

## The MAYOR'S SPEECH : 2012, November 11th



“Today, the commemoration of the armistice, on November 11th is to remind all of us, and above all, the younger ones, of the absolute horror of war.

In fact, in a war, there are only losers.

Let us all be aware of the fragility of our society : we are never safe from the possible return of barbarity. Nowadays it often takes the form of racism, the exclusion and rejection of others under the pretext that they are different from us.

Every day in the news we are reminded, often by tragic images, of the many conflicts and wars that still resonate around our planet.

Each one of us, in our homes, in our families, in our workplace and in our village, can work for peace, by an attitude of respect, caring, sharing and solidarity.

Thank you for your presence here today.

We are always very happy to meet you and share with you a moment of conviviality which allows us to better understand each other and to build and strengthen our friendship.

We wanted also to acknowledge our British friends who have integrated so well our village, which is demonstrated all year round.”

*Je suis sûre que je parle pour tous les étrangers de notre village quand je dis que l'intégration a été chose facile pour nous grâce à la chaleur et l'amitié de nos voisins et amis.*

*Nous avons de la chance de nous être installés à FLORESSAS (Sandra Boden)*

