

NEWSLETTER



THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Next Event: 16th & 19th June – Hurth Twinning Jubilee

Our twin town of Hürth will be celebrating ‘90 years of **Twinning**’ - 40 years of Hürth with Spijkenisse; 40 years of Hürth with Thetford and 10 years of Hürth with Skawina. There may still be the chance of places if you wish to go, but please let Barrie know as soon as possible, and before arranging your transport, as accommodation is limited.



THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME

11th to 16th August – Polish Visitors Host families have been found but additional support is still needed for this five day visit. It happens during a busy week for the town with lots of events, including dragon boat racing, family activities and concerts. We hope to have our annual barbecue that weekend, so there will be plenty to keep guests occupied. If you can help to transport guests on trips or take part in activities it would be very helpful.

First weekend in September – Trip to Lille To include the Braderie; a huge open air collectors’ market and festival. Several people are already planning to go. For more information, please contact Catherine Dubois Goodall.

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

DRIVERS ON THE CONTINENT, PLEASE NOTE:

You may be aware that in some countries it is now compulsory for anyone who has to leave a vehicle on a motorway at night to wear reflective high-visibility clothing. Italy and Spain introduced this law in 2004 and Portugal and Austria have followed suit. Other countries are expected to do the same. (*Reflective waistcoats can be bought on Bury (Wednesday) market for £2 and they are also available in Roys for £4*). Other mandatory items in many countries include: first aid kit, reflective warning triangle, spare fuses and light bulbs and fire extinguisher. Additionally, the French government is continuing its campaign to cut the number of



road accidents, and are concentrating on drink-driving, speeding and failure to wear seatbelts. Alcohol checks are often situated at tollbooths and early afternoon controls to catch lunchtime drinkers are widespread. During our visit to Les Ulis at the end of April we passed a police check point and our host explained that they were checking whether seatbelts were being worn and pulling cars in for checks.

Please take extra care when driving