

FRANCE – October 2023

Tuesday 24 October 2023

Weather forecast for the next week in St Ellier Les Bois is rain every day. Not sure if we should go but hey-ho maybe the house will sell fairly quickly and there won't be too many more opportunities. Once again we have splashed out on the expensive Brittany Ferries route with the Commodore cabin. No rain and a flat sea but I actually got sea sick and spent most of the journey in bed.

The house has been empty since the beginning of September and it just shows you how quickly things can deteriorate. I have never, ever seen so many dead flies and once I attacked them with the vacuum cleaner loads of live ones started buzzing about everywhere. Reluctantly I used the fly spray, I've always been scared of using it since Rick said it kills your brain cells. However, the effect was amazing, more and more dead flies. The expression "falling like flies" was very apt. The rain did come but not too bad.

Wednesday 25 October

I'm not liking all these insects, a queen wasp was on my bedside lamp. Martin's son and his family next door were packing up to leave. They said they had spent 4 days constantly vacuuming up flies, so they are everywhere. The garden has gone berserk, cutting the lawn which resembles a field was difficult. The rose has got completely out of control and made its way into the loft. Rick's made a start at chopping it down low. The problem is how to get rid of it all, we've tried a few times to get a card for the tip with no success.

Lise came and said hello whilst we were gardening. She is also fighting the flies. I forgot to turn off the chilli I had prepared earlier and the lovely cooking smell turned into a burnt smell. Almost nothing left, just a black frying pan.



The house has been busy since we left in May. First George and Caroline, then Alex, Rachael and Ella then Philippa with Liam, Jack, Kieran and Mia. Philippa broke down on the way to the tunnel and had to stay in a hotel near the French garage for a week.

Thursday 26 October

Rick noticed that the Presbytery opposite is for sale for 179.500 euros immo.trovit.fr. It seems that the Paris florists are selling up; they have already sold the one they favoured up the hill. I think someone said the husband hasn't been well and they suffered from the Covid lockdowns.

We had a positive meeting with Annabel our agent.

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132 400 EUR*
*132 400 € honoraires inclus
120 000 € hors honoraires
Honoraires : 5.50 % TTC à la charge de l'acquéreur

Maison à Vendre - ALENÇON

Informations générales
Type de bien : Maison
Type de transaction : A vendre

Localisation
Code Postal : 61000
Ville : ALENÇON
Métrozone : 1 côté

Aspects financiers
Prix : 132 400 EUR

Surfaces
Surface : 110 m²
Surface séjour : 36 m²
Surface terrain : 500 m²

Extérieur
Jardin : Oui
Etat général : Bon Etat
Etat extérieur : Bon
Style : Maison de ville
Fenêtres : Bois double vitrage
Volets : Bois
Isolation : Oui
Assainissement : Tout à l'égout

Intérieur
Nombre pièces : 5
Chambres : 2
Chambre RDC : 1
Salle(s) de bains : 2
Cuisine : Aménagée/équipée
Séjour double : Oui
Type Chauffage : Individuel
Mecs, Chauffage : Radiateur
Mode Chauffage : Poêle à granulés
Eau chaude : Ballon électrique
Etat intérieur : Bon
Cheminée : Poêle à granulés
Calme : Oui
Clair : Oui

Autres
Cave(s) : 1
Cave(s) : Oui

Diagnostics
Concerné par un Etat des Risques : Oui
Date établissement ERP : 12/09/2023
Soumis à l'affichage du DPE : Oui
Date étab. Diag. énergétique : 21/07/2023

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Whilst we were there she had a phone call from someone who may like to view the house. Not sure if that was a set up but we will see.

Kerrie and Phil who live in the Petit Maison up the hill towards the bins came round for aperitifs. We haven't seen them for at least ten years as they are teachers and we usually avoid school holidays. What a great catch up so much so that we didn't have time to cook supper.

