

Visit of FF Koriyama,  
SATURDAY 19th May  
2001



TRURO STATION

Here we are, banners and  
name tags at the ready, just  
a few minutes away from  
meeting our guests from  
Koriyama



Hooray, the train was  
almost on time and  
they're here at last.



After months of emails, Mutsuko (Kathy) and Gavin,, our Exchange Directors for this trip - finally get to greet each other in person

Sunday 20th May 2001



WELCOME PARTY

It didn't take us long to start to get to know our guests.



A glass or two of wine and we were all starting to relax



Our guests sang us a beautiful song of welcome in Japanese



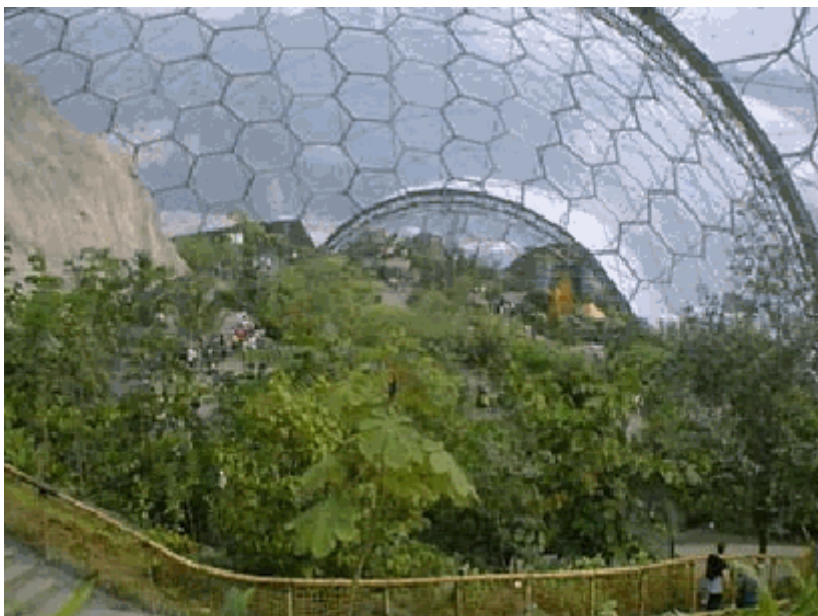
A traditional Bandai dance

MONDAY 21st MAY



On Monday morning we all went into Truro to meet the Mayor.

Afterwards, we had a picnic in Tony & Judy's garden



In the afternoon, a visit to the Eden project was arranged.

This is the tropical biome' (very big and very warm)

TUESDAY 22nd May



Today was the day of the 'grand tour' of South West Cornwall. We stopped briefly at St Michaels Mount and Mousehole. Then on to the Minac theatre for lunch.



A brief stop at Lands End for a photograph. The sign may tell us that Koriyama is over 6000 miles away, but the friendships forged this week will make that distance seem small.



Finally on to St Ives for a surprise rendezvous at the Tate Gallery with old friends from F F Devon who had come down for the day.

Wednesday

And so we came to the final full day of the exchange.

The farewell party at Feock Church Hall was a joyous occasion, but tinged with a little sadness at the knowledge that we would be saying goodbye to our new friends in the morning.

Lady Mary Holboro, our club Patron, was the guest of honour and she spoke in praise of the ideas and aspirations of the Friendship Force.

All of the hosts and guests paid tribute to the outstanding work done by Gavin and Maggie Adams, (the U.K. Exchange Directors) and Mutsuko Suzuki, the Koriyama Exchange Director for this trip. Everyone agreed that the exchange was a massive success, but we still couldn't work out how they had managed to arrange the perfect weather during the week!

Entertainment, in the very best English tradition was performed by our friends, The Carn Bray Morris Men', who delighted and amused all present with their dances.

The evening ended with songs and a bi-lingual rendering of Auld Lang Syne.



Delegate Yumi Kimura was a star when the Morris men persuaded her to join in and dance with them.

We wish our new friends every happiness in their stay in London for the next two nights and a good journey home to Koriyama. We will miss them all, but the memories of their visit will stay with us for a long time.