

# Frank Quinlan, UK

## Visiting the Mallee Classic



Frank & Christine



Barry & Frank



Barry & Duncan



Barry, Duncan & Christine

A Great night was had at the Hard Rock Café.



Lorraine, Christine, Frank & Barry at the Queen Victoria Markets Melbourne



At the Sanctuary in Ballarat, meeting the local wildlife



Frank feeling the cold in Ballarat



## THAI PIGEON FANCIER VISITS YORKSHIRE

**O**n Sunday 5 November a pigeon fancier and Harley-Davidson biker from Thailand travelled up from London to visit my pigeon lofts.

His name is Krisanon Buntham, nickname Dao (pronounced down), he is the Director of marketing for a hotel chain in Thailand.

He had travelled to various parts of Europe on behalf of his company and had taken a day out to travel from his London Hotel to visit us at Hollathorpe Lofts, Swillington – this was his first time in England.

After looking at the breeder, young birds and the Belgium young bird darkness loft, he inspected the widow hood cocks and the 70 individual breeding pens I have.

He then asked me if he could have a look at my Harley-Davidson "Road King" motorbike.

After a 3 hour visit looking at photographs, talking about pigeons and my local Harley-Davidson Chapter – Aire Valley UK, he asked how many pigeons he could buy from me.

I explained to him that the pigeons that I had at this time were for a forthcoming sale on the internet via my new "World of Pigeons" Auction website [www.worldofpigeons.com](http://www.worldofpigeons.com), which was something I needed to try out, so sorry none at the moment, I told him he could bid for the pigeons on the website when it becomes live.

I informed Dao that I would look to possibly breeding him some young birds later on in the 2007 season, but I would first look into what's involved with the transportation and veterinary requirements for Thailand.

After giving Dao 2 DVD's on eyesign and the darkness system, diet food samples together with some ideas and Trico products, Eddy Wright's Harley-Davidson memorabilia (Our Chapter



sponsors) we took him down to the local Swillington Social Club, where the local village people were very friendly towards him and spoke with him at great length. One of whom is a very keen kickboxing enthusiast, who is seen to be fighting in Thailand, this was also a sport very close to Dao's heart and a sport that his family are heavily involved with.

Whilst meeting the rest of my family at the Swillington Social Club, Dao had a couple of pints of our lager, then set about playing darts with the locals and had a couple of games of snooker with local champions Andy Smith and friends.

I must applaud the Swillington villagers who could not have been any kinder, to who was a complete stranger to them, he was so grateful continually putting his hands together and bowing to the people.

It was now time for Dao to leave (a tug to get him moving) to catch the last 8.15pm train to Kings Cross, Andy Smith insisted on driving Dao to the station so he could keep on chatting with him.

All in all, Dao had a very good day out and was overwhelmed by the hospitality and friendship shown to him by the Swillington villagers.

**Frank Quinlan**

