

Newark Twinning Newsletter

March 2006 – Edition 1

Introduction

The Executive committee of the Twinning association have decided to produce a newsletter approximately three times per year, to keep members up to date and informed on all twinning developments, particularly recent and future events .

If any members can supply news items, particularly related to visits to or from our twinned towns, they will be welcomed for inclusion in future newsletters.

Summary of 2005

Visits

During 2005, although there were no formal exchanges with the twinned towns, delegates from both Emmendingen and St Cyr-sur-Loire attended the 'WithoutBorders' International Youth Festival in September 2005 and there was representation from both the towns at the Food & Drink festival and the Last Night of the Proms. Also several very pleasant and successful informal exchanges were made by individuals to and from both our twinning partners.

What Quiz?

A social evening in the form of a quiz at the White Swan, Newark on the 25th of May, helped to raise the profile of the Twinning Association and was considered very enjoyable and a great success by those who attended.

Further social events are being considered and any suggestions would be welcomed.

Emmendingen Coat of Arms Installed

On Tuesday 19th July 2005, the plaque, presented to the town by the people of Emmendingen was set into the cobbles in the market place, in front of Queen's Court, just to the north-east of the Town Hall.

London Bombing

An email expressing sympathy and best wishes, was received from St Cyr-sur-Loire, following the London Bombing in July 2005.

WithoutBorders International Youth Festival, September 2005

The festival was organised by Newark Town Council and young people from several countries were involved, including contingents from both Emmendingen and St. Cyr sur Loire.

Your committee was not directly involved but attended the very successful Finale, a concert at the Palace Theatre produced by the young people on the Sunday evening.

Youth Twinning Links

Members of the Newark Twinning committee have been trying to promote youth twinning links by email. Many infant, primary and secondary schools in our area have been approached and several primary school teachers have enthusiastically taken up the opportunity to twin their school with a French school.

Young people at the Unique Coffee Bar have shown equal enthusiasm in establishing email links.

The Newark & Sherwood Food & Drink Festival

Free glasses of German and French wine, from Emmendingen and St Cyr, helped to attract a lot of interest in the twinning stand at the Newark & Sherwood Food and Drink Festival at the River Side Park in September 2005.

Polish Link

In September 2005, a group of representatives of the town council and the twinning association travelled to Sandomierz in Poland with a view to setting up links between our two towns. Sandomierz is twinned with Emmendingen, so this would be a three-way friendship, which may become a formal twinning link in due course.

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AGM

At the AGM held in November, the following were elected as officers and members of the Executive Committee:

Chairman	Rita Crowe
Vice Chairman	Len Wilkes
Secretary	Jane Gillon
Treasurer	Terry Blatherwick

Committee members:

Val Picker, Max & Becky Cope, Andy Watts, Tim & Joan Webster, Jane Oldham

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Best Wishes from St Cyr.

On the 14th of January Monsieur Briand, Mayor of St Cyr sur Loire and Member of the Assemblée Nationale, telephoned the Twinning Association to send best wishes for 2006 on behalf of the people of St Cyr-sur-Loire to the people of Newark.

Newark Day Sunday 2nd April 2006

A Newark Awareness Day is being held on Sunday the 2nd April at Newark Town Hall. The Twinning association will have a stand to promote the twinning links. *Any offers of assistance from members will be welcome.*

Last Night of the Proms – 20th Anniversary! –

(Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th February 2006)

In February we celebrated 20 years of the Last Night of the Proms concerts. The Ransome Band conducted and compèred by their new conductor, Stan Liphard, performed to record audiences on both nights.

As special guests, the mayor of Emmendingen the new Oberbürgermeister, Stefan Schlatterer, accompanied by Hiener and Gudrun Ludeke (special responsibility for twinning links) and Rolf Karaschewski (treasurer) attended the Saturday night performance. The Mayor of St. Cyr was unable to attend.

