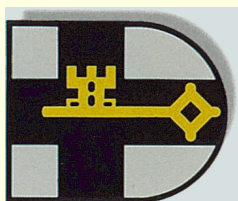


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# CTTA Newsletter



## Foreword by the editor

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the autumn edition of CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue I can report the following activities:

This year's Main Group Visit (MGV) in Dorsten has taken place relatively late between 21st. to 29th. August 2010 and led again by Geoff May. The visit according to Geoff, reports from members and friends who have taken place on the trip was good fun and a success, despite the initial 4 hours delay due to the coach problem. Once more thanks to Geoff and our Dorsten twinning committee colleagues for making this trip possible and such an accomplishment. For more news and views about the MGV please see inside this issue.

The Rhade Youth Band and Basketball team has visited Crawley between 24th - 27th June and was also a very successful event with many new friendships formed.

The "Dorstival 2010" has taken place on the "Hüfeldhalde" in Dorsten, on September 10th and 11th, 2010 as a part of the cultural programme of Dorsten for the official "European Capital of Culture 2010, Essen and the Ruhrgebiet"-events.

Two bands from Crawley/Sussex have performed at the Dorstival and they were "Drop out Luke" and "Press to Mecco". It has been reported that the bands were very successful and popular in Dorsten with many followers especially the youth. Some photos from the event can be seen on page 7.

The Dual Committee Meeting (DCM) was held in Crawley this month on Sunday 3rd. October. The past year activities were discussed, together with planning of the new activities for 2011. The date for the MGV in 2011, which will be in Crawley between 23rd to 31st. July was agreed. On Saturday 2nd October the Crawley Committee arranged a trip to Stratford's Olympic Park and surrounding area. See page no.5 - an article from Dorsten local press.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 13th October at the Town Hall. New committee was elected. Please refer to page 8 for the up to date full committee list.

Please note that the CTTA committee has now agreed on the date for the CTTA annual dinner, which will be on Saturday 5th February 2011. Please pencil the date in your diary. More details, with the venue, menu and costs will be sent out in a separate flyer in the next few weeks.

Peter Klin

Public Relation Officer (CTTA)

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## MGV Trip to Dorsten - 2010

My trip to Dorsten was extremely enjoyable. I had been there some 35 years ago with one of the first exchanges with the Music Centre at Hazelwick School. I found Dorsten town now so different with all of the changes and all the extra buildings. My host was Barbara and Lennie, her six-year-old son. They made me most welcome. Lennie even has given up his bedroom for me. Barbara being much younger than me offered a canoe trip on the canal, which I jumped at. I failed to tell her that I had never canoed before, however it was a great experience. The following day I was asked if I could ride a bicycle, which I pointed out yes, failing to say it was around 50 years since I had regularly ridden. We then rode around Dorsten by bike, which was fabulous. I have since acquired a bike. The whole experience was great and I am looking forward to greeting my guests next year. PS. I am 77 years of age.

An article by Henry Miller

## MGV to Dorsten August 2010

"All aboard!" Err ... not quite. Having left Crawley in good time to board the train to France the coach didn't like the thought of that dark tunnel and so baulked at entering. Happily Lee, our driver, was able to persuade the coach that he knew of a cosy place to stay in England. Four hours later we were off again - without a hitch this time but not in our favourite "...sex coach". By dint of having only brief stops we arrived in Dorsten three hours late but we were warmly welcomed by our friends there.

Next day, Sunday, there was a service in the Johanneskirche led by Pastor Hennig. Songs were sung in English and German, the readings were in both languages and the sermon was translated by Marita. It was a great joy to be able to share with our hosts in this way. Afterwards there was coffee and biscuits and then, for me, to the beer carousel (we'd arrived in time for the beer festival in the streets of Dorsten - funny the town seemed to be going round and round!)

On Monday we had a formal welcome from the mayor in the Town Hall and then, in pouring rain, we set off for the Margaretenhöhe, a model housing estate in Essen set up by the Krupp factory between 1909 and 1937. Happily the rain eased considerably and we were able to appreciate the somewhat quaint streets and houses, ably commented on by our guides.

