

### **Twinning committee**

**Date: Thursday, 03 March 2016**

**Time: 16:00**

**Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH**

#### **Committee members:**

Councillor Bremner  
Councillor Raby  
Councillor Henderson  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Maxwell  
Councillor Sands (M)  
Councillor Thomas (Vi)

Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)  
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblentz)  
Jill Noble (Koblentz)  
Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)  
Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)  
Mary Corbould (Rouen)

Claire Alban (Chair, Norfolk  
Association of Twin Communities)  
Lord Mayor – ex officio chair (Norfolk  
County Council)

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence

**2. Questions from the public**

**3. Declarations of interest**

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive late for the meeting)

**4. Minutes**

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To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2015

**5. Reports of the twinning associations**

**Purpose** - to provide an update on the activities of each of the four twinning associations.

**(a) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

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**(b) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

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**(c) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link (report to follow)**

**(d) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association**

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**5. Update on the twinning fund**

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**Purpose** - to provide an update on the position of the twinning fund for the period 1 October 2016 to 3 March 2016

**6. Applications for twinning committee grants**

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**Purpose** - To consider a grant received from:

(a) Norwich Cathedral Choir; and (b) The Garage Trust Ltd

**7. Date of upcoming meetings**

**Purpose** - to note the dates being considered for the twinning committees to be held the upcoming civic year 2016-17:

**Thursday 7 July 2016 16:00**

**Thursday 6 October 2016 16:00**

**Thursday 2 March 2017 16:00**

Date of publication: **Thursday, 25 February 2016**





**Twinning committee**

**16:00 - 16:50**

**1 October 2015**

Present: Councillors Raby, Henderson, Maxwell, Jones, Sands (M) and Bremner, Ralph Gayton, (El Viejo) and Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz) Doug and Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad) Chris and Ann Rowe (Rouen)

Apologies: Councillors Arthur and Thomas (Vi), Jill Noble (Koblenz), Claire Alban (Chair Norfolk Association of Twinned Communities) and Mary Corbould (Rouen)

**1. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015.

**2. Report of the Norfolk and Koblenz Friendship Association**

Waltraud Jarrold presented the report. She went on to add the following:

- No response had been received as yet from Dragon Hall regarding the twinning memorabilia.
- The work of the Triorca Trust helping young people enjoy playing music was ongoing.
- An email from City College had been received regarding the cessation of the apprenticeship exchange scheme. She explained that this would be followed up as there were concerns in this area.
- A meeting had taken place at County Hall regarding funding with particular focus on access and visibility.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **3. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

Doug Underwood presented the report and added the following points:

- The association treasurer, Jack, had died in June.
- The 'Portrait Serbia' project was being supported by the association and appropriate feedback would be given to the committee in future.
- The annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert concert would take place on the 23 January 2016.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **4. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

Anne Rowe presented the report and added the following points:

- 13 to 17 April 2016 would see the Rouenais visit Norfolk, with visits to the vineyard at Surlingham and the WhiskeyDistillery being considered.
- The resignation of the chair was being anticipated to take place at the association AGM.
- A successful rowing tournament had taken place from Surlingham to Whitlingham, which had included French visitors.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **5. Report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

Ralph Gayton presented the report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link and added the following points:

- A river trip 'An evening on the Broads' had taken place and raised £600.
- Funding issues were of increasing concern as a reduction of scholarships had already been seen.
- Funding for toilet facilities was also a concern, with local authorities investigating a common approach to sanitary provision within Nicaragua.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **6. Update on the twinning fund**

**RESOLVED**, having considered the report of the twinning officer, to note that the balance in hand of the twinning fund was £3,777.55.

## **7. Joint twinning associations event**

Ralph Gayton praised the joint lunch, feeling it's a worthwhile addition to the associations' calendars.

It was suggested that a follow-up event be considered.

**RESOLVED** to examine the options for another joint twinning associations event.

## **8. Electronic Reports/Newsletters**

**RESOLVED** to ask the twinning associations to send any reports and newsletters for inclusion on the future twinning committee agendas to the twinning officer/twinning assistant by electronic means and if possible, at least 10 days before the meeting.

## **9. Application for a twinning committee grant**

Dog Underwood presented the report.

