

## **Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association**

### **Report to Twinning Committee 7 October 2010.**

**Summer Outing.** Immediately after the last Twinning Committee members went by Coach (Spratts) to Houghton Hall, which we had previously visited 20 years ago. We were all amazed by the most positive changes, which have taken place in that time, both in the grounds and in the Hall as reported in our Summer 'KONTACT'.

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch.** This was held at Park Farm, Hethersett, in keeping with tradition on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, and we were very pleased to welcome the Sheriff, Derek James and his wife Bridgette, as well as visitors from Winnigen, Martina and Lothar Kröber, who many members had met on visits to Koblenz as they run the Vinothek in Winnigen, and have welcomed us there on days in the village. They had last visited Norwich as members of the Winnigen Tanz und Trachtengruppe in 1978. On display we had albums and pictorial records of our 'outreach' activities such as 'Feed the Minds' and 'Meningitis Trust', as well as Handwerkskammer publications from Koblenz and Germany, keeping us up to date with our Skilled Training links. These are being stimulated by anew Apprentice Exchange Scheme, which is being strongly supported by Norwich City College Principal Dick Palmer.

Special Greetings were received from Günter Hahn chairman of NKFKeV in Koblenz, together with photos of the past.

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** was held at The Sewell Barn Theatre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, which was where we were inaugurated 30 years ago. We were very pleased to welcome the Chairman of the County Council, Tony Tomkinson and his wife Sheila. We were also pleased to have a 'surprise' visit from The Kemps Men of Norwich, who have been to Winnigen on several occasions for the International Folk Dance Festival, and helped to plant a vineyard on the last visit.

We were entertained not only by the Kemps Men, but also by our member Felicity Devonshire who sang for us Schumann's 'Frauen Liebe und Leben', and as a contrast a song by Kurt Weill.

The evening had commenced with Peter Jay, Head of the Arts Faculty at the Hewett School accompanying two of the very talented students from the school in songs from the Musicals. They were received with huge applause and we were pleased to give a cheque towards the school's music.

The in-house catering by members 'worked a treat'. The Sewell Barn volunteers, led by Stella Jay were a great help too, and we were pleased to present a donation to the Sewell Barn Appeal.

**Bundes Gartenschau (BUGA)** update. A visit to Koblenz shows how much work and infra- structure improvement is going on ready for next year's National Garden Show. We are told it will all be ready on time for the April 2011 opening! A new latest technology gondola aerial cable car has been constructed crossing the Rhine and taking visitors up to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. It gives a great ride up and is already proving most successful. Each gondola will hold 35 people and the journey takes 4 minutes.

Our Twin Garden is well in hand and progressing thanks to Chris Southgate, George Ishmael, Norwich in Bloom and Andy Emms. There will also be performances by groups from Norwich in the Twin Gardens in May 2011.

The NNKFA will be visiting Koblenz from May 22 to 29 2011, and we expect a good take-up for this visit.

**Ironbridge** visit October 1 to 3, 2010 will see 32 of our members and friends visiting 5 of the museums, the bridge itself and Bridgnorth. A 'recce' at the end of July showed us how much there is to see.

**Bridge Players Visit from Koblenz** 6 to 10 September. This was the first of the Koblenz Bridge Club to Norwich Bridge Club, and according to Chris Southgate went very well. The visitors were graciously welcomed by the Lord Mayor.

#### **Other matters.**

Our members supported the 40<sup>th</sup> Feed the Minds Book Fair (FTM) in July and we were able to send a cheque for £2200 towards a project in Rwanda, which was chosen because of its links with the Rhineland Palatinate since 1982.

DUam, German conversation group continues to support both FTM and Meningitis Trust with donations and spreading awareness.

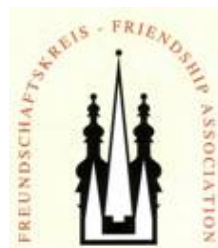
**'Rhine again and again'** photographic exhibition of British Photographers past and present, now has the offer of considerable support from Koblenz Museums and it is hoped to bring it to the Cathedral Hostry in 2011.

The Koblenz – Landau University Trust is seeking renewed and wider contacts with UEA, which have been followed up with both the University and Norwich City College academic courses, and Dick Palmer has responded.

We continue to receive inquiries from students hoping to find placements here and in the Koblenz Region.

**Advent Evening** will be on Tuesday, 30 November, again at the Great Hospital.

Waltraud Jarrold  
20 September 2010



# KONTAKT Newsletter

SUMMER 2010

NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our Summer newsletter for the year 2010.

