

Dear SWCC member

It may not have escaped your notice but on odd numbered years such as 2019 I do my best to organise a fun couple of weeks of overseas caving at a location that can be reached by driving from the UK within a couple of days. I have been doing this since 1993.

Last year, 2017, saw an incredibly successful and popular return to the Pierre St Martin system on the French / Spanish border.

Having considered a number of options and consulted with a number of members I have opted to point the 2019 trip in the direction of The Jura and in particular to the small town of Ornans, the same town that we stayed in 2005.

Attached here for the minute is the 2005 Circular as much of the information in that circular is still relevant today. I can vouch for the fact that The Jura is an excellent place for families with young children, mine were about five and eight the last time I was there.

The purpose of this e-mail is to canvas enthusiasm for such a trip and to agree dates. The original plan was to run from 27th July – 10th August, peak holiday and well within UK school holiday. An alternative plan if no families are intending to join is to run from 13th July – 27th July, Cheaper fares and fees, less crowded sites as not clashing with main French vacation period.

For those amongst us who are 'Facebook Friendly' I have renamed the PSM facebook group as the Jura 2019 facebook group. Any SWCC member is most welcome to join that group. You will find a group poll within the page where you can click your preference in the bat of an eyelid. For those not so Facebook Friendly I will be placing a hard copy vote sheet up at SWCC HQ during digging week or if easier please just send me an e-mail [gary@dorsetland.co.uk](mailto:gary@dorsetland.co.uk) and let me know your preferences.

Denise Knibbs has already spoken with one of the campsites and Brian Clipstone has already made a reconnaissance. We cannot book pitches or huts or mobile homes until January!!!!

I would like for everyone who is intending to come to France next year to have a fair opportunity to book accommodation on the chosen site. The first step however is to agree the dates.

Let me have your thoughts please.

Best regards as always

Gary