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CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Foreword by the editor

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the autumn edition of CTTA Newsletter.

The summer is almost over and I do hope that most of you had enjoyed the sunshine and good weather during the holiday season.

This year the Main Group Visit to Dorsten took place between 29th July to 6th August. The trip went very well, with all the participants I have been talking to reporting another enjoyable and successful visit.

Similarly as in previous years, Geoff May has led the main group visit. I am certain that all of you who participated in this trip, will all agree to thank Geoff and our Dorsten colleagues for all the hard work they have put into organising such an interesting and varied programme.

Unfortunately this year the committee was unable to find the minimum number of five youth from Crawley, interested to join the main group visit, and take a part in a joint activity with youth of similar ages from Dorsten. For this reason our Dorsten colleagues and their committee had to cancel the previously agreed youth programme. For the next coming year and in the future we must therefore all work harder in order to create an interest among the students and young people in Crawley. This is necessary in order to ascertain continuation of the 33 years lasting link and friendship between our twinned towns of Crawley and Dorsten.

As always I am very much interested in news, articles and photographs from members and friends to publish in our regular CTTA Newsletter. This time I am very grateful for the contribution articles and photographs from Ian and Marylin Miller. Without their effort this issue of CTTA Newsletter would be really very empty and thin.

Please note that the AGM this year will be held on Wednesday 27th September 2006 at 8p.m at the Town Hall. All the invitations and nominations forms have been sent out and the committee is looking forward to seeing you all there.

This Year's Dual Committee meeting will take place in Crawley. The Dorsten committee will arrive on 29th September and stay until Tuesday 3rd. October.

Peter Klin

Public relation Officer and editor of the CTTA Newsletter

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Dorsten Main Group Visit July 2006

Ritter Fest at Burg Vischering



During the 2006 main group visit to Dorsten our host took us to many interesting places in the area and just by chance we arrived at the historic castle of Burg Vischering when they were holding their bi-annual Medieval Fayre.

The atmosphere was wonderful with many people in costume, knights in armour, colourful tents, sword fighting and jousting.

Bratwurst and beer served in the sunshine by the local maidens all added to the enjoyment.

The nearby town of Lüdinghausen is also very picturesque and the colourful market stalls set up in the main square, with all the people milling around, helped to create a very lively atmosphere.

Maybe the main group visit will again be at the right time in two years.



Marilyn and Iain Millar

Article prepared for local Press Release

CRAWLEY VISITORS SEE GIANT CRUISE SHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN GERMANY



Over 30 members of the Crawley-Dorsten Town Twinning Association have just returned from Germany where their tour included a visit to one of the biggest indoor dry docks in the world to see some of the largest luxury cruise liners at various stages of construction. The visit to the Meyer shipyard in Papenburg was followed by a tour of the picturesque town centre with its flower-lined canals and historic ships and bridges.

This was only one excursion in an action packed programme of trips and social events organized by the Dorsten committee to picturesque towns, castles and lakes in the area. The guests from Crawley, covering a wide age range, stayed with families in Dorsten and experienced German family life and hospitality at first hand.

Trip organizer, Geoff May said that this is the 33rd anniversary of our association with Dorsten and once again we were all made to feel most welcome with new friendships being formed as well as old ones cemented.

New members, especially families and young people, are always welcome and the CTTA are looking forward to hosting their German friends when they visit Crawley next year. More information can be obtained by contacting the CTTA .

By Ian Miller

A photograph and article as published in the Crawley Observer (24th August 2006)

(the original article by Ian Miller)



MORE than 30 members of the Crawley-Dorsten twinning association did their bit for Anglo-German relations this month – visiting a massive shipyard to gain an insight into German efficiency.

The Crawley ambassadors got to visit the Meyer dry docks in Papenburg to see some of the world's largest luxury liners under construction. The lucky tourists also got to visit a host of German castles and lakes while staying with their European cousins.

Iain Millar, a committee member for Crawley Town Twinning Association (CTTA), said: "It was a most en-

joyable visit and a wonderful opportunity to experience German hospitality.

Geoff May, the organiser of the week-long trip, said: "This is the 33rd anniversary of our association with Dorsten and once again we were all made to feel most welcome, with new friendships being formed as well as old ones cemented."

The CTTA are also looking forward to hosting the German twins when they visit Crawley next year. Anyone who wants more information on the organisation can contact the association via the Town Hall.

CRAWLEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Members of the Dorsten Committee of the Crawley-Dorsten Town Twinning Association are due to visit Crawley at the end of September to discuss the programme of events for the next year and in particular the main group visit from Dorsten to Crawley at the end of June 2007.

The CTTA are celebrating their 33 year association with Dorsten during which time a large number of people from the town have visited Germany and stayed with families in Dorsten. Members of all age groups experienced German family life and hospitality at first hand and as Councillor Brenda Burgess wrote in a letter to the Crawley Observer "The German people opened up their hearts and their homes to us and made us feel truly welcome.

During the recent visit to Dorsten in August this year the Crawley visitors were treated to an action packed programme of trips and social events organised by the Dorsten committee which included seeing one of the worlds largest cruise ships under construction in the biggest covered dry dock in Europe at the Meyer shipyard in Papenburg.

A one week exchange is a wonderful opportunity to experience life in another country and new members, especially families and young people, are always welcome. We are looking for hosts for our German visitors coming to Crawley next year and, as hosts, they will automatically be given priority for the next visit to Germany in 2008.

By Ian Miller

*Various photographs from
Main Group Visit in Dorsten
2006*