The Friday performance attracted a record attendance and the vibrant performance of the Ransome Band was enhanced by the guest appearance of more than 60 children from Chuter Ede Junior School, whose singing, conducted by Christine Hopkins, was outstanding and appreciated by all.

The Friday Concert finished a little earlier than anticipated. Members of the committee have met with the band to discuss this and ensure that this does not occur again.

Saturday night was a sell-out with the Ransome Band being at the top of their form. The guest appearance of Olivia Blackburn, the opera singer, helped to make this ‘the best Proms Night ever’ in the opinion of many in the audience.

Olivia also welcomed our visitors from Emmendingen in fluent German and included a German song in her repertoire as a goodwill gesture to them. At the end of the evening she returned to lead the singing of Rule Britannia and Jerusalem.

After the Saturday concert, the Mayor of Newark held a reception in his parlour at the town hall, for the visitors from Emmendingen and those involved with the Concert and the Twinning.

Last Night of the Proms 2007

The date is already set for Friday & Saturday 2nd & 3rd February 2007. *Make a note in your diary now!*

Emmendingen Discussion - 3rd Feb.

Members of the Twinning Committee had a meeting with the Oberbürgermeister and his colleagues, taking advantage of their presence in Newark to discuss possible future opportunities for the people of both towns:-

- a) Emmendingen would like to organise a weekend of youth rugby matches probably in 2007.
- b) It was agreed that the Youth festival had been very successful and enjoyed by the young

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- people. A ski-visit for youngsters was proposed to build on the Festival links.
- c) The Annual offer of a place at Freiburg university summer school is available for someone with any level of German above total beginner, aged 18 to 30(-ish). *Applications will be welcomed.*
 - d) Emmendingen would like the Operatic Society and representatives of the Town and the Twinning Association to attend a 'Twin Towns Festival' in Emmendingen, proposed for late 2006 or during 2007.
 - e) People from Newark are invited to attend Emmendingen's 'Annual Winefest' from 19th to 22nd August 2006.
 - f) 25th anniversary of the Newark/Emmendingen twinning will be celebrated in Sept 2008 in Emmendingen and April 2009 in Newark.
 - g) A delegation from Newark will be invited to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Sandomierz/Emmendingen twinning in August.

Third Link? A Polish Twinning?

Following the visit in September 2005 to Sandomierz in Poland with a view to setting up links between our two towns. A party from Sandomierz will be coming to Newark in May 2006 for the inauguration of the new town mayor and a programme of events is being planned for that weekend. It is planned to sign a twinning charter in Sandomierz in Autumn 2006 with the return signing planned for May 2007 in Newark.

Links with Other Twinning Associations

Nottingham County Council have produced a Twinning Forum Handbook and organised a number of Twinning Forums where Twinning Associations from across the county are invited to exchange ideas/experiences and problems/

solutions. Similar meetings have been organised by Newark & Sherwood District Council for those in the District.

Your Twinning association has been well represented at these meetings in the past and intends to continue to attend the meetings which have been very interesting and informative.

Next Twinning visit

We have invited a party of 30 people from St Cyr to visit Newark over the weekend of 3-4 June 2006.

Anyone wishing to offer hospitality should complete the slip sent out with the newsletter or contact any member of the committee.

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Internet Links

Emmendingen

www.emmendingen.de

Saint Cyr sur Loire

www.saint-cyr-sur-loire.com

Nottinghamshire CC -

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Newark & Sherwood

www.newark-sherwood.gov.uk

www.newark-sherwood.gov.uk

Newark Town

www.newarktowntreasures.co.uk

& www.newark.gov.uk

Addendum

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(The following sad news was sent out with the newsletter).

Death of Frank Springer

It is with regret that we have learned that Frank Springer who was chairman of the Emmendingen Twinning Association for many years has recently died. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain any information which would have allowed me to attend his funeral. I understand that his sons will be in contact in due course.

Rita. 28th February 2006