



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dear members and friends,

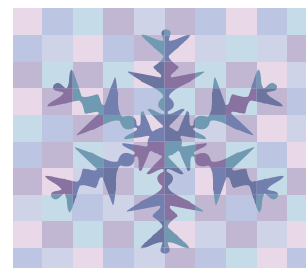
Another Christmas and a New Year is upon us very shortly and it is therefore my pleasure, on behalf of the CTTA executive committee to invite you all to our CTTA Annual Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday 8th March 2014 at a new venue for the CTTA, which is the Holiday Inn in Worth (adjacent to Nuffields Fitness Health Centre). Details of the venue and the choice of menu are shown on page 7. The committee looks forward to seeing you all on this evening.

The CTTA's AGM was held on 30th October 2013 in Town Hall, where reports on the last years activities from the chairman Iain Millar and executive committee members were heard. A new executive committee for the next year were voted in and agreed at the meeting. The elected names are shown on page 6.

The 2013 year's busy twinnings activities are summed up by the chairman Iain Millar from the CTTA and Heinz Gremme from the Dorsten association on pages 2 to 5. For the next year Main Group Visit it's Crawley's turn to go to Dorsten. The dates of the MGV 2014, were agreed at the last DCM and they are from 16th to 24th August 2014. More details and an application form shall be sent out in the New Year.

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Prosperous 2014.

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



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Special points of interest:

- CTTA Annual Dinner 8th. March 2014

Chairman's Review of the Year

2013 was an important year for the Association as it was the 40th anniversary of our link with Dorsten. Many changes have taken place in both towns since 1973 but our friendship has survived them all. Several of our founding members are still with us and we decided to arrange some special events to celebrate the occasion, so in anticipation of the extra tasks that this would involve we decided to form an Anniversary sub-committee to undertake the work. Led by Brenda Smith with Nicky Shaw taking on the important task of recruiting and coordinating support from several officers from the Town Hall, the sub-committee set to work to give us a year to remember.

The celebrations took place in Crawley in July when our friends from Dorsten came over on the Main Group Visit and then, to coincide with the actual date of the official signing on the 17th October, we held our Dual Committee Meeting in Dorsten in order to be able to attend the formal celebration there.

The MGV programme started in the usual way with a reception in the Town Hall when our Mayor Bob Burgess opened his address with a welcome in German but admitted that he was relieved to be able to give the bulk of his speech in English.

Our special anniversary excursions were made even more successful by being accompanied by blue skies and sunshine, especially so on our trip to the coast with a walk along the under cliff path from Rottingdean to Brighton with a break for a Fish and Chip lunch at the marina.

The German guests were thrilled by the visit to Windsor Castle which was beautifully balanced by the more modest living standards experienced during a visit to the Weald and Downland museum in Singleton.

Dorsten contributed to the programme with the Jethro Tull tribute group "Ouwe" playing their music in the Royal Oak pub in Crawley Down. This was such a success that they have been invited back for an extended visit in 2014.



The main celebration on the Saturday was a full day event when we took over Queen's Square with food stalls, a beer tent and vintage cars from 1973 plus the latest BMW from 2013. Following an opening address by our deputy Mayor Vanessa Cumper and the deputy Mayor of Dorsten Heinz Denninger we were entertained by singers and dancers from several Crawley groups as well as "Crawley's got Talent" winner Heather Illidge and another performance from the Dorsten group "Ouwe".

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The farewell party was the highlight of the week when we took over the Civic Hall and invited many past members and groups who have supported the Association over the past 40 years.



With the hall decorated with German and British flags and bunting and music provide by Stan Tofield's Stanislavsky's Polka band the convivial ambiance led to a wonderful evening. Our German guests were enthusiastic in their appreciation of a fantastic week in England.



The official commemoration of our partnership took place on the 17th October 2013 in Dorsten when the Mayors Bob Burgess and Lambert Lütkenhorst signed a protocol renewing the link between our two towns.

This was followed by a superb piano concert by internationally renowned classical pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, a former Hazelwick school pupil who first visited Dorsten as a child with his mother who was on an exchange visit with the Weald choir.

I would like to thank the committee members and all their colleagues who helped to make our 40th anniversary such a memorable year.

Iain Millar



Dorsten Town twinning activities 2013

2013 was another very active year for the town twinningers.

Cycle tour around Dorsten: This year's tour led us from Dorsten to Barkenberg. Rainer Diebschlag gave us a walk around this "New Town of Barkenberg" like he did in 2012 for the Main Group from Crawley. Now we understand what you have seen and learned about Barkenberg. This walk had made us hungry and thirsty, so we stepped into the Barkenberg Parish's building to have coffee, cake and other drinks. The cycling back to Dorsten centre through the rural area around Dorsten on this sunny warm day was quite fun! We finished the day with a barbeque at our local pub "Wacholderhäuschen".

Main group visit to Crawley: In July we took a coach full of Dorsteners to Crawley. The September issue of the CTTA newsletter gives a good description of what we did in Crawley. What might be missing there is the impression how much fun the VIPs had to cut the celebration cake, see the photograph!