We messed about on Tuesday - well I did - and then on Wednesday we drove to Bocholt. This town could teach Crawley a thing or two (or three or four) about how to encourage and accommodate cyclists. Once more we were given an interesting tour of the town before pottering about by ourselves. In the afternoon, in bright sunshine, we strolled along the banks of the river to a woolen mill. This looks just like the real thing but is actually a new structure designed to show how the woollen industry formerly flourished in this area.

It is, however, in working order and the different types of loom produce finished cloth - powered by electricity and not the impressive steam engines which we saw. There's a shop and most of us bought something which was made here.

Another free day on Thursday and I went to the Folkwang Museum in Essen. This is a fine new art gallery with some impressive 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century pictures. (Paid for by the Krupp foundation) On Friday we went to an old town, Soest. The rain made it a bit hard to appreciate how interesting it was but, after our necessarily quick guided tour, I spent some time in the church of St Patroclus, with its charming cloister. (There's another big church right next to it sharing the main square!) In the afternoon we travelled on to a former lead mine which has been turned into a museum. This was fascinating. We donned blue overall coats and hard hats and travelled in a train down into the mine - the carriages were pretty cramped. Then an excellent tour of the tunnels and the machinery in the mine. Back up on ground again, we looked round the mining museum.

After larking about with our hosts on Saturday we congregated for the final party - and it was just as good as it always is. Then Sunday morning and back on the coach for our return to England. Once more we have wonderful memories of our stay with our hosts in Dorsten who welcomed us so readily and made our visit so interesting.

George Redgrave 23 October 2010

## Dual committee meeting - Crawley 2010

Not long after seeing our friends in Dorsten we were able to welcome some of them back to Crawley in October for the Dual Committee Meeting. As usual they arrived on Friday evening and so we met together by the coach in the Hawth car park the next morning for our trip to London. With Matthias at the wheel we made excellent time and met our guide to the Olympic site in east London a quarter of an hour early. First we travelled round the area taking in the diversity of life in this part of the city. We took special note of the West Ham football ground.

Then we stopped for coffee and biscuits at the Railway Inn right beside the Olympic building site. Soon after we went on and walked to have a better look at the construction of the various stadiums; a huge one for the main events plus one for cycling and another for swimming. We drove back to the pub for a jolly good meal of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and vegetables followed by, for me, apple pie and custard ☺

After lunch we set off once more for a look round. We saw the City Airport, built between the two disused Royal docks and the site of the 1917 Silvertown explosion. We re-crossed the river through the Blackwall tunnel and drove to Woolwich, where the shooting events will take place. We stopped for tea and a brief look at the former Woolwich Arsenal and the Royal Artillery museum before heading back home to Crawley. That evening St Andrew's Church was having a firework display and opening of the coffee shop so some of us went there.

On Sunday we went to Heathy Farm pub for our committee meeting and lunch - another good spread followed by the traditional games. As seems to be a trend the visitors won and carried off the trophy - but wait until next year, we'll show 'em! So back to the coach at the Hawth and it was waving goodbye once more ... another successful visit.

George Redgrave 23 October 2010

## *Main Group Visit 2010 Experience by Colin and Shirley*

Although I had travelled to Germany on numerous occasions many years ago and made many German friends, neither I nor my new wife, Shirley had ever experienced hosting and to be honest we were slightly apprehensive. Well, we needn't have been!

We both joined Crawley Town Twinning Association (even though we live in Horsham) earlier this year, having already learnt of their varied and interesting activities through long term associations with some existing members, mainly through our active involvement with St. Andrew's Church in Furnace Green. We have not been disappointed, quite the contrary.

We left Crawley at sunrise on Saturday 21st August and In spite of an extended coach journey ( an unscheduled 4 hour stopover in Folkestone to change coaches) to our twin town, Dorsten in the heart of the Ruhr valley, the sheer friendliness and ' bon homie' of our other 32 passengers made the time pass so quickly. We made many new friends and even quite 'enjoyed' the apparently traditional, but rather masochistic quiz devised by our organisers Geoff and Jackie May (more about this later).

We arrived, naturally some 4 hours later than planned in Dorsten bus station and were immediately greeted by our host families who had been maintaining a vigil for us! (Most had been informed of the delay and by now it was nearing supper-time!)

