

Britain and the EU – Martyn Bond June 2016



The impending referendum on Britain's relationship with the EU prompted us to invite an international speaker: Martyn Bond, John's brother-in-law. Martyn was in Berlin witnessing the dramatic events and atmosphere that engulfed the two Germanys with the fall of the Berlin Wall. It was fitting that this former Berlin correspondent for the BBC could join the celebrations, for as a student in West Germany in the 1960s he had witnessed the sadness after the Wall was first built.

Martyn has subsequently worked for the European Commission and is the author of books on the re-unification of Germany as well as the 20th century history of Europe.

He gave us a very good synopsis of the historical changes that have taken place within Europe over the last century, and although he did not talk about the implications of Britain leaving the EU, he helped to clarify the whole European story.