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Dear Members and Friends,

Since the last winter issue of our Newsletter the CTTA held Annual Dinner on 7th March 2015. A historic Cycle Tour from Dorsten to Crawley had been organised by our Dorsten colleagues and took place between 9th May to 17th May 2015.

The CTTA's executive committee has prepared an interesting and varied programme for our forthcoming Main Group Visit (MGV) to Crawley between 27th June—5th July 2015.

CTTA committee and mainly our chairman Iain Millar has co-ordinated and organised Lembeck farmers evening in Crawley on Saturday 6th June, which was a very popular evening and a great success. Well done Iain and Marilyn. For more details and photos please see pages 3 to 5.

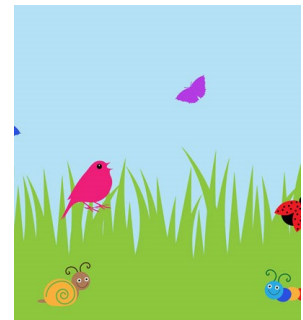
This year's Dual Committee Meeting (DCM) will take place in Dorsten between 18th to 21st. September 2015. Apart from the usual day to day twinning committee matters, the MGV 2016 (Crawley visit to Dorsten) will be discussed and agreed.

Following the May 2015 election, congratulations go to our CTTA executive committee member Raj Sharma who is currently a Labour Councillor for Southgate and from May also the deputy Mayor of Crawley.

Cllr Brenda Smith has successfully completed her Crawley Mayoral duties for 2014/15, well done Brenda.

Following her hard and diligent work as Mayor during the last year, Brenda and Jim were planning a well deserved holiday-cruise at end of May. An unfortunate accident in her home has put a temporary stop to such plans. On behalf of the CTTA we all wish you Brenda a speedy recovery and get well very soon.

Peter Klin
PR officer and editor of the newsletter
On behalf of CTTA



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CTTA Annual Dinner on 7th.March 2015

This year's Annual Dinner was held in March at Rowfant House. It was decided that as they had secured funding necessary to continue, that we would use them again.

We were a smaller group than usual, due to members having commitments elsewhere. Even so, 23 of us met up on Saturday, 7th March and socialised firstly in the bar!

I found the food hot and very tasty – unfortunately a few people were not able to have their first option and I can only apologise, and hope that the staff were able to provide them with a satisfactory alternative.

Thanks again should be attributed to George who provided us with another brain teaser of a quiz. This has been reproduced so you can have a go (or another go!!) Congratulations go to Helen Kendell and Jill Hathaway who won; their prize, as usual, chocolates which cannot leave the venue! Jacky organised the raffle which went down well at the end of the evening. Many thanks go to her for procuring the items.

I have volunteered to organise the event again next year, and hope to be able to obtain a venue for late January 2016. If members have any suggestions, they would be gratefully received and I will look into them nearer the time.

Elaine Williams



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CYCLISTS FROM GERMANY ARRIVE IN CRAWLEY

On Saturday 16th May a group of cyclists from our twin town of Dorsten arrived in Queen's Square to be welcomed by the Mayor, Cllr Brenda Smith, MP Henry Smith, Council Leader Peter Lamb and members of the Crawley Town Twinning Association.

The group, which included the Mayor of Dorsten, Tobias Stockhoff, left Dorsten on Friday 8th May and cycled through the relatively flat regions of Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and France to Calais before having to work a little harder to cope with the hills of Kent and Sussex.

This was a repetition of the cycle run made 34 years ago by Cllr Jim Smith and other members of the CTTA and reinforces the friendship link between the two towns.

For the last leg of the trip the visitors were joined by members of the Crawley cyclists Touring Club and arrived in Queen's Square at 11.45 am to join the STEMFEST festival taking place at that time. The Dorsten cyclists were riding e-bikes, electric battery assisted bikes which are becoming very popular in Germany and are now being promoted in the UK.

The visitors were then invited to a reception in the Town Hall, provided by the CTTA and were greeted and welcomed to Crawley by Mayor, Cllr Brenda Smith. During their stay they were hosted by members of the Crawley Town Twinning Association.

