

Newsletter

A French's Love story of internship in Church Farm

As second year students in an engineering school and wanting to specialize in the food-processing industry, we did not have any hands-on experience in that business. This internship was the opportunity to outline our future domain of specialization, together with practicing English on a daily basis. We came for two months, without apprehension but with the only hope that the English weather would not live up to its reputation. And we were not disappointed.

Church Farm was not just a work experience, but a lifetime's one. Living everyday with interns from all around Europe, sharing our dishwashing duties, our meals and our points of view was not always easy but like most difficulties in life, you can choose to give up or face them and learn much more from it. Church Farm was also our school of life, where we learned adaptation and open-mindedness when confronted to other cultures, where we learned coverage when we had to cook our own meals (*without getting ill!*) and wash our clothes (*without shrinking them!*) and most of all where we dealt with the pleasure of a well-done job, for example when we saw the small shoots we planted growing up to the tunnel's ceiling.

By a lifetime's experience we mean that it brought us something more than the work which was entrusted to us as much as the people with whom we worked with. It will not only remain as a period in our life but as a turning point to which we shall refer to when in doubt.

People say that « Experiment consists in intensity, not in duration » and it is quite our end of this internship's feeling. It is its cultural intensity which opened our eyes on numerous aspects. We had ups and downs, we were sometimes bored, we often missed

our comfort of city dweller, but on top of all we especially met great friends with whom we shared loads of laughs before mourning their departure. We believe that what we share with people, just as well as work experience, becomes part of us and so truly that when they leave, they take a piece of ourselves with them. Little by little, we grew like a « patchwork » sewed together from all those encounters. Because of the engineer course we have chosen, a diversified background is required, and we know our internship at Church Farm will be the kind of experience we will always be proud to refer to.



Adrien & Laureen, French Caravan, Summer 2014.