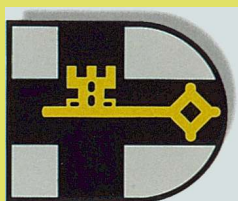


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Foreword by the editor

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the autumn edition of CTTA Newsletter.

I can report that this year's Main Group Visit (MGV) in Crawley took place between 23th to 31th July 2011. The visit, as most people will agree was a great success, with an interesting programme for the week.

On Monday 25th July our Dorsten visitors were welcomed in the Town Hall by the Mayor-Councillor Carol Eade followed by a short reception. After the reception the group visited the modern recycling facility at Ford followed by a sightseeing trip to Arundel. More details on page 2.

On Thursday 28th there was an interesting and long day's visit arranged to London. A guided visit of the Houses of Parliament and river trip to Greenwich and sightseeing. There was a great interest to visit the Houses of Parliament by Crawley members that could not be all be accommodated within the spare capacity of the Dorsten coach on the day. It was therefore decided that the committee will try to arrange a separate visit to Houses of Parliament sometimes next year. Once all is in place we will advise the details in a Newsletter or a Flyer.

On Friday 29th July a sightseeing visit to Lewes was arranged followed by a trip to Newhaven Fort.

The farewell evening party with "Line Dance" was held on Saturday 30th July at Bewbush Community Centre, with sad farewell on Sunday morning at 09:00 am. We will see you all, next year in Dorsten.

The Dual Committee Meeting-Weekend was held in Dorsten between 7th to 10th October 2011. More details inside this issue.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 12th October at the Town Hall, where the new committee was elected. No new committee members came forward or no existing committee members resigned. Please refer to page 5 for the full committee list for 2011/12.

We are currently discussing a suitable venue for the CTTA annual Dinner sometime early in 2012. Details will be advised as soon as they become available.

Please don't forget our next social event - "Beetle Drive" organised by Joan Newton (Tel. 01342713129) at Town Hall on Friday 18th November between 19:00 to 22:00h. Buffet will be provided at £5.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks.

Peter Klin

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Visit to Ford Recycling Plant-August 2011

Have you ever wondered how the waste from our recycling bins is sorted out to recycle our glass, plastic, papers and cans? Visions of all these materials being sorted by hand just didn't seem to be realistic but how else could they do it?

These questions were answered when we took our Dorsten visitors to the UK's most advanced recycling plant at Ford near Arundel.

After being given an introduction to the process in the classroom we were all issued with yellow jackets, hard hats and ear protectors and, much to the delight of our younger guests, we were issued with walkie-talkie radios to hear the commentary and, of course, ask our questions.

We were then ready to enter the factory where we saw the mixed materials coming along a conveyor belt and being tipped into a big trommel or drum where large newspaper and cardboard was extracted first.

Then the heavy glass is separated from the lighter cans and plastics and powerful magnets remove the steel cans before optical sorters and air jets separate the aluminium cans from the plastic containers.

The whole process is automatic and computer controlled such that personnel are only involved in a supervisory capacity and in the inspection process to remove non recyclable and rogue materials.



Serving seven district councils and the West Sussex County Council the Ford site produces high quality recyclable materials which can be sold to cover the cost of its collection and keep down the charges made in our rates.

The day was rounded off with a visit to the picturesque town of Arundel which was looking its best in the afternoon sunshine.

To everyone's surprise the only other coach in the car park was one from a neighbouring town to Dorsten and also sported a Recklinghausen registration.



Iain Millar

Dual Committee Weekend and Meeting 7th – 10th October 2011

The journey to Dorsten started on a very early morning on Friday 7th October. All participants assembled at St Andrew's Church car park for to 06:30 am start.

29-seater coach from Sussex Coaches was waiting with Lee the driver at the wheel. Once we were all ready and seated in the coach, we started the journey to Folkestone Eurotunnel terminal to catch the 09:20 am Shuttle to Calais. As we arrived in Calais in good time, we stopped for a coffee/tea break or breakfast at the Eurotunnel Terminal.

This time the coach with full contingent (23 CTTA committee and spouses plus four CTTA members) boarded the shuttle train and at 10:00 am (11:00 local time) we disembarked the shuttle in Calais and were on our way to Dorsten (via Dunkerque, Gent, Antwerp, Turnhout, Eindhoven, Venlo, Duisburg to Dorsten).

