

WATA BOUTIT

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WATERLOOVILLE



HENSTEDT-ULZBURG

GREEK EVENING

As the summer holidays approach, well if not for all of you it is for me, I must get this newsletter out to bring you up to date with events. Our next event will be a Greek Evening at Dick and Lesley's (8 Topaz Grove, Waterlooville) from 7.30pm on Saturday 27th September. Hopefully this will be another culinary delight and match the other countries we have visited. Tickets are priced at £10 each and can be booked with Colin. Please let me know by 15th September how many tickets you would like. If you can not attend could you e-mail me so that we do not chase you up—thanks. As always, raffle prizes appreciated

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We have now gone international with our newsletter. If you visit the Maurepas Jumelage web site you can now find back copies. Many thanks to Dominique Dantant for arranging this. The web address is

[Http://jumelage.maurepas.free.fr/](http://jumelage.maurepas.free.fr/)

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SUMMER BARBECUE



Were you there? If not, you missed an excellent evening. The weather looked a bit foreboding but we managed to eat outside and only had to move indoors towards the end of the

THE LAID BACK TABLE!

evening. Many thanks to Jack who gave up his afternoon (he couldn't attend in the evening) to cook

the meat for us. This year we decided to have a change from our normal lamb and went for pork instead. This was absolutely delicious and cooked to perfection. Thanks also go to Glynnis, Lorraine and John for preparing and buying the food and drink. A very special thank you must also go to Pete and Helen for their cooking and for yet again



WHAT WAS THE JOKE JUNE?

VISIT TO HENSTEDT-ULZBURG TO SIGN THE TWINNING CHARTER

At the end of May seven members of WATA flew to Hamburg to witness the formal twinning of WATA with the German town of Henstedt-Ulzberg.

We were joined by a party of the twinning committee from Maurepas and representatives of the Mayor, all there to support our Twinning.



The ceremony started at 4pm with a church service conducted in English, German, and French. We then moved to the town hall where in the presence of the councillors, members of the twinning association, and a large number of the press, the twinning

charter was signed. Joachim Sume, the leader of the council, explained how important it was for them to make friends and build relationships with the UK, in the same way they have with Maurepas.

There was a decided party atmosphere at the BBQ which followed, not to mention a plentiful supply of sausages.

There is huge enthusiasm for the twinning in HU and during the visit we made many new friends. We even have 2 churches who would like to make friends with Waterlooville.

After 2 days in HU we





travelled by coach to Usedom, on the Baltic coast very near the Polish border. Here we met with HU's other twin, and their Polish partners. A very different place, but the welcome was just as warm.

We saw the rich and poor, old and young of Europe and all 4 nations celebrated Europe Day together . It is amazing where twinning can take you.

We are hoping to hold our formal twinning ceremony later this year, around 10-12 October, subject to the Civic Offices being amenable and our HU friends having the date free.

This should be an exciting event and I would urge all members to promote our new link with their friends and join in. HU is a very pleasant place and its residents are warm and friendly.

Have a great summer

Glynnis

PS please keep 9-12th October 2008 free in your diaries