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Lee & Tracey "Green for Go France" Newsletter



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All settling into our routine

....after 30 hours travelling from Hanwood in Shropshire, Lee, Tracey, Daphne and Clarence arrived in a super Sunny "Sos", a small Gascon village in South West France and now our home. For those who don't know, it's an old railway station but more about that in letters to follow.

We sit outside on our platform on sunny afternoons, listening to "le pic noir" and watching "le pic vert", the black woodpecker and green woodpecker; we watch the deer come nibbling the grass, berries and leaves and watch their little white bums disappear into the undergrowth; we look up and down the old railway line and across the valley to see the amazing trees rising up the hill on the back road to Sainte Maure and the array of colours as the sun streams into the valley. We look down to see Daphne roll on her back and offer herself to her Sun God and Clarence curled up in one of the flower beds, keeping one dinosaur eye open in case Pasha, the neighbours' dog, should pay a bouncing visit.

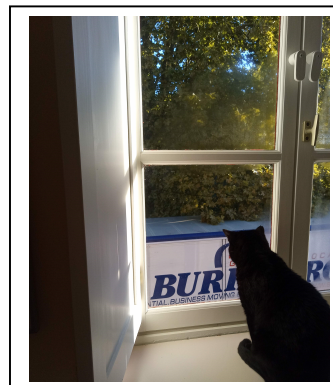
Lee was chuffin' tired, driving the VW Amarok, full to the brim, towing a loaded 17ft trailer, with a caged Clarence next to Daphne in her bed on the rear seat, and Tracey, a bit shell shocked by the enormity of what we were doing, next to him upfront; it had been an adventure already.



On the ferry, in the cabin and mainly on the bed! Thanks to Brittany Ferries, we were all able to travel in a pet friendly cabin, a few steps away from the truck. Portsmouth to Caen.

Here Daphne meets Pasha for the first time - they are now best of friends

An adventure that is continuing 6 weeks later, as we negotiate our way through the property purchases, all the administration and wonderful French Beurocracy, the dreadful mobile phone coverage and of course our attempts at speaking French. But those are tedious things to write about because we're having so much FUN!!



Day 2 of Clarence's confinement and he watches Burke Bros from the Station Bathroom Window unload the Felix & Chum!



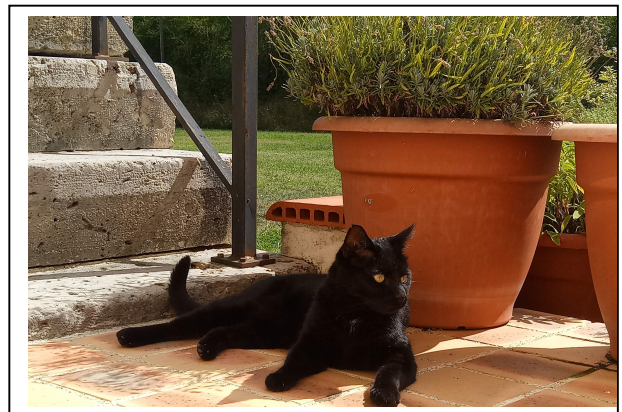
The Tractor unloaded and our first meal out! More about the tractor in the next letter



Wine Glorious Wine...

Tracey always told Lee that the only thing cheap in France was the wine and, based on prices experienced so far, it turns out that she was right. So that's good because we like wine. Trips to Super U and Lidl can be time consuming when you find yourself lost in the amazing wine sections, imagining that cork pop and that first sniff. We don't know an awful lot of detail about wine but we love tasting it and look forward to some vineyard tasting trips soon. We also discovered that our new home has a wine cellar that we didn't know about, needs some work so there's another project for the list. But won't we have a great time stocking (and re-stocking) it! Here's Lee super excited in our "cave à vin".

Day 3, Clarence ventures out to join Daphne in the sunshine, happy days.....Santé!



Thanks for reading, stay protected and we hope to see family & friends when it's safe to start travelling again, with our best wishes from Lee & Tracey, staying safe in la gare de Sos



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