

FRENCH HOUSE JULY 2019

Friday 5 July 2019



We set off for Newhaven with Don, Helen and a fully loaded trailer: a snooker table, table tennis table, football table, 2 chest of drawers, a corner unit, a wardrobe, a canopy, 2 pictures and a blanket box. Thyra and Mike joined us at the house as a stopover on their way to Île de Re.



Wow, that was really heavy!



A fun evening where we managed to almost drink our weeks supply of wine.

Saturday 6 July

It was sooo hot! Don and Rick spent nearly all day sweltering in the loft setting up the sports equipment. The Paris family stopped by and had a look at our new recreation area. I got their names confirmed: mere Florence, père Phillipe, fils Paul, fille adette Oceana, fille aînée Cleophee, and petite fille Shelly. Great evening at St Ellier Fete



Sunday 7 July



Sorting out reviews for Martin's Antiques. I had a Mary Poppins moment when the the parasol took off and I had to chase it down the road. It took all my strength to hold onto it. Visited Saint-Ceneri-le-Gerei where they had a terrible singer entertaining the locals. Such a pretty village. Assembling the table tennis table tested the boys patience.



The new recreation area in the loft. I had the fright of my life when I nearly trod on this snake. It's a Couleuvre and although non venomous for the next few days I climbed the steps to the garden with caution!

Monday 8 July

While Don and Rick were busy buying replacement bedroom windows Helen and I had a bit of retail therapy in Alencon. Monday is not the best shopping day as most places were closed.



Rob and Julie came round to share our Beef Bourguignon. Rick was feeling quite rough.

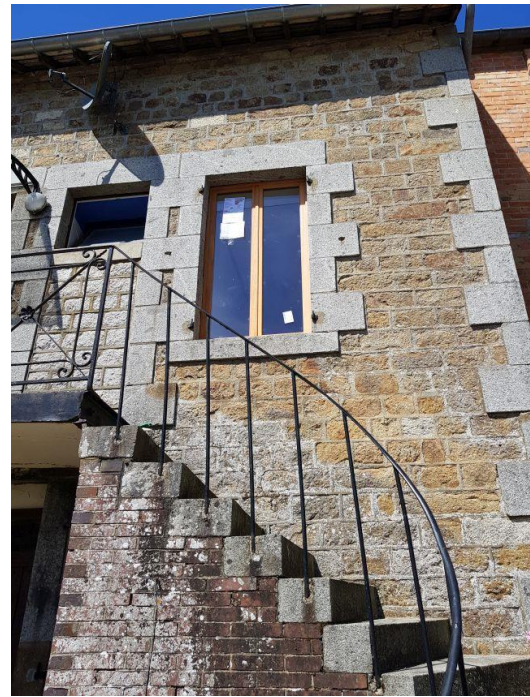
Tuesday 9 July



A quiet day as Rick wasn't well. Don and Helen went to the tip and then visited a Brocante in Pre en Pal. A snooker lesson for Helen. Parasol stand was so full of woodworm that broke in half but Don and Helen managed to keep out of the hot sun by squeezing underneath it.

Wednesday 10 July

Rick's really not well, very sleepy, high temperature, hot, cold, shakes with flu like symptoms - should we go home, decided to leave it another day. Don started on one of the bedroom windows.



The mayor's wife came across with aperitif and with her limited English and our limited French we managed to have quite a conversation .



We left Rick at the house to visit Julie and Rob for a great Spanish themed supper, they were fantastic hosts.



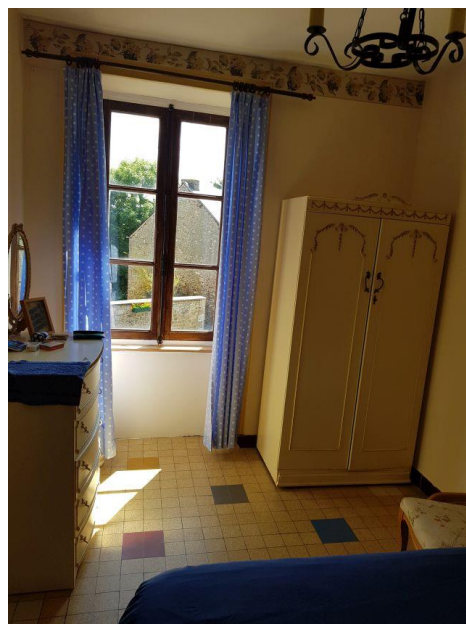
As it was such a lovely evening we walked back down the hill to St Ellier.



Thursday 11 July



New Bedroom window



New bedroom furniture

Decided to go home early as we didn't want a repeat of last year's French Hospital experience when Rick had a perforated appendix.



Well, we were very lucky with the weather as it was amazingly hot all week. Don drove us back to Dieppe and Rick was relieved to be home.

A week later

Rick was admitted to hospital with a Lower Respiratory Tract Infection which gave him alarming heart rate that took quite a few hours to stabilise. He finished the antibiotics today and is looking forward to being able to get out in the sun tomorrow and enjoying a drink. He lost 9.5 lbs in a week which was a real bonus.

This week Alex, Rachael and baby Ella have enjoyed their first family holiday at the French House.