



"Les Aulnettes"

Longeville sur Mer - La Vendée - France



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EXTRA EDITION !

The speed of light is slow compared with the swiftness of the execution of the work in and around Les Aulnettes. So a next newsletter is invertible !

We ended Mars with ultimately two new bathroom floors in the houses 1 and 10. The deal was that the work should be executed in February, just after our winter holiday, but the two floors were only finish just before Eastern. The new floors are much more practical and at the same very



beautiful. In phases wed will change the others as well to have a *douche Italienne* in every house.

In the meantime the people of "Yellowfoot" had arrived. A trio of

enthusiastic surfers from the German Black Forrest, who came via Columbia to Longeville, and are masters in shaping wooden surfboards of balsa wood. And were can you

beter be to surf than in Longeville sur Mer ? This visit was a sort of pilot-project for the organization of a shaping workshop next autumn en



maybe an other one later next spring. The idea is that you can make your own surfboard, with what you can ride the waves of plage Les Conches. We woill comeback on this subject later in the year, but already the Wooden-surfboard-

fever has broke out in the Vendée, among our surfing friends that took a peek during the experiment. To be continued !

About the same time (grand) pa Wim, Arthur en niece/cousin Julia who (Yippie !) got special leave from her school to visit cousin Sander, who was enjoying his school holidays, arrived in Les Rabouillères. Visits of Wim are usually use to take advantage of Wimps painting abilities, and we didn't make an exception to that rule. He occupied himself with the windows (and hinges) of the windows from the children's bedrooms, which are turning again as a hot knife cuts the butter and are nicely painted black again.

Arthur took care of house number three, which is looking as new since. The only thing left to do at number three is catching the mole, who is turning the garden up-site down.

We also started the green keeping, with our latest purchase

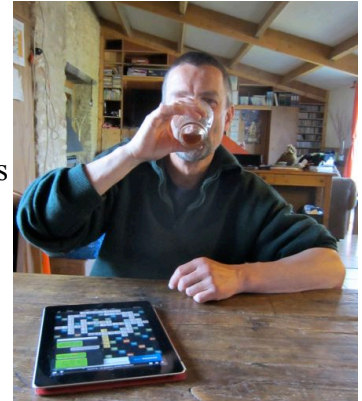




Arthur tried-out the gasoline engine hedge trimmer. The advantage with a electric one is, that is has no cord so you can't cut it through.



On the 15th of April Paul-Vic and Henk parked their car in front of house number three, for the annual gardening week. We can say that their visit really makes a difference, the results are very visible. After the rare but still very rude winter all Gorse (or Whines) had turned into strange looking branches, as if they were covert with dust and spider web's, although at the top some flowers still bloomed. They all look far from pretty and according to Paul-Vic and Henk we should take them out. While Irene and I were still discussing what to do, Paul-Vic and Henk already suited the action to their words. Apart from the plants for the borders we planted about 120 new shrubs and bushes. Thanks to their knowledge of plants and tree's they depending on the different places they choose the species and highs especially for those spots who are due to, more or less shadow aren't suitable for every type of plant. Not only we see the difference, our returning guests are pleasantly surprised by the result, that visited Les Aulnettes since. We are now putting in to place a dripping installation to help the new plants through the hopefully warm summer.



 C'est la vie
by Silvia



Off-course, the chainsaw is maneuvered by Paul-Vic. Again the knowledge of the two gentlemen helped us a lot, when pollarding (heading) the ash's, cutting back some dead wood or hedges.

By the way; Paul-Vic seems to be a rather strong scrabble player, only shame is that some players will not play Wordfeud with Irene because they think it was her chatting !

We can lo back on a rather god start of the season. It was not only very pleasant, the occupation degree was better than ever. As in the high season more and more people are coming back. We are very glad that these enthusiastic people bring other people along, but we are very happily surprised when some of

them express their joy in the way Silvia Philippi did. She made the impression of her stay at Les Aulnettes, which is showed here along. If you are interested in other work of Sylvia have a look at <http://silviaphilippi.wordpress.com/2012/05/18/cest-la-vie/> it is worth while.

WELL, AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE THE PHOTO'S !!

