



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

The Autumn is already upon us and this year summer is just a happy memory. The Main Group Visit to Crawley went very well and all the day trips organised by the committee e.g. Crawley & surrounds, Syon Park and Eastbourne were all very well received by our guests from Dorsten. The weather this time was outstanding and very hot, especially on our trip to Syon Park.

Following the MGV, Geoff and Jacky May invited all the hosts to an excellent BBQ. Even the weather held and all the people present, spent a very enjoyable late afternoon and evening in their garden. On behalf of the CTTA once more many thanks to Jacky and Geoff for their hard work and effort and a successful event.

The Dual Committee Meeting (DCM) has taken place 18th—21st September in Dorsten.

The last year's Dorsten and Crawley twinning committees activities were reviewed and various youth exchanges of football, basketball, Big Band from Dorsten were agreed in principal. The date for next year's DCM in Crawley will be between 30th September—3rd October 2016.

During the DCM the dates for next year MGV to Dorsten were also agreed. The dates are 20th to 28th. August 2016.

Please note the invitation on page 7 for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on Wednesday, 28th October at 8pm in Town Hall. Apart for the new committee member's voting, there will be a separate vote for small changes in the CTTA constitution as explained on page 8 of this Newsletter.

The CTTA committee looks forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

Elaine Williams kindly agreed again to organise our annual dinner on 6th. February 2016. More details will follow as soon as the venue and choices are agreed and finalised.

Peter Klin, PR officer
On behalf of CTTA



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Main Group Visit to Crawley - experience

Keith Sullivan had previously asked if we would like to get involved in the Crawley / Dorsten town twinning, but last year the dates conflicted with other arrangements we had made so we could not visit Germany.

However Keith was persistent, in late spring 2015, he asked if we were still interested and would be willing to be hosts. He talked us through the weeks programme, being a host, the day's events etc. and we agreed to join in, with two guests. We were in the middle of decorating one of the bedrooms, so that was an incentive to finish the painting sooner rather than later.

Unfortunately, two weeks before the visit both our guests had to cancel due to personal reasons, so we thought we could take longer with the painting.

Then about a week before the visit we were asked to take two other guests, one as a first time town twinner (like ourselves) and another whose host had had to make changes. So, back to work with the paintbrush!

Finally the day came to meet our guests. We were a bit nervous, and perhaps they were as well. There was no need to worry, as once we got home and they had unpacked we sat on the patio with refreshments in the sun and started to find out about each other. The effect of a long days travelling was soon felt so it was early to bed.

The weather for the whole week was fantastic, sunshine, warm evenings where we sat on the patio for our evening meals and drinks, talking until late on a wide variety of subjects. There were a few interesting discussions on finding the right word to describe something, but between us all we solved the problem.

As we had other commitments, it was not possible to go on any of the arranged visit days, but on Sunday we took our guests to Standen, a very nice Edwardian house and gardens - a place we could all imagine living in if we had enough money! We also took them to Canterbury to see the cathedral, other sights, shopping and cream tea.

Later in the week, they enjoyed a morning shopping in Crawley. In the afternoon we all visited Tilgate Park and Nature Centre. On Saturday, we all went to Nymans Gardens, just outside Crawley. We were very fortunate to be given a tour of the gardens by a very knowledgeable guide and the gardens were the best we have seen them in 20 years.

All too soon it was Sunday morning and we had to say goodbye, a sad moment and to match our mood, it started raining!

Overall, it was an enjoyable and tiring (in a good way) week, we have made new friends and look forward to visiting Dorsten in 2016.

By Bob Fielden

Photo on page 3 cont.

Main Group Visit to Crawley - experience
(cont. from page 2)



Bob & June Fielden with guests Ilse Sonneborn and Brigitte Diederichs
Visit to Standen



Other photos from MGV (Farewell Evening)



Sung to the tune of the happy wanderer... at the MGV & arranged
by David Hathaway

Henry... verse 1...

We love to ride in Conrad's coach
To Dorsten from Crawley
And when we ride in Conrad's coach
Our German friends we see
Valderi, valdera, valderi
Valdera, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha
Our German friends we see

We loved to ride in Conrad's coach
Sucking sweeties by the score
And when we rode in Conrad's coach
Our Dorsten friends we saw.

Geoff...verse 2...

