



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the March 2020 issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue the following town twinning activities or events have taken place:

Dual Committee Meeting (DCM)

The DCM has taken place in Dorsten between 27/09 to 30/09/2019. At this meeting both committees discussed and reflected on the various individual and joint activities by both Associations during the last 12 months and for the next year. The dates for the 2020 Main Group Visit (MGV) in Dorsten were agreed between 01 to 09 August.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 14th January 2020

Following some difficulties over finding a suitable venue to hold the AGM the committee with help of Michael James we were successful in securing St Andrews Church excellent facilities for the AGM and the next committee meeting. Many thanks for Mike and the Church for their kind help.

New AGM committee members for the next 12 months were elected. Details of the new Committee members are indicated inside this Newsletter

Annual CTTA Dinner held on Saturday 29th February 2020

For details of this event and photos please see inside the Newsletter-pages 2 and 3.

Dr Howard Bloom

It is with a great sadness to note that former Crawley Mayor, leader of the Council, the Councillor, CTTA member, Dr Howard Bloom passed away. He will be sadly missed. Our heartfelt condolence to his family. The Celebration of life of Dr Howard Bloom was held in St Nicholas Church in Charlwood, Horley on 11th March 2020. Many people attended the service including some members of the CTTA . A copy of an article from Crawley News 24 is on page 5

Douglas Beeson

We have learnt that Douglas who was a very long member of our association passed away in December 2019. He was in Wykham House Nursing Home in Horley before he died. He spoke German very well and even in his advanced years he made sure that he attended our Annual Dinner event. He will sadly missed. Our condolences to his family. For more details see inside this Newsletter

Forthcoming activities

Main Group Visit (MGV) 01. August to 9th August 2020

The detailed information about this year's MGV was sent last year to members by Geoff May (leader and organiser of the group). The majority of people interested in this visit already applied to take part. However Geoff is advising that there are still a few available places on this trip. If any members or their friends are still interested to take a part please contact Geoff as soon as possible.

On behalf of the committee may I wish you all a very good health and please look after yourselves, your family and friends in these difficult and very challenging times.

Peter Klin,
PR officer and Newsletter Editor
On Behalf of CTTA



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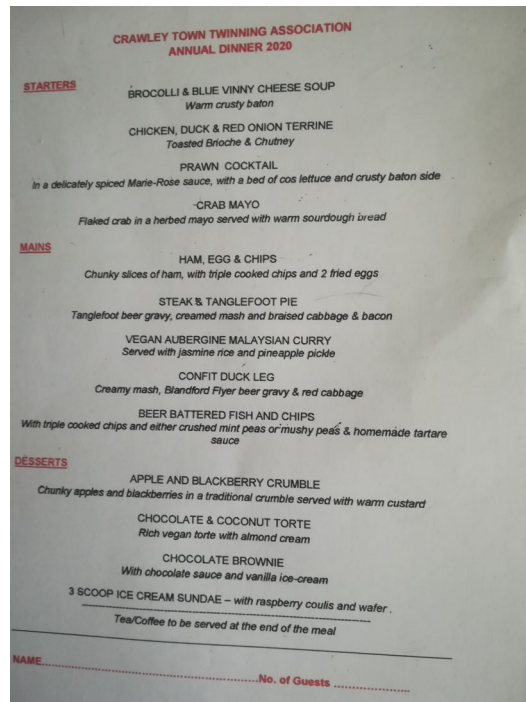
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CTTA Annual Dinner 2020

Following the successful last year's event the committee had decided that this year's CTTA Annual Dinner to be held again in the historic Sussex pub - the Black Swan, Pease Pottage on Saturday 29th. February 2020. The Dinner started at 7:30pm and despite the gloomy wet Saturday evening the venue was attended by some 25 members. Similarly as last year the food served and the choice of dishes and the desserts on offer was very good. The immediate response from majority of members was very favourable. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Elaine for excellent organisation of the venue and Jacky for the brilliant preparation, collecting and purchasing of the varied items and prizes for the evening raffle.