I have to point out that we had already met our host, Heinz Gremme at a stunning concert in June given by the Dorsten Jugendorchester Rhade (Rhade Youth Band) and Holy Trinity School orchestra. Heinz and his Wife Hedwig are long standing stalwarts of town twinning and, indeed until comparatively recently Hedwig was the conductor of the Rhade Youth Band.

We arrived at the house of Heinz and Hedwig, which is situated in the very pretty and rural village of Maria Veen some 20 minutes drive from Dorsten town centre and immediately settled down to meeting the rest of the family over a late but very welcome meal.

We rose early next morning to a traditional German breakfast of a selection of meats, cheeses, rolls, cereals, and juices with Kaffee of course and then the 'programme' began.....

Church service on Sunday morning, where we thoroughly enjoyed meeting many more, particularly over refreshments after the service and then a familiarisation visit around parts of Dorsten, which was in it's second and final day of an annual Beerfest, oh the selection and varieties, which proved endless....

To say the remaining programme of visits and experiences was relaxing and enjoyable is rather an understatement. For a start we were staying with one of the main organisers who relished in showing us every possible local attraction and event. To mention just a few, the annual Schutzenfest (dozens of marching bands and drinking), the wonderful local scenery, the industrial heritage of the vast Ruhr and a local Dutch Flower Carnival and accompanying concerts and that was just on the alternate days spent with the host family! Oh, and by the way, within a day or two we really felt that we were part of their family, the hospitality was overflowing but then it is all over Germany!

The other days were taken up with the official trips which were equally enjoyable, extremely informative (slight difficulty with information overload!) and in the main accompanied with guides. The official programme commenced with the official welcome by the Deputy Mayor at the Rathaus followed by a trip to Essen to the Margaretenhohe, a workers village, similar to Cadburys Bournville here in England, started by Margaret Krupps, the wife of the great industrial giant Alfred Krupps.

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Then on Wednesday a trip to Bochult and a visit to the local textile factory and museum which took up the rest of the day, followed by traditional afternoon coffee and cake! That evening we joined Mick and Marion James, together with their host and ours and took them out to dinner. Unlimited food, we lost count after the 4th course! On Friday we travelled to Soest, a pretty and relatively unspoilt medieval town with many traditional Germanic style houses. In the afternoon we all donned safety helmets, goggles and safety clothes and became temporary miners (unlike those brave Chilean counterparts) travelling in rather cramped miners' train conditions (local commuters would undoubtedly have felt much at home!) to the inner workings of Ramsbeck ore mine. A real 'hands on' experience of what it was like for the average miner. The day finished, of course with cake and coffee.

Saturday was the day we spent largely with our hosts at the Dutch flower festival in the nearby town of Winterswijk. Over 50 magnificent flower floats depicting aspects of children's characters, topical events and local Dutch culture and history followed by a concert given by 9 bands, including the Rhade of course, very atmospheric with lovely liquid ambience! Then onto the evening for a memorable if not somewhat emotional Farewell Party, with some impromptu performances by us (not us!) dancing and further sampling of local brews!

What a fitting climax to a well organised, enjoyable, fun packed and memorable week. We just want to sleep now, but wait yet another quiz, from Geoff, this time testing us on the weeks' events! Does this man ever give up? Actually I think that we came second or was I just dreaming! Probably, but to be serious for a second, the organisers at this end, Geoff and Jacky deserve praise indeed for all their hard work and others too particularly our German hosts and friends for such a well organised and enjoyable week.

Would we go again? You bet, and we are looking forward to reciprocating next year and reversing roles, but just now we need to rest.....

**Article by Colin and Shirley Cutcliffe**

## AN ARTICLE FROM DORSTEN LOCAL PRESS

# Crawley-Freunde am Olympic Parc

Erlebnisreiche Zeit in England verbracht

**DORSTEN.** Zwölf Vorstandsmitglieder samt Partnern und drei mitfahrende Gäste führen zum Dual Committee Meeting (Gemeinsames Vorstandstreffen) nach Crawley. Auf der Hinfahrt wurde das Wasserschloss Ightham Mote bei Sevenoaks besichtigt. Abends wurden die Dorstener von ihren Gastgebern am Hawth Theater in Empfang genommen.