We stopped during our journey to stretch our legs, to have something to eat and drink. Eventually after making our way through the Dutch and German Friday's heavy motorway traffic we arrived at the Dorsten Central Station (ZOB) at approximately 18:00h local time. Our hosts were all waiting for us and were glad that we have arrived, as it was a chilly autumn evening in Dorsten.

Not breaking with our long-standing tradition I was staying with Peter and Petra Guenther and Peter was waiting for me at the ZOB.

After greeting each other Peter asked me if after 1 hour (around 19:00h) I would like to go with him to a pub/ restaurant, where he will be making his DVD film presentation about 2010 and 2011 SchutzenFest. Of course, I said yes and within an hour of my arrival at Peter's place, we were sitting inside a pub preparing Peter's presentation re-enforced with the local beer or two. After a successful presentation (and a few drinks), we arrived at home at around 23:00h for a well-deserved sleep and rest.

The next day Saturday 8th October, we departed at 09:15 am from ZOB for a guided tour of Krefeld (town known for its past "velvet and silk" tradition, where "silk barons" lived). The guided trip was very pleasant and interesting. For lunch break, we stopped at "Stadtwaldhaus" – lovely mansion house in the middle of the park i Krefeld. After a lovely lunch, the rain stopped for a while, and we all enjoyed a short look at the little park's pond with ducks and swans.



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In the afternoon the trip was to Krefeld-Uerdingen and a local Dujardin Distillery with a guided tour arranged. The Distillery is no longer operational; however, the guided tour was very enjoyable and interesting, especially when at the end of the tour we were able to buy the local brandy and wine. Some of us were even able to spot a “bargain” wine sale and purchased good bottles of wine for Euro 1- 2 per bottle.

We arrived back at Dorsten ZOB at approximately 18:30h.

The evening was free with hosts. Here again and not breaking with a “non-stop entertainment” tradition, my host Peter has arranged and purchased tickets to the Dorsten version of the Munich October Fest – Beer and Music Festival. True to its name, we arrived in a large “tent” with hundreds of “mainly young people”, plus Peter’s neighbours and very loud music (mixture of techno - drum and bass and classic German “um pa-pa” melodies) and plenty of Bavarian beer, pretzels, roasted pork, chicken etc.

We stayed there until around 22:45h and then walked home with Peter’s neighbours for another “night cap” and afterwards - straight home for a good night sleep.

Sunday 9th October at 11:00h we held our DCM at the “ Gemeinsshafthaus Wulfen-Barkenberg.

The meeting went very well. This year’s MGV in Crawley and next year MGV in Dorsten were discussed and dates agreed. Activities of Dorsten and Crawley Youth were also covered especially basketball and football, cycling teams past and possible future visits. The 40th Crawley-Dorsten Town and Association’s Anniversary in October 2013 were also included in the discussion with possible celebration and DCM dates.

After the successful DCM meeting we had an excellent lunch and cakes...until we could not move. Well back to the old resolution and diet again....

The lunch followed by our traditional “silly games” – bowling and darts, where after brave and valiant efforts of both teams the Crawley team won the Cup and took it home for temporary keep.

The games followed by more “Coffee and Kuchen”. This time the cakes were baked by Hedwig, wife of Heinz Gremme. Danke Sehr. The meeting was declared closed, and we all went home to our hosts to prepare for our Monday’s journey back home.



On the way home (Monday 10th October) we stopped for 2 hours in the old historic town of Brugge. The weather in Brugge was nice and sunny so I believe we all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

We arrived back in Crawley in best order (although tired) at around 19:00h.

Once more thank you for the Dorsten Committee for organising a successful meeting and programme over the long weekend. Equally thank you to our driver, Lee, who had excellently and safely driven us to Dorsten and back.

Peter Klin

Newly Elected Committee Members - October 2011

Position	Name
Honorary President	Cllr. Jim Smith
Chairman	Iain Millar
Vice Chairman	Frank Baker
Secretary	Geoff May
Treasurer	Tom Leahy
Minute Secretary	Joan Newton
Public relations officer	Peter Klin
Accommodation Secretary	Jacky May
Membership Secretary	Michael James
Chief Executive Secretary	Nicky Shaw
Committee Members:	Councillor Howard Bloom
	Councillor Brenda Smith
	Councillor Carol Eade
	George Redgrave
	Marion James
	Keith Sullivan
	Raj Sharma
	Elaine Williams
	Christine Baker