During the annual Dual Committee Meeting in October in Dorsten we had the "German part" of the celebration "40th year of Town Twinning". The Committees had first to do the annual meeting (Decisions were made on the main group visit in 2014 (Aug 16th till August 24th), DCM (Oct 3rd till Oct 6th) Crawley). The silly games after lunch let us learn about the steady conditions/persistence of a bottle with water. The bottle was standing on a piece of wood, upside down. We had to knock away the wood, so that the bottle moved down to the table without toppling down (???). The other game was to catch a falling table tennis ball with a soup ladle, hard work! The Germans were not good enough, so the Crawley group took the trophy home for the next year. The ceremonial act for the 40th was attended by a huge group of town twinningers and politicians. Marita Kipinski, head of the Dorsten town twinningers, Iain Millar, head of the Crawley town twinningers, Lambert Lütkenhorst, Mayor of Dorsten and Bob Burgess, Mayor of Crawley, talked to the crowd. Personally mentioned was Jim Smith, "Urgestein" ("primary rock") of Town Twinning. Mayor Lütgenhorst joked: "Many years ago Jim came by bicycle from Crawley to Dorsten. Meantime he is wiser. This year he took the coach". After all this speeches and some music in between, the audience was hungry and thirsty. Everybody was happy, that somebody had organised food and drinks. Next item on the agenda: Piano concert by Warren Mailley-Smith. This world-famous pianist has been born and grown up in Crawley. He was a young boy, when his mother came several times with the Weald Choir to Dorsten. And he came with her and they were hosted by a music teacher in Dorsten-Barkenberg. Warren gave an excellent concert! The Germans were very pleased, that he made comments on the music pieces in German. On Saturday guests from Crawley and their hosts from Dorsten and many others took a boat tour on the river Rhine. We went from Rees to Emmerich, had a tour around this old town (they had the right to take customs on goods being transported on the Rhine in former times). The walk made everybody hungry and thirsty, so it proved to be again a good idea to have dinner on the boat on the way back to Rees.

As the Youth Mayor of Crawley, Tumsil, Abbas, also came to Dorsten, he has met some members of the Dorsten youth parliament (in German: Jugendgremium). There are plans now to have future meetings of young people of both towns.

Guy Fawkes celebration: Another highlight in the yearly events of Town Twinning in Dorsten is the Guy Fawkes celebration. After a ceremony with (Philip Ralph acts as the bishop every year) with a bonfire (not comparable to "Lewes on the Fifth") everybody meets in the pub Wacholderhäuschen for food and drinks. Guy Fawkes every year attracts many attendees, not only members of the town twinning association!

Stammtisch: Another attraction of the Dorsten town twinningers is the monthly "Stammtisch last orders". Whoever likes it, can come to sit together and chat in English about "God and the World" (as we say in Germany). Between 10 and 30 persons, depending on what kind of football game is shown on TV that evening, come together and practice their English.

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Pic 1: Yearly bicycle-tour around Dorsten
2013: visiting Barkenberg



Pic 2: MGV: Cutting the 40 Years cake



Pic 3 DCM, 40 years: mayors and other VIPs
youth of Dorsten



Pic 4 VIPs DCM/40 years: youth of Crawley meets
(and town twinning)



Pic 5 Monthly "Stammtisch last orders"

Dorstener Freundeskreis Crawley,
Heinz Gremme, December 9th 2013,

Newly elected CTTA executive committee members for 2013/14

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

**CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

To be held at **Holiday Inn**
Saturday 8th. March 2013
7:00pm for 7:30pm
at Turners Hill Road, Worth, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4SS

There is a choice of menu which is listed below,

Starters

Soup of the day
with Bread roll and Butter.

or

Pate Maison
with Thyme & Brandy, Sage Butter and Melba Toast.

or

Risotto balls with local Cheddar
with salad of Rocket and 'Sussex Parmesan' (V).

Main Courses

Barbecued Chicken breast
with a Spiced Fresh Tomato Salsa.

or

Baked Cod Fillet
with a Lemon & White wine cream sauce.

or

Tomato Risotto
with Cream, Vegetable stock, Parmesan, Rocket and Balsamic Syrup. (V)

or

Lingfield Cumberland Sausage ring
with Red Onion Compote and Red wine Sauce.

All Mains on set menu are served with Chefs Vegetables and Potatoes.

Desserts

Warm Apple Pie
with Vanilla ice cream.

or

Classic Crème Brûlée

or

Ice-cream Selection (2 Scoops)

Coffee & Tea

The cost of the meal is **£23.00** per head including Tea and Coffee
To be paid in full by Friday 31st January 2014
Cheques made payable to C.T.T.A.
and sent to Elaine Williams, 4 Horsehoe Close, Pound Hill, Crawley RH10 7YS

NAMES..... **No. of Guests**.....

Choice of Menu:

Starter

Main Course.....

Desert.....