

Dear Second Day People,

I have had a good look through your expectation slips and they fall roughly into these groups:

- 9 are separate, individual needs (eg internet wishes)
- 4 state that their authors really want to meet other folk in some depth
- 9 speaking of wanting to pick up or learn more teaching techniques
- 12 state their need to improve their oral-aural skills
- 6 speak about the need to improve their skills in all four main language areas.

For me yesterday was a rich day and I enjoyed each part of it. Let me see what floats back in to consciousness (for me, of course- what comes back to you will be very different)
I can see U's change of colour as she spoke about the book her Mum forced on her to read on the trip her.

I remember the quiet way in which Ascen spoke about the way the Romans passed through the Basque country, and then went on, leaving the Basques in peace.
I remember wondering which part of the way A lilt in English comes from Greenlandic and which is actually a sort of Scandinavian tune. It is so light and beautiful and some native varieties of English also lilt, eg Welsh English with its strong singsong feeling.

There were hundreds of other moments in my consciousness, and who knows how many way below the level of awareness.

As you finish reading this letter can I ask you to turn to two neighbours and let moments from yesterday float back before your eyes and through your ears.

Warmly yours,


Mario