I love to eat pralinen chocs
Of every shape and size
And when I eat pralinen chocs
Perhaps that isn't wise.
Valderi...etc

I ate so many lovely sweets
Pralinen shoe shaped chocs
At home I have to shop again
For trousers, pants and socks.

Dave...verse 3...

I love to see in Hattingen
The olden wooden hus
At steel works we rest and rust
Iron men whose nuts are loose.
Valderi...

I loved to see in Hattingen
McDonalds burgerhof
At steel works I bought some coke
Now my nuts have dropped right off

Brenda...verse 4...

Our host ladies they work all week
To clean and wash and bake
Our guest ladies are busy too
With coffee, tea and cake.
Valderi etc

And now the host ladies will go to sleep
Amid muddle, dust and mess
And all will wonder why their waist
It doesn't measure less.

George/Bob...verse 5...

We love to swing in Wuppertal
Under the railway track
And when we swing in Wuppertal
We swing right there and back.
Valderi etc..

We loved to swing through Wuppertal
Mit Heidi, Wolf und Dick
And when we swung in Wuppertal
Alt ist vorsprung durch technik.

All...verse 6

Mein vater war ein wandesmann
Und mir steckt's auch im blut
D'rum wand're ich froh ,so lang ich kann
Und schwenke meinen hut.

And for an original German sang version please see youtube :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqHtM3xxmqVk>

PRESS RELEASE

(By Iain Millar)

Crawley Team win Cup in Germany

Last weekend some members of the Crawley Town Twinning committee visited our twin town of Dorsten in Germany to plan the programme of events and exchanges for the coming year. In addition to youth exchanges for basketball and football, which also took place in 2015, they hope to arrange a concert for a jazz band from Dorsten and an exchange with a young people's Taekwondo club.

The main event for 2016 will be the group visit to Dorsten in August when visitors from Crawley will stay as guests of Dorsten families in their homes and visit places of interest in the area.

New members who are interested in joining in this visit should contact the CTTA membership secretary Michael James, Tel. 01293 532699.

Details of the CTTA can be found on their web site www.dorsten-crawley.de

After the official meeting came the bonding exercise with some light-hearted games between the two committees which were won by the visiting team from Crawley.

The picture shows the winner's cup being presented to Iain Millar, Chairman of the Crawley committee, by the Mayor of Dorsten, Tobias Stockhoff.



Day in Bruehl

Prior to our Sunday Dual Committee Meeting, on Saturday 19th. September our Dorsten colleagues organised a super coach trip to Bruehl (near Cologne/Bonn) where we have visited the Augustusburg Castle. Set in an idyllic garden landscape, the Augustusburg Castle (the sumptuous residence of the prince-archbishops of Cologne) is among the earliest examples of Rococo architecture in 18th-century Germany.

The Augustusburg and Falkenlust palaces is a historical building complex in Brühl, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, which have been listed as a UNESCO cultural World Heritage Site since 1984. The rest of the day was spent in Bruehl town, sightseeing, shopping and having a lunch plus lots of "Kafe und Kuchen". In one word : " A Super Day". A special thank you for the group leaders on the day, Brigitte and Hannah, and also for Marita's "nutty corners".

Dorsten Press Release

Von: Peter Günther

Betreff: Dorstener Freundeskreis Crawley hat Vorstand des Partnervereins aus Crawley zu Gast

Datum: 22. September 2015 14:05:31 MESZ

An: DZ Stefan Diebäcker <redaktion@dorstenerzeitung.de>

Zehn Vorstandsmitglieder der Crawley-Dorsten Town Twinning Association (TTA) verbrachten zusammen mit dem Vorstand des Freundeskreises Crawley ein ereignisreiches Wochenende.

Der Samstag stand unter dem Motto „Kultur und Geschichte“. Ein Ausflug zum Schloss Augustusburg in Brühl, UNESCO Welterbestätte seit 1984, brachte unseren Gästen die Geschichte des Rheinlandes und die Baukunst des Rokoko näher. Nach der englischen Führung blieb noch genug Zeit für einen Spaziergang zum Jagdschloss Falkenlust oder eine ausgiebige Shoppingtour im schönen Brühl.

Am Sonntag hieß es dann zunächst: Die Arbeit ruft!

