

Newark Twinning Newsletter

Emmendingen – St Cyr-sur-Loire - Sandomierz

August 2007 – Edition 5

Introduction

The newsletter is produced approximately three times per year, to keep members up-to-date.

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.

Email

Printing and posting the Newsletter costs in time and money, so from now on, where we hold an email address, it will usually be sent by email. This should also mean you get it sooner .

However, because of the file size, we may occasionally have to send it by conventional post.

If we don't have your email address, please contact the secretary at timwebster@ukonline.co.uk, with your name, email address and the word 'Newsletter'.

Newark Day – May 6th 2007

Newark Twinning Association had a stall in the Town Hall which generated more interest in the Association. The answers to the quiz on the history of Newark's twinings could all be found in the leaflets available on the stall on the day. The draw was made by Mr. Richard Alexander at the end of the afternoon and the first three correct entries received prizes. The winner was B. Cleaver of Bottesford who won a bottle of wine and life membership of the Twinning Association for two people. Runners-up were S. Jones of Farndon and J. Duke of Newark.

Breast Cancer links

In May, Newark Twinning Association received a request from Newark Breast Cancer Support Group. Representatives from the group wish to visit similar groups in our twin towns in order to find out how this problem is managed in Germany, France and Poland. We have found a contact in Emmendingen and should have one soon in Sandomierz. We hope any visits which ensue will be of benefit to all those involved.

Links with French Schools – June 2007

Pippa Robinson, the Year 5 teacher at Hawtonville Junior School whose pupils were given French pen pals by the Newark Twinning Association, sent Joan Webster some photos of the Easter cards the children sent to France. She said:-“ We have received some cards back from our pen pals and are just about to send them some more letters. The children in my class have really enjoyed sending and receiving the letters. They are really pleased that they can now say what kinds of sports they enjoy playing and constantly want to learn more French so that they can write to their pen pals. Thank you for this opportunity.”

She added that the children “have typed them up on school laptops and inserted pictures of themselves, which they really enjoyed doing. The photos they have used are ones we have taken during the school year e.g. on school trips, tag rugby matches etc. so the children are really proud of their photos and wanted to show them to their pen pals.”

Pippa gave us permission to use any letters, photos and quotes in the Newsletter and said the children would love to see their work in print. We have reduced the size in order to print as many as possible this time but hope to include more in future issues.

The Twinning Association is delighted that the correspondence between Hawtonville Junior School

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and Ecole Périgourd is going so well and that the children are gaining so much.

Congratulations to the children, teachers and schools concerned.

Attached is a sample of the Easter cards sent to Ecole Périgourd , St. Cyr- sur-Loire, by Year 5 children at Hawtonville Junior School, Newark. At least one other primary school in the Newark area has succeeded in establishing a correspondence with a different school in St. Cyr.

We hope we may be able to report on further developments soon.

June 21st 2007- Twinning and Tourism Visit

Sally Coulter, the Twinning and Tourism Officer at Newark and Sherwood District Council, arranged a visit to Sherwood Pines for representatives from the twinning associations in the area. Newark was represented and, although the visit took place on an extremely wet evening, it was enjoyable and profitable. Clearly, the Adventure Playground, Go Ape, walking and cycling trails, etc. could appeal to visitors of all ages and nationalities on future twinning visits.

July 2007 – Visit of Goethe Gymnasium Choir

Val Picker writes:-

“The 32 students and 4 teachers from Emmendingen arrived at Newark Northgate Station on Tuesday afternoon, July 3rd and at last it had stopped raining.

So Bob Crowe, Len Wilkes and myself got them sorted into the minibuses we had hired and carted them off to Long Bennington Sports

Pavilion, where we had prepared the camp beds for them.

Then we realised that there was a mixture of teenage girls and boys with only one room for them all !!!! So Len did some ringing round and found another hall for the boys, (The Tom Mann Pavilion on Sconce Hills, thanks to Andy Hardy from N.S.D.C). So we then had to transfer some of the beds to there and because of all the rain the week before everything was damp and cold. The field around the hall was a soggy mess and guess what! it started to rain again.

Some of the girls were not happy with the state of the room or the dampness of it because of their singing voices. So once again we had to do a lot of phoning round to try and get another venue. In the end they decided to stay there for one night and we would sort it out the next day.

The next day we managed to get them all booked in at Bishop Grosseteste in Lincoln as all their students had already gone home for the summer (What summer??) Anyway we got them over to there and they were now getting more settled and things started to go better and the sun started to shine.

They had their rehearsals and lunch each day at the Magnus School, thanks to Mr Tony Roberts. At nights they were given a super meal at Regal Lodge by Bryan and Penny Richardson (the Mayor & Mayoress.) and we had started to get to know them by then.

The Concert at the Parish Church on the Saturday Night was a wonderful experience for them and for all of us who attended it. Afterwards we all had a B.B.Q at the Castle & Falcon on London Road thanks to Dave Cumberland the landlord and to the expert cooks Bob Crowe & Max Cope????.

On Sunday they took part in the Newark Carnival and Sconcefest (where again the sun shone) and at night they sang in the Parish Church again as part of the Evensong.

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Monday they took themselves off to the seaside and had a good day relaxing . At the supper that night they gave us a farewell concert and tried to teach us a new dance. (Without much success I might add!).

So in the end it all turned out to be wonderful visit as they said their goodbyes to us on Northgate Station. Again there were a few tears and many photos being taken.

We have learned a lot from this visit and we hope that in the future we will be more prepared??

PS. The reason the students did not stay with families (which was the original plan and the concept of twinning) is that the “powers that be” told us the families needed to be screened with CRB checks. Just two weeks before they arrived! But that’s another story and I am not prepared to say what I think about it at the present time!”

August 2007 - A visitor from Sandomierz

Roman Rynski, Chairman of Sandomierz Twinning Association, visited Newark. Although it was a private family visit he attended a Council Meeting at the Town Hall and was presented with the new version of the Newark town flag.

August Summer School In Germany

We regret that once again we were unable to find anyone with links to Newark to take up either of the two free places generously funded by Emmendingen at Freiburg University. It is an annual Summer Course in German language and Culture which lasts almost four weeks. A basic level of German is essential and participants should be at least 18 years old.

Accommodation and regional travel will be provided free so participants only have to meet costs for the journey, food and spending money. Applications for next year are required by May 2008. Please contact the Secretary (01636 636532) if you know anyone who may be interested.

Diary Dates

End of August 2007

Some members will be making private visits to Emmendingen for the annual Winefest. Later, a committee meeting will be held in Newark to make arrangements to celebrate next year’s 25th Anniversary celebrations with Emmendingen. Further details nearer the time.

August 31st, September 2nd & 3rd 2007

Food and Drink Festival (NSDC) will take place in and around the Market Square. In response to a request from Emmendingen, Newark and Sherwood District Council are preparing special packs about this event to go to our twin towns. Although Newark Twinning Association will not have its own stall it will help any of our twin towns wishing to participate.

October 2007

Newark Operatic Society will put on a show in Emmendingen. They are making their own arrangements to travel on October 24th and return on October 28th.

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Newark & Sherwood

www.newark-sherwood.gov.uk

Newark Town

www.newarktowntreasures.co.uk

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