



CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Dear members and friends,

Welcome to the December short issue of the CTTA Newsletter.

Keeping with the previous year's tradition the committee has agreed on the venue for our CTTA Annual Dinner. Similarly as last year, this year's annual dinner will be held at Rowfant House. The date has been agreed for Saturday 6th February 2016. The committee looks forward to see as many members and friends as possible on the evening.

Details of the venue and the menu choice are shown on page 4

The CTTA's Annual General Meeting was held at the Town Hall on 28th October 2015. Following an annual report a new executive committee for 2015/16 were voted in and agreed at the meeting.

A long standing CTTA member David Rayner has been voted as a new committee member and equally Keith Sullivan has been voted back into the committee. On behalf of the committee I would like to welcome both Dave and Keith, and wish them good luck and enjoyment in our team. See page 2 for Dave's introduction article.

Next year the Main Group Visit will be in Dorsten, between 20/8 to 28/8/2016. More MGV details will follow early in the new year.

On behalf of the CTTA Executive Committee may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Healthy and Prosperous 2016

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



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Hello all,

My name is David Rayner and I am your new Committee member. I was born in 1962 in St Bartholomew's Hospital London.



I first went to Dorsten with the Town Twinning in 1992 when I stayed with the Vengels family in Schermbeck. One of the trips was to a Bell Foundry.



My mother had been a member two years previously and was Treasurer and Newsletter Editor over the years. She has hosted the Kipinski family for many years.



As part of Town twinning my mother hosted Wolfgang Wittges for a year when he worked with me at Tilgate Nurseries. I learnt several German phrases from him and Wolfgang improved his English (including a few "naughty" words that the gardeners taught him!)

My Uncle Frank Merritt was also on the Committee and drove the bus to Dorsten quite a few times. On one occasion he thought the bus had broken down as it suddenly stopped



on the motorway. However, after engineers came to check the mechanics, and on closer investigation, it appeared that he had run out of fuel as the fuel gauge wasn't working properly! We all arrived in the early hours of the morning much to his embarrassment!

I have hosted many times which I have enjoyed immensely making many new friends.

For 27 years now I have worked as a gardener for Crawley Borough Council.

My hobbies are running, (I ran in a half marathon in Schermbeck one year coming second!) kayaking, and skiing. I am blessed to be "Uncle" to three children including being a guide parent to my friend's boy, Samuel.



We say "farewell" until next year

Newly elected CTTA executive committee members for 2015/16

Position	Name
Honorary President	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 Executive PA	Hayley Thorne
Committee Members:	Cllr. Carol Eade
	Marion James,
	Cllr. Raj Sharma,
	Elaine Williams
	Henry Miller
	Keith Sullivan
	David Rayner

**CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

Saturday 6th February 2016, at 7:00pm for 7:30pm
At Rowfant House
Wallage Lane, Crawley, West Sussex. RH10 4NG

MENU

Main Course

Homemade Steak Pie

Or

Scottish Salmon

(All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables)

Desserts

Apple and cinnamon spiced crumble with ice cream

Or

Delicate Chocolate Marquise with rich chocolate sauce

(Coffee will be served at the end of the meal)

Cost of the meal £ 24.00 per person

A raffle and quiz will be held during the course of the evening.
Members of Town Twinning, their families and friends are cordially invited to join in this festive evening.

Please indicate on the tear off slip below your menu choices and return to Elaine Williams by 14th January 2016, together with a cheque for the whole amount.

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I wish to Book Meals for Town Twinning Annual Dinner.

Name(s)	Main Course:	Desert:
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I enclose my cheque in the sum of £..... for.....meals, made payable to C.T.T.A.

NAME: Mr / Mrs / Miss Tel. No

Please return to: Elaine Williams, 41 Horseshoe Close, Pound Hill, Crawley RH10 7YS
Email: elainewilliams227@btinternet Tel. 01293 885 526