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NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010



2010, and another new decade. It seems like only yesterday that we celebrated the Millennium.

Time passes faster as one gets older and the years just fly by.

Did anybody enjoy the cold weather with all the snow and mud and hazards going with it? Personally, I stayed well away and didn't venture out unless I had to. I just hibernated at home.

Has anybody been affected by the Swine Flue or the Nora Virus? I had both and I can tell you, it's no joke.

And if anyone out there is still suffering, I wish you a speedy recovery.

Happy New Year!



Advent Evening in The Birkbeck Hall at The Great Hospital

Looking back at **2009**, this ever popular event was a huge success. Christa Wood and her helping 'Angels' have yet again done a magnificent job in 'decking the Hall with boughs of Holly' and Pine, decorating tables with candles and edible presents for everybody etc, etc. The Christmas tree was up twinkling its lights. The atmosphere

was festive and full of anticipation. One of our members, David Lancaster, was reading lessons in English and in German accompanied by his wife, Ros, on the piano; and we all enjoyed singing Christmas Carols in two languages.

The highlight of the evening was the 'Cathedral Choir'. Ten male singers performed classical music and Christmas Carols. The choir seems to get better and better every year with some outstanding soloists. And they really seemed to enjoy their performance as much as we did listening to them.

What a superb start to the Christmas season and we would like to express our gratitude to all involved.

A donation of £100.00 for the Cathedral Funds was given to the Cathedral Song School as in previous years



Winnings Ehrenwinzerin ist „Member of the British Empire“

Waltraud Jarrold-Krall erhält hohe Auszeichnung für ihre Verdienste

WINNINGEN. Alljährlich wird in Großbritannien am letzten Tag des Jahres die so genannte „Honor List“ veröffentlicht. Darin sind diejenigen Menschen aufgeführt, die von Queen Elisabeth ausgezeichnet werden. Diese Ehre wurde jüngst der aus Winnigen stammenden Waltraud Jarrold-Krall, Präsidentin der Norfolk-Norwich-Koblenz-Friendship Association in der Koblenzer Partnerstadt Norwich, zu teil.

Waltraud Jarrold-Krall, in Norwich/Großbritannien lebende gebürtige Winnigerin, ehemalige Winniger Weinkönigin, Weinkönigin von Mosel, Saar und Ruwer und Deutsche Weinprinzessin, wurde wegen ihrer zahlreichen Verdienste im Sinne der Völkerverständigung,

Ehrenwinzerin 1999 wearing the CHAIN awarded by the Weingilde Winnigen



Schon 1999 eine „Berühmtheit“: Damals wurde Waltraud Jarrold-Krall zur Ehrenwinzerin ernannt und erhielt die Kette der Weingilde Winnigen. Foto: pr

aber auch für ihren nicht enden wollenden Einsatz zu

Gunsten des Winniger Weins quasi als „Botschafterin Winnings in Großbritannien“ 1999 zur Ehrenwinzerin ernannt. Seit ihrer Heirat nach Norwich baut Jarrold-Krall unablässig Brücken der Freundschaft nicht nur zwischen ihrer Heimatgemeinde Winnigen und ihrer neuen Heimat, sondern darüber hinaus auch zwischen den Regionen Koblenz und Norfolk sowie zwischen der hiesigen Handwerkskammer und dortigen berufsständischen Organisationen. Ein besonderes Anliegen ist ihr der gegenseitige Besuch der Menschen aus England und Deutschland, den sie durch private Einladungen, aber auch durch die Organisation von Besuchen der Winniger Winzertanzgruppe in Norwich wie auch die Teilnahme englischer Volks-

tanzgruppen an den Winniger Folklorefestivals unterstützt.

Weiterhin ist Waltraud Jarrold-Krall u. a. im „National Meningitis Trust“ aktiv und Vorsitzende des „Feed the Minds Committee“, das eine jährliche Buchmesse veranstaltet, um christliche Wohltätigkeitsaktionen zu unterstützen.

Nachdem sie bereits für ihre Verdienste um die deutsch-englischen Beziehungen mit der Verdienstmedaille des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz ausgezeichnet wurde, erhielt sie nun den „Most Excellent Order of the British Empire“, eine dem Bundesverdienstkreuz vergleichbare Ehrung, in der Stufe „Member of the British Empire“. Dazu erreichten sie auch aus Winnigen und Koblenz zahlreiche Glückwünsche. -mel-



In case you didn't know, Waltraud Jarrold, has been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

We are all so very proud of her. She really deserves this recognition. It was long overdue considering all her dedicated work in the community and far beyond, in fact all over the world.

The article above was published in the 'Lokal Anzeiger', Koblenz on 13th January 2010.

Many Congratulations from all of us!



Christa Wood, our Events Organiser, has been very busy arranging our programme of Events for 2010.