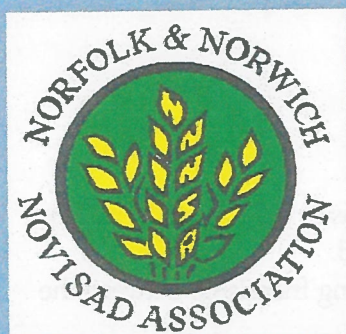
**RESOLVED** to grant £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert in January 2016.

## **10. Future meetings**

**RESOLVED** to note that the next meeting will be held on 3 March 2016 at 4pm.

CHAIR





# NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

*Dedicated to Friendship*

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## Editorial

Important and interesting things happen all the time but at this time of the year two, perhaps, become more important than others.

The year is turning and that means subscriptions for 2016 become due. Jack, our previous Treasurer of such long standing, was always fulsome in his praise of our members who always respond so promptly to renewing the subscription each year.

In January the Annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert takes place in the Noverre Room at the Assembly House in Norwich. Full details of the concert are reported elsewhere in the Newsletter.

There are, therefore, two envelopes with the Newsletter - one for renewal of subscriptions and the other for tickets for the Concert. It would help with accounting and organisation if they were dealt with separately. The subscription renewal form gives the opportunity to bring personal details up-to-date, should they have changed, and to help the administration identify the subscriber!

## **The Association Lunch**

Thirty guests enjoyed this popular occasion at the Park Farm Hotel in October. This event provides the opportunity for members to meet and greet old friends and make new ones.

The Serbian Embassy is always pleased to receive an invitation and to send a representative. This year the Association acted as host to Councillor Vesna Verčon-Ivić, for Consular Affairs. It was pleasing that her husband Aleksander and daughter Anna were also able to attend.

The Association President, The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Cll. Brenda Arthur and her Consort Mr. Brian Horner were pleased to attend as were the Vice President, Chairman of the Norfolk County Council, Mr. Rex Parkinson-Hare and his wife Margaret.

The Lord Mayor wrote to Wendy thanking the Association for its hospitality and saying how much she appreciated the work of the Association. *".....the links which have been established through the Rotary, the Fire Service, the clergy and through music are impressive. All of these bring another dimension to the City adding to its richness of diversity. It was also good to hear how the*

*members efforts enrich the lives of young people in Novi Sad through your very practical support of the special school there".*

## **The Paul Cross Memorial Concert**

The concert this year will be held in the Noverre Room which is a larger venue than we usually have. This gives us the opportunity to raise more money for the Milan Petrović School.

Aleksander Đermanović who was such a success last year has agreed to play for us again. He will be accompanied by Irena Josifoska, a very talented cello player from Novi Sad, who has had a highly productive cooperation with the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra.

Details of the concert are contained in the accompanying 'flyer'. Take advantage of the Association members 'early booking' and get tickets for you and your friends for £16.

## **The Annual Subscription**

Annual subscriptions are now due and we hope that it will be convenient to respond before the rush of Christmas preparations are upon us.



# The Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

*Dedicated to Friendship*

The Association exists to promote informal links between people and organisations 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.

**President :** The Lord Mayor of Norwich.

**Vice-President:** Chair Norfolk County Council

## ***The Association Holiday.***

*Diana writes:*

The newspapers seem full of advertisements for holidays next year so I thought it was time that I started thinking about a possible *Association* holiday for next year.

As many of you will know, we try to arrange a visit to Novi Sad by a group of members each year. We stay in a central hotel, and have visits to interesting places in Vojvodina and make contact with local people as much as possible. (An exchange visit as such causes too many problems, staying in a hotel removes many of these).

After a bit of consultation, it seems that a visit in September would be good. No exact date has been agreed yet; we can often arrange this to suit the people coming.

Our programme is usually arranged for us by the inestimable Sandra from Kompas Travel Agency and usually includes time to meet friends or wander in Novi Sad, a full day's outing, 2 or 3 half-day outings and always a visit to the Milan Petrović School. Our hotel

stay is on a bed and breakfast basis and our day's outing includes a substantial lunch or evening meal.

Costing is always difficult in advance since some of the arrangements are not finalised until a few days before we travel but £500 - £550 is typical + the fare. The cost in Novi Sad includes any entrance fees etc and our meals out.

