



"Les Aulnettes"



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BUILDING ACTIVITIES in full motion

General information.

It's December and the weather is, except for one week "rather cool" normal again. That is to say around 13° – 15° Celsius and rather sunny. In brief good weather to work outdoors.

We like to remind you the early-reservation-discount! Everybody paying his down payment before Christmas, still profits the 2007 prices!!



As promised in this newsletter many photos and thus lesser text.

Sander keeps astonishing his teacher. Already among the better part of his class, he now is in the top three and going "for gold" !

So, he is doing well and he likes school very much. Isn't that the story of the chicken and the egg ?

This week became known that in Mai he goes on a school trip (4 nights) to Montignac (the Lascaux caves). A great experience we think, but heavy, knowing that except for a week with Arthur, Judith, Rijk en Julia (his uncle and aunt, nephew and niece from his mother's site) at a nearby campsite and one night now and then at granddad Wim's place, he never stayed over elsewhere. We keep you informed.

Irene's birthday was celebrated in small comity. Thanks for all the carts, wishes and all.



Because of (grand-)dad Wim's birthday the 22nd September, he proposed to go out to a (just recovered) Asiatic restaurant Lo Nang, in La Tranche. Nice side issue; Wim picked up the cheque, as a gift for Irene. It was delicious!!

Irene is also busy doing the preparations for new years eve, with some friends that will be celebrated at Sandra's, which is at 2 kilometres.

Furthermore she has had her construction baptism, later more about that.

Frans has more pain in his back when he doesn't work, than when he does. As from today (9 December) there will be assistance. Tonight Arthur (already mentioned) will come for a week and after that, equally for a week, Erik Jan with his Marije (and parents-in-law) who were here this summer. Follow on their turn by Peter and Ellen.

In January Marcus comes (alone), he was at Les Aulnettes last summer with his wife Jane and their kids Evy and Tom as well.

To be continued.

Real estate market in France stagnates !

Actually there is not much to tell, because not much has changed. The market stagnates a bit en so we'll wait. If you know anyone in surche for a fine, nice, big house, with a wood log guesthouse in the backyard and a 50 m² swimming pool in France ... let him or her call 0033 251 33 55 52. **To be continued.**

The Construction Column

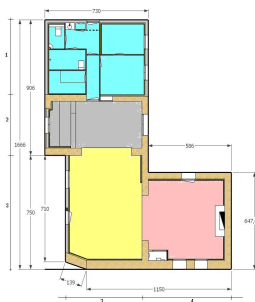


After the major demolitions, the first constructive movements started. Very nice that it leads directly to a visible result. Even if it is just the materials waiting to be applied.

Before we describe the work that has been done so far, we

show you the plan, to give you a better idea of that what we are talking about.

The corrugated steal of the roof of the 1st part (turquoise) is taken off and the new roof boards and the tile laths are being brought on.



Next, the wall opening of that same part is filled up with parpaings (the French concrete blocks) leaving room for a door and a window.

After this the floor is prepared with isolation, foil, reinforcement bars and the electrical, tv and computer cabling, the concrete is pored in. it is here that Irene had her baptism in construction. Together with neighbour Magda,

armed with a rake and boots, they manoeuvred the concrete in right place.

Too bad she took the pictures, so she is not (yet) on them.



About in the middle of part 1 is the beginning of a wall that has to support the roof. The tiles we are going to put up are a lot heavier than the corrugated steel plates, and since we do not want the roof to collapse or even bend, we had to make this support.

First the lintel will be put in place because the reinforcement cage is delivered. This lintel has to support the upcoming construction and the two ridge beams of the parts 3 and 4 (yellow and rose) This has priority over the aforementioned wall.



After the concrete was strong enough, the first doorframes has been placed. The wall can now be set up.

Meanwhile the opening between part 1 and 2 (grey) is ajusted.

In the wall between the part 2 and 3, and the parts 3 and 4, big



openings are made. The sides are masoned with the outcomming “pierres” as a mould to create a piler on which the lintel will be putt.



Then the facade of part 3 is put up, with again room for a window and a door.

The opening between part 3 and 4.



We hope that you have had as much pleasure reading the newsletter as we have from the renovation/ constuction works. Have a merry Cristmas and a safe newyears eve and give our regards to Santa Claus.

Till next time wih an other story and more pictures.

DO NOT FORGET: those paying their down payment before Christmas 2008, profit from the 2007 tariffs !! Possibly in combination with the “start-July/end-August-special”, see the tariff page on the Website !

Seeing the many confused reactions about how to handle for the subscription to the newsletter, we decided to send it again to everybody

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