



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the Summer issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue of the Newsletter in March the following town twinning activities have taken place:

Social evening - on Friday 2nd June. A few members met in the Goff's Manor Pub (Old Horsham Road) for friendly drink, meal and a chat, which around 12 people attended.

The Main Group Visit (MGV) to Crawley took place between 15th July to 23th July 2017, with a varied and interesting programme during the visit. The feedback on the week was very positive, with no known problems or hitches reported. The details of the main activities and trips are reported in this issue.

As reported in the previous Newsletter, the CTTA committee will be travelling 29/09/2017 to 2/10/2017 by coach to Dorsten to attend the DCM (Dual Committee Meeting). There are currently still spare seats on offer (max. £150 for return trip). Anyone who would like a long weekend in Dorsten with their friends can you please phone or email the trip organiser – Geoff May. Tel. No. 01293 885 444, email address: GMay584553@aol.com

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On Behalf of CTTA



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MGV Mayor's Welcome and Trip to Worth Park

On Monday 17th. July 2017 The CBC Mayor Mr Brian Quinn welcomed our Dorsten guests and their hosts in the Town Hall Council Chamber. The Mayor also mentioned the fact that the Town Hall including the Council Chamber will be demolished next year as part of the development plans. This in fact will be the last time that the Main Group visitors are welcomed in this beautiful Council Chamber. Alternative temporary premises will be used for the MGV welcome in two year's time.

The official welcome followed by a short reception enjoyed by all.

Once the welcome and the reception was over the guests and their hosts departed by coach to the recently beautifully restored Worth Park.

This visit was organised by Jacky May, Brenda Smith and Hayley Thorne, who prepared picnic-lunch boxes and drinks for all. On behalf of the CTTA committee I would like to thank Jacky, Brenda and Hayley for organising a beautiful afternoon (including the weather) and also special thank you for all the Worth Park staff and volunteers for explaining the park history, recent restoration works of the park and details of the park's plants, bushes, trees, flowers and the required associated gardening work.



Below I include an information article from CBC online pages, explaining the Park's history till the present time restoration:

Worth Park covers eight hectares and once formed part of the Forest of Worth, which stretched from Slaugham in the south to Worth in the north.

The Worth Park Estate was purchased by Abraham Montefiore c1816 and the house and garden were later remodelled by his son Joseph Montefiore, his wife Henrietta and their son, Sir Francis Montefiore. The park was turned into a high status late Victorian pleasure garden and landscape, constructed by James Pulham and Son who also designed features for the gardens of Buckingham Palace and Sandringham House.

In 1915 the estate was broken up and sold. The house and gardens were bought by a Gravesend boarding school in 1920 and became known as Milton Mount College.

In 1963 the house and gardens were purchased by Crawley Borough Council. The house was subsequently demolished and the flats which exist today were built. However the original landscape remains almost unchanged since the late 1800s. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, this impressive parkland has now been restored to its former Victorian Glory, including its magnificent Pulham fountain, one of the most significant in the country.

Worth Park restoration

Work has been carried out to restore Worth Park to its former Victorian glory, with the help of funding from Crawley Borough Council and £2.42m from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

MGV VISIT TO ELTHAM PALACE

The Wednesday tour this year was to Eltham Palace which is unique among stately homes in that it is a delightful mix of ancient and modern. The original palace was home to Henry VIII as a child but was later abandoned by Royalty in favour of Hampton Court and fell into disrepair.

Bought in the early 20th century by members of the Courtauld family the great Hall was restored to its former glory and incorporated into a large modern 1930's home featuring the latest technological innovations of the day including underfloor heating, internal telephone exchange and art deco style built in furniture reminiscent of an ocean liner.

It is currently owned by English Heritage who supply visitors with superb individual video guides in which the main features are described by actors playing the parts of Courtauld family members and guests to illustrate the lavish life style and parties of the era. There was also a guide specially designed for families which was particularly enjoyed by the youngsters in the group who had a great time in both the house and the garden.

The weather was fortunately very kind to us enabling most to enjoy a picnic in the garden or the conservatory.

We broke the return journey at the huge Polhill Garden Centre near Sevenoaks for afternoon tea and many could not resist the opportunity for retail therapy in the numerous outlets on site.

Traffic on the motorway was surprisingly trouble free and Matthias brought us safely back to the Hawth on schedule at 5 pm.

Iain Millar



MGV TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX AND PEVENSEY

My name is David Rayner and I have been on the Committee of the CTTA for a couple of years now. This year it was my privilege to organise and lead the third trip of the guest week to Herstmonceux and Pevensey in East Sussex.

Herstmonceux Castle was built in 1440 and is one of the most beautiful castles in Sussex. The eight gardens surrounding it were a fitting match, and I especially enjoyed the lovely roses and also the statuary from Zimbabwe.

Next up was the observatory (formerly part of the Royal Greenwich Observatory) but now an interactive science museum. Young and old had great fun engaging with the various science-based challenges and displays available.

Lastly we travelled the five miles to Pevensey Castle and beach where we sampled the delights of the sea, not forgetting the beer gardens! It was a glorious day and I like to think that a good time was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Mathias for his excellent driving!

Best wishes – Dave R.



