

Saturday, May 8, 2010

## Ride Report from Loire Valley

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It has been a little cold since we arrived, as we hear it still is with you, but when we do see the sun it is warming. After trying other sites we have settled near Blois on a really pleasant and well-sorted site. Next door are a couple from Pontypool, my hometown in S Wales, and we have common acquaintances - small world! Today we rode to Amboise on the Loire-a-Velo cycle path. After a delightful ride through vineyards it brought us into the town away from all the traffic, and straight to the Chateau de Luce where Leonardo Da Vinci spent the last few years of his life. The Chateau and grounds are full of his inventions and ideas - what a clever chap and we did not know enough about him until today! Since we returned it has been steadily raining and the forecast is a bit grim, but we will hunker down to our books if we have to and struggle with the odd cup of tea and glass of wine. Yes, we have all the election news, as we listen to radio 4 on-line and even get home TV when I can find my compass to point the dish at the satellite. Trees are also blocking it on this site so it is either shade from the sun or TV. Life is all difficult compromises! We have yet to see Peter Bradley but he will no doubt turn up somewhere in France as he did last

year.

Martin

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Yvonne