Iain Millar

Our bike trip to Crawley

We left Dorsten on our bikes Saturday 9th May 2015.

The first day (Saturday) took us to Kevelaer in Germany. For 76km the strong wind was against us and we were really shattered when we arrived our hotel. I don't think I could have managed without my e-bike.

The next day the wind was kinder but we did 100km with the result of a very sore bottom!!! But the spirit was good and as all of us shared the same kind of humour we laughed a lot and were a happy bunch of crazy German cyclists. We ended up in Lommel in Belgium after having crossed the Netherlands.

Monday was back to Aardenburg/Holland where we stopped in a lovely hotel with beautiful old furniture and delicious food in the evening.

We had cheated a little as we had put our bikes on the trailer and gone by car around Antwerp.

From Aardenburg we went to Middelkerke near Ostend with a 2 hour lunchbreak in Brügge. Again the wind was very strong and we thanked God for our e-bikes.

The sat nav did not always function to our liking :), so we ended up on extremely narrow footpaths with nettles and thistles all over or had to cross deep muddy holes or had to clear the paths from trees and branches. But it was good fun and nobody complained.

After we had crossed the Channel on Wednesday we went to Hythe in beautiful weather. We enjoyed the view from the cliffs and thought that the weather would never change.

Thursday showed us that we were wrong!! It rained cats and dogs the whole day and I gave up after 36 km being wet to the bones. The others were tougher and did the 78km to Royal Tunbridge Wells on their bikes. Here in England it was even more difficult to find good cycling paths, a fact we experienced on our last trip from R. T. W. to Crawley.

The sat nav sent us on one of these public footpaths which are all right for ramblers, but for cyclists????? We had to lift our bikes over about 5 locked gates, including one with a little stream and a rickety wooden bridge across it. That was really an adventure. But we made it and arrived Crawley at about 4pm where our friends were waiting for us and cheering and clapping their hands when we arrived. We met our hosts and they took us home to a well-earned shower and a nice cup of tea.

On Saturday we were back on our bikes. We were escorted into Crawley Town Centre where the Mayor, Brenda Smith, and her husband Jim (he had cycled to Dorsten 30 years ago) and a lot of friends and people from Crawley welcomed us. In the evening we were invited to a carvery and on Sunday we sadly had to say good-bye.

The whole trip was a great experience and a bit of an adventure and I'm very happy that I could be part of it.

Marita Kipinski



Dorsten Cyclists arrived in Crawley



Lembeck Farmers visit Crawley

At a meeting/evening meal in Crawley earlier this year between the Lembeck Farmers visit organiser and our chairman Iain Millar with a few German speaking CTTA members, a planned coach visit by Lembeck farmers to England, with a view for a short stop in Crawley in June 2015 was discussed. This short visit would be a one night stop in Crawley and would be part of their week long organised visit to South East of England.

A venue was agreed, and this would be the Walled Garden in a Tilgate Park, for Saturday , 6th June at 19:00h.

Over forty Lembeck farmers and small number of CTTA members turned up in the Walled Garden and all enjoyed a very pleasant and jolly evening. Stan Tofield and his "Stanislauski's Polka Band" kindly agreed to play and sing for us plenty of famous German "oompah" songs and other tunes, which provided a nice and friendly atmosphere for the evening. Of course a quality German lager beer and local liquor had been drunk and food consumed, with compliments of Lembeck farmers. The excellent food-evening meal was prepared by the Groundwork South staff who are currently running the Walled Garden Café. A few photographs from the evening are shown below.

