

# Easter Update

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## COVID hits

A little sadness as we have to accept that our **busy bee Easter** will not happen as we wished

Our friends and family traveling from Australia can not come and most sadly our dear friend and my stand in Dad Bruce could not come for the 2 months he had planned. Our friends across Europe are now unable to join us also. It would have been great to have some fresh energy and a group to boost our efforts, however it is the situation everyone is in so we carry on and zoom calls, facetime and messages have meant a lot as we continue.

### *Easter and Spring...*

...is in the air. The wisteria is bursting into bloom and the promise of summer is in the air.



## Holding Water

Exciting – the concrete goes into the base of the pool so it is no longer a whole in the ground but now a hole that holds water.



# Bath Tubs and all that Jazz

Bathrooms are now the focus with an order of bath-tubs, shower...

Screens, taps, waste units, toilets etc arrives. Several pallets and more than 100 items arrive on our front terrace. So with my spreadsheet we start labelling and distributing to the different rooms – with 3 public toilets and 11 bathrooms to update or fit out from new it is surprising how much equipment that takes. So glad the elevator is here as most of this is going to the two upper floors. Can not wait to get started on this as it feels like the start of finishing rooms is in sight.

# These old Chairs

The wonderful Maryline recovered some wonderful old chairs.

They were a big job but she was not phased one bit and attacked the task with so much energy and enthusiasm she got us all engaged in the process. The end result was better than I could have imagined.



## Web Site goes live:

April saw our web site go live. This is a huge milestone for the business and a huge effort by Iris Pfluester who is our incredibly talented web designer of [SwissMade WebDesign](#). Iris really got involved in knowing us, our plans, the Chateau and what we wanted to present and offer in the way of experience to our guests. I can not say enough about how wonderful she is and how responsive she has been for the last 6 months to get us to go live. Of course we are blessed with amazing friends and I have to say without Kat's support and help through this process we also would not be looking so slick. Jan supported copywriting and turned my bland text into interesting descriptions. Thank you team web site I learnt so much from each of you.



# Boys and their Toys

This month saw the arrival of two very exciting pieces of machinery for Peter.

**H**is first Whipper Snipper (Strimmer for the British) and his first lawnmower – a large one for his first and that is what made it so dam exciting. Boys and new toys is so lovely to see, the smile is from ear to ear as he learns how to use these machines.



## So much to be grateful for

**T**here has been so much progress for our second month with the renovation team here on site. When I look over the Instagram posts it is wonderful to reflect on. The days merge into each other as do the weeks and it is important to stand back at times and celebrate where we are at and how much has got done.

**W**e had a wonderful surprise with family friends stopping by for a week, Australian's living in France for a year. They escaped lock down alone to join us and it was wonderful to have their help.

**O**ur renovation team have danced and laughed their way through 10 hr days and it is wonderful to all come together for dinner and share news of our families and enjoy not being alone when so many people are alone during this strange time. For us it is the feeling of a large family working on a common goal and it reminds me of my childhood when we mustard the cattle. The whole family came together to do the annual process, and everyone had their assigned job.

**I**t is important to be grateful because there is so much that is wonderful and we are focusing on that and not the downside. Just hope we can see more friends soon.

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