



The campsite at Pabu – Jonathan

Jon: So I am with Jonathan and Maggie Lowe here at their campsite near Guingamp. Jon, first of all (geese sounds) well, that question has been answered for us very nicely. How long has your campsite been going now?

Jonathan: Well, it was a municipal campsite formed in the late 70s but it didn't really work that well, it was only frequented by French people and they put it up on the market about six years ago and we bought it about five and a half years ago so, um it's been a work in progress for the last five and a half years.

Jon: Well, you've told me a little bit earlier that you are an academic, you did some research in fish, something to do with fishes?

Jonathan: Yeah, I mean I try to be an academic. I did a Ph.D on freshwater fish on the Arctic Char, there's not many of them around here, did that in Ireland, and unfortunately with the recession all the work dried up so we left and went and lived in France, and tried to find work over here as well.

Jon: So you didn't actually publish that thesis?

Jonathan: Oh, I did publish it. Yes. I did publish it.

Jon: I look forward to reading it.

Jonathan: Ha, if you need help sleeping then, but um....

Jon: So, I was going to say then that you were academic and now you've got blue overalls on and you're doing the plumbing and building.

Jonathan: Exactly. So I, I think I was always more of an outdoorsy sort of hands-on person so I am much more at ease I think working outside with my hands and with a campsite there is always a huge diversity of things to do.

Jon: So what is your major project at the moment?

Jonathan: Well, building our house. I know we have been here for five years, we haven't got around to the house yet so the campsite has been a priority and we'll do it after.