Peter and I will have a meeting with Sandra when we are in Novi Sad for February 1<sup>st</sup>. It would be very helpful to have a good idea of the number of people interested to take to that meeting. Please would you let me know if you are interested (01508 480262, [diana.beckley@btconnect.com](mailto:diana.beckley@btconnect.com)). Sandra would like to take us on an extension to the Croatian coast. Does this appeal?

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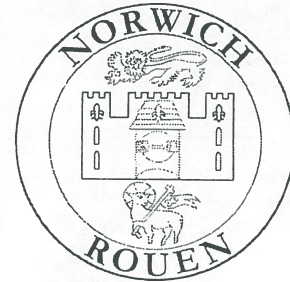


# L'Amitié

*The Newsletter of the Norfolk & Norwich Rouen  
Friendship Association*

*December 2015*

*Christmas*



## **Joyeux Noël!**

At this time of year it gives us a chance to reflect on the past 12 months.

In February CNAR (Club Nautique Athlétique Rouen) sent a crew of 8 oarsmen plus their cox (a young lady) to race in a long distance race on the River Yare, from Surlingham to Whitlingham. They arrived on the evening before the race and were entertained at the house of Nick Francis, the Chairman of Norwich Rowing Club. They were then taken to their hosts.

The following day, Saturday they raced twice, first in the morning Division and then in the afternoon Division. It was a very good experience for them that they thoroughly enjoyed and it gave us a chance to show off our beautiful river. In the evening they joined members of Norwich Rowing Club for a "Pub" dinner. They returned to Rouen on the following day, Sunday.

Also in February there was a joint Twinning lunch at The Debut Restaurant, Norwich. This was a coming together for lunch with all the Norwich twinning groups.

In March our AGM was held at the City Hall, Norwich. 13 members plus 6 committee members attended. See minutes included with this Newsletter.

We had intended to have a NNRFA lunch at the Oakland Hotel on Sunday, 17th May. This was cancelled due to lack of support.

In May, 18th to 22nd we paid a visit to Rouen. Our hosts sorted out a very good programme of visits

for our stay there. It was a very good visit and enjoyed by all! Even the coach breaking down at Dover didn't dampen our enthusiasm for our visit. We arrived quite late and were pleased to get to our hosts/hotel. A varied programme was organised for us. It was felt it was one of the better visits to Rouen we had. On our return journey we stopped off in Péronne in the heart of the Somme valley battle area. Our homeward journey was trouble free!

The annual garden party was held at Mary Corbould's house on 25th July. Those who attended had an enjoyable afternoon, despite the wet weather in the morning. At lunchtime the sun came out, and in the words of the song, 'and dried up all the rain'. The deserts were especially popular!



Later in the year, in November, we had which has now become an annual event, a dinner. This was held this year at The Library Restaurant, Norwich.



This was attended by 30 members with good food and wine, with a chance to sample this year's Beaujolais Nouveau. As this is a popular event, we will return again next November (2016). Details will be out to members in mid 2016.

On a sad note, two of our members have died.

Geraldine Smith in August and John Massey in October. Both will be sadly missed.

**Geraldine Smith:** an appreciation by Christine Wilson (reproduced again in more readable form)

All of us who knew Geraldine when she was an active NNRFA committee member will remember her for her many fine qualities. As chairman of NNRFA from June 2003 to March 2009 I worked closely with Geraldine notably on the visits to and from Rouen. We spent a lot of time together arranging the visits, sometimes in pubs and Cafés and I found her an excellent person to work with. She cared about getting things right for everyone both in NNRFA and the Rouen-Norwich Club, and was attentive to their needs and preferences and paid great attention to detail, double-checking everything to ensure no one was left out. Geraldine claimed not to be computer-literate but she managed her arrangements very well and everyone could be sure that all possible information was available when required. Geraldine was outgoing, warm-hearted, generous to a fault. And very hospitable—as those of us who remember parties, garden or otherwise, at her beautiful house on Constitution Hill. When Bernard and Chantel Carpentier, Yvette Autain and Giselle Debleds were the key organisers of visits at the Rouen end, they would always come over “mid-term” in Bernard’s car and we had many a lively and entertaining supper at Geraldine’s, crammed into her dining room and

discussing arrangements for the next visit. I missed these gatherings after everyone variously stood down from our respective responsibilities and others took over. Geraldine adored her family, members of which were frequently visiting her, and took great interest in their activities and well being. Geraldine will be missed by them and by her friends.

