



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear members and friends,

Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of the CTTA Newsletter.

The majority of this Newsletter is dedicated to our CTTA honorary president Alderman Jim Smith MBE and his public and private life achievements including his MBE investiture held in Crawley Town Hall on 7th. January 2016.

The CTTA Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 6th February 2016 in Rowfant House, organised by Elaine Williams. Short summary of the successful event with a few photos are shown on page 9.

Geoff May, the organiser and trip leader of this year's August Main Group Visit to Dorsten reports that his list of people participating on the trip is almost full. At the moment there may still be 3 or 4 places available. So anybody thinking of going, please contact Geoff as soon as possible to avoid any possible disappointment.

Our long standing member Mrs. Judy Rayner had an accident during her cruise in the Far East. Following an operation, Judy is now back on British soil, and on behalf of the CTTA we all wish her a speedy recovery and get well soon. Equally we wish a speedy recovery and best wishes to our Dorsten dear friend Petra Guenther who will be coming home from rehabilitation on 7th April.

Peter Klin

PR officer and editor of the newsletter

On behalf of CTTA



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ALDERMAN JIM SMITH MBE

As mentioned in my title page, this Newsletter is on the whole dedicated to our long standing CTTA member and Honorary president Mr Jim Smith MBE.

Majority of Jim's life and lifetime public achievements (which were really many) are well documented and described either in the HM Queen's Honours Citation Form shown on page 5 or in the local press coverage and article e.g. Crawley Observer—page 6.

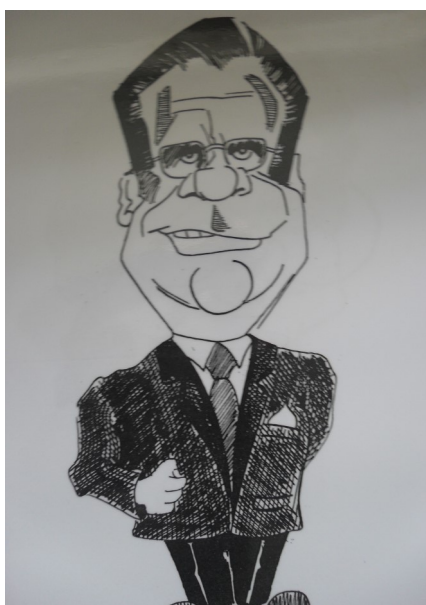
My small contribution is taken from a slightly different angle and includes some of Jim's private information given kindly to me at my chat with Jim and Brenda in their home last month. This chat followed the brilliant MBE investiture and celebration given by Jim and Brenda at the Town Hall's loaned Chamber on 7th January 2016. The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Susan Pyper, performed the formal ceremony on behalf of The Queen.

During my chat with Jim he confirmed that he was born in Rochester on 29th October 1927, grew up in Shortlands and moved to Crawley in 1958. During his early life he was a professional footballer for 3 years with Crystal Palace FC and was Three Bridges' captain for many years.

Apart from his known public appointments as a Chairman of the Crawley Urban District Council as a labour councillor, County Councillor on West Sussex Council, magistrate on the Crawley Bench and Borough Mayor re-elected three times, Jim was also a full time lecturer of Maths, Technical Drawings and Mechanical engineering first in Crawley College and later in Lewisham Technical College. He commuted daily by car between Lewisham and Crawley.

Jim was the first Chair of the Crawley Town Twinning Association, established in 1973 and served continuously for 25 years and is currently it's Honorary President.

Jim has 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, which he very much enjoys. On Behalf of the CTTA we all wish Jim many happy years with his dedicated wife Brenda, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and look forward to seeing him at the forthcoming CTTA committee meetings and also at the next Main Group Visit in Dorsten in August of this year.



Text by Peter Klin

JIM SMITH MBE





Alderman Jim Smith MBE



**Investiture,
7th January 2016**



Jim's public service MBE a 'huge honour'

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Some 150 people attended Alderman Jim Smith's investiture at the Town Hall's chambers on Thursday (January 7).

