

A Castle in the Making

Dear virtual visitors

Work on site has started again and the 15th season of construction is under way!

Last season you shared with us the excitement of bringing under load the cross-rib vault in the castle's great tower; over two years, we filmed each phase of this vault's construction and are proud to announce the release of the film, "The Vault".

Over the winter, Guédelon followers in North America may have seen our project featured in "Going Medieval" on H2 or the series "Battle Castle" on History Television Canada. Those of us in Europe will have to wait a little longer to see these programmes, but they are a sure sign of the growing worldwide interest in our castle in the making!

Aside from the continuing work on the castle itself, the coming season at Guédelon will see the beginning of paving tile production and the first mural paintings inside the castle; not forgetting firings of the tile kiln and iron ore smelting... We are most grateful for your continued support!

Maryline Martin

The Building Programme 2012

In the north range: in the great hall, **the fireplace hood and chimney stack** will be built. In the antechamber, the walls will be lime rendered and the **first mural paintings** will be applied. On the floor, the **first paving tiles** - made and fired on site - will be laid to form the finished floor.

On the great tower: the first-floor lord's chamber will be completed with the building of the **fireplace hood**.

Work will start on the next level: there will be a further chamber, a mural stair, a corridor and doorway. The walls of the octagonal chamber will be laid out and the room's main features built: two windows with window seats, a fireplace, a garderobe, an arrowloop and a second door which will eventually lead up to the wooden hoarding.



On the western corner tower: the **walls and three arrowloops** of the ground-floor guardroom will be built.

On the southern curtain wall: in a similar operation to that carried out in 2011, the left-hand section of the **curtain wall** will be built up to 1 metre-high.

On the eastern corner tower: a vaulted ceiling will be added to the ground-floor guardroom with the building of a **cupola**.

A barrel-vaulted ceiling will be built above the corridor leading to the guardroom.

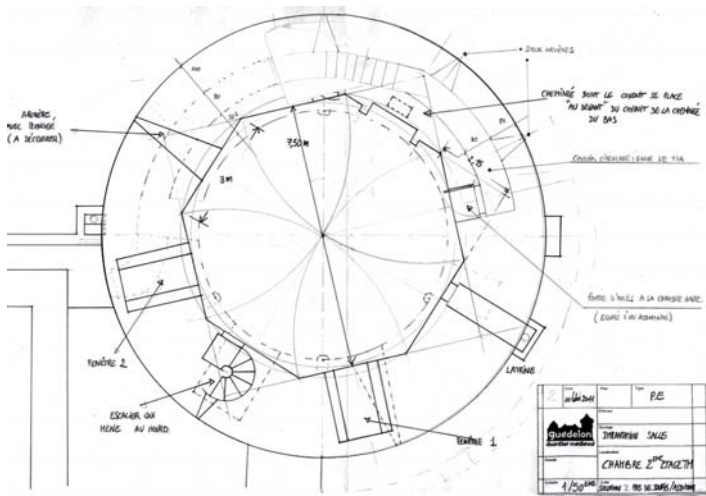
The eastern corner tower.
The 3 arrowloops are in place; work on the cupola begins in a few days.



The forge has been extended. Against a gable-end, a hipped roof has been constructed by the carpenters. This extension will make room for the arrival of a third blacksmith: Vincent.



Plan of the octagonal chamber situated on the great tower's second floor



In order to supply the masons on the tower with stones and mortar, the double-drummed treadmill winch will be mounted **9m** higher – a total of **18m** above the base of the dry ditch.

The carpenters are building a platform which will be partly fixed to the facing walls and partly overhang the tower.

The platform will be firmly anchored into the thickness of the walls by putlogs and will be operational right up until the installation of the floorboards of the final chamber on the floor above.



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DVD release: The Vault

Built during the site's 13th and 14th seasons, the construction secrets of the vault in Guédelon Castle's lord's chamber are revealed in this unique document.

This film approaches architecture from an entirely new angle and plunges, along with the craftsmen, into the magic of this fascinating and inspiring construction site.

“The removal of the centring sends shivers down one’s spine!”

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A Benoît Millot documentary film – Music by Renaud Garcia Fons
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UN FILM DE BENOÎT MILLOT



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