In an email to me Yvette Autain wrote:

De temps à autre je pensais à Geraldine dont je me suis occupée son hospitalisation puis de son départ en ambulance pour Norwich. C’était au moment de la dernière Armada. Geraldine s’est dépensée sans compter et avec générosité pour le jumelage et la NNRFA, recevant du monde chez elle, organisant des garden parties en juillet, etc. C’est le temps qui passe et le future de chacun d’entre nous.

And from Rouen we sadly hear of the recent death of one of their oldest members, whom some of our long-standing members may remember: Michel Lethuillier. Yvette Autain sent this message to us:

Je voulais vous informer du décès de Michel Lethuillier le 6 décembre 2015, qui fut vice-président du Rouen-Norwich-Club dès sa création et pendant plusieurs années. Sa photo se retrouve dans plusieurs brochures éditées par Hugette Andriès-Smith.

### **We now look forward to 2016**

First of all, your membership renewal form is enclosed. Please complete it and return it to Ann with your cheque as soon as practicable.

The AGM will be held on the 9th March 2016 at the City Hall. A copy of the agenda and last year’s minutes are included for your information. The committee works hard for the membership and is at present down in numbers. It is always helpful if you can contact the relevant committee member if you have any concerns. These are often not passed on and it is very difficult to sort in retrospect. If you can offer or volunteer your services this would be appreciated too.

This year, 2016, is the visit of our Rouennais friends in April. Dates 13th to 16th, to be confirmed. A programme is being prepared for them and we hope to hear from them soon regarding numbers etc. We hope that recent events in Paris will not put them off travelling to Norwich. I’m sure all the members were shocked to see the images of the attack on Paris and hope it does not affect our friends.

Minutes are included for your information. The committee works hard for the membership and is at present down in numbers. It is always helpful if you can contact a committee member if you have any concerns. These are often not passed to us and it is difficult to sort things out in retrospect. If you feel you could offer or volunteer your services, this would be appreciated too.

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Our Rouennais friends will visit us in April. The dates we have, 13th-16th, are to be confirmed, and we hope to hear from them soon regarding numbers, etc. We hope the recent events in Paris will not put them off travelling Norwich. I'm sure our members were shocked to see the images of the attack on Paris and hope it does not affect our friends. A message of support was sent to the Rouen Norwich Club on behalf of us all.

And, as many of you will know, Mary Corbould will be moving away from Norwich in 2016, and so we shall have a new Chairman in March. Please make every effort to attend the AGM.

Our friends in Rouen join with me in wishing you a good Christmas. Yvette writes:

Nous souhaitons aux membres de NNRFA de très bonnes fêtes de fin d'année et une heureuse année 2016.

Martine sent an email card with the message:

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année 2016 avec toute mon amitié.

Now back to the present: it will soon be Christmas and the time of year to celebrate with friends and family. Good wishes to you all for an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and successful new year.

Peace on Earth, goodwill to all mankind.

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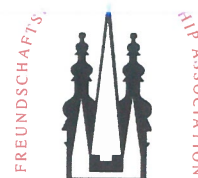
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**A few more photos from the November Dinner**







# KONTAKT Newsletter

February 2016

## NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

“Understanding and Friendship” our motto.

Welcome to the February 2016 edition of KONTAKT, which covers events since our last edition in August 2015, and looks ahead to this year’s programme.

**35th Anniversary Lunch** was held on Sunday September 13th at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, and by tradition the welcome drink was a Winningen Riesling wine. We were very pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor the Sheriff of Norwich and the Chairman of the County Council with their consorts, and seated at round tables there was lively conversation, while we were well looked after by the staff of the hotel. Our civic guests expressed their thanks both verbally and in writing.

**Probus Clubs of Norwich** visited Koblenz, leaving Norwich on 13 September, their first visit, and on a programme suggested by Waltraud and Richard, who were pleased to join them. Their programme included NNKFA old favourites, including a walking tour of Koblenz, the Loreley and Rüdesheim, returning to Koblenz by boat, with dinner on board, and the next day the Geysir at Andernach, and lunch followed by a wine tasting in Winningen.



