

# Newsletter

CTTA



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## Editor's Welcome

Welcome to the early spring edition of the CTTA Newsletter. I can report that the association held a successful CTTA annual dinner on Saturday 6th February. George Redgrave has prepared a short article describing the event together with couple of photographs taken by me. See this page for more details.



Geoff May who is leading this year's MGV to Dorsten, has asked me to include a booking form for the trip (see page 5). Most of you have already seen this form, however as there are currently still places available, any members and friends who are still interested in the trip, please fill in the form and send it to Geoff as soon as possible.

On behalf of the CTTA may I wish you all a Happy Easter.

*Peter Klin  
PR secretary and editor*

## Annual Dinner 2010

As in previous years we held our annual dinner at Rowfant. As before the food and service were very good. Some of our usual members were away so there were only 33 people present this year which is slightly fewer than last year.

At "half time" ie after the main course, I gave out quiz sheets to be completed in pairs (and preferably not with someone you came with) This year I was running a bit thin on specifically German questions so I chose: CRAWLEY AND DORSTEN TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ 2010 This meant that there were 48 questions, each one of the answers starting with the appropriate initial letter. After a while- and a bit of prompting from me - everybody realised this and thus the answer to question 3 "A range of mountains between Germany and Italy" was not the Dolomites. (Even though they are.) As the quiz was so easy (hem hem!) this year everybody won a small bag of Maltezers. We then had the raffle - with lots of prizes.

And so we concluded another successful CTTA dinner :)

*George Redgrave*



*Iain Millar (Chairman) gives a speech at Rowfant*



*CTTA Members relax after a fulfilling meal!*



## Know your committee

## Raj Sharma

### Elaine Williams

"My name is Elaine Williams and I have been married to Martyn for 20 years. We have 3 sons, David 17, Christopher 14 and Stephen who is 12.

We first became involved in Town Twinning when our friends asked if we could host a mother and son 8 years ago as they didn't have enough offers of accommodation. I was somewhat apprehensive but when Ruth and Robert arrived, they fitted right into our family life, coming down with us to watch a football tournament that David was involved in. Even though Robert was unable to speak any English at the time, the universal language of football worked its magic; by the end of the day there was an understanding between them. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and joined CTTA. The next visit from Germany saw us host Hanna, a lady who was afraid of dogs! Not a particularly good choice as we have a large golden retriever! Things didn't get off to a very good start however, because as she was having a cup of tea with us, our dog had his head in her bag scoffing all her uneaten sandwiches and sweets!!! A definite ice breaker - since then, she has got over her fear of dogs and has been a welcome guest to us ever since.

Two years ago was our first visit to Germany as other trips had coincided with our annual holiday. The boys and I had a fantastic time and everyone made us feel so welcome. The boys met up with Robert at Movieworld whilst I spent the day with Hanna and Ruth who had liaised with each other to take me out for the day, even though they had never met before. We then all found each other again at the end of the day and went out for a pizza in the evening. The whole week spent in Germany was very memorable and at the farewell party all 4 of us felt very sad to be going home.

I was taken by surprise when I was asked if I would stand for a position on the committee, but on reflection feel that perhaps I needed a gentle shove! Martyn and the boys are right behind me and my hope is that I can show them what a positive experience it has been and when they are older, perhaps they could be an active participant on their local town twinning committee."

Raj has been working in Crawley since 1992, after commuting for 4 years he moved to Furnace Green in 1996 and has become an integrated member of the Crawley community. As a youth and community worker he is well known amongst the young and old alike.

As one of the Neighbourhood Youth Workers, Raj works tirelessly with all groups in Crawley. He was instrumental in the move of Crawley Boys Club to its present location in Longmere Road, as well as changing the name to incorporate the equality provision for young ladies to "Crawley Youth Centre".

A family man with 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren, who are also actively involved in his various youth and community projects, Raj is also closely involved with many major events and organisations in Crawley. These include the successful Crawley International Mela, the Hindu community and Mandir, Crawley Ethnic Minority Forum and Partnership, Sussex Race Equality Council, Crawley Campaign Against Racism, Crawley Inter-Faith Group as well as an ambassador for the Hawth Theatre and Crawley Town Twinning Association.

Raj is proud to be part of Crawley and its multicultural society. As an advocate of equality he believes the brotherhood of mankind supersedes any race, colour or creed barriers. Community involvement will always be at the top of his agenda, whilst representing the views of local residents at the Town Hall.



## Christmas Letter from Marie-Odile

Rennes 6 December 2009.

May our Lord Emmanuel bless you with wonderful joy this Christmas and may this gladness remain with you throughout 2010.

Dear CTTA friends,

I wish you all a lovely Christmas and fruitful and healthy new year. Lots of joys with your loved ones in your respective families.

The year of my 80th birthday is drawing to an end. Like any other year it has brought its joys and sorrows. One great blessing was my holiday in last May. It was so good to visit my "English" friends. I was given such a warm welcome everywhere - I enjoyed the parishes and churches, the prayer groups, the restaurants, the Hawth, Wakehurst Place etc...etc...AND my short visit to the Town Hall on 27th May. It was good to see you all. Thank you for making me feel special. The Town Twinning has been so much part of my life. I am delighted to receive the Newsletter which keeps me in touch with all you activities and travelling. Enjoy the dinner; my spirit will be hovering around Rowfant!! Keep well and keep going, dear friends. My good wishes and prayer are with you.