NNKFA EVENTS and Dates for your Diary for 2010

Friday, 19th March 19:00 AGM County Hall – Cranworth Room

Sunday !!!!!, 20th June 10:00 SUMMMER OUTING to Houghton Hall

Entrance to Hall is £ 7.80 p.p. Coach £ to be advised .

Departure 10:00 for 10:15.



Houghton Hall is the residence of Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole with magnificent gardens designed by William Kent in the early 18th Century.

Houghton Hall has received the 'Gardens of the Year' award from Christies and the Historic Houses Association in recognition of the renovation of the 5-acre walled garden which began in 1991. If you have the use of a computer, it is worth looking at their website <http://www.houghtonhall.com> which will tell you everything you might want to know.

Sunday, 12th September 12:00 NNKFA 30th Anniversary Lunch at Park Farm, Hethersett

Thursday, 16th September "GUESS WHAT?" at SEWELL BARN
NNKFA 30th Birthday Celebrations
Details to be advised at a later date



Tuesday, 30th November 19:00 ADVENT at Birkbeck Hall, Great Hospital

Sunday, 18th April 2009 NATC SPONSORED WALK

duration 1½ to 2 hours, about 5 miles, around the pretty central Norfolk village of Swanton Morley. The walk starts at 'Darby's', a hostelry to the North of the village, just off the B1147 at the bottom of the hill through the village, off a sharp bend.

Here you are invited to partake of coffee and biscuits at 10.15 am before setting out at 10.45 am (free to those having paid their entrance fee). 'Darby's' invite you to park in their car park but only at the top.

More details on: <http://norfolknetwork.co.uk/walk.htm> and <http://www.dombarnard.com/darbys/menu.html>



'Feed the Minds Book Fair' will be held from 7th to 10th July 2010.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Waltraud Jarrold on 01603 454799. The proceeds this year will be used for the children of HAITI.

The DUaM Group always meets on Wednesday mornings at Waltraud Jarrold's home, 'Moselle' and at other members homes, when she is away. We are a mixed nationality group providing a good opportunity to get together and may be practise some German?. Mit Kaffee und Kuchen natürlich!
(Knowledge of the German language is NOT essential)



PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS/WAS ON 1ST JANUARY 2010.

THE FEE IS STILL ONLY £ 5.00 PER ANNUM

PAYABLE BY CHEQUE OR STANDING ORDER MANDATE—APPLICATIONS ATTACHED

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We are also looking into organising a weekend trip to 'Ironbridge' in Shropshire as an EXTRA event for 2010 as it is our 30th Anniversary year. This would be at the **beginning of October** and a nice follow up for those of you who came to Koblenz with us last year and visited the 'Eisenkunst Museum at Schloss Sayn'.

And for the ones who didn't, it would be an adventure.

Please give it some thought and let us have your views at the AGM so we can find out whether there would be enough interest to make this a viable proposition.



Ironbridge Gorge is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Iron Bridge crosses the River Severn at the Ironbridge Gorge by the village of Ironbridge in Shropshire, England. It was designed by Thomas Telford and the first arch bridge in the world to be made out of cast iron, a material which was previously far too expensive to use for large structures. However, a new blast furnace nearby lowered the cost and so encouraged local engineers and architects to solve a long-standing problem of a crossing over the river.

Ironbridge is known throughout the world as the symbol of the Industrial Revolution. It contains all the elements of progress that contributed to the rapid development of this industrial region in the 18th century, from the mines themselves to the railway lines. Nearby, the blast furnace of Coalbrookdale, built in 1708, is a reminder of the discovery of coke. The bridge at Ironbridge had a considerable influence on developments in the fields of technology and architecture. More information about the area on <http://www.ironbridgeguide.info/>

Penny Dossetor from the NATC has asked us to pass on a message from Gill Hood to send you the following link to a petition asking for the reinstatement of modern foreign languages to the National Curriculum up to the age of 16. <http://petitions.number10.gov.co.uk/TeachLanguages/>.

Please complete it if you feel that this should happen.

Barbara Theis, Deputy Chairman of the Freundschaftskreis Norwich-Koblenz, is planning a 5-day visit to Norwich in mid-October, to perform with her Group 'Modern Vibrations'.

Modern Vibrations is a very modern all female choir wanting to be different. At the moment, they are thinking of performing

'A tribute to Michael Jackson,'

in Norwich, but nothing has been finalised yet..



A critic in 'Rhein-Lahn Zeitung' calls them 'very entertaining Amazons' and was full of admiration for their interpretation of 'Let me entertain you'.

So watch this space, you might be in for a big treat—or a great surprise.



DUaM - 6th January 2010, celebrating Waltraud's MBE and Irmgard Clarke's (Weide) 90th Birthday.

