



## **Bon Repos Market - Christian Guerin**

- Rob Now I'm speaking to Christian Guerin, who is one of the organisers of the market at Bon Repos. For those listeners who don't know the market, what's so special about *Le Petit Marché de Bon Repos*?
- Christian The little market's a place where smallholders and artisans come together on Sunday mornings from ten o'clock to one o'clock, in a lovely setting in front of the old abbey. There are food producers as well as craftsmen and women, and these people make all they sell.
- Rob How long has there been a market at Bon Repos?
- Christian The market has been here since 1995, if my memory serves me correctly. It was started by four or five traders to begin with, and it's grown little by little ever since. We are now about 30 members of the association.
- Rob Do you have to be a member of the association to be at the market?
- Christian Yes, you have to be a member. Every stall-holder is a member.
- Rob Christian, what do you make? What do you sell?
- Christian I've been a stall-holder since 1994-1995, and I grow willow. I transform and sell all kinds of willow products from this home-grown willow.
- Rob The emptying of the lake is going to have a big effect on the whole area around Guerlédan. How is the market itself going to change?
- Christian In 2015, it is going to change a little bit, because with the emptying of the lake there are going to be traffic issues, particularly along the road in front of the market, which goes to the Forges des Salles. The prefecture has asked us to move, for safety reasons. We're staying put for the start of the season at the end of March, but we're going to move to the other side of the bridge, alongside the old trunk road from 15th of June to the 15th of September, all because of the draining of the lake.
- Rob And the market will be the same size or bigger or ...?
- Christian The market won't be a lot bigger, though we may be able to add one or two stalls. Last year, for example, we had a wood-turner whom we couldn't take on because we didn't have room. Once we move, we'll have more space, so

we're offering him a site on the other side. But generally, the market will be about the same size.

Rob Thank you very much, Christian, and we hope to see you down at the market during the summer. Thank you.

Christian Merci!