

NEWSLETTER



THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bill Marriott, Veterinarian Extraordinary, 1933 - 2006

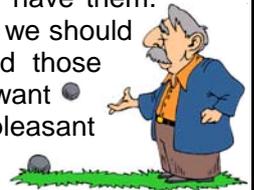
Bill's style was infectious --and you were soon hooked. He was always interested in what others did. His love of music was deep and he regretted not having pursued his studies in music and in languages. His love of jazz, too, was wide. His need for answers was insatiable. If one asked : "Has anyone seen Bill?" He would be found seeking out the evening's speaker or asking taxing questions of an *entirely* new acquaintance. He was interested in everything. Active in Twinning we spent much time in France and Germany and there are memorable, often crazy, occasions to recall. Once, heading for Hürth, we found ourselves nearly in Düsseldorf - for poor Bill couldn't read the signposts in the heavy rain! At the start at Coltishall of a weekend's sailing we discovered (only from wet clothes hanging from the rail) that he had fallen in from the mooring. He never mentioned it! But his interest in others made him loved so much. He was my best friend!

Barrie Nutt

Next Event: 3rd Annual Pique-Nique et Petanque, Riversdale, Saturday 13th May

Midday start. Bring your own food and drink, and boules if you have them. There will be plenty to share, if you don't. If you haven't been before, we should warn you that we do more 'pique-niqueing' than 'petanquing' and those matches that are played, are very relaxed games. Even if you don't want to play, it's an enjoyable way to spend the afternoon, in pleasant surroundings.

£2 per head (£3 non-members).



THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME

16th-18th June – Hurth Twinning Jubilee

90 years of Twinning (40 years Hurth-Spijkenisse; 40 years Hurth-Thetford, 10 years Hurth-Skawina. Please let Barrie know if you would like to go, before arranging your transport, as accommodation is limited.

Sunday 16th July – Annual Summer Lunch, Mackenzie Road More details soon.

11th to 16th August – Polish Visitors Host families needed for this visit, which happens during a busy week for the town in terms of

events. We hope to have our annual barbecue that weekend, so there is plenty to keep guests occupied. See below for more information.

First weekend in September – Trip to Lille To include the Braderie; a huge open air collectors' market and festival.

A November weekend in Spijkenisse Likely to be either the weekend of the 18th and 19th November, or the 25th & 26th November, including a concert by the popular Dutch Sixties band, The Timebenders.

UPDATE ON POLISH VISIT IN AUGUST

Of the 15 visitors known to be coming in August, we have secured beds for five, 3 with Barrie and Sheila and 2 with Alison and Ray. Christine and John hope they will also host. We hope that other members will come forward soon to host the remaining visitors. As we said in the last newsletter we need help also in transporting guests to and from Stansted airport and on trips, even if you can't put people up yourself. Or perhaps you could entertain guests for a half day or so.

The draft programme is as follows: (*it may change*). **Friday** about 8 am Arrive at Stansted and transport to guest accommodation. Rest and relaxation if necessary. **Saturday** am Tour of town centre; 7.30 pm Annual Barbeque – to be arranged. **Sunday** am Catholic Church service, officiated by Father M George and Father Lukowicz from Skawina; pm Concert in Kings House Garden. **Monday** Trip to Cambridge or Norwich. Subject to weather, North Norfolk coast and Lunch. **Tuesday** Norwich or Cambridge, Broads? **Wednesday** AM departure for Stansted.



In case you hadn't already heard on the grapevine (and despite the date, it wasn't an April Fool's joke!) after 20 years together, Twinning Association members Janet Fuller and Brian Gibbons got married on 1st April.