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Wednesday:

Bluebell the motorhome feels like the poor country cousin! She's parked up in the official motorhome aire at our beloved Honfleur, along with over 240 other motorhomes. It's like the forecourt of Brownhills!! There are motorhomes in all different shapes and sizes here, occupying the 240 official spaces, and seeping out into the surrounding lane and squashed into corners. We're fairly confident that we could leave our door wide open and not get burgled (although don't think we will try!) there are some SERIOUSLY swish vans

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here, including my personal favourite- a very fancy looking RV with 4 pop out sides, smart car garage and the front looks like an articulated lorry front, rather than a bus! Seriously cool, and worth a fortune I would guess!!



a jam packed aire!

This is our 4th visit to Honfleur (you can read about the others [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) and we think the €10 for 24 hrs overnight parking including services and electric is worth every single penny. Clearly other people share our thoughts as we've never seen this aire so busy! The aire is situated 5 mins walk away from the picture perfect harbour, that is lined with tall historical buildings, all painted in different colours, and overlooking the sailing

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boats moored in the small square harbour. There are oodles of restaurants, art galleries, regional produce shops and cafés dotted along the way, all of which we've enjoyed before, and I am sure we will do so again next time- however today we chose a happy stroll through town for a couple of hours in the drizzle, nosing in gallery windows picking out the paintings we would buy if we were rich, and enjoying the atmosphere of everyone else spending their money! We're not being tight - but we are being careful with pennies this time round with our wedding this time next year. ☐



gorgeous harbour here at Honfleur

One expense we did sort today was Jazz's re-

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turn to England vets trip. This time last year we stopped here to sort the same thing out, and our visit to Honfleur was with the same intention this time. You can easily travel to France with your dog(s) now, providing they have had their rabies jab and have their own pet passport. To re enter the UK you need to take your pet to a vet 5 days - 24 hrs before you intend on travelling home, and the vet will administer the pooch with a tapeworm tablet or injection, stamp their passport and charge you a princely sum for the privilege. Today we admit, we got stung €43- however in the end we outweighed the convenience with trying to find the best deal- the vet could see Jazz there and then, so we didn't need to make an appointment for a future time/day, plus the vet was opposite the aire

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so we didn't need to move Bluebell to get Jazz there. Also the vet spoke very good English- I am capable of making an appointment in French and some basic conversation during the appointment itself, but obviously if the vet speaks English it does make the whole experience slightly more stress free. ☐

One other note for today- we've been very impressed with our Motorhome Wifi and Fon set up so far on this trip. It's the first time we've tried it in France, and I was curious as I had read some conflicting reviews of its performance in France. We've only dug it out 3 times, but every time we've found an SFR PUBLIC WIFI FON within range and therefore entered our FON login and hey presto, we're online! This has saved us some pennies (a-

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gain, don't mean to sound tight!) as usually we're forced (!!) to drink in bars after a couple of days just to check emails (being self employed, as much as we'd like to switch of for 10 days in reality we can't)

So there we have our day, money saving but soaking up the atmosphere none the less and having a really great time. Tomorrow we're continuing south or is it west?! towards the WW2 landing beaches.

If you've never travelled to Honfleur before, be it in a motorhome or not, we would seriously seriously recommend coming here. It's a beautiful place, and if you worked your ferry/tunnel crossings wisely, we think you could make it here on a long weekend trip

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easy peasy. It's 3.5 hours from Calais on the payage. What are you waiting for?



Until next time

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