His wife, Brenda Smith, said he was applauded as he walked into the chamber despite being at 'death's door' only weeks before.

The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Susan Piper, performed the formal ceremony on behalf of The Queen. The chamber heard he had been involved in public services for almost half a century and a borough councillor for 40 years.

He championed education during the 12 years he served as a Crawley county councillor, was a magistrate for 21 years, and was 'pivotal' in getting the town's cultural hub, The Hawth Theatre, built.

Mr Smith was selected for an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in April 2015. He was unable to formally receive the award at Buckingham Palace and was planning to receive at home due to ill health. Mrs Smith, who has served as Mayor of Crawley twice, said: "This is the biggest thing that has ever happened in our lives.

"It was a huge honour and a surprise.

"After coming out of hospital it was clear he was not going to be strong enough to make a visit to London and all that involved."

Mr Smith, who was diagnosed with dementia in 2009, made an 'amazing recovery' after a change in his treatment late last year.

Mrs Smith said he was 'very frail' but determined to walk into the chamber.

Friends and family applauded him after he entered the room holding on to Susan Piper's arm.

Mrs Smith said: "We were absolutely thrilled that the Lord Lieutenant agreed to come and invest him with his medal and that the council had very very kindly provided the council chamber.

"We were able to invite guests which we would not have been able to do if the investiture were at the palace."

She added Mr Smith was chairman of the town's twinning association for 25 years and had been made its life-time president

He continued to visit schools to help reduce the stigma of dementia to children.

Article Published in Crawley Observer – 13th.January 2016

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE
 HONOURS CITATION FORM
 Honours and Appointments Secretariat BD 2015

Number 5087

Award MBE

Priority/Rating P

Community, Voluntary and Local Service - Community Service

Name Mr JAMES GEORGE THOMAS SMITH

Date of Birth 29 October 1927 Age 87 British

BME Unknown Public Yes Gender Male Voluntary Yes

Length of Service - Total 48 In Post In Grade

Previous Honours and Dates Previous Recommendations

Leaving Current Post

Short Citation For services to the community in Crawley, West Sussex

Long Citation
 He has given immense public service to the people of Crawley for almost half a century. Having been a professional footballer playing for Crystal Palace early in his career, he went on to serve as a lecturer. He taught first at Crawley College, but when that closed in 1979, he went on to become Senior Lecturer at South East London Technical College until his retirement in 1995. He inspired many young people and demonstrated a real passion for education and learning. Alongside this fulltime position, he has also given 40 years as an elected public servant. In 1968, he became Chairman of the Crawley Urban District Council and began his long career in local government in Crawley as a Labour councillor. During his time as councillor, he focused on delivering what he thought was essential for the people of Crawley. Given his background, he saw sport as being a vital part of everyday life and sort to provide facilities for all in the local area. This saw the construction of the Crawley Leisure Centre in 1974, which was used by sporting heroes such as Alan Minter and Daley Thompson, but also by many people within Crawley. This centre was a key part of Crawley life for 30 years, until it was replaced by the state of the art K2 Crawley Sports Centre. The sporting legacy he has created is still at the heart of Crawley. He also sought to improve the status of performing arts in Crawley, and played a pivotal role in overseeing the design and build of the £7 million Hawth Theatre that was completed in 1988. The theatre is a cultural hub in Crawley and plays host to a wide range of different shows, festivals and exhibitions. In 1997, he was elected as a County Councillor on West Sussex County Council. During his 12 year service, where he was re-elected three times, he served on a number of committees including the Education, Standards and Planning committees. He also served as Borough Mayor on three occasions, and was made a Freeman of the Borough of Crawley and an Honorary Alderman in November 2012. For 20 years, between 1977 and 1997, he served as a magistrate on the Crawley Bench. This included five years as a Chair qualified magistrate. This again demonstrates the selfless commitment he showed for public service. He continues to be active in Crawley public life, as his wife currently serves as Mayor and he regularly attends Council meetings in his role as Honorary Alderman. He was also the founder and Life President of the Crawley Town Twinning Association. The organisation celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, and he is still a vital part of its meetings and events. He continues to show an unstinting dedication to Crawley and local people.