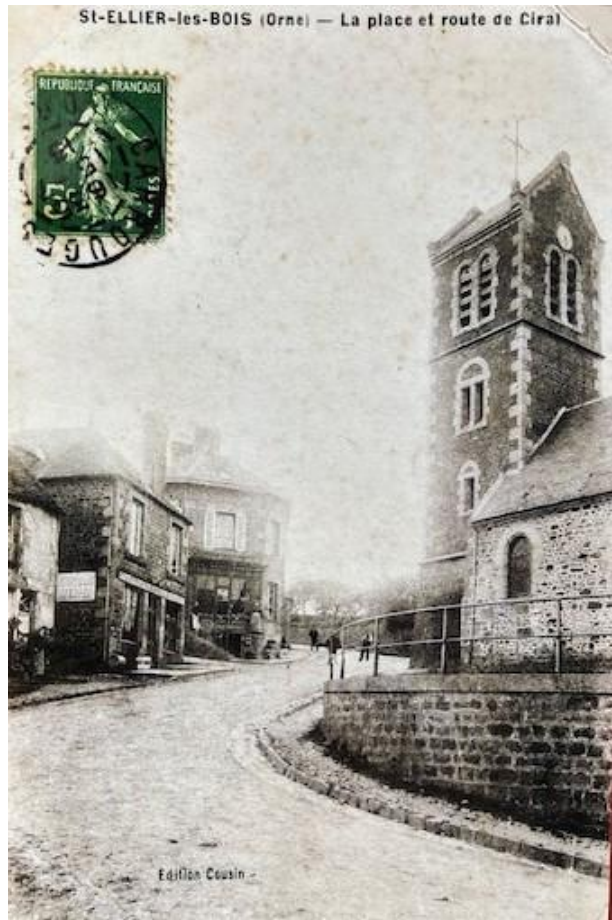
Friday 27 October

Rain forecasted for 3pm onwards so we had a lovely lie- in and boiled eggs for breakfast. Rick couldn't fix the broken wheel on the mower and after a trip to Mr Bricolage it was all go. Actually finished first cut before the deadline, even though it did start raining a bit early. I was extremely pleased with my weeding and clearing of the gardens. Have got to say that my nails are shot. As it was raining all afternoon we thought we should have a late lunch/early supper of duck breasts, French beans, endives and carrots . Excellent idea. After the feast we went to have a look at the new roof on the building behind the Epicerie. Kerry and Phil joined us as it directly affects them. Back to Kerrie and Phils for drinks.



Saturday 28 October

Phil sent us some old pics of St Ellier.



Su and Martin's

Popped into Carrouges to check out the renovated Boucher. Nothing much has changed there. Rushed back to try and give the lawn another mow before the rain started. Rick's fix on the wheel is not working well and what with the wet grass he had to give up. Much colder and of course the rain did come and stayed with us for the rest of the day. Lise came to tea, she now has a few hours at the university teaching German to adults. I feel I have made an improvement to my French pronunciation but not much according to her. She is very hot on pronunciation and panicked me by making me repeat the whole sentences. Lise is on the local Patrimoine (Cultural) Association and there has been a fall out with the mayor concerning cost of repairing the statue of Mary and baby Jesus which is on the outside of the little chapel.



Rugby World Cup final, South Africa beat New Zealand. It's been an exciting competition and I've watched a lot of it but fell asleep 5 minutes before the end. We deserved to be in that final.



Benoit house



Gaby's, Isabelle's and Monique's

Sunday 29 October

Getting used to the lie-ins but we had to get to Carrefour before lunch. Once again Rick thought he would have another go at the grass but it was too wet. I did a bit of weed spraying. We thought we would have a look at the statue that Lise was telling us about and the rain started again on our way there. The statue used to be coloured but the mayor has had it painted grey and poor baby Jesus is missing his head.



As always we had a great evening with Julie and Rob. Their grandson got married in June and we were so surprised when we saw the photographs that the Cotswold venue was the same as Adrienne's wedding that we went to the week before.

Monday 30 October

Had a trip out to La Ferte-Macé to check out the wines Phil & Kerrie recommended at Lidl and Nos. Also, checked out the town centre, all a bit grey.



It's a strange thing that there are fields of what looks like Rape in flower, I wonder if they have two crops a year. We went chestnut foraging in the mud and pouring rain. Then had a look at the tip in Pre en Pail as Kerrie and Phil said you didn't need a card.



Tuesday 31 October

It's been a good trip, just the right amount of time. We didn't have a project this time but wanted to get the garden up together, check out the Estate Agent, collect our bikes and catch up with our neighbours.

Very disappointed that the main restaurant on the boat only opens in the summer. Storm Ciaran held off and we had a pleasant trip home.