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Photos from the CTTA Annual Dinner 29th February 2020 (cont.from page 2)



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Know your committee

My father was a diplomat so I had the great privilege of travelling and spending years living in far off places like Pretoria South Africa, Chittagong Pakistan (now Bangladesh), Toronto Canada and Dusseldorf Germany. My mother is Scottish so my secondary education was a boarding school in Perthshire. I have taught special needs students for the last 45 years starting my career along the Old Kent Road then moving to a school in the Sussex countryside. Back to Wimbledon where I did further training and qualified as a teacher of the blind and mastered braille. I did a stint as an advisory teacher for West Sussex and am now still teaching full time in a local special school in Ifield.

I first became aware of the Dorsten/Crawley connection when my own two children, both in the Holy Trinity School orchestra at the time, had an exchange with a Dorsten school orchestra. They went to stay with a young drummer and his family and then the following year he came to stay with us.

Years later a good friend asked me to join her on a trip to Dorsten with the CTTA. I had a lovely week involving lots of Kaffee und Kuchen and Currywurst, not to mention all the wonderful organised trips and sightseeing opportunities. That was four years ago and I have since then returned to Dorsten again and am looking forward to this year's trip in August.

As well as the CTTA I love reading, music and going to the theatre and concerts. I sing in a local choir and go along to monthly NAFAS flower demonstrations and workshops.

By Moira Blackman

Main Group Visit 2020 message to Dorsten by our young members

We are super excited to go back to Germany this August, looking forward to having new adventures and going to lots of different places to visit and explore.

But also so happy to see our friends again, we have learnt a few more German words we can't wait to try out on our friends.

We have already decided to make sure we visit our favourite ice cream shop, we need to have more of the most amazing waffles we have ever had, ever!

By Max and Chloe Green (Sandy and Adam's children)

Former Crawley Mayor and Leader of the Council Dr Howard Bloom passes away



A minute's silence will be observed at the Full Council meeting this Wednesday (26th Feb) after former Councillor, Mayor and Leader of the Council, Dr Howard Bloom, passed away at the weekend.

Howard was Leader of the Council from 2013 to 2014, Mayor of Crawley in 2008/09 and served as a Crawley Borough councillor, representing Gossops Green from 1984 to 1991, Southgate from 2006 until 2014 and Pound Hill South and Worth from 2014 to 2018.

He was also a West Sussex County councillor for Southgate and Crawley Central from 2009 to 2013.

Born in south Wales he moved to Crawley in 1977 to work at Crawley Hospital.

In 1981 he began work as a GP at Gossops Green Medical Practice and in 1991, he was appointed as a Senior Civil Servant at the Department of Health and then seconded to the Department of Social Security in 1995

Article text and photo from Crawley News 24

Douglas Beeson passes away

Douglas had been a member of the CTTA for several years and liked to visit Dorsten to practise his German which he had been learning in Redhill for many years.

Through Gerry Wareing, who had known him for more than 40 years I discovered that Douglas had worked on flight simulators first of all The Royal Aircraft Establishment in Farnborough and later at Redifon. This meant that he often had to work abroad.

He has been suffering with health problems for over 5 years. Gerry and his wife Nancy have tried to help but Douglas had to go into hospital 2 or 3 times to build up his strength. Finally it was felt he needed 24 hour care and he went to Wykeham House Nursing Home in Horley, where Gerry visited every fortnight. He died there on December 7th 2019 and his Requiem Mass was celebrated this January in Tilgate at St. Bernadette's, where he had been a parishioner.

By Joan Newton



Memories can last a lifetime

On the 18th February 2020, I received a message from our Dorsten friends (Norbert & Christa Muller) who had read an article in the Dorsten daily newspaper. They forwarded it to Di and I for our general interest because they thought it would be of interest to us both, how right they were.

When I read the article, I realised it was recounting an experience in 2013. Back then, Di and I had hosted Birgit and Huseyin Krenz-Kaynak. We had an enjoyable week visiting, amongst other places, Chichester Cathedral and its beautiful surrounding gardens.

Sadly Huseyin died in 2019 and the article, inserted (no you don't have to be able to translate German to get the gist), mentions that during their visit to Crawley they had seen how we in the UK occasionally remember lost loved ones by having a plaque inserted onto a park bench placed in a location that can bring back fond memories.

