



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the Autumn 2018 issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue the following town twinning activities have taken place:

Dogs in Hove

Tom Leahy organised Brighton and Hove Stadium dog racing as a social event for CTTA on Wednesday 25th July 2018. Nine members took part in this event.

Main Group Visit-Dorsten 18th-26th 2018

The MGV led by Geoff May was reported as an enjoyable and a successful visit with lots of interesting trips and visits and a memorable Farewell-Party on Saturday evening before the Sunday departure back home. For details see numerous articles inside this Newsletter. Many thanks Geoff for leading and organising the trip and Conrad for his safe driving.

Post Main Group Visit BBQ

Jacky and Geoff May organised the traditional post MGV BBQ in their garden on Saturday 8th September. The event was excellently prepared with great choice of food, puddings and fantastic atmosphere. The drinks were also flowing together with a good chat which went on until late in the night at least for some members. Thank you Geoff and Jacky for another enjoyable BBQ and your hard work.

Dual Committee Meeting (DCM)

The DCM had taken place in Crawley between 28/9 to 1/10/2018. At the meeting both Crawley and Dorsten committees discussed activities during the last 12 months and agreed on the proposed actions for the next year including the dates of the 2019 Main Group Visit (MGV) to Crawley which will be between 20th to 28th July 2019.

Forthcoming social event:

Twinkling Thames Evening Cruise

Iain Millar is organising a mini evening cruise on the Thames with the Waverly Paddle Steamer sailing from Gravesend to Tower Pier. The trip will be on Saturday 6th October 2018. Report on this trip will be published in the winter edition of the Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As per previously circulated flyer please note that the AGM will take place on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 8pm in Town Hall. The committee looks forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Peter Klin

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On Behalf of CTTA



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Social Event – Dogs in Hove

Tom Leahy kindly organised a dog racing afternoon trip to the Brighton and Hove Stadium on Wednesday 25h July 2018. Brenda, Tom , Helena, Geoff, Peter, Bob & June were picked up by Premier Transport from Cophorne Depot just before lunch time.

The trip was very enjoyable and the ticket included the coach transport, a very good 3 course lunch and a race card. Small bets were placed on the dogs for each race by all and the winnings (and mainly losses) were a great entertainment and fun for all. Those who attended all agreed that we should try and repeat such a social trip again and hopefully with a greater number of members and friends.



Main Group Visit Experience

On Thursday, our hosts Henrike and Gerhard took us to the Gasometer to see the latest exhibition, followed by a tour round the area. This included a game of Mini Golf at a site Gerhard owned until recently. This is a much more serious game than we play in England, no windmills and with regional golf leagues. Very similar seriousness to Crown Green Bowling in the UK. The courses are similar to those in England and are inspected to ensure they meet league standards. Players can use different balls (same size but varying mix of materials) depending on the type of hole and the weather conditions and can cost over 100 euros each. Proper professional putters are used, not the one size fits all we are issued with. We had great fun and achieved respectable scores. During the game we were escorted round the course by the new owners dog, Glen who insisted we play with him whilst waiting for our turn to play.

By Bob & June Fielden



Been there, done that, got the t-shirt or have we? A view from frequent visitors to Dorsten

Quite rightly, we often ask first time visitors to Dorsten to share their impressions of their first visit. So what might be the impression of those travelling to Dorsten for the umpteenth time? What can attract someone to keep returning to the same town?

These amongst other similar questions were part of a discussion between Keith and Di Sullivan and their hosts Christa and Norbert Moeller. 'What can we possibly show you that you haven't already seen before'? Just to be clear, I'm referring to activities on the free days during a main group visit.

Di and Keith then proceeded to spend an amazing week doing so many new things. This began with a visit to a Schutzenfest – 'but you must have already been to a Schutzenfest' we were asked - we had but we had never truly appreciated first hand the competitiveness of a shooting competition where, for those that don't know, a wooden bird is the target for serious gamesmanship and the pride that comes with winning. We also witnessed human table top football (yes you did read that correctly) and competitive synchronised flag waving, all new to us.



The next new thing we did was a visit to an area Gartenschau / Gardenshow in Bad Iburg which had an amazing tree-top walk and superb garden displays.



Finally, the 'pièce de résistance', we were asked 'would you like to visit a building site' - well there can only be one answer to that, 'we would love to visit a building site, who wouldn't' was our answer, but little did we know what a special privilege this would be. We were given a unique visit to a multi billion-euro project to see the construction of a new waste water system in the Ruhr Valley.