Peter Klin



Crawley Town Twinning Association Quiz March 2015

- 01 And the ----- shall be last
- 02 Parliament building in Berlin
- 03 The fruit Eve picked – allegedly
- 04 A city on the Tyne
- 05 Whipsnade ---
- 06 Sussex County Cricket ground
- 07 Clothes worn by soldiers
- 08 Aurora Borealis
- 09 A note below doh
- 10 A matching card game
- 11 An antiseptic – a halogen
- 12 An armed maritime force
- 13 Prime Minister 1945-51
- 14 A complex board game – luck not needed
- 15 Academy award
- 16 The ----- ran up the clock
- 17 Cartoon by Schulz
- 18 A large fenland county
- 19 Late in the day – before night
- 20 A coating for number three
- 21 The opposite of tardy
- 22 The biggest African cat
- 23 Mix of blue to make green
- 24 ---- in the dumps
- 25 Land surrounded by water
- 26 The upper house of Parliament
- 27 Mountains of Austria
- 28 A quarter of a bushel
- 29 Eire
- 30 Rastafarian hairstyle
- 31 First name of German Chancellor
- 32 Very very small
- 33 Not the beginning
- 34 A town on the Lippe
- 35 A cycle with three wheels
- 36 A state between France and Spain
- 37 A musical instrument with wooden bars
- 38 A six legged creature
- 39 Don't get them in your pants
- 40 Coins of low value
- 41 Baton carrying race
- 42 High school in Maidenbower
- 43 The home of the multiple knife
- 44 White metal with hallmark
- 45 The capital of the Gambia
- 46 A little star in typing
- 47 Where the 2010 Olympics were held
- 48 The springbok is an -----
- 49 VR = Victoria
- 50 Dye for jeans
- 51 The father of Isaac in Genesis
- 52 And the answer is?
- 53 What links this in German to a quick fox?

Crawley Town Twinning Association Quiz March 2015
(with answers in red)

- 01 And the **First** shall be last
- 02 Parliament building in Berlin **Reichstag**
- 03 The fruit Eve picked – allegedly **Apple**
- 04 A city on the Tyne **Newcastle**
- 05 Whipsnade **Zoo**
- 06 Sussex County Cricket ground **Hove**
- 07 Clothes worn by soldiers **Uniform**
- 08 Aurora Borealis **Northern Lights**
- 09 A note below doh **Tea**
- 10 A matching card game **Snap and Pairs**
- 11 An antiseptic – a halogen **Iodine**
- 12 An armed maritime force **Navy**
- 13 Prime Minister 1945-51 **Atlee**
- 14 A complex board game – luck not needed **Chess**
- 15 Academy award **Oscar**
- 16 The **Mouse** ran up the clock
- 17 Cartoon by Schulz **Peanuts**
- 18 A large fenland county **Lincolnshire**
- 19 Late in the day, **Evening** before night
- 20 A coating for number three **Toffee**
- 21 The opposite of tardy **Early**
- 22 The biggest African cat **Lion**
- 23 Mix of blue to make green **Yellow**
- 24 **Down** in the dumps
- 25 Land surrounded by water **Island**
- 26 The upper house of Parliament **Lords**
- 27 Mountains of Austria **Alps**
- 28 A quarter of a bushel **Peck**
- 29 Eire **Ireland**
- 30 Rastafarian hairstyle **Dreadlocks**
- 31 First name of German Chancellor **Angela**
- 32 Very very small **Tiny**
- 33 Not the beginning **End**
- 34 A town on the Lippe **Dorsten**
- 35 A cycle with three wheels **Tricycle**
- 36 A state between France and Spain **Andorra**
- 37 A musical instrument with wooden bars **Xylophone**
- 38 A six legged creature **Insect**
- 39 Don't get them in your pants **Ants**
- 40 Coins of low value **Coppers**
- 41 Baton carrying race **Relay**
- 42 High school in Maidenbower **Oriel**
- 43 The home of the multiple knife **Switzerland**
- 44 White metal with hallmark **Silver**
- 45 The capital of the Gambia **Banjul**
- 46 A little star in typing **Asterix**
- 47 Where the 2010 Olympics were held **Vancouver**
- 48 The springbok is an **Antelope**
- 49 VR = Victoria **Regina**
- 50 Dye for jeans **Indigo**
- 51 The father of Isaac in Genesis **Abraham**
- 52 And the answer is? **FRANZ HUNTS IN A COMPLETELY DILAPIDATED TAXI ACROSS BAVARIA**
- 53 What links this in German to a quick fox? **Silver**