**NNKFA visit to Koblenz** took place the following week leaving Norwich on the over-night boat from Harwich on Sunday 20th September. The following report has been kindly provided by Bob Young.

Our first visit to Koblenz had been in 1971, when my wife and I moved there as newly –weds, intending to study and work for a year. The city has changed incredibly since then, and so we were really looking forward to the journey to Germany. Once on the boat, there was time for a quick beer before we retired to our cabins. The night crossing from Harwich to the Hook was smooth and uneventful, and very soon we were cruising through the traffic jams of Holland, amusing ourselves by counting the number of Dutch drivers who steer with one hand while clutching their mobile phone in the other.



When we crossed into Germany, we stopped seeing greenhouses as far as the horizon, and soon hills and forests appeared. It was great not to have to be driving, and after a brief stop for refreshment-(no need to worry about drinking and driving!), our chauffeur, Mark, was reversing the coach down the narrow drive to the rear of the Hotel Morjan; I couldn’t have done that in a million years. Having checked in, we were really chuffed to find that we had been allocated one of the bedrooms with a balcony looking out over the Rhein. The only things between us and the river were a wide pedestrian walkway, and carefully tended gardens, possibly left over from BUGA. Directly opposite, on the other side of the river, we could see the fortress of





Ehrenbreitstein at the top of a very steep hill- or was it actually a mountain? It took us about five minutes only to stroll to the Deutsches Eck, the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle, passing the cable car which now stretches across the river. Sufficient exertion to warrant a relaxing beer at the café next to the hotel.

It was drizzling gently as we got onto the coach the next morning, and set off towards the vineyards of Winningen. This dampened no-one's spirits, however, and we were welcomed at Vinotek with brief speeches followed by glasses of wine. The small museum was very interesting to look around, and there were opportunities to buy wine. After a super lunch in the nearby restaurant, we found ourselves being loaded into trailers behind two mighty tractors. Our tour of the vineyards was beginning!

In each trailer, we had bottles of wine to sample, as we wound our way through the narrow streets of Winningen, under the vine-covered arches which span between the houses. Waltraud was happy to be able to point out her family house, before we left the village and began to climb into the vineyards. The views down into the valley of the Moselle were fantastic; the rows of vines seemed to cling to the vertical sides of the mountains, and we learned that the only way to get up and down these hills was by walking sideways- one foot down followed by the other. (Which explains why so many of the inhabitants of Winningen have one leg longer than the other). Fortunately it stopped raining, as forecast by Fred Knebel the owner of our tractors, "the sun will shine by 2.00pm, and it did, shortly after we came into the vineyards, so that the rain protection could be rolled up so that we had a better view. As we got back to the hotel later, the rain which had bothered us, off and on, all day provided a final treat- a spectacular full rainbow over Ehrenbreitstein.



Wednesday saw us in Cochem, taking a river boat to Beilstein, a delightful little village on the Moselle, where we were all able to lunch in a choice of charming small restaurants and explore the village and church with its Black Madonna.



The Rathaus was our starting venue on Thursday morning, where we were welcomed by the Kultur-Dezernent of Koblenz, Detlef Knopp, Günther Hahn and other members of the Freundschaftskreis. Waltraud gave a speech celebrating the many years of the twinning; after which, some members of the group took the opportunity for a guided walking tour of Koblenz in the afternoon, while others relaxed with a beer. In the evening, we travelled to nearby Lahnstein, for a wonderful meal with members of the Koblenz Norwich Freundschaft Kreis, organised by Günter Hahn.

If it's Friday, it must be Frankfurt. Heavy traffic as we left Koblenz meant it was a toss-up whether to go the pretty way- alongside the Rhein, and risk a late arrival, or to stick to the motorway. We risked it, and as a result had a very pleasant journey to the city of Frankfurt, where we met Jill's daughter, Anne, for a personal guided tour of some of the highlights, and a swift beer before taking to a boat for a trip on the Main.

