

## **Spotlight on Brittany Croc Tissue – Pontivy**

We came from a Parisians family of teachers, we are teachers ourselves, in the '70 searching for 'freedom'. We went to the 'midi' first for a new life style. In the '70's you could change jobs fairly easily and we started selling on the market, selling fabric, we did it for four years – '74 to '78, then we moved to Brittany.

We came to Brittany in partnership with a Parisian friend, we started a boat building yard. To begin with we only repaired boats then we started to design and build our own boats which we showed at the boat show at La Rochelle.

**Marilyn – So unfortunately it was a little ambitious and you returned to the markets in Brittany**

Yes, thank goodness the markets were there, as we had lost all the money we had.

**Marilyn – Is that the reason you came to Pontivy?**

It is a town where we can work, but we live between Baud and Auray in an old house in the Camors forest. In our heads we are still children of the 70's. An old farm, a fire in the chimney, cats and we even had a period of dogs.

**Marilyn – Now tell me about your shop. Why did you take it over, who are your clientele and perhaps a bit about you British customers?**

We didn't take it over we built in in 1988, I love fabric, very tactile, I always fine clients that have the same feelings that I do. In France there are a lot less people who sew and knit and I am really pleased to have a British clientele. I find that they like working with their hands, they are very creative and they make their own clothes and furnishing and curtains, and the knit.

**Marilyn – Now you have a large business and your daughter has just joined you. How many people do you employ?**

Four or five, not including ourselves

**Marilyn – That means you have a lot of paper work**

Yes, especially in France

**Marilyn – Thank you so much for speaking to us, I warmly recommend everyone to visit this Aladdin's cave. You can find it in the Industrial Zone of Pontivy.**

Croc Tissue – opposite Peugeot and La Foir Fouille and next to the Biscuiterie Joubard

