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Editorial

Although the numbers were small it looks as though our visitors to Novi Sad enjoyed the usual busy and varied time there.

Visitors never go to Novi Sad without doing something. Verna delivers big bags of knitting to the Red Cross of Vojvodina. Peter has meetings with everyone about everything. Ken and Caroline attach themselves to the choir of St. George's Cathedral and Bogdan. They enjoyed an extra, peaceful, week after the others had departed.

The things the young people get up to in Novi Sad (page 3) It is wondered if they broke any records. The piano seemed to hold up OK.

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Visit to Novi Sad Sept 2019.

Although the number of people visiting Novi Sad this year was down on that of previous visits it did not prevent those who went having a wonderful time in rather hot but bearable temperatures.

As always our visit was organised by Sandra of Kompas who tailored the visits and excursions to the number who were there.



On top of the world.....

Our visits always seem to be a culinary adventure to which things are attached so it was no surprise that a visit to Bečej involving a city tour and visit to the river Tisa and the sluice control system, and a visit to the Castle Fantast and its bloodstock stud, surrounded a most wonderful venison lunch.



.....at Castle Fantast.

A visit to Belgrade has become a fixed point in the programme and this year The Royal Compound became out point of interest. It covers 331 acres and contains two palaces, a chapel, stables, cottages and other buildings. It is the home of HRH Crown Prince Alexander and HRH Princess Katherine.

As so often happens with the timetable things 'get added' - almost as they happen so there was a rush back to Novi Sad to go to a performance in the Dunav Park given by the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra of film music - accompanied by the films. It rained! So the performance was hurriedly put on in the Synagogue. This did, however, give two members the chance to talk to Rita Kinka who had been invited to play with the Orchestra.

Other members of the group were able to enjoy the concert in the open air the following evening.

Rita will be giving the Paul Cross Memorial Concert in Norwich in January.

An excursion to the village of Đurđevo was another delightful culinary day since the village and several in the region have combined to provide a 'cheese and honey' trail. But the focus of the visit was a whisky distillery! This unusual enterprise proved to be a most rewarding place to visit.



Cheers!

A substantial 'ethnic' lunch was followed by a visit to a village house which had been made over to a museum of the Rusyns (Ruthenian) settlers and their descendants,

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Two very experienced ladies testing and approving the 'ethnicity' of the snack provided by two delightful Ruthenian ladies.

Another 'fixed point' in the itinerary is the visit to the Milan Petrović School with a very busy programme and wonderful hospitality.

The group were taken to the School's facility to help Autistic young people to integrate into the community.

Report Milan Petrović School.

During our visit we were taken to the school's facility for integrating Autistic young people into the community and teaching them skills for independent living at Sremska Kamenica. The young people and their mentors were off on an excursion so the group had the opportunity to see the excellent conditions provided and to receive a dissertation on the principles and practice of the initiative.



The school looks for early diagnosis and has developed a programme for intervention at an early stage. The beneficiaries are introduced gradually into the independent living environment.

The programme and the house is supervised by staff, volunteer parents and students from the University who live in the house and act in a 'supervisory/friend/mentor' role.



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President: The Mayor of Norwich

Vice President: Chair, Norfolk County Council

The Association exists to promote informal links between people and organization in the City of Norwich and the County of Norfolk and those in the Municipality of Novi Sad.

The Association is a non-political, non-sectarian organisation dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities.

NNNSA 2019 Summer Outing



On a beautiful July day, a small group of NNNSA members met up at Horning to enjoy a leisurely river cruise aboard the Southern Comfort Mississippi Paddle Boat down the River Bure to Ranworth Broad. It was very relaxing watching the world go by! The group also welcomed 3 members from the Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association. Afterwards, a social lunch was enjoyed at the Swan Inn, Horning. It was suggested joint twinning activities would be a possibility for the future. *Wendy Quinn*

Forthcoming Event

The Paul Cross Memorial Concert

The Paul Cross Memorial Concert is to be held on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 7.30 in the Norwich Assembly House.

Rita Kinka will be giving a Piano Recital of classical music, including a piano sonatas by Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt.

Tickets will go on sale in December. Member who purchase tickets early benefit from a Membership discount. This also applies to tickets purchased by members for friends and relatives. Members should contact Wendy for these.

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The school is working with the Biology Department of the University in developing an Hydroponic (soil less) system of fruit production (strawberries). This provides an environment that is structured and 'safe' for Autistic young people and also those with other disabilities – particularly those in wheelchairs. This provides experience and training for youngsters to be gardeners/florists etc. It also provides an opportunity for other students from the University (It is thought from the Psychology Department) to work alongside the beneficiaries and to study disabilities and human development.



At the Hydroponic experimental unit In the University of Novi Sad

All this is in the early stages of development and is presented to us as a possible project we could support with proceeds from the Paul Cross Memorial Concert.

As has become usual the visitors were invited by the President, Mr. Zdravko Jelušić to visit him at the Skupština. As always Dubravka was there to organise us all. The President is always interested in what the Association is doing and was delighted to hear of the 'Twinning Garden' in Norwich.

The 'farewell dinner' is always an opportunity for the visitors to entertain and show thanks to their friends in Novi Sad. It is seen as a very important occasion giving rise ideas for the future to developing and extending collective and personal relationships.

News from Novi Sad.

It has been a disappointment for the Isidor Bajić Music school that it has not been possible for the Triorca Orchestra to perform in Novi Sad this year as part of the European City of Youth. Things have not been easy for the Norfolk part of the Orchestra.

However, The Isidor Bajić School, always on the look out for a challenge, decided they would try to beat the Guinness Book of Records entry for the most people playing a piano at the same time.



....Is there room for all those fingers?

It is yet to be discovered the exact rules and regulations surrounding this challenge like 'Must they all be playing the keyboard?' and 'must they play a recognisable tune?'

Undaunted by the difficulties an attempt was made in public at a prestigious venue in the full glare of the media!



A very active contribution to the European Year of Youth