



a castle in the making...

Dear virtual visitors,

The castle-building season is in full swing and there is still plenty of time to come and meet Guédelon's craftsmen and women and learn more about their work.

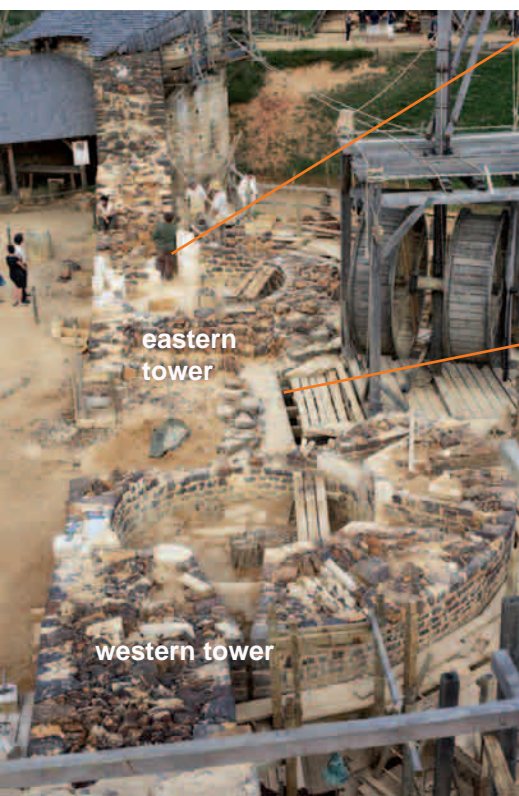
For our twentieth season, we have been looking back on the key moments in the construction; our chronicler has been on site regaling visitors with tales of the building of our first cross-rib vault, the dressing of the well's monolithic curbstone, revealing the mysteries of the quarry and recalling the high points which have made our construction site so unique. Thank you for your support and loyalty these past years, and fear not, we still have many stories to share with you!

Maryline Martin



southern view of Guédelon
17th August 2017

the gatehouse



eastern tower

western tower

Doorway with spiral staircase giving access to the 1st floor (US=2nd floor) of the tower.

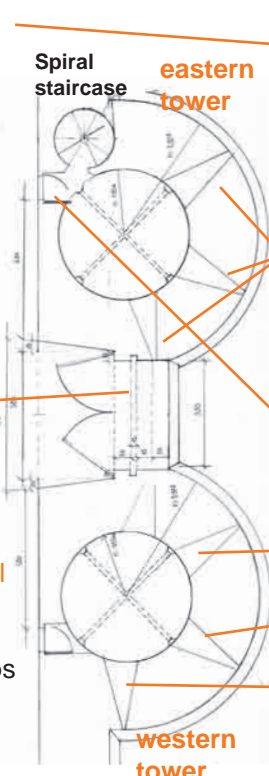
One of the door's jambs is now 1-m high. The first two steps of the spiral staircase have been fixed.

Main gate

The double-drummed treadwheel winch has been temporarily positioned between the two towers in order to keep the masons supplied with materials.

On the second tower, four arrow loops will be built in this chamber and a door will give access to the castle's courtyard.

Three of the four arrow loops have already been laid out. The inner walls are 1.8-m high.



Three flanking arrow loops will be built as soon as the inner walls have reached 1 m.

The masons have currently brought the inner walls to roughly 60 cm in height. They have already started building the jambs of the door giving access to the courtyard.



chapel tower roof timbers

The work of squaring up, making and assembling the numerous oak timbers which will form the roof timbers of the Chapel Tower is underway. These roof timbers are due to be transported and assembled on the tower's summit in the **spring of 2018**.



Chapel Tower
Illustration Jean-Benoît Héron



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1: curved wall plates 2: straight wall plate of the cut-off inner wall
3: roof timbers stocked in the workshop

pigeon-loft tower

The pigeon-loft on the 2nd floor of the western corner tower is under completion. Two doors will eventually be built, giving access to the western and southern curtain walls, making it possible to walk through the pigeon-loft. The inside of the chamber will be fitted out for the comfort of the pigeons, whilst a stone staircase will lead to a crenelated rooftop.

the guédelon mint presents the new denier

Since last season, in the castle courtyard, we have been demonstrating how coins were minted in the Middle Ages. This workshop is open every afternoon at Guédelon. Now that the technique has been fully mastered, we present a limited edition **denier de guédelon**, sold in a presentation case complete with numbered certificate and the explanatory booklet **guédelon frappe monnaie** (French only).

On sale from the site's gift shop or online guedelon.fr (price €25)



release of a new guédelon film

In the 21st century, there are still places where legends are written... this one takes place in deep in a forest in Burgundy, in Puisaye, in Guédelon Country.



We are proud to present this DVD will take you on a poetic journey around the workshops of the craftsmen and women who are building a castle from scratch.
Director/Photography: Antoine Pierlot
Writer/Narration: Yohann Mateo Albaladejo (Guédelon guide-miller)
Length: 52 mins
Language: French (English and German subtitles)
DVD ZONE 2 – Europe Price: €12