First of all to bring you up to date since our last Newsletter:

Our year began with the A.G.M at County Hall on March 19<sup>th</sup>, avoiding the icy weather, which we had the last few years in February. About forty members and friends attended and we were particularly pleased to welcome Councillor Tony Tomkinson as Vice Chairman of Norfolk County Council. He is now Chairman and has shown interest in Twinning, including taking part in the Twinning Associations Sponsored Walk in April.

The usual format, as laid down in the constitution, with our President in the chair, for the AGM was followed, and the evening finished with refreshments and time to chat to fellow members.

We were very sorry that shortly after the A.G.M. we received the resignation of Charlotte Hobolm from the committee and also as producer of 'Kontakt'. Charlotte had transformed 'Kontakt' making it much more attractive to read, and we thank her for her invaluable contribution to the NNKFA. We are pleased that she is remaining as a member. We would like a volunteer to produce future newsletters. Much of the content is supplied by others, but it needs putting together in an attractive way.

AGM photos

## Summer Outing to Houghton Hall

The Summer Outing to Houghton Hall took place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Members spent a very pleasant time strolling through the glorious gardens. The flower borders were a riot of colour, shapes and textures, with a backdrop of curved hedges and views of the Hall. Some members took advantage of the sheltered sunken garden to enjoy their picnic lunch. One of the garden features was a fire and water fountain, a fascinating and unusual combination.

The house held many beautiful paintings and sculptures, and exquisite furniture and tapestries, which the friendly staff were pleased to describe to us. There was so much to see and although passage through the rooms was unhurried there was not enough time to take it all in. Another visit is a must!

Photos Houghton



## Feed the Minds Book Fair July 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

This was the 40<sup>th</sup> FTM Book Fair in Norwich that Waltraud had organised. The Book Fair was officially opened by The Sheriff of Norwich, Derek James accompanied by his wife Bridgette. To mark this significant occasion four members of staff from FTM Head Office came to the Book Fair to give their support and acknowledge the achievements of the Norwich book fair over the past 40 years. £2200, including £500 from the John Jarrold Trust, will support the Feed the Minds Ruanda project. Rwanda has been twinned with Rheinland Pfalz since 1982, which was an extra reason for this choice. As always we made a donation of £150 to St. Andrew's Church. A small contribution as they recognise our use of the church as a part contribution from them.

The left over books were collected for the bookshop at Felbrigg Hall and will support the National Trust. Roy Sandham the Property Manager has expressed their appreciation, and it also helps us as we do not have to store the books.

A surprise tea party was held in the Westwick Room at City Hall to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Waltraud was presented with a meaningful ebony carving on behalf of FTM and Peter Thorn paid tribute to Waltraud for her dedication and enthusiasm, and presented two books about the Order of The British Empire and beautifully arranged flowers, on behalf of the Norwich helpers. Richard was not forgotten either with a special bottle of Norfolk whisky.

We are very grateful to members of NNKFA and everyone else who helped achieve such a good result.

Photos



## Norwich and District Photographic Society and Foto Club Koblenz

The Annual Joint Exhibition was held for the first time in the new Cathedral Hostry from May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> and our NNKFA Trophy was won by (again!) Marianne Gebauer.

Photos



Koblenz Photos

We are in negotiation with the Landesmuseum in Koblenz to bring the "Immer wieder Rhein" exhibition, which was held in Koblenz last year, to Norwich and hope that it will be possible to hold it in the Hostry in January 2011.

**Sunday, 12th September 2010 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch at Park Farm Hotel Hethersett**  
**12:30 p.m. for 1 p.m.**

Our lunch this year will consist of a Main Course, a Sweet and Coffee. The choices are:



**Main Courses**

Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary and Blackberry Compote served with Port Jus  
Beef Stew cooked in Real ale served with Herb Dumpling  
Baked Fillet of Cod with a Herb Crust with a Spicy Tomato Chutney  
Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini topped with Spicy Tomato Sauce (V)

All with a Selection of Freshly Prepared Vegetables

**Desserts**

Fresh Fruit Salad  
Syrup Sponge with Custard  
Passion Fruit Delice with Strawberry Coulis



**Coffee and Mints**



**Price per person is £ 18.50 which includes gratuities.**

**Drinks can be bought at the Bar**

**Please select your choices and return the reply slip on last page with your cheque by 25 August latest.**

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**At the Sewell Barn Theatre**  
**7pm for 7.30pm**

September 16<sup>th</sup> marks the actual day that the NNKFA was founded 30 years ago at an inaugural meeting of interested people, who gathered at the Sewell Barn Theatre.