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16 June 2015

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Brenda Smith

From: raybullen [redacted]
Sent: 07 January 2016 21:12
To: smithba [redacted]
Subject: investiture

Hi Brenda and Jim,

I am sure everyone would agree with us, that it was a great honour to be present at Jim's investiture with a well earned MBE this afternoon..

In adding our congratulations to Jim and in fact to the two of you, as you have both served the town and county so well over the years, may we thank you both for including us to share in this joyous and splendid event.

It was a fitting occasion and very well done. So thank you again.

Best regards

Ray and Irene

Brenda Smith

To: Penny Mills
Subject: RE: Jim's presentation afternoon

-----Original Message-----

From: Penny Mills [redacted]
Sent: 07 January 2016 20:17
To: brenda smith
Subject: Jim's presentation afternoon

So well done and such a memorable afternoon . So many of Jim's friends and colleagues .
It was good to hear the citation and hear of some of his achievements .
Thank you for inviting us to be part of your special occasion .
Do hope you enjoyed being with family and friends .

Look forward to meeting up with you soon !
Love to you both
Penny & Derek xx

Sent from my iPad=

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Dorsten, 25th June 2015

Dear Jim,

I became aware that you have been awarded by Queen Elisabeth II as a Member of the Order of the British Empire. I would like to congratulate you warmly for this great honour. I am particularly pleased that the Queen appreciates specifically your service for the town twinning between Crawley and Dorsten. This also means that some of the glamour gleams on our town.

But it is indeed impressive that you served for this exchange for more than four decades. With your commitment you caused uncountable friendships between citizens and associations in both of our towns. And along the way this stable connection between two towns is part of a large network of Peoples' Friendship and understanding in Europe.

Dear Jim, unfortunately I also became aware that Brenda had an accident und had to be treated in hospital. I keep my fingers crossed that her injuries heal quiet well und I wish her a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely

Tobias Stockhoff
Mayor

CTTA ANNUAL DINNER 2016

This year's Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 6th February at Rowfant House. Elaine Williams once more kindly agreed to organise this year's event and 28 members were at the evening.

The dinner was enjoyed by all. Following the meal, Jacky May organised the evening's raffle prizes and Keith Sullivan prepared an excellent (although relatively hard) quiz with Germany as a theme for each of the question. (See pages 7& 8 for the Quiz's questions and answers).

Once more many thanks Elaine for organizing such a successful event, Jacky for the raffle and Keith for the brilliant quiz. See you all in 2017.





CTTA ANNUAL DINNER 6TH FEBRUARY 2016
'HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GERMANY' QUIZ

Can you find the hidden phrase?

