

# Latest News

CHÂTEAU DESTINÉE

CHRISTMAS 2020

## November, December

I know as you get older time goes faster but this year has been lightning speed.

**I**n our bubble as we call it, the days merge, the weeks merge and the months certainly merge. If my phone did not sort photos into months, I would be completely lost.

**P**hase two is on and by the end of December we complete 6 of

the 14 bedrooms. In fact, we now have a completed wing, where every floor and every room in the East wing is done. Also, the central three floors are completed. Just the West wing to go!

**I** think we went a bit mad with the cold weather, because, as if we did not already have a lot going on, we decided to get a puppy!!

### *destiny*

noun

/ˈdestɪni/

plural *destinies*

the way your life will develop in the future



## Cooper

For followers on Instagram and Facebook you will know...

**W**got a little carried away posting about this little guy. Cooper the English Setter joined our family and now we had to set alarms for wee walks and the first 4 nights it was a lot of settling in. Ok, so we are preparing for the fact this breed may mean we will be in puppy mode for two years, but just look at that face!



# Outdoor Painting Jobs

The gate is now grey,

The posts on the pavilion grey with the pool house green and grey we are starting to see the external colour scheme come together. It was a very cold job however for our team. Thank you for your perseverance guys.



# Eating Well

From our builders that lived in and all our volunteers, the feedback has been consistent:

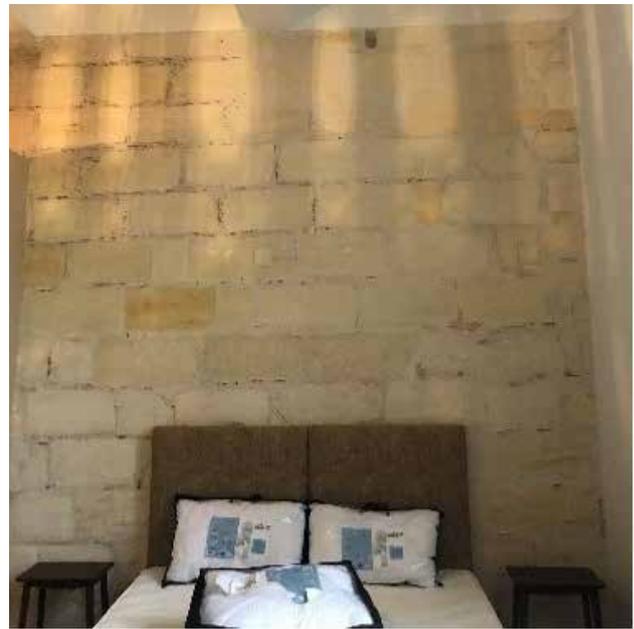
You eat well at Chateau Destinee. From vegan, vegetarian, or gluten free we have catered for all and always at a shared table with a family atmosphere. I could fill the whole site with pictures of the food we have had but what has been wonderful is everyone has taken a turn. We have

had Japanese, Portuguese, Dutch, German, English, Polish, French, New Zealand and Spanish here and all have bought the flavours from home. We even had a full week dedicated to Asian food. Who misses restaurants when you have this at home?



# Renovation Is Still Happening

Loving progress and inspiration. Some left over wallpaper to highlight a niche and a new light fitting to change the colour of a wall. Despite Christmas we keep going and we are loving every moment.



## Merry Christmas

I am not ashamed to admit this is aAs we prepare for our first Christmas in France and I get excited about decorating the house (no one else does!), we reflect on what and who we miss in these strange times. We have missed so many friends this year because most could not travel because of COVID. The

friends that did make it were such a sight for sore eyes and we had a lot of fun while they were here.

Our family and friends in Australia face the reality that travel in 2021 is also going to be difficult if not impossible. Suddenly, for the first time, we can't just go home if we need to. The world has got bigger again and the freedom we enjoyed is now treasured a little more than before.

We trust in the future however,

and while we did not have the first year we hoped for because of COVID, fingers crossed year two will be better.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