MGV TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX AND PEVENSEY (cont. from page 4)



MGV FAREWELL PARTY PHOTOS



and an early Sunday morning farewell at Hawth

10. 08. 2017

Mit dem Rad nach Ernée

Tour de Partnerstadt startet am 23. August

DORSTEN. Zur zweiten „Fahrradtour de Partnerstadt“ – wieder für einen guten Zweck – startet Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff mit einer Gruppe des Radsportclubs RSC und einigen Bürgern am 23. August (Mittwoch). Das Ziel ist diesmal die französische Gemeinde Ernée, mit der die Lippestadt seit 1985 verbunden ist.

Nach zehn Etappen (pro Tag rund 100 Kilometer Strampelstrecke) durch Holland, Belgien und Frankreich will die Gruppe am 1. September in der Partnerstadt ankommen.

Patronatsfest Dort wird am ersten September-Wochenende das Patronatsfest St. Gregoire mit großer Dorstener Beteiligung gefeiert: Neben der Radelgruppe um Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff werden auch Mitglieder der Deutsch-Französischen Gesellschaft und die Dorstener Big Band in Ernée sein. Die Reisenden freuen sich bereits auf buntes Markttreiben mit Landmaschinen- und Oldtimerausstellung, eine Prämierung von Zuchtkühen und den großen Festabend im Zelt neben dem Rathaus.

Bürgermeister Stockhoff: „Das große Fest ist ein toller Anlass für unsere Fahrt. Wir alle freuen uns schon sehr darauf, alte Freunde zu treffen, neue kennenzulernen und so die Beziehung zwischen unseren Städten zu stärken.“

Der Bürgermeister und alle Begleiter nehmen für diese Tour Urlaub, zahlen alle Fahrt- und Hotelkosten aus eigener Tasche und sind in der Partnerstadt privat untergebracht. Das Busunternehmen Kremerskothen stellt einen Bulli als Begleitfahrzeug kostenlos zur Verfügung, das Autohaus Lehmbrock aus Lembeck einen passenden Fahrradanhänger.

Soziales Anliegen Auch diese Fahrt steht wieder ganz im Zeichen eines sozialen Anliegens: Diesmal bittet Bürgermeister Tobias Stockhoff um Spenden für den Kinderschutzbund und für die Kinderferienstiftung Dorsten. „Beide Organisationen leisten großartige Arbeit für benachteiligte Kinder und Jugendliche in Dorsten. Ich würde mich über jede Unterstützung freuen, die zu 100 Prozent diesen Institutionen zukommt.“

Die Spenden werden geteilt

Spenden können eingezahlt werden mit dem Stichwort „Ernee 2017“ auf das Konto des Kinderschutzbundes Dorsten, Vereinte Volksbank, IBAN: DE94 4266 2320 0309 4700 00, BIC: GENODEM1DST

Wer eine Spendenquittung wünscht, gebe auf der Überweisung seine vollständige Anschrift mit an. Die eingehenden Spenden werden nach der Aktion hälftig zwischen beiden Organisationen aufgeteilt.

Die erste „Radtour de Partnerstadt“ führte 2015 nach Crawley. Damals baten der Bürgermeister und der Freundeskreis Crawley um Spenden für den Hospizverein.

(For English translation by Marilyn Millar see next page)

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To Ernée by bike

The Twin Town Tour sets off on 23rd August.

The Mayor, Tobias Stockhoff, is setting off – again for a good cause - on the second “Twin Town Tour” on 23rd August (Wednesday) with a group from the RSC Cycling Club and some other Dorsten residents. This time the goal is the French town of Ernée which has been twinned with Dorsten since 1985.

After ten stages (approximately 100km pedalling each day) through Holland, Belgium and France the group aims to reach Ernée on 1st September.

Patron Saint’s Festival. On the first weekend in September the Festival of St Gregory, the Patron Saint of Ernée, will be celebrated with a large contingent of people from Dorsten. In addition to Mayor Tobias Stockhoff and the cyclists, members of the Franco-German Town Twinning Association and the Dorsten Big Band will also be there. The travellers are already looking forward to the colourful hustle and bustle of the market and fair with an exhibition of agricultural machinery and old cars, awards for cattle breeding and the evening celebrations in the marquee next to the Town Hall.

Mayor Stockhoff said, “This big celebration is a wonderful reason for our trip. We are all looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones and thus strengthen the relationship between our two towns.”

The Mayor and all those accompanying him have taken annual holiday leave and are paying all travel and hotel costs out of their own pockets and in Ernée they will be staying with local families. The Kremerskothen Coach Company is providing a Bulli (VW mini-bus), free of charge, to serve as a support vehicle and the Autohaus Lehmbrock from Lembeck is providing a trailer for bicycles to go with it.

This trip also has a charitable purpose. This time Mayor Tobias Stockhoff is asking for donations for two children’s charities in Dorsten. “Both organisations do wonderful work for disadvantaged children and young people in Dorsten. I would be delighted with every contribution, which will go 100 % to these institutions.”

The money will be divided between the two organisations. The first “Twin Town Tour” was to Crawley in 2015. At that time the Mayor and the Dorsten-Crawley Town Twinning Association asked for donations for the Hospice in Dorsten.



Crawley Town Twinning Association



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:-

The membership secretary
Michael James
Telephone: 01293 532699

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

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

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..... Signature.....