



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the September 2019 issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue the following town twinning activities or events have taken place:

Annual CTTA Dinner 2019

This CTTA annual event was held on 30th March 2019 in The Black Swan, Pease Pottage. The Dinner was attended by some 35 members and the response of members to the quality of the Dinner and the venue was very positive and a favourable one.

Main Group Visit (MGV)- Crawley 20th July to 28th July 2019

This year it was our turn to welcome our Dorsten guests in Crawley. The executive committee had prepared a varied and interesting programme for the whole week. The programme included the traditional Mayor's welcome (sadly last time in the existing Town Hall Chamber) visit to the Crawley Museum, Sikh Temple in Crawley, Trip to the Historic Dock Yard in Chatham, Llama Park and Eastbourne trip and a very nice and lively Farewell Party. Some photographs from the week's activities are shown inside this Newsletter

MGV Hosts BBQ on Friday 17th August 2019

The CTTA committee in conjunction with Geoff and Jacky May kindly invited all those who hosted our guests, together with their partners as a "Thank You" for a BBQ evening. The evening went very well and was enjoyed by all. Even the weather held during the evening. On behalf of the committee and all CTTA members who attended a big thank you goes to Geoff and Jacky May for preparing and hosting this venue. Without their hard work, effort and considerable organisational skills such an event would be very hard to do anywhere else and is greatly appreciated.

Forthcoming activities

Dual Committee Meeting (DCM)

The DCM will take place in Dorsten between 27/09 to 30/09/2019. This meeting will discuss and reflect on the various individual and joint activities by both Associations during the last 12 months. The meeting will also agree the next year (2020) MGV dates for the Crawley Main Group Visit to Dorsten and discuss any other future activities and matters arising for the next 12 months.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Date to be confirmed shortly

Peter Klin
PR officer and Newsletter Editor
On Behalf of CTTA



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KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hilary Jones story

My name is Hilary Jones and I have been on the CTTA Committee for just over a year. I am a retired primary school teacher and have lived in Crawley for almost 9 years with my husband, Peter.

I grew up in Bristol and my parents welcomed people from all over the world into our home. My father had a German penfriend from his teens, before the war, until they were both in their 70's. He taught himself German and encouraged me to learn it at school. I visited Aachen several times from the age of 9 and the German family visited us. I also have friends in the Black Forest, so Germany has always been a country I love to visit. Sadly, my German is not as good now.

My husband and I have been involved with town twinning since the 90's when we joined Reigate and Banstead town twinning visiting Germany and France. Of course when we came to Crawley we had to join the CTTA.

The Dorsten twinnings are friendly and always make us feel welcome. Town twinning makes it possible to learn about a different way of life and to meet interesting people. For children it is a wonderful opportunity to see and hear another language in use, try new food, visit different people and places and learn that basically all people are the same.

Hilary Jones
June 2019

Diana Sullivan My Town Twinning Journey

My husband Keith and I joined the CTTA in 1996 and went on our first main group visit that same year. We were persuaded to join by Geoff and Jacky May, as we saw how much they had enjoyed their first trip to Dorsten in 1994 and had met their host Ulla on her visit here the following year.

Both Keith and I speak German (I learned it at school) and we were interested in improving it. That has proved rather difficult over the years as most of the Dorsteners prefer to practice their English! However we are persevering with it and it has proved helpful on more than one occasion.

Our son Matthew made his first visit to Dorsten when he was 6. I can still see the astonishment on his face when he found that his beloved Power Rangers were speaking German on the TV. We have all enjoyed the tremendous hospitality we have received in Dorsten, and apart from a couple of years when Matthew was a teenager, we have been on almost every group visit since then.

It never ceases to amaze me that despite the number of times we have been to Dorsten, there is always something new to discover. Some things stand out of course - the hanging monorail in Wuppertal and the cruise ship building Meyer Werf in Pappenburg spring to mind. But the simple things are just as enjoyable. A conversation with friends over a 'Kaffee und Kuchen' is great, and aren't the German cakes wonderful.

Now I am a member of the committee, I hope that we can continue to find some interesting places to amaze our guests.

Diana Sullivan
June 2019



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How I became involved in Town Twinning

I have always loved languages and foreign travel and from the age of 14 used to do regular exchanges with my French and German penfriends. This led me to study languages and I taught French and German for 30+ years. My first contact with our twin town was when I was asked to help with the annual English language course organised by teachers in the adult education departments of Crawley College and the Volkshochschule in Dorsten. It was great fun with a good mixture of classes and social events and I met such lovely people. Therefore I and I decided to join the CTTA and have visited Dorsten nearly every year, always receiving the warmest of welcomes. Not only have we visited interesting places but by staying in families, sharing their everyday life and learning about their opinions and problems you see that there are far more similarities than differences between us. I really value the friendships that we have made both here and in Dorsten and wish to see the personal links between the people of our two towns continue well into the future.

Marilyn Millar

Photos from the Main Group Visit in Crawley 2019





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Photos from MGV Hosts BBQ on Friday 17th August 2019





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Newly elected CTTA committee members for 2018/2019

| Position | Name |
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| 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 |
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| 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:-

Membership secretary

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:

Membership Secretary,

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Furnace Green

Crawley RH10

Tel. 01293 532699

email : michaeljames271@btinternet.com

The annual subscriptions

To subscribe you will need to make annual payments (by cheque)*.

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| 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.....