



Among the dry remains of last year....



...there are a few signs
of spring





We siezed on a break in the weather
and went for a walk around the
nearby village of Fraiture







Looking at the rolling countryside, you wouldn't know there was a river between us and the next village



This is a typical example of the countryside - rolling plateaux cut by steep river valleys



Humans continue the work of the river,
eating away the cliffs



A cave was discovered at the quarry with signs of habitation by Homo erectus 500,000 years ago. The dig uncovered thousands of fossils and worked stones.



Like all small villages,
a memorial to the
brave dead, this one
to two young men,
who died for their
country and their
ideals, one "taken
prisoner here and
murdered in
Raborive"



ICI EST
TOMBE EN COMBAT
GILLES ALPHONSE
D'AYWAILLE
MAQUISARD DE L.A.L.
9-5-1923
9-9-1944

And this to a Resistance
fighter of the Army of Liège,
fallen in combat



One of the ubiquitous shrines to the Virgin of Banneux



We think this street name is in the Walloon dialect- in French it would be À Vieux Tilleul: To the Old Linden



And a great old tree it was, although clearly in decline. The path beside was described as "an ancient way" to the next village

Now that's a shrine for me!