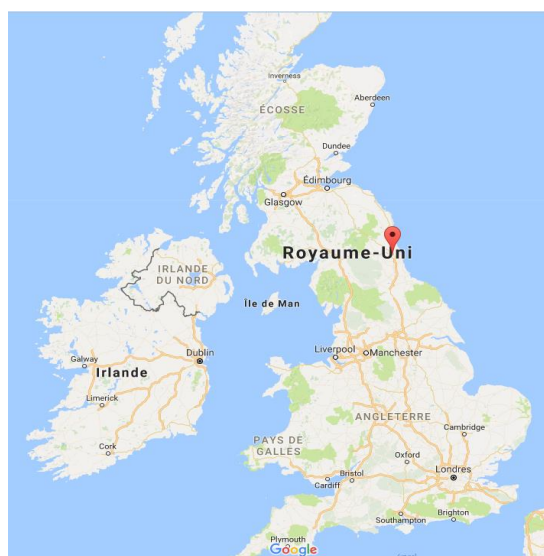


Exchange Project

Last Friday, Théo, Marian and I talked with two native speakers for the first time. Their names are Janice and Diane.

Identity:

First, they come from England, more precisely from Nottingham for Diane and Newcastle for Janice. Today, they live in France because they love this country and they wanted to leave England when they used stopped. So, they are retired. The new place of I is Alloue for Janice and Diane lives in Ambernac. Before, coming in France, they were two persons who worked in the medical. Janice was a nurse and after a midwife and Diane was a nurse too and a nurse only for children at the end. During their life, Janice didn't have any children but Diane has one son called Ashleigh and one daughter called Sally.



Nottingham (Diane)

NewCastle (Janice)

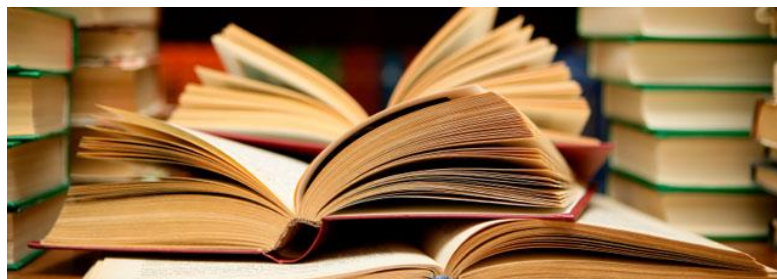
Activities:

When they arrived in France, they had to and wanted talk French in order to have an easier. They said “ It was difficult but some French people are sociable and helped us.” Now, they have a way of life very different from England. They have travelled all over France like the Pyrenees, Carcassonne, Bordeaux, Vendée, Normandy... However, their favorite destination is Dordogne more precisely Brantôme.



Brantôme

Finally, Janice and Diane have some hobbies. Indeed every week they go swimming in Ruffec or Chasseneuil. Diane likes her garden, yoga and cooking. Janice love reading French books like Christian Signol and riding her bike. Also, she is the treasurer of an association in Alloue called "Pause culturelle".



Country of origin :

The reasons for leaving their country is that the French people are more polite, the food is good, there is less crime in France, the weather is better and the country is

bigger in France than in the U.K. . They prefer France more generally because the French have a different way of life.

They return to their native country a few times per year, about 4 times. They travel by plane because it is not expensive, even their family and friends come and do not want to leave. What they miss most is their families and friends but they communicate by internet such as skype or phone or by letters.



Integration :

First, they said that the French are welcoming because everybody says hello. They added that our generation was very polite especially compared to U.K. teens where people look straight ahead.

Otherwise, it's not difficult to find a job in France because they are retired.

Furthermore, there is no real barrier with French because they want and need to speak French.

Secondly, the cost of living is widely expensive in the U.K. when we add everything.



France:

Diane and Janice settled here, in France, 5 and 3 years ago respectively, and live in the countryside, more precisely in Ambernac and Alloue. It was very easy to find a house, they both bought the first house they visited, and for Diane, she had already bought her house where she was going on vacations, so she didn't even have to search. They chose France because they were going in vacation here every time they could and they find this country very calm. They chose the Charente because it was the first place they visited, because people here were very friendly and polite, and because "the wine and the food are good". They really like the security here : chances to have your house broken inside are really low. They don't intend at all to go back to Britain, and don't regret their decision, because the way of life here is way better than in Britain.