Am Samstag fand der traditionelle Ausflug statt. Dieses Jahr ging es nach London, um im „Olympic Park 2012“ den Stand der Arbeiten zu beobachten. Wie zu erwarten, beeindruckte die gewaltige Baustelle. Am Abend nahmen einige der Dorstener an der Eröffnungsfeier des St. Andrew's Pfarrzentrums teil. Diese Kirche mit dem integrierten Pfarrzentrum wurde für über eine Mio. Pfund neu gebaut!

Etliche der Vorstandsmitglieder aus Crawley sind in dieser Kirchengemeinde aktiv. Am Sonntag wurden beim Dual Committee Meeting das abgelaufene Jahr sowie der Plan für das nächste Jahr besprochen und festgelegt: 2010 waren mehrere Grup-



Eine erlebnisreiche Englandreise liegt hinter den Crawley-Freunden.

Foto privat

pen aus Crawley in Dorsten: Pfadfinder und die „Große Gruppe“ aus Crawley waren in Dorsten, Zwei Bands aus Crawley traten beim Dorstival auf. Der Besuch des Jugendorchesters der Schützenkapelle Rhade und der Basketball-Mädchen der BG Dorsten ist in Crawley sehr gut angekommen.

### Besuch geplant

Für März 2011 plant das Schulorchester der Holy Trinity Schule einen Besuch in

Dorsten. Vom 23. bis 31. Juli 2011 wird ein „Bus voll“ Gäste aus Dorsten nach Crawley reisen. Die Unterbringung erfolgt wieder privat. Der Verein in Crawley wird ein attraktives Programm zusammenstellen.

Das gemeinsame Vorstandstreffen wird am 2. Oktoberwochenende 2011 in Dorsten stattfinden. Weitere mögliche Kontakte wurden besprochen. Der Internet-Auftritt Dorsten-Crawley wird demnächst neu gestaltet. Am ge-

meinsamen Mittagessen und der anschließenden traditionellen Spielrunde um den „Cup“ nahm auch der Bürgermeister von Crawley mit seiner Frau teil. Die Spielrunde mit den vier Geschicklichkeitsspielen wurde von den Gästen aus Dorsten gewonnen, so dass der Pokal mit nach Dorsten ging! Mit diesem Treffen wurde die Basis gelegt für ein weiteres Jahr gemeinsamer Aktivitäten in den beiden Partnerstädten.

[www.dorsten-crawley.de](http://www.dorsten-crawley.de)

Abbreviated translation of the article:

## CRAWLEY- FRIENDS VISIT OLYMPIC PARK

Twelve members from Dorsten town twinning association visited Crawley for their Dual committee meeting. On the way to Crawley the Dorsten committee members visited Ightham Moat near Sevenoaks in Kent. On Saturday the traditional trip took place in London and both committees visited the work site of the Olympic Park- the venue for the 2012 London held - Olympic games. Saturday evening some committee members met in the newly opened St. Andrews Church. On Sunday the DCM discussed the last 12 months activities namely Crawley Scouts trip to Dorsten. MGCV from Crawley in Dorsten, Two Crawley bands taken part in the Dorstival, the Youth Orchestra of the "Schuetzenkapelle" Rhade visit in Crawley and BG girls Basketball team visit in Crawley. In March 2011 the School Orchestra from Holy Trinity School will visit Dorsten. From 23rd July to 31st July 2011 the coach will bring the Dorsten visitors to Crawley as part of the MGCV. The DCM for 2011 will be held in Dorsten in October to discuss the past and future activities for both associations. A new updated Dorsten-Crawley web side will be prepared very soon. The joint DCM Sunday lunch, visited also by Crawley Mayor and wife was followed by the traditional games and the Cup was won by the Dorsten guests.