We are returning to our roots for this special occasion, which will also be dedicated to the memory of Roger Bamford, at that time Director of Administration for the city, and responsible for Twinning, of which he was an enthusiastic supporter.

The evening will begin with a welcome drink in the Foyer at 7.00pm. The bar will be open during the evening to purchase hot or cold drinks, and there will be an 'In House' finger buffet, for which we would be pleased to receive contributions at the Sewell Barn on the night. (It would be helpful if you could let Waltraud 01603 454799 know if you are able to bring something SÜSS oder HERZHAFT).

There will be a programme to include entertainment by the Hewett School Band directed by Peter Jay, and German Lieder sung by our member, Felicity Devonshire.

Please let Christa know if you wish to attend on the reply slip. There is no charge for this event, but there will be an opportunity to make donations to the Sewell Barn Theatre Appeal.

Friends, who might be interested in the Association will be welcome too!

## **Visit to Ironbridge October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010**

An interesting and comprehensive programme has been planned for the visit to Ironbridge, with the help of George Williams who grew up in the area and also has produced a very informative map, giving details of the interesting things to be seen and where they are. This will be sent out to those going with further information on the visit.

Ironbridge is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and has lots to see!

There are still a few places on the coach, and subject to hotel rooms being available, it is not too late to book.

If you are interested or would like further details please let Richard Jarrold know as soon as possible. We need to close the list very early in August. Friends and relatives would be very welcome to join us. Single Rooms are £172.50 and Doubles £261, including Coach, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for two nights, but not including Museum Entry, other meals or incidentals. Rooms are subject to availability. Please contact Richard on 01603 454799 or email [richardjarrold@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:richardjarrold@tiscali.co.uk) .

## **BUGA The Bundesgartenschau, Koblenz 2011**

All cities twinned with Koblenz have been invited to participate in this highly prestigious national event, which will take place from April to October 2011.

The elements envisaged to represent each city include a garden, historical culture and modern media. The garden element is well under way with a design that represents the medieval churches of Norwich, featuring plants and a stained glass feature. Chris Southgate, an NNKFA committee member, is working with George Ishmael, who has designed the garden, and the Norwich in Bloom committee. Chris has put an enormous effort into making this Twinning Garden a reality.

Andy Emms, Twinning Officer of Norwich City Council is responsible for the Culture and Media elements.

The NNKFA will visit Koblenz from May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 to visit BUGA travelling by coach. Details will follow, but if you are interested put these dates in your diary!

## **Postscript from Waltraud**

I was delighted to receive the totally unexpected award of an MBE, and to be presented with it by Her Majesty The Queen on 9<sup>th</sup> June. It fills me with gratitude to all who were motivated to make the recommendation. I am vividly aware that I do share this honour with you all, who have been supporting my endeavours to make our motto: "Understanding and Friendship" a radiant, meaningful and inspiring reality. "Habet Dank", most especially our "Noble" Chairman Jill.

Sincerely indeed,  
Waltraud

**Doris Brook.** We were all very sorry that Doris died in June, while visiting her sister in Jersey. Doris, with her late husband Gordon, had been great supporters of NNKFA, and despite her illness in recent years she had remained cheerful to the end. Our Chairman Jill Noble represented the Association at Doris' funeral in Jersey.

**Sunday, 12th September 2010 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch at Park Farm Hotel Hethersett  
12:30 p.m. for 1 p.m.**

**Reply Slip - NNKFA Birthday Lunch at Park Farm**

**Main Course**

- ☐ Roast Leg of Lamb
- ☐ Beef Stew
- ☐ Baked Fillet of Cod
- ☐ Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini (V)

**Dessert**

- ☐ Fresh Fruit Salad
- ☐ Syrup Sponge with Custard
- ☐ Passion Fruit Delice

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

***Cost of the two course meal with coffee & mints is £ 18.50 per person.***

Please ***select your choices*** and return the slip and **cheque for £ 18.50 p.p. payable to NNKFA** to

**Mrs. Christa Wood,  
43 Eaton Street,  
Norwich,  
NR4 7LD**

***to arrive no later than 25 August 2010 please***

*N.B. Cheques are not cashed until 8 days before the lunch.*

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**Reply Slip**

I/We would like to attend the Birthday celebration on 16 September at the Sewell Barn.

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email .....

***to arrive no later than 25 August 2010 please***