

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands



HM Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands lived in England during the War, and headed the Dutch Government in exile.

Queen Wilhelmina was one of the people with a pivotal role in the Bath – Alkmaar twinning story: first, she was appealed to by Jimmie Wills and Eli Prins for permission to focus Bath’s fund-raising efforts just on Alkmaar; and it was during celebrations in Alkmaar to mark her birthday, on August 31 1945, that visiting Bathonians saw for themselves the desperate condition of many of the children of the Dutch city.