



Robert Rouen - Twinning in Loudéac

- Jon Right we are here in the house of Robert Rouen, thank you very much Robert for inviting us in. Now you are in charge of twinning aren't you for Loudéac, where is Loudéac actually twinned with?
- Robert Er Loudéac is with Büdingen a little town east of Frankfurt it's er 1050kilometres from er Loudéac.
- Jon Can I actually ask you about the process, who decides who you want to be twinned with somewhere in Germany, and how does the process actually work?
- Robert In 1975 student in Büdingen she was from er Loudéac and she lived for some times in Büdingen and er decided to twins
- Jon So it started out as a school initiative
- Robert Yes, yes
- Jon So in most years is there an exchange?
- Robert We organise every two years if possible
- Jon So could you tell us about one very successful consequence one very successful result of twinning
- Robert There are so many er events very important for the life of peoples of Loudéac but er for me the most emotive was the one when people from neighbours, neighbours of Büdingen and er some people of sud Finistère met in in Loudéac when a bus came in Loudéac for for a big celebration and these people from Büdingen came to meet this person Finistère because their parents during the Second World War met them in particular circumstances because French people, French father from these people worked in the farm er in Germany for the STO, Service de Travail Obligatoire
- Jon They were forced labourers in English....
- Robert Yes and yeah and when they met in Loudéac it was er a very special event...
- Jon Very emotional..

Robert Very emotional for everybody

Jon Robert thank you very much for talking to us, thank you