

Newark Twinning Newsletter

August 2006 – Edition 2

Introduction

The newsletter is produced approximately three times per year, to keep members up-to-date and informed on all twinning developments, particularly recent and future events.

The Newark Twinning Association is self-funding and aims to encourage and facilitate goodwill, understanding and friendship between organisations and individuals in our twinned towns.

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

A Tale of Four Towns!

Newark, Emmendingen, St Cyr-sur-Loire and now Sandomierz.

Newark Town Council has agreed to proceed with a third twinning link, with the Polish town of Sandomierz. More details of the Sandomierz link are given below.

Donation in memory of Frank Springer

Frank Springer who died last February, was a chairman of the Emmendingen Twinning Association. Those who got to know him held him in great respect and affection. A donation to the value of £50 was made in his memory, to German Cancer Research.

Nottinghamshire CC – Twinning Forum

The Twinning Forum organised by Robert Godfrey and Roger Howes on behalf of Notts CC has offered the opportunity for representatives of twinning organisations from across the county to meet. The forum meetings were extremely valuable in allowing twinning groups from across the county to share experiences, ideas and knowledge.

At a Forum meeting on the 9th March at Kirkby-in-Ashfield we received the news that Nottinghamshire CC had decided to close their

international department, stop funding the forum and make Robert Godfrey and Roger Howes redundant.

The meeting on 6th of July at County Hall was the last meeting to be organised by Notts CC. Those associations represented at the meeting contributed to retirement presents for Robert and Roger to express their appreciation and good wishes.

The members also agreed to carry on with the Forum by sharing the responsibility and cost, each Twinning Association taking turns to organise, host and chair future meetings in turn.

Keyworth Twinning Association agreed to host the next meeting and a provisional date was set for 30th November.

Newark Day - Sunday 2nd April

Newark Day was the idea of the Mayor David Nixon and the Town Hall provided a showcase for local clubs, associations and voluntary organisations to show how much the town has to offer local people. It was extremely well supported by organisations as varied as Scouts, Parachute Veterans, WI, various choirs, athletic clubs, the University of the 3rd Age and a variety of charities.

The Twinning Association was fortunate in being given a stall in the magnificent ballroom. Leaflets and other information on both the twin towns of Emmendingen and St. Cyr-sur-Loire were on display, supplemented by pictures and a video from previous exchanges.

To publicise the forthcoming Polish link, there were photographs and a free competition to locate Sandomierz on a map of Poland. Ann Parsons was closest and won a bottle of wine and life membership of Newark Twinning Association. Sophie (aged 5) was the closest child and won a box of chocolates and life membership for herself and all her family.

The stand attracted plenty of interest and many people took membership forms and information about the twin towns.

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Newark Town Hall Museum

Newark Town Hall is one of Newark's hidden gems, containing a most beautiful ballroom, the town treasures, a superb view of the market square and its own museum and gallery which are open to the public and well worth a visit.

The curator, Patty Temple has personally conducted many of our twinning visitors round the building and she gives a fascinating presentation on the history of the Town Hall and its treasures.

Polish Visit

Friday May 12th to Monday May 15th

A Polish delegation from Sandomierz arrived in Newark on Friday the 12th of May and was formally welcomed to Newark by Mayor David Nixon on the Saturday. Following the welcome the town council announced that a decision had been made to proceed with a formal twinning link.

The Twinning Charter will be signed in Newark on the 10th of September and in Sandomierz in late April/early May 2007.

Following the formalities the delegation was given a conducted tour of the Town Hall, lunch at the Malt Shovel, a trip on the river Trent and finally afternoon tea and a wine tasting at Ann et Vin.

On the Sunday the delegation were invited back to the Town Hall for the Mayor-making ceremony, when Marika Tribe was installed as the new town Mayor. The ceremony was followed by a formal dinner in the ballroom.

Despite the cold wet weather over the weekend, the Polish delegation appeared to enjoy themselves and it was felt that the visit had been a great success.

French Twinning Visit

Friday 2nd – Tuesday 6th June 2006

26 French visitors from St Cyr-sur-Loire flew into Stansted to be met by Jane Gillon and Val Picker and brought to Newark in a very smart new coach hired by the Association.

It was extremely hot, but otherwise the journey to Newark was very smooth. Arriving at the youth centre adjacent to the Grove Leisure Centre, Balderton, at about six o'clock, our guests were offered refreshments and matched up with their hosts.

Saturday morning the guests were welcomed by the Mayor and given a tour of the Town Hall followed by lunch at the Malt Shovel. In the evening most of the guests and hosts attended a superb evening of ballet at the Palace Theatre.

A visit to Belton House was suggested for Sunday late morning or early afternoon. This was particularly appropriate because of a link with the visit to Chateau Candé provided by the French Hosts in 2004.

The Duke of Windsor had been a frequent visitor to Belton House in the 30's. When he abdicated after inheriting the crown, he and Mrs Simpson fled from London to evade the press and hid at Belton House.