Bei der gemeinsamen Vorstandssitzung im Vereinslokal „Wacholderhäuschen“ blickte man zurück auf die Aktivitäten seit der letzten Sitzung in Crawley im Oktober 2014.

Das Highlight war zweifelsohne der Besuch der großen Gruppe in Crawley im Juli 2015. Die Vorsitzende des Freundeskreises, Marita Kipinski, dankte den Organisatoren des Aufenthaltes noch einmal ganz herzlich im Namen aller Teilnehmer für die große Gastfreundschaft und das abwechslungsreiche Programm.

Für das kommende Jahr sind wieder etliche Aktivitäten geplant. Die Lembecker Basketballerinnen und Fußballerinnen werden ihre Sportskameradinnen aus der Partnerstadt zu Gast haben.

Die Big Band Dorsten plant einen Auftritt in Crawley, und die Akademie Golstein (Taekwondo) würde gerne gemeinsam mit entsprechenden Gruppen in Crawley ein Trainingswochenende verbringen. Vom 20. – 28. August 2016 wird die große Gruppe aus Crawley in Dorsten zu Gast sein. Dem Geist der Städtepartnerschaft entsprechend werden alle Gäste in Familien untergebracht sein. Neue Gastgeber sind herzlich willkommen.

Der Dorstener Vorstand wird vom 30. Sept. – 3. Okt. 2016 zum Gegenbesuch in Crawley sein. Die Aktivitäten des Freundeskreises sind unter www.dorsten-crawley.de zu finden.

Nach der Arbeit das Vergnügen!

Nach einem köstlichen und reichhaltigen –typisch deutschen- Mittagessen wurde traditionsgemäß um den Pokal gekämpft. Beim Armbrustschießen und Softball-Zielwerfen waren die Gäste den Gastgebern weit überlegen und gewannen mit 99! Punkten Vorsprung souverän den Pokal. Selbst der ambitionierte Einsatz des Bürgermeisters, Tobias Stockhoff, konnte das Ergebnis nicht wesentlich verändern.

Zur Freude aller wurde der Pokal zum ersten Mal in der langen Geschichte dieses Wettbewerbs vom Dorstener Bürgermeister höchstpersönlich überreicht. Iain Millar, der Vorsitzende des Crawley-Vorstandes, bedankte sich herzlich und versprach, gut auf das „gute Stück“ aufzupassen.

Bild am Seite 5, Heinz Grimme: Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff überreicht den Pokal an den Vorsitzenden Iain Miller aus Crawley.

Beim Abschied am Montagmorgen waren sich alle einig: Es war ein tolles Wochenende mit echten Freunden!



**CRAWLEY
TOWN TWINNING
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday 28th.October 2015 at the
TOWN HALL, Room 'B' at 8p.m**

As a member of the C.T.T.A. you are cordially invited to attend and be involved with how the Association works with our Twin Town of Dorsten.

NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY
MINUTE SECRETARY
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
5 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VICE-CHAIRMAN
TREASURER
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
ACCOMMODATION SECRETARY

NAME _____
POSITION APPLIED _____
PROPOSED BY _____
SECONDED BY _____

I accept the nomination for the position of _____

Signed _____

To be returned to the Honorary Secretary, Geoff May at the address below or handed in before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

Please reply to: 5 Sissinghurst Close, Worth, Crawley, RH10 7FX Tel. 01293 885 444



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Proposal to amend the CTTA constitution.

For the past 10 years we have been fortunate enough to have had a fully qualified accountant who kindly agreed to audit our accounts free of charge. Due to pressure of work however he has requested to be relieved of these responsibilities so we have had to look for a new auditor. We are very pleased that Di Sullivan has agreed to take over this task. Di has many years of experience as a school bursar and is very familiar with accounts that are much more complicated than those of the CTTA. She is not however a qualified accountant as currently required by our constitution.

We propose therefore to change the wording of the constitution from:
"The accounts of the association shall be audited by one or more qualified auditors" to:

"The accounts of the association shall be audited by a competent and independent person"

This wording has been copied from the constitution of a similar organization to the CTTA and has been approved by the Crawley Borough Council.

In accordance with section 14 any changes to the constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the members of the Association present and voting at a meeting at which this resolution has been brought forward. We propose to do this at the AGM on the 28th October 2015 and hereby notify all members of our intention to do so.