A rest day on Saturday allowed us to explore a little more on our own. During a brief visit to Ehrenbreitstein, we saw the flood gates under the railway line whose installation has changed the suburb tremendously. The area, which 40 years ago had been very run down and subject



to frequent flooding, has been transformed into a charming place to sit and have a coffee or a beer outside one of the many cafes. Even crossing the river to the Festung Ehrenbreitstein is easier now, thanks to the cable car.

Checkout time- late Saturday afternoon, to allow for an early start on Sunday morning. As I settled the bill, I had to confess to the receptionist that I had drunk a beer from the fridge, and needed to pay for it. He gave me a long hard stare, then said, "One whole week... and only one beer?" I nodded. "We English aren't big drinkers." I said.



For such a smoothly organised and efficiently managed trip, our thanks go to Richard and Waltraud, to Jill, to Sandra and John, and of course to Mark, without whose driving skills, we would still be in Notcutts car park!

Looking forward to 2017 already.



## Advent Evening on December 1st at the Great Hospital

More than 70 members and guests of NNKFA gathered at the Great Hospital to celebrate both Advent and the 35 years since the founding of the Association. Not only that, but also Waltraud reminded us that "Feed the Minds" is now 50 years old. As we indulged in coffee and Stollen (a German Christmas cake), we sang carols in both English and German, before being entertained by Cathedral choristers, whose performance included a super version of "O Come All Ye Faithful". The choir was also given a donation towards expenses for when some members travel to Koblenz to sing in our twin city. It was interesting to hear that much of the twinning memorabilia is now housed at County Hall, although the famous window remains at Dragon Hall. The Reverend Christopher Mallett and Christa Wood brought the evening to a close with readings in English and German from St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 2, and then we headed off into the night, clutching our souvenir bookmarks and bags of leckere Lebkuchen!

*Bob Young*

The various **Twinning Links** between Norwich and Koblenz continue to flourish, with renewed interest between City College Norwich and the Handwerkskammer Koblenz (HWK) for Apprentice Exchanges for Work Experience. This will be enhanced by contact between the Guild of Stonemasons, now established at St. Clements Church in Magdalen Street and HWK. Other links include, Norwich Phil Choir and the Musik Institut Koblenz, Rotary Club of Norwich and Rotary Club Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein, Norwich and District Photographic Society and Foto Club Koblenz, with a joint exhibition in Norwich each year, 20 Group of Artists in Norwich, and AKM Koblenz (an artists' group based on Koblenz), a Diocesan link with the churches of Koblenz Mitte.

## Programme for 2016

Friday 11th March **Annual General Meeting**, County Hall

Friday 27th May to Sunday 29th May **Visit to Norwich of Oberburgermeister Koblenz**

Saturday 18th June **Summer Outing to Wrest Park Bedfordshire** (English Heritage)

Friday 15th July to Tuesday 19th July **Winningen Tanzgruppe** to celebrate 60th Anniversary of **Kemp's Men**

Thursday 21st to Wednesday 27th July **Triorca Orchestra** of Young Musicians from Twin Regions of Norwich, Koblenz and Novi Sad, Residential Course at Schloss Engers near Koblenz, with concerts at Schloss Engers and Philharmonie, Koblenz.

Sunday 18th September **Annual Birthday Lunch**, Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett

Monday 28th November **Advent Evening**, Great Hospital

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**Report of :** Twinning officer

**Item**

**To :** Twinning Committee 3 March 2016

**Subject :** Twinning Fund - Financial Position

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## **Report**

A summary of income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of 01/10/2015 to 03/03/2016 as set out below:-

### **TWINNING FUND**

#### **Twinning Activities**

**General  
Twinning  
£**

**Balance (In-hand) b/f 1 October 2015**

**3,777.55**

#### **Movements**

**GRANT - NORFOLK & NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION: Paul Cross Memorial Concert**

**200.00**

**Balance (In-hand) c/f 3 March 2016**

**3,577.55**

## **Recommendation**

To note the Twinning Fund balance (in-hand) at 3 March 2016 (£3,577.55)

Andy Futter  
Twinning Officer  
City Hall  
Norwich

Contact Officer : Andy Futter 01603 212029



**Report to** Twinning committee  
3 March 2016  
**Report of** The twinning officer  
**Subject** Applications for twinning committee grants

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**Item**

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### **Purpose**

To consider a grