



Cathy's activities in Laniscat

Lorna Hello. Today we are in Laniscat with Cathy Quendeff. We've heard some wonderful things about Cathy and so today we've just come to talk with her about them. So, hello Cathy.

Cathy Hello.

Lorna Have you always lived in Laniscat?

Cathy No I've been here for 8 years, but we came here because my parents-in-law live here. That's why.

Lorna And where were you before?

Cathy Er..do you know Guingamp?

Lorna Yes.

Cathy It was in a small village near Guingamp.

Lorna And we're sitting in a beautiful library,

Cathy Yes, yes

Lorna And it looks very new.

Cathy It's new, only one year old.

Lorna And do you know anything about the library?

Cathy Yes, because er I am responsible for the library, we are er ten volunteers and it's open twice a week.

Lorna And do you have many people that come and borrow books.

Cathy Not as any people as I would like to but that's so, we're happy with that.

Lorna And so may be after this programme some people will come and borrow your books?

Cathy I hope so, I hope so.

Lorna And we've also heard that you are doing some wonderful things to help the Britanniques who live in Laniscat. Can you tell us about that?

Cathy Yes, there are many, many people who come from Britain here, Laniscat, and, erm, as I like your language, I like your culture, I like English people so I decided to give French lessons to those who want to improve their French.

Lorna And do you have many people who come?

Cathy Yes, 19 people.

Lorna And do they come every week?

Cathy Yes, as long as they are not..(?)in Brittany because you travel a lot.

Lorna Yeah we do, yes we do, and do they come to your home?

Cathy No, erm, I've been retired for some years and at the beginning I gave lessons in my home, but it was one to one lessons and it was too much work so, I decided to stop after 3 or 4 years and now I prefer to give group lessons, which is easier for me and I have two groups, some of them are speak fluent French, but they still want to improve and the, the other group they, they can speak French but they are not as good as the others.

Lorna So they come twice a week?

Cathy Once, once on uh Monday afternoons.

Lorna And is this open to anyone, or just the people who live in Laniscat?

Cathy Er, first I said, er, that will be only for people who live in Laniscat but I wanted to, to have my previous students who come from everywhere and now we have people from Plussulien, Lower Corlay....

Lorna And the most important thing is, are they making progress?

Cathy I think so, I hope so.

Lorna Are they more confident now to go out....?

Cathy Yes, yes and that's the most important thing, they are more confident.

Lorna I think it is, it's about being confident .

Cathy Yes, of course, yes.

Lorna And trying.

Cathy Uh huh, uh huh

Lorna And I've also heard you do other things?

Cathy Er yes.

Lorna I've heard the word Exposition?

Cathy Uh huh.

Lorna Along with your name, so can you tell us about your exposition?

Cathy Yes, I'm in the village council and I want to have many things proposed to the people who live here so I suggested to the mayor that we could have exhibitions in the town hall and er we've had er exhibitions about crafts, do you say crafts?

Lorna Crafts, yes.

Cathy Paintings, erm quilts, I don't know the English word, sorry.

Lorna That's right, that's right, Quilting yes

Cathy Quilting yes, and we've had an exhibition on costumes you know the, the Son et Lumiere in Bon Repos so I ask the, the people to give us some costumes and they were there for 2 weeks I think, yes, we also had a lady who wrote a book about the war, er the Second er World War who came here to present her book.

Lorna So the next exhibition, when is it?

Cathy I don't know, I think it will be in October, but it is not really, er, precise, that will be about crafts, once more.

Lorna And how is it organised?

Cathy I ask people who are good at that to give us, er, what they, they have done.

Lorna And do you work with the French er villagers and the Britanniques?

Cathy Yes, yes.

Lorna Together?

Cathy Together, yes, and we, we have, I think we have more British people because er you are more gifted than us.

Lorna Oh no!

Cathy Yes you are, yes you are, sure

Lorna Perhaps we have more time?

Cathy Maybe, yes, but I think when you were at school you were more, erm, prepared to that, than in France. In France we are not good at that.

Lorna And what sort of crafts will you.. do you think that you will have, do you have paintings?

Cathy Paintings, yes broidery.....

Lorna 'Embroidery'.

Cathy Embroidery, yes.

Lorna And have you done other things with the council?

Cathy I suggested that we could have a 'music feast' and so we had one this year. It was great. At first the weather was fine so it was good, we were outside and we had, erm, Breton musicians, we had, er, English musicians, er rock groups. We had singers, the choir, do you know the choir in St. Mayeux - British and French, more British than French. It was really great, really, uh huh

Lorna It sounds to me as though you're very interested in integration?

Cathy Yes, I am, yes, really. Uh huh

Lorna Why is this?

Cathy I think that if I lived in a, in a foreign country I would like to integrated so I can imagine that it's the same for you.

Lorna It is, but it isn't always easy, particularly if you don't speak the language.

Cathy Of course, of course, and I think that when you arrive in France and you are old, it's difficult to learn the language so you, you need help.

Lorna But we have found the Bretons here are very welcoming

Cathy Yes great, I am happy to hear that.