The visit began with a one-hour presentation in the site office by one of the key project managers. It was all about the Emscher River and it's history of being an open waste river. Please don't turn your nose up, the new system isn't due to be commissioned for a couple more years; make no mistake, it was so incredibly interesting and indeed a privilege. The project, which runs from Dortmund to the Rhein (some 50k) couldn't be attempted in previous times (decades) because of ground subsidence due to the proliferation of coal mines in the region. The ground had now stabilised making the project of sinking a new waste water system into an underground channel. We then donned high-vis vests and were taken on a tour of the actual site including, and words can't do justice, a massive hole in the ground to accommodate one of three industrial pumps required to achieve suitable gravity fall; we were at the Holsterhausen pump site, the other two will be located at Bottrop and Dinslaken. The visit concluded with the best theme park ride ever, a ride in the cradle out of the pump site.



Make no mistake, we love to visit castles, gardens, city sights etc and what we are shown on non group days will always come down to what individual hosts are able to arrange but this was truly a visit money simply cannot buy and provides proof that even after some twenty years, we are still being shown new things.

As always this leaves a daunting thought, 'how can we possibly top what we were shown during a magnificent week in Dorsten'?

Georg Ekrath's 60th Birthday Celebration

The gathering held to celebrate Georg's 60th birthday at the Wacholderhausen, was an extremely generous occasion courtesy of Georg himself to everyone on the recent Main Group Visit. It was a wonderful evening in the grounds of the restaurant with the weather being, as you can see, very kind to us all. It gave everyone time to socialise together which isn't always the case on main group visits. On behalf of the CTTA committee Iain Millar presented Georg with a rare bottle of Scottish whisky. Cheers George.



The Happy Town-Twinning Wanderers

An updated and equally unrehearsed farrago presented at the 50's night in Dorsten , August 2018. Special thanks from Dave Hathaway to fellow conspirators...Brenda Smith, Brenda Burgess, Geoff May, Iain Millar, Charlie Household and Rohan Sharma.

When Conrad's coach left Crawley town
Our group were all quite thin
But when we left our Dorsten hosts
We could not get back in.
Chorus...Bakery, Backerei...Bakery, Backerei ha ha ha ha ha
Bakery, Backerei...we could not get back in.

Our thirst was quenched all week
With coffee, wine and beer
Our favourite drink is beer I think
It always gets a cheer.
Chorus...Brewery, Brauerei...repeat etc..

On Nottuln cafe garten day
There were old barrow wheels
Then cakes rolled by for us to eat
Much bigger than those wheels.
Chorus...Bakery, Backerei...repeat etc..

We all see how the voting works
In Dusseldorf and Dorsten
But then we run for cafe seats
And vote for winning treats
Chorus...Bakery, Backerei...repeat etc..

For 60 years Georg has saved
His food, beer and whisky
Then in one night the locusts land
Now you'll find his pub empty
Chorus...Brewery, Brauerei...repeat etc..

My Visit to Dorsten ,Germany By Chloe Green age 7

I went to Germany in the summer holidays.

One of the favourite things we did was going to a park and playing on the biggest swing I have ever been on. It was a lot of fun. We also visited Kletterwald Haltern, its like climbing in the trees like you can at Tilgate Park. I loved it.



On one of the days we went to a Coalmine, I held a really heavy mining light. We found some coal and took it home with us. That was cool!



I loved the Ice creams in Germany, they were all so yummy scrummy in my tummy!!!
Can wait for the next time we go to Germany to see our friends and go see lots more things.



Me and my new friend Lena.
Pink Ladies ready to dance the night away at the Farewell party

Dienstag, 28. August 2018

Die Besucher im Landtag



Der SPD-Landtagsabgeordnete für Dorsten, Michael Hübner, konnte Gäste aus Dorsten und Crawley im Landtag NRW herzlich begrüßen. Hübner konnte im fließenden Englisch mit den Besuchern aus der englischen Partnerstadt Dorstens diskutieren. „Es ergab sich eine ganz spannende Diskussion über Vergleichbares und Unterschiede der politischen Systeme des Vereinigten Königreichs und dem stark föderativen politischen System der Bundesrepublik. Die Diskussion hat mir sehr viel Spaß gemacht“, resümierte Hübner den Besuch. Im Anschluss an die Diskussion machte Hübner mit der Gruppe noch eine persönliche Führung durch das Landtagsgebäude. FOTO privat

[← Der MGV Liederkranz auf Tour](#)

[Die Familie Stroock auf Tour →](#)

Mittwoch, 29. August 2018

Die aktiven Ferienkinder



Verschiedene Sprachen? Ja, klar! Sprachbarrieren? Ganz und gar nicht! Sport, Spiel und Spannung verbinden die Kinder aus Crawley und Dorsten im Feriencamp der Akademie Golstein. Aktionsspiele, Selbstverteidigung und -behauptung, Abenteuerspiele und Fantasiereisen begeistern alle, egal ob aus Crawley oder Dorsten. FOTO privat

[← Die Pilger](#)

[Die langjährigen Mitglieder →](#)



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:-

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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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 Crawley RH10
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 To subscribe you will need to make annual payments (by cheque)*.

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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.....