## Crawley Coach Quiz 2010

- Q. In the Dorsten Rathaus there were how many plaques  
A. 18
- Q. On the wall, where was the Crawley plaque  
A. Bottom left, 2nd row
- Q. In Essen our guide told us an Arab saying – how many miles would you walk to meet a friend  
A. 3
- Q. What letter starts the car number plates in Essen  
A. E
- Q. What year did they start building Margarethenhohe  
A. 1910
- Q. What colour are the trams in Essen  
A. Yellow/blue
- Q. What colour were the window shutters  
A. Green/white
- Q. What was the folklore for people to do at the fountain  
A. Find treasure
- Q. What colour were the sun shades in the square  
A. yellow
- Q. Where do the Margarethenhohe foundation hold their meetings  
A. Gasthaus
- Q. At the Protestant church, Gustav Adolf Hause, what colour walls  
A. Salmon pink
- Q. Where did we have our 'coffee and cake'  
A. Hullsmannhof
- Q. Bocholt old Town hall had a bay window – what happens there  
A. Registry office for weddings
- Q. Patron saint of Bocholt is  
A. St. George
- Q. The old Town hall is made from  
A. Brick and sandstone
- Q. New Town hall cost what to build  
A. 38 million DM
- Q. Christianity in Bocholt began in  
A. 779
- Q. What days of the week is market day in Bocholt  
A. Tues, Fri and Saturday
- Q. Where did we see some hops  
A. By side of bridge in front of new Town hall
- Q. What is the name of Bocholt's twin Town  
A. Rossendale
- Q. What part of Germany is Bocholt in  
A. West Munsterland
- Q. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Church what was the main colours of the stain glass  
A. Black/yellow
- Q. In the same church outside was a flag showing how many years  
A. 700
- Q. How many candles on the Altar of the 2<sup>nd</sup> church  
A. 3
- Q. How many confessionals in this church  
A. 5

- Q. Our guide said the organ was made in 1960, but where was it made  
A. Dorsten
- Q. Textile museum – how many metres woven in 12 hour shift per worker  
A. 5 – 6 metres
- Q. What did we see in station 3  
A. Stokers room
- Q. How many tonnes did he stoke in a 13 hour day  
A. 4 – 5 tonnes
- Q. What was the boiler makers name  
A. K & TH Moller GMBH
- Q. What was the Bobbin makers name and from where  
A. Jos Stubbs, Manchester
- Q. Soest – where the coach parked, what was the name of the Hotel  
A. Prodomo Hotel
- Q. What was the colour of our guides umbrella  
A. White
- Q. How do you know the sex of flies  
A. Women are at the mirror and Men on the bottle of beer
- Q. What was the name of the 1<sup>st</sup> Gasthof we saw on our tour  
A. Pilgrim Haus
- Q. What letters start the car number plates in Soest  
A. SO
- Q. The church had scaffolding on the spires – which one was higher by 4 layers  
A. Left
- Q. In the 'nicest beer garden' in Nord Rhein Westphalia what colour sun shades  
A. Black
- Q. The next church we saw had how many candles on the altar  
A. 4
- Q. The church had 16 large stainglass windows – how many in total  
A. 22
- Q. The duck pond had some yellow steps – how many  
A. 13
- Q. There were how many duck houses on the pond  
A. 2
- Q. In Soest the market days are on  
A. Tues, Thur and Saturday
- Q. In the ore mine – mainly they mined what  
A. Lead/Zinc
- Q. What id their patron saints name  
A. Barbara
- Q. The mine was closed in 1974 – when did it open for visitors  
A. August 1974
- Q. Our Train could take about how many people  
A. 100
- Q. A miner worked a shift of how many hours  
A. 8
- Q. What was the depth of hole for blasting  
A. 2.70 Metres
- Q. The mine holds how many cubic metres of water  
A. 33 Million

**Prepared by Geoff May**

## Photos from Dorstival 2010.



**Drop out Luke**

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**Press to Meco**

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***Newly elected Committee Members - October 2010***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Honorary President	Cllr. Jim Smith
Chairman	Iain Millar
Vice Chairman	Frank Baker
Secretary	Geoff May
Treasurer	Tom Leahy
Minute Secretary	Joan Newton
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Accommodation Secretary	Jacky May
Membership Secretary	Michael James
Chief Executive Secretary	Nicky Shaw
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	Councillor Brenda Smith
	Councillor Carol Eade
	George Redgrave
	Marion James
	Keith Sullivan
	Raj Sharma
	Elaine Williams
	Christine Baker