



Pleubian Seaweed Festival - Karine

Rob I'm in the tourist office of Pleubian speaking to Karine. Hello Karine

Karine Hello.

Rob Perhaps you could tell us a little bit about the festival?

Karine It's festival which is talking about weed, seaweed in all its forms, there are a lot of animations, a lot of things going on, there is a small market with artisanal... shops. I don't know whether you say it like that? With all products... which are made, of weed, some we see dir.. we see directly as weed, and others we don't imagine has weed in it, so there are things to eat or things to, to show or, sculptures and so on. There's also an exhibition with the painters, women who paint the, the seaside with weed or without weed, there are also um conferences; I don't know if you say talks, yes, also with the, the subject as weed and uh, there's also a lot of activities with music and uh songs and festnoz in the evening and are also um, ateliers we'd call them....

Rob Workshops.

Karine Workshops, shops you can learn how to cook, weed.

Rob Ah can you tell me why you think there's a festival here in Pleubian?

Karine It's in Pleubian be... because there are a lot of kinds of weed in the sea, there are more of, of eighty species, different species, I think it's even more I don't know them all, and there are a lot of enterprises which are working with weed, which are studying weed. There are a lot of chemists which are searching new formules, to create new cosmetics, and to find also other formules for food, so and others; also a lot of enterprises which are very busy with weed all year round, so it's important for this area. '

Rob And uh and what exactly is going on the coast today?

Karine On the coast they are constructing a 'drome'. Many years bef... before people were collecting weed on the seaside and when the tide was low, they went very far away and they brought the weed back with a 'drome', it was easier than to transport it on foot so

they constructed a 'drome' and when the tide came up, the sort of raft of weed came onto the seaside and when the tide was high we had to collect it.

Rob So it was a traditional way of collecting seaweed?

Karine It is a very traditional way and there are still a few people here who know how their fathers and grandfathers did it and they are transmitting it to the other people to make know-how they worked many years ago.

Rob OK, so we can go and see this being made this afternoon?

Karine Yes you can go and see how they make it this afternoon and this evening the raft will come to the sea, to the shore and you will see how it is made.

Rob Great and, um, this area is famous for its beauty. Can you tell me a little bit about the coastline here? What's special?

Karine The coastline is very special, it's very rocky, there are also a lot of reefs and there is also something very special, which is called Sillon de Talbert, that's a kind of, how you call it . . . ?

Rob A Spit.

Karine A spit of, I was looking for a word. A spit of sand and pebbles, there are a lot of pebbles, it's three kilometres long, I don't know how you call it in English with yards and so on, three kilometres long, so when you can walk on it, it is not very easy because its only stones. It takes two hours to go forward and back from one side to the other, it's a natural reserve also, there are a lot of birds which are coming in the winter to stay for the winter. At the moment they are nesting in the pebbles, so there's an area you can't walk on it, it's protected to avoid that people walk on the eggs. So it's a very, very nice place. It never gets underwater, only when there is a very big storm in winter, but people don't go on the Sillon de Talbert when the weather is like that, it's not risky.

Rob So, it's worth coming up here to see the sea on the Sillon de Talbert?

Karine Yes, it's very special and its very impressionating, because when you are on it, and you go down, it's at moments its eight metres high, you don't see the sea on the other side of the spit so it's like a big dyke, its enormous and its natural, so that's amazing.

Rob Thank you very much for all the information.

Karine You're welcome.

Rob Nice to talk to you, thank you.