The press later became aware that the couple had fled to France, but could find no trace of them in Paris or their usual haunts, the reason being that they were at the little-known Chateau Candé near Tours, where they got married.

A very pleasant evening of entertainment followed at the Town Hall, with the choir of Chuter Ede Primary School, Charlotte Hamilton Dancers and the Palace singers showing the diversity of local talent across the age spectrum from infants to pensioners. A buffet supper rounded off the evening.

Monday started with a guided tour of Southwell Minster followed by a lunch in the Refectory. The suggested venue for the afternoon was Rufford Park

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where the weather was ideal for a walk by the lake or for following the 'statue trail'.

At a social evening in the Castle and Falcon pub our guests and their hosts enjoyed attempting to master both traditional and bar skittles, participating in an international quiz and experiencing the ambiance of an evening in a pub with friends. The perfect end to a visit full of fun and friendship.

6:30 am Tuesday morning the party left London Rd car park by coach for Stansted, but not before Jane Gillon had received a present to mark her birthday and to thank her for organising the visit so well.

The French issued a provisional invitation, for a return visit to St Cyr-sur-Loire next year, which, it was agreed, would fit in well with our commitments in 2008 for the 25th anniversary of the Emmendingen twinning.

Being a host can involve a lot of work and it was very apparent that all of you who had acted as hosts had looked after our guests extremely well and made them feel very welcome. So pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

Emmendingen

Emmendingen's Annual Winefest 19th to 22nd August 2006 coincides with the 15th anniversary of their twinning with Sandomierz, 17th to 22nd August.

The Town Council will be represented at the celebration of the Twinning anniversary, by the Mayor and two or three other council members. Anyone else wishing to go should contact Rita Crowe (young people particularly welcome).

Newark Operatic Society will be going to Emmendingen from Wed 25th Oct to Sun 29th Oct with their show 'Crazy for You'. Spaces are available on the coach £55/head + insurance.

Summer School Update

The Frieburg Summer School (3rd to 29th August 2006) invited applications (by 20th May) for two free places. The places are offered to anyone under 30, from the Newark area, with at least a basic knowledge of German. This appears to have become an annual event.

Details were published in the Advertiser, but sadly nobody has taken up the offer this year.

School email Links

At a meeting in the Town Hall on June 3rd a member of St. Cyr-sur-Loire's town council and the chairman of their Twinning Association undertook to continue to promote school links by email.

An invitation has been received from St Cyr-sur-Loire to a conference on pre-school care. The Mayor, Marika Tribe, wishes to attend and has proposed that a nursery group leader should also be invited to attend.

Last Night of the Proms

Discussions have been held with the Ransome band and it has been decided that next year there will be no Friday evening performance, but two performances on Saturday the 3rd February, a matinée at 2:00 pm (price £9.00) and an evening performance at 7:30 pm (price £10.00).

This is the Twinning Association's fund-raising event, so please mark the date in your diary and bring friends to support the Association and experience a vibrant afternoon or evening of music.

Tourist Office

The Tourist Office in the Gilstrap Library have a wide range of leaflets on what to do and where to go, which are very useful if you wish for help in entertaining visitors. They also have some leaflets in French and German about Newark's background and places of interest.

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Social Evenings

A post 'St Cyr visit' social evening, at the Castle and Falcon on Friday the 14th July, was attended by about eighteen members and offered the opportunity to discuss the recent visit and share photographs and experiences relating to hosting the French party.

Currently no other social events have been arranged but it has been suggested that a 'Curry Evening' (approximate cost £15/head) could be arranged in the autumn if sufficient interest is shown. Please give your support and let Jane Gillon or any member of the committee know of your interest.

Food & Drink Festival - 23rd July 2006

Newark & Sherwood Leisure Services made space available on their stall for local twinning associations to display information. Collingham, Farnsfield, Southwell (Sées) and Newark Twinning Associations were represented. The weather was gorgeous and the public showed some interest.

Diary Dates

17th to 22nd August 2006

15th anniversary of Emmendingen's twinning with Sandomierz. Anyone wishing to go to Emmendingen in the official party should contact Rita (young people particularly welcome).

19th to 22nd August 2006

Emmendingen's Annual Winefest
All welcome.

10th September 2006-07-30

Charter for Twinning Newark and Sandomierz to be signed in Newark.

25th Oct to 29th Oct 2006.

Newark Operatic Society will be going to Emmendingen with their show 'Crazy for You'. Spaces on the coach £55/head + insurance.

3rd Feb. 2007

Last Night of the Proms
Two performances: - 2:00pm matinee and 7:30pm evening.

Late April/early May 2007

Charter for Twinning Newark and Sandomierz to be signed in Sandomierz.

20th May 2007

Provisional last date for applications for free places at Frieburg Summer School 2007. (Some basic knowledge of the German language required)

Spring/summer 2007

Provisional date for a return visit to Saint Cyr-sur-Loire.

2008

The 25th anniversary of the Emmendingen twinning.

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www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Newark & Sherwood
www.newark-sherwood.gov.uk

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