It's sad of course that Huseyin died but the photo highlights how the sharing of experiences between our respective towns can have lasting memories.

The photo shows Birgit and Yunus (son), seated, accompanied, amongst others by Tobias Stockhoff, Dorsten's Bürgermeister, at the placing of the bench.

It's usual of course for us only to remember the faces that have stayed with us personally. I therefore attach a couple of photos from the 2013 visit of Birgit and Huseyin recounting happy time spent together.

By Keith Sullivan

Note on behalf of the editor - Peter Klin has often mentioned he has difficulty obtaining articles for the newsletter. As a suggestion, perhaps there are others who have lasting memories they might like to share in future newsletters.



Eine Erinnerung an den verstorbenen Ehemann
Am Kanaluferweg steht seit Dienstag die erste Erinnerungsbank Dorstens. Birgit Krenz-Kaynak möchte mit dieser Bank an ihren verstorbenen Mann Huseyin erinnern.

Dorsten. Initiatorin der Erinnerungsbank ist Birgit Krenz-Kaynak, die im vergangenen Jahr ihren Mann Huseyin Kaynak verloren hat und ihm jetzt die Erinnerungsbank widmet. Auf einer Plakette, die an der Rückenlehne der Sitzbank angebracht ist, steht geschrieben: „Du bist in unseren Herzen – Kalbimizden!“ - Huseyin Kaynak - 1960 bis 2019.

Dass Bürger von der hochwertigen Parkbank einen wunderbaren Blick auf das Wasser haben, ist kein Zufall. Birgit Krenz-Kaynak und ihr verstorbenen Ehemann haben lange zusammen in Dorsten gelebt – an der Wasserstraße. „Wir haben das Wasser geliebt, sind am liebsten stundenlang an Lippe und Kanal spazieren gegangen“, berichtet die evangelische Pfarrerin und ergänzt: „Mein Mann stammt aus der Türkei und ist dort beerdigt worden. Ich

inigen Jahren mit ihrem Mann auf genau so einer Erinnerungsbank. Beiden gefiel diese Idee sehr. Auch Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff, der den Wunsch von Birgit Krenz-Kaynak gerne unterstützt hat, sind solche Erinnerungsbanken beim Besuch in der britischen Partnerstadt Crawley schon aufgefallen. „Trotz des doch traurigen Anlasses finde ich die Idee sehr schön. Für viele Menschen ist es wichtig, einen festen Ort des Erinnerns zu haben“, sagt er.

Die Stadt hat mit der Erinnerung eine Vereinbarung über die Errichtung dieser Erinnerungsbank geschlossen. In diesem Schriftstück sind Rechte und Pflichten geregelt. Die Kosten werden von der Auftraggeberin oder dem Auftraggeber getragen. Die Montage der Bank ist den Mitarbeitern des Grünflächenamts vorbehalten.

Im Bild (sitzend): Birgit Krenz-Kaynak und ihr Sohn Yunus Kaynak, (stehend) Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff, Karsten Hartmann (Referent des Bürgermeisters) und Mila Ellee (Referentin des Technischen Beigeordneten).

möchte nicht, dass auch noch sein Name ganz aus Dorsten verschwindet.“ Die Sitzbank am Kanaluferweg nennt sie „einen Ort des Gedenkens“. Vorbild ist Dorstens Partnerstadt Crawley. Während einer Reise mit dem Freundeskreis Crawley saß sie vor

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Newly elected CTTA committee members for 2020/2021

Position	Name
Executive Committee Members	
Chairman	Cllr Brenda Smith
Vice Chairman	Iain Millar
Secretary	Geoff May
Treasurer	Tom Leahy
Minute Secretary	Joan Newton
Public relations officer	Peter Klin
Accommodation Secretary	Jacky May
Membership Secretary	Michael James
Mayor's Secretary PA	Hayley Thorne
Honorary Member	Marion James
Committee members	Cllr Raj Sharma
	Cllr Carol Eade
	Elaine Williams
	Di Sullivan
	David Rayner
	Marilyn Millar
	Hilary Jones
	Moira Blackman



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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 40 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:-

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Michael James

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APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS

How to Join

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

Subscription to:

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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.....