



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the Spring 2018 issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue of the Newsletter in December the following town twinning activities have taken place:

Mayor's Civic Dinner Dance

This event on the invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress of Crawley, Cllr Brian and Mrs Sue Quinn was held on Saturday 27th January 2018 at the Hawth Theatre. 26 people from CTTA attended the Civic Dinner which was a really good success and enjoyed by all. Some photos from the dinner are shown inside this issue.

Future CTTA activities

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter the Main Group Visit (MGV) this year will be to Dorsten between 18th to 26th August 2018. I have been advised that on this year visit the coach is almost fully booked with new and old members including some younger family members as well.

Dogs in Hove

In the last December Newsletter it was suggested that Tom Leahy will organise Brighton and Hove Stadium dog racing as a social event sometime this year. The date is now proposed as Wednesday 30th May 2018. Due to the urgency of booking the Premier coach in time, an information sheet had already been circulated via email and is also included in this issue.

Twinkling Thames Evening Cruise

Iain Millar is organising a mini evening cruise on the Thames with Waverly Paddle Steamer sailing from London Bridge. The trip will be on Saturday 6th October 2018. Similarly as with Tom Leahy's Dogs in Hove trip a circular email was sent in advance to all members via email and is also included in this newsletter for information.

Dual Committee Meeting (DCM)

The next DCM will be in Crawley between 28/9 to 1/10/2018, where both Crawley and Dorsten Committee will discuss the 2018 activities and the 2019 Main Group Visit to Crawley.

Wishing you all Happy Easter

Peter Klin

PR officer and Newsletter Editor

On Behalf of CTTA



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Mayor's Civic Dinner Dance 27th January 2018 Photos





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RH10 Uncovered Article 2018

CRAWLEY GROUP TO VISIT GERMANY

The Crawley Town Twinning Association are organizing a group visit to Germany in August 2018 and new members are invited to join in.

The CTTA was founded in 1973 to arrange social and cultural links with Crawley's twin town of Dorsten in Germany. Situated between Düsseldorf and Münster, Dorsten is an attractive town on the river Lippe and like Crawley is made up of a group of historical villages. Its origins date back to Roman times and it retains some remains of the old town wall.

It is very easy these days to visit other countries and enjoy the scenery but as a tourist it is difficult to get to know the people on a personal level or really experience their culture. Visiting a town or an area with a local guide and living within the community enables you to appreciate the country in much greater depth and helps to promote international understanding. When staying with people in their own homes, visiting local places of interest, joining in leisure activities or just going to the pub together you see that there are more similarities than differences between the peoples of different countries and many close and lasting friendships have been formed over the years.

This year, from the 18th – 26th August the group will travel by coach from Crawley to Dorsten to stay with German families and as a group will visit interesting places in the area as arranged by the Dorsten committee. Those travelling with the group cover the cost of the coach hire and the local trips in Germany. Accommodation is provided by German families and the following year the Crawley group reciprocates by hosting visitors from Germany in their own homes while we arrange excursions for them in our local area.

Most of our German friends speak excellent English so it is not necessary to speak German although opportunities can and do arise if you speak a little German and wish to practice it. The visit is open to single people, couples and families. Children of all ages are particularly welcome when accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

In addition to these group visits the CTTA arranges exchanges between sports groups, scouts, choirs and bands and welcomes proposals from any club or group that wishes to set up a link with an equivalent group in Dorsten.

For more information about joining the CTTA please contact membership secretary Michael James on 01293 532 699.





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Social Event – Dogs in Hove

The CTTA is organising a dog racing afternoon trip to the Brighton and Hove Stadium. The Dog Racing will be on Wednesday 30th May 2018. The Premier Transport coach would pick us up at 11:40 am from the garage or the middle of town - by the Mall at 11:55 am and bring us back to Crawley around 7pm. The trip cost is £20 which includes the coach transport, 3 course lunch and a race card. Those interested in this event please email Tom Leahy as soon as possible (not later than 29th March), the tight deadline is due to the popularity of this event. Once Tom will know the total number of people interested a booking with Premier Transport needs to be made and paid for. Once we have the definite booking confirmed I will issue a final instruction confirming the exact picking point and other relevant details

Peter Klin
On behalf of CTTA

In the first instance please confirm interest by email to the trip organizer Tom Leahy, email : leahytj@blueyonder.co.uk
(cc to Peter Klin – peterklin@gmail.com)

Social Event Proposal

"TWINKLING THAMES" EVENING CRUISE

Saturday 6th October 2018



Explore the River Thames and watch as London's Tower Bridge opens especially for you!

WAVERLEY is the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world. Magnificently restored with towering funnels, timber decks, gleaming varnish and brass. See and hear the mighty engines – they will provide a whiff of nostalgia for some but are sure to impress all!

The cruise departs Gravesend at 19.30 and sails up the river past the illuminated Thames barrier and the Dome through Tower Bridge to Tower Pier where we disembark at 21.30.

Sunset is at 7 pm and the timing is chosen so that we see the LASER light marking the Greenwich meridian and the illuminated buildings and finally experience the magic of seeing Tower Bridge open as we pass through it.

As we embark and disembark at different places it is proposed to hire a coach to pick us up in Crawley (+ maybe Burgess Hill and East Grinstead if we are sharing a coach) and collect us again at Tower pier for the journey back.

Unfortunately due to the width of the gang plank at Gravesend the ship is **not accessible to wheel chairs** but otherwise it is only required to be able walk unaided onto the ship and **climb a very short staircase**. There will also be a short walk from the coach to the pier.

It is expected that the coach will leave Crawley at about 5.30 pm and return at about 11.30 pm

The cost is expected to be about £40 - £45 pp.

There is a lounge and bar on board and plenty of open space on deck to see the sights.

By Iain Millar



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MEMBER APPLICATION FORM & INFORMATION

WHAT IS TOWN TWINNING?

Town Twinning exists to promote friendship between people of different countries through personal and cultural links.

Every year a group from Crawley visits Dorsten or a group from Dorsten comes to Crawley. We pay our own travel expenses but when in Germany we stay with a German family as non paying guests and visits are arranged to places of interest in the neighbourhood. The following year we act as hosts to our German guests.

It is also normal to arrange a youth programme for teenagers so that they can enjoy their own activities and experience life in a different country and enjoy new experiences.

Exchanges can also be arranged between clubs and societies such as sports clubs, choirs and orchestras.

The Crawley – Dorsten link has been in existence for more than 30 years and many strong friendships have been built up during this time.

INTERESTED?

Membership is open to Families, Individuals, Clubs and Societies.

You do not have to speak German but there is the opportunity to do so if you wish.

For more information please contact:-

Membership secretary

Michael James

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email: michaeljames271@btinternet.com

APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS

How to Join

Fill out the application form below and send it together with your

Subscription to:

Membership Secretary,

Michael James

16 Epsom Road

Furnace Green

Crawley RH10

Tel. 01293 532699

email : michaeljames271@btinternet.com

The annual subscriptions

To subscribe you will need to make annual payments (by cheque)*.

Individual residents	£ 8.00
Individual non-residents	£10.00
Family residents	£12.00
Family non residents	£15.00
Schools/other associations resident	£20.00
Schools/other associations non resident	£20.00

*Please remember that cheques must be payable to the CTTA.

I enclose a cheque to the value of £.....

Name.....

Address (incl. email and phone number)).....

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Signature.....