1. SWEET SCENTED CITY IN GERMANY (4TH JULY 2011)
2. S-BAHN END STATION OF BERLIN S1 RAIL LINE
3. OLD MAN FOUND IN THIS PLACE NEAR DUSSELDORF
4. HOME CITY OF SCHALKE 04
5. OFTEN POORLY PRONOUNCED GERMAN GRAPE
6. CHARLEMAGNE EMPIRE CAPITAL & SPA TOWN
7. GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREE
8. INSPIRING CATHEDRAL CITY IN BADEN-WURTEMBERG
9. SOMETIMES CALLED THE MURMURING ROCK ON GERMAN RIVER
10. RIVER, VALLEY & GERMAN RED WINE REGION SHARE SAME NAME
11. NUMBER OF WINE PRODUCING REGIONS IN GERMANY
12. NO ROOM AT THIS GERMAN RIVER
13. PASSIONATE THEATRICAL CITY IN BAVARIA
14. NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BORDERING GERMANY
15. ONE OF BERLIN'S AIRPORTS
16. INDUSTRIAL CITY IN FORMER DDR WITH A TOUCH OF GLASS
17. BUNDESLIGA TEAM (BEGINS FC I.....), ALSO HQ OF AUDI
18. NOT JUST DESSERTS, GERMAN FOOD COMPANY
19. WATER FROM A HOSE, BERLIN RIVER
20. GERMAN RIVER SHARING BORDER WITH LUXEMBOURG
21. MUNICH'S RUSSIAN SOUNDING RIVER (BUT ONLY AFTER 'I')
22. MOUNTAIN RANGE IN HESSE (GERMAN FORD CORTINA)
23. TOWN OF IRON MEN
24. ANGEL (PERHAPS) BORN IN HAMBURG IN 1954
25. SMALLEST STATE OF GERMANY
26. STATE CAPITAL OF THURINGIA
27. GERMAN CHEERS
28. DORSTEN NUMBER PLATE ADMINISTRATIVE TOWN
29. CITY TO EAT, IN GERMANY
30. DOUBLE BARRELLED GERMAN STATE
31. ESKIMO HOME OF SPINACH
32. CAPITAL CITY OF NORD RHEIN WESTFALEN
33. DRESDEN'S RIVER
34. GERMAN F1 TRACK, BUT NOT USED IN 2015!
35. SLOGAN 'CAR FOR FOUR WITH LUGGAGE IN A COMPACT SHELL'
36. GERMANS LOVE THIS SPICY SNACK, ESPECIALLY IN BERLIN
37. OPERA BY RICHARD WAGNER
38. AUDI SLOGAN 'VORSPRUNG DURCH...'
39. FAMILY NAME OF FOUNDER OF ALDI
40. FAMOUS PERSON IN CRAWLEY – A CLUE TO THIS QUIZ



AND THE ANSWERS ARE:



CongratulationsJimSmithMBEPresidentCTTA

1. COLOGNE – SCENTED CITY FOR 4711
2. ORANIENBURG – S-BAHN END STATION OF BERLIN S1 RAIL LINE
3. NEANDERTHAL – OLD MAN FOUND IN THIS PLACE
4. GELSENKIRCHEN – HOME CITY OF SCHALKE 04
5. RIESLING – POORLY PRONOUNCED GERMANY GRAPE
6. AACHEN – CHARLEMAGNE EMPIRE CAPITAL & SPA TOWN
7. TANNENBAUM – GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREE
8. ULM – INSPIRING CATHEDRAL CITY IN BADEN-WURTEMBERG – tallest steeple in the world (161.53 m or 529.95 feet)
9. LORELEI – OFTEN CALLED MURMURING ROCK ON GERMAN RIVER (The translation of the name Loreley is 'murmuring rock')
10. AHR – RIVER, VALLEY & GERMAN WINE REGION SHARE NAME
11. THIRTEEN – NUMBER WINE PRODUCING REGIONS IN GERMANY
12. INN – NO ROOM AT THIS GERMAN RIVER
13. OBERAMMERGAU – PASSIONATE THEATRICAL CITY IN BAVARIA (passion play performed since 1634, tradition by inhabitants)
14. NINE – NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BORDERING GERMANY (DK, PL, CZ, OS, CH, FR, LX, BE, NL)
15. SCHOENEFELD – ONE OF BERLIN'S AIRPORTS
16. JENA – INDUSTRIAL CITY IN FORMER DDR, TOUCH OF GLASS
17. INGOLSTADT – BUNDESLIGA TEAM (BEGINS FC I..) & AUDI HQ
18. MUELLER – NOT JUST DESSERTS, GERMAN FOOD COMPANY
19. SPREE – WATER FROM A HOSE, IN BERLIN (250ml long trib of Havel)
20. MOSELLE – RIVER SHARING BORDER WITH LUXEMBOURG
21. ISAR – MUNICH RUSSIAN SOUNDING RIVER (ONLY AFTER 'I')
22. TAUNUS – MOUNTAIN RANGE IN HESSE, GERMAN FORD CORTINA
23. HATTINGEN – TOWN OF IRON MEN
24. MERKEL – ANGEL (PERHAPS) BORN IN HAMBURG IN 1954
25. BREMEN – SMALLEST STATE OF GERMANY'S 16 STATES
26. ERFURT – STATE CAPITAL OF THURINGIA
27. PROST – GERMAN CHEERS
28. RECKLINGHAUSEN – DORSTEN NUMBER PLATE ADMIN TOWN
29. ESSEN – CITY TO EAT, IN GERMAN
30. SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN – DOUBLE BARRELLED GERMAN STATE
31. IGLOO – ESKIMO HOME OF SPINACH
32. DUSSELDORF – CAPITAL CITY OF NORD RHEIN WESTFALEN
33. ELBE – DRESDEN'S RIVER
34. NURBURGRING – GERMAN F1 TRACK NOT USED IN 2015
35. TRABANT – CAR FOR 4 WITH LUGGAGE IN A COMPACT SHELL
36. CURRY WURST – GERMANS LOVE THIS SPICY SNACK, IN BERLIN
37. TANNHAUSER – OPERA BY RICHARD WAGNER
38. TECHNIK – AUDI SLOGAN 'VORSPRUNG DURCH' "Advancement through technology"
39. ALBRECHT – Karl Albrecht (Feb 1920 – July 2014) Founded Aldi. Many years richest in Germany. Feb 2014, 21st-richest in the world.
40. FAMOUS PERSON IN CRAWLEY – A CLUE TO THIS QUIZ

