



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the Winter 2019 issue of the CTTA Newsletter. Since the last issue the following town twinning activities or events have taken place:

Twinkling Thames Evening Cruise

Iain Millar had organised an enjoyable and memorable mini evening cruise on the Thames with the Waverly Paddle Steamer sailing from Gravesend to Tower Pier. The trip had taken place on Saturday 6th October 2018. An article on this trip was written by Iain and is shown on pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter.

Marie-Odile Herve passed away

The CTTA have received the sad news that a retired committee member and supporter of the association has passed away in France on 22nd August 2018. She served the CTTA for many years as an accommodation secretary which is not an easy task. The executive committee and CTTA members offer their condolences to Marie-Odile Herve family and the community. RIP.

Forthcoming social event:

Mayor's Civic Dinner Dance

This event will take place on 26th January 2019 at Hawth Theatre. Following a kind invitation from the Mayor of Crawley up to twenty CTTA members have shown interest in this annual Civic function and will attend this superb charity evening.

Annual CTTA Dinner 2019

This event will take place in on 30th March 2019 in The Black Swan, Pease Pottage. For details of this venue and the cost please see page 5.

Main Group Visit - Crawley 20th July to 28th July 2019

This year it is our turn to welcome our Dorsten guests in Crawley. The committee is currently busy preparing a varied MGv programme for the above week in July.

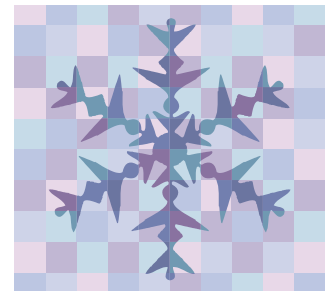
Dual Committee Meeting (DCM)

The DCM will take place in Dorsten between 27/09 to 30/09/2019.

Peter Klin

PR officer and Newsletter Editor

On Behalf of CTTA



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TWINKLING THAMES WAVERLEY CRUISE



Our first event of the autumn season was the Twinkling Thames Waverley cruise on Saturday 6th October which was arranged in conjunction with the Mid Sussex Caledonian Society. 27 CTTA members plus many guests together with the MSCS group enabled us to fill two coaches which took us to join the Waverley at Gravesend.

The weather until then had been perfect so we were less than happy when rain spread in as we set off for Gravesend and it was somewhat chilly as we queued up to board the boat. Plans to grab a prime position on deck were quickly changed to finding a seat inside for a very welcome cup of hot coffee and a few prayers for the rain to stop.

The Waverley, built on the Clyde in 1947, is the last ocean going paddle steamer in the world and although she spends the summer sailing the Firth of Clyde the autumn season is spent sailing round the coast of Britain, including a week on the Thames. In the engine room the huge pistons driving the paddles are an impressive example of precision engineering and we steamed along at 13 knots on the initial straight stretch of the river. As we approached the Thames barrier and the more interesting part of the river the clouds disappeared to reveal a clear sky and perfect conditions to view the lights of London. The decks were then crowded as we sailed past the floodlit Millennium Dome and under the Emirates cable car towards

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Greenwich with the LASER beam marking the Meridian pointing into the heavens. Waverley had to slow down considerably to negotiate the sharp bends in the river and we soon lost our sense of direction. Chatting to the engineer Iain learnt that steering is by the rudder alone as the paddles cannot operate independently but the slow speed required to turn is just what we wanted to enjoy the Twinkling Thames at its best. The lights of the skyscrapers of Canary Wharf plus iconic buildings such as the Shard and the Gherkin justify the description of Twinkling Thames but the highlight of the trip was fast approaching.



Tower Bridge, artistically illuminated looked magnificent and right on cue the roadway slowly opened as we cruised serenely through it – magic! Now on the other side we were close up to HMS Belfast, City hall and the Shard of course the floodlit Tower of London where the coaches were waiting to take us home. What a perfect end to an unforgettable experience. Our thanks to Iain for organizing this memorable trip.



My week in Dorsten, Germany By Max Green aged 8

I had an amazing time in Dorsten with my family. We did so many things.

We went to Atlantis, it's the local swimming pool in Dorsten, and it was so much fun. The pool was massive and had so many different types slides you could go on. There was also had a hot pool outside, my mummy liked that one.

We went to visit a Tea and Cake garden. I liked trying all the different cakes and trying fruit tea. They had a garden where you could explore and play games. Me and my friends played hide and seek. There were lots of weird and funny things to look at in the garden. They even had a bed just in case some-one got tired from eating too much cake!



I enjoyed the visit we had to the Coal mine, I thought it was very interesting and I liked finding out about the History and what they had to do in the mines. We had a ride in the little train that goes around dropping the miners off to where they needed to go.

I was able to try on the clothes the miners would have worn when they had to work there.



We stayed with our friends in their home. It was good to see where they lived and what their house looked like. They are very lucky as they have a park round the corner.

It was a very comfy stay and it was nice to get to know them more. I'm looking forward to going back again and finding new places to visit, new things to try and to make new friends.

**CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

Saturday 30th March 2019, at 7:00pm for 7:30pm
The Black Swan
Old Brighton Road N, Pease Pottage
Crawley, RH11 9AJ

The cost of the meal is **£28.50**

Cheques made payable to C.T.T.A.
and sent to:- Jacky May
5 Sissinghurst Close, Worth, Crawley RH10 7FX

MENU

Starters

Garlic Field Mushrooms on Toast
or
Pork and Herb Pate
or
Salmon Mouse

Main Course

Chicken leek and hock pie
or
Lamb Tagine, Mild morrocan stew served with cous cous and pitta bread
or
Steak Frites with Garlic butter-8oz 28 day aged steak with fries and rocket
or
Salmon fillet with potato tartare hash and seasonal veg

(Choose any of the above starter and main course. Main all dishes served with Seasonal Veg)

Desserts

Apple and Sultana Crumble with Custard
or
Chocolate Brownie and Ice Cream
or
Jam Sponge and Custard
or
Cheese Board

(Choose a Desert)

(Tea/Coffee to be served at the end of the meal)

To be paid in full by Saturday 3rd. March 2019

NAME..... No. of Guests.....



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Newly elected CTTA committee members for 2018/2019

Position	Name
Executive Committee Members	
Chairman	Cllr Brenda Smith
Vice Chairman	Iain Millar
Secretary	Geoff May
Treasurer	Tom Leahy
Minute Secretary	Joan Newton
Public relations officer	Peter Klin
Accommodation Secretary	Jacky May
Membership Secretary	Michael James
Mayor's Secretary PA	Hayley Thorne
Honorary Member	Marion James
Committee members	Cllr Raj Sharma
	Cllr Carol Eade
	Elaine Williams
	Di Sullivan
	David Rayner
	Marilyn Millar
	Hilary Jones
	Moira Blackman



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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:-

Membership secretary

Michael James

Telephone: 01293 532699

email: michaeljames271@btinternet.com

APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS

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

email : michaeljames271@btinternet.com

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 (incl. email and phone number).....

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Signature.....