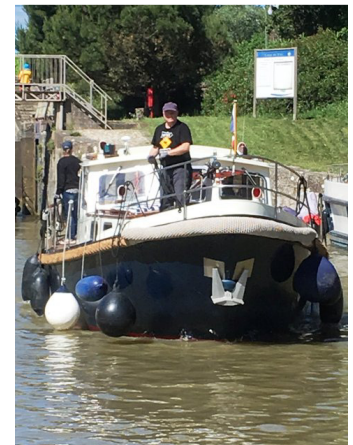
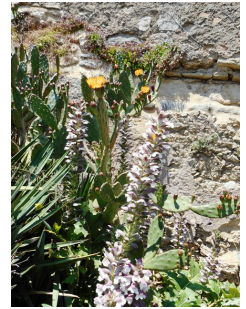


*Rocking along...
from Carcassonne to Narbonne !*



What can we say? It was such a pleasure to be able to spend 7 days in June together with Clair and Andrew on board Otter as part of their 30th wedding anniversary celebrations and their first long road trip by motorbike all the way from Wales to Carcassonne, then cruising along the Midi and down the Canal de la Robine to Narbonne, sharing some of our favourite spots...and hey, what a great crew!!! They totally get what this is all about!





Lovely 17th century, once an important stop on the staging route, Le Somail is one of our very favourite spots – a tiny haven that grows on you. Excellent restaurants, an eccentric library of 50,000 second-hand books. We even went back to spend *our* anniversary there.

These guys are fast learners...by the end they could have done it without us...10 locks a day?...piece of cake...ordering from the menu in fluent French?...not a problem...hike a few kilometers before lunch?...think nothing of it. Chill out with the best of them? world champions.





Our route took us from the medieval city of Carcassonne east through Trebes, La Redorte, Le Somail, and on down the Canal de la Robine across the Aude River to Narbonne. 78 km and 34 locks in total. Taking it nice and easy. Luckily, just before the killer heat wave hit where the temperatures soared to 49.2C and fire-fighting planes appeared in the sky from time to time. After that, it was pretty much like living in a hot tin can...with a load of work to boot! But we survived!



Congratulations again on your 30th Wedding Anniversary and thanks for letting us share it with you! It was a blast. Here's to the next road trip!