Take a trip to our twin town

Join the Crawley Town Twinning Association (CTTA) and explore our German twin town, Dorsten.

The association has been organising visits for more than 40 years and groups like The Weald Choir, Millennium Band and Scouts have all enjoyed visits.

Along with these visits, the association also organises visits for couples and individuals and their children/grandchildren to stay with host families.

Three local trips are organised for the week but the rest of time is open to explore the local area which includes the university town of Munster, villages and castles. The river Lippe and Wesel-Datteln Canal run through Dorsten which links north-eastern Germany to the Rhine.

Travel from Crawley is by coach which is also used for the excursions arranged by the Dorsten Town Twinning Committee. Travellers participating in the visit pay

for the cost of travel and their personal expenses while accommodation and meals at home are provided by the host families.

The main group visit in 2016 will take place from the 20-28 August and although priority is given to members who have hosted in the past, places are available for new members.

Membership is open to everyone who lives in Crawley so if you would like to join or have more information please contact the membership secretary, Michael James. Telephone **01293 532699** or email **michaeljames271@btinternet.com**

Further information about twin town activities can be found at **www.dorsten-crawley.com**



The Crawley Town Twinning Association (CTTA) is offering residents the chance to join them on this year's visit to the twin town of Dorsten in Germany.

Over more than 40 years, strong links have been forged with the town, which like Crawley was formed out of several small villages. Clubs from both towns take part in twinning events throughout the year. There are also annual groups trips of couples and individuals, which will take place on August 20 to 28.

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"Many strong friendships have resulted over the years and this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a country and its people in a way that tourists can never experience."

People pay for their coach travel and personal expenses while their meals and board are free. Any Crawley residents can take part by joining the CTTA. Call membership secretary Michael James on 01293 532699 for details.

CRAWLEY OBSERVER

PICTURE SPECIAL

Chance to explore twin town

Twin town visit

BY ANNA COLE

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Twin town trips include sightseeing trips. The Dorsten basketball groups were shown the sights of London in a recent visit to the UK



Friendships have been forged over the years between residents of the two towns



Sports teams often take part in friendlies with their twin town rivals



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION-GENERAL AND MEMBERSHIP 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 43 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

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.....