



## Welcome from the Editor

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the autumn edition of our Newsletter.

I trust that you have all enjoyed the summer 's sunshine and warm weather, and that our 'body batteries' are fully charged, and ready for the colder months ahead.

This Year the bi-annual Main Group Visit (MGV) visit took place in Crawley, earlier than usual. Our German friends were in Crawley for 8 days between the dates of 09/07 and 17/07. From the reactions and letters we had from our Dorsten visitors and hosts we can all agree that the MGV was again a great success. The programme included a trip to Brighton and the dogs racing in the evening, and a trip to Herstmonceux. For the youths we had also a varied and interesting programme including a full day to the Adur Activity Centre, Ice rink at Guildford and a trip to a shopping centre at Bluewater in Kent. The farewell party took place in the Tilgate Park's Walled garden. Among the visitors we were also honoured to welcome the Mayor of Crawley Cllr Ben Clay and his wife. Entertainment was provided by 'Rupert Bear Cats' Jazz band. The catering was prepared by the Walled Garden's caterers and we had a very nice and enjoyable buffet. I would like again to thank all those that helped make this visit (including the farewell party) a success. Special thanks to all the committee members, CBC, Rupert Bear Cats and all friends who helped to make this MGV a great success..

Over the weekend between 23 and 26th September the executive committee members spent 3 nights in Dorsten to attend the

Dual Committee meeting. Many topics were discussed among others, youth and football links, possible theatre/drama link between school/s and of course the MGV next year in Dorsten. Thank you to all our Dorsten colleagues for their hospitality, an interesting programme and of course a good English weather with sunshine as well. Please note in January or February 2006 we shall again have our annual CTTA dinner. The venue and other details shall be advised to all members by a special flyer or a letter later this month.

Hope to see you all at the annual dinner

Peter Klin

PR officer and Newsletter editor

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## Dorsten Visitors in Radio Interview

With impeccable accidental timing our Dorsten guests' visit to Chichester Cathedral coincided with the service of remembrance for the victims of the London bombings exactly one week earlier. After the two minutes silence some of the group were interviewed by a reporter from BBC local radio who was very pleased to hear from Heidi that in spite of the events of the 7<sup>th</sup> July our German friends refused to cancel their trip and set off two days later to the UK. An opportune show of solidarity between our two nations.



Iain Millar

## *Photos of Main Visit in Crawley July 2005 (cont. from page 1)*

### *Farewell party in the Walled Garden—Tilgate*





# Dorsten-contribution to the CTTA-newsletter

## Oct 15, 2005

### Stammtisch “last orders”



Dorstener  
Freundeskreis  
Crawley e.V.



In spring 2005 the Dorsten committee thought about new ideas for activities in Dorsten. One proposal was to start a “Stammtisch”. What is a Stammtisch? How to explain to the readers in Crawley? Thanks to Philip we have got some English explanation from the Collin PONS Großwörterbuch für Experten und Universität: “The *Stammtisch* is a table in a pub that is reserved for regulars. The get-together around the table is also known as a *Stammtisch*. Since it was mostly simple folk who originally met at a *Stammtisch* the word has become a synonym for Volkes Stimme (popular opinion). People talk of Stammtischpolitik (armchair politics) when politicians seize upon policies in a populist way solely in order to win votes.”

But our idea was more to give people in Dorsten and surrounding a chance to train their English. We had to find an attractive name, that people find their way to us. So we choose the combined German-English title *Stammtisch* “last orders”. “Last orders” is well known in Germany!

We started in May and meet the second Wednesday in every month (except holidays). The first evening only members of the town twinning association met together with some friends.



We made some articles in the local newspapers, so even people from neighbour towns came and chatted in



English. Meantime there have been 6 meetings, and every time we had between 20 and 30 persons coming together. We talked a lot about town twinning and the summer trip to Crawley. So we interested some more persons, who just came to chat in English, but went away with a lot of information about the town twinning between Crawley and Dorsten and about Crawley. In April the Dorstener Nachrichten came to make a photo and wrote a long article (see enclosed copy). In September a group of young people who had been in England with the summer visit to Crawley and brought a laptop to show us photographs of the visit. As it is so far a great success we will continue the *Stammtisch* last orders in the future. More pictures on our website [www.dorsten-crawley.de](http://www.dorsten-crawley.de)

### Bike tour 2005

On Sept 03, 2005 we had our yearly bike tour around Dorsten. We started at



12:30 in Dorsten and arrived around 2 PM in the nice village of Rhade to visit the watermill. This old watermill has been renovated by the heritage association of the village. Once per year it is even in use to show how it works. After a welcome drink provided by Ulla Küsters we had a tour around the mill, saw the big water wheel providing the water power and got explained how the grinding equipment inside the mill works. It was a lot of work for the miller to run the mill, repair the heavy millstone. The



farmers brought the corn, and got later back most of the flour. Some was the payment for the miller; some part was the duty for the Earl of Lembeck. At the end of the tour we saw the mill shortly running. Attached to the mill is a meeting house of the heritage association, we had a “Westphalian Coffee and Cake Table”, with homemade cakes. The tout back to Dorsten got us again through forests and along farms. We also had many nice talks to each other and arrived in Dorsten without a flat tire!

Article by Heinz Gremme, Oct 16, 2005

## Newly elected Committee Members - July 2005

For those who have not had the opportunity to view the list of executive committee members for 2005 and 2006, I have drawn up a list of the newly elected members and presented them in a table below.

Position	Name
Honorary President	Cllr. Jim Smith
Chairman	Frank Baker
Vice Chairman	Geoff May
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	C/O Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Jim Smith
	Councillor S Joyce
	Marion James
	John Potier
	Iain Millar
	Anne Wheeler

# **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

## **The annual subscriptions**

To subscribe you will need to make annual payments (by cheque)\*. These payments are:

Individual residents	£ 8.00
Individual non-residents	£ 10.00
Family residents	£ 12.00
Family non residents	£ 15.00
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