Totes mes amities!

Marie - Odile

Crawley

## CBC annual charity Civic Ball

We were honoured to be invited as guests to this years Crawley Borough Councils annual charity Civic Ball as representatives for the CTTA held at the Hawth on the 23rd January 2010. There were many other individuals also from voluntary organisations invited to this annual event.

The Mayor, Cllr Brenda Burgess and the consort Cllr Bob Burgess had decided on a dress theme of Red, White and Blue.

The menu was also of a British theme comprising of British steak and stout pie, Olde English sherry trifle and three British cheeses and biscuits.

Early in the evening we were entertained magnificently by St Wilfrids school, the Stages dance group and two couples from the Town Hall who performed excellent routines worthy of 'strictly come dancing' fame.

The Mayors chosen charity this year is Crawley Open House which offers temporary accommodation and care for those who have nowhere to live. A fundraising raffle and auction was held to help raise funds for the charity.

Geoff and Jacky May

Dorsten



# Guy Fawkes verbrannt

Freundeskreis Crawley frönte einer alten Sitte

**DORSTEN** • Dem Attentatsversuch des englisch-katholischen Offiziers Guy Fawkes im Jahre 1605 verdankte der Dorstener Freundeskreis Crawley einen gemütlichen Abend im „Wacholderhäuschen“.

Jedes Jahr wird am 5. November beinahe im gesamten Commonwealth die „Bonfire Night“ gefeiert. 13 Verschwörer versuchten an diesem Tag, mit 36 Fässern Schießpulver bei der Eröffnung des Parlaments in London dieses in die Luft zu jagen. Durch Verrat einer der Mitverschwörer wurde Guy Fawkes, der zur Bewachung der Fässer im Keller des Parlaments abgestellt war, ergriffen, die Verschwörung aufgedeckt. Die spontanen Freudenfeuer der Londoner Bevölkerung, die an diesem 5. November 1605 loderten, haben seitdem Tradition. Traditionell wird auch an diesem Abend eine Guy Fawkes-Puppe dem Feuer übergeben.

Der Freundeskreis spielte im Innenhof die entscheidenden Szenen dieser Nacht durch. Marita Kipinski, 1. Vorsitzende des Vereins, spielte mit Bart und Fass zum ersten Mal Guy Fawkes, der um die 50 Teilnehmer schlich - während der gebürtige Engländer Philip Ralph, der aus



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Crawley stammt und seit über 20 Jahren in Dorsten wohnt, als Bischof von London verkleidet und mit den Insignien seines Amtes in getragenerm Englisch die Geschichte der Verschwörung vortrug. Das Schauspiel am Feuer, das im Innenhof des „Wacholderhäuschen“ entzündet wurde, endete wie es jedes Jahr in dieser Nacht endet: Guy Fawkes wird verraten, der Sergeant at Arms - gespielt von Maurice Pilz -

ergreift den Attentäter auf frischer Tat. Symbolisch wurde dann die Guy Fawkes-Puppe

verbrannt. Statt eines Feuerwerks, das bei der „Bonfire Night“ gezündet wird, erhellten Wunderkerzen den Abend. Einziger Wehmutstropfen war, dass der Parkin-Cake, der an diesem Abend gegessen wird, nicht gereicht werden konnte. Marita Kipinski, die den Kuchen gebacken hatte, verkalkulierte sich: Der Kuchen braucht eine Reifungszeit von zwei Wochen. Das tat aber der guten Stimmung keinen Abbruch. » hpk

## Burning of Guy Fawkes

The Guy Fawkes Night or Bonfire Night on the evening of 5 November to mark the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 was remembered by the Dorsten Twinning Association in "Wacholderhauschen" in Dorsten.

This occasion is remembered every year and traditionally the Guy Fawkes effigy is burned on bonfire, The Dorsten Twinning Committee enacts the story during this night. For the first time Marita Kipinski the chairwoman of the association played the character of Guy Fawkes. Philip Ralph who originates from England and lives in Dorsten for over 20 years, performed the role of the Bishop of London and told the story. The story ends as every year by betrayal of Guy Fawkes. The Sergeant at Arms played by Maurice Pilz - catches the plotter. Guy Fawkes will then be symbolically burned on the bonfire. Marita Kipinski has baked the traditional Parkin cake which is normally eaten at this evening, however Marita has miscalculated the 2 weeks for storage period required before the cake is ready to eat. However this has not spoiled the wonderful atmosphere of the night.

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## C.T.T.A. Booking Form

### Crawley - Dorsten Main Group Visit

**Saturday 21st August to Sunday 29th August 2010**

**Please return by 31.03.10**

Name/s.....  
Address.....  
Telephone No.....  
E-mail address.....  
Adult/s.....  
(Member £205/Non – Member £220)  
Age/s of Adult/s.....  
Under 16's.....  
(Member £165/Non – Member £180)  
Age/s of under 16's.....

Deposit required to book your seat/s is £50.00 per person – non refundable

Deposit enclosed £\_\_\_\_\_ cheque made payable to C.T.T.A.

**Balance of payment MUST BE MADE no later than 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010**

Insurance policy details to be supplied (copies acceptable) either at the time of booking or no later than the 31.03.2010 as without these your seat on the coach is not confirmed.

*Please return to Geoff May, 5 Sissinghurst Close, Worth, Crawley, RH10 7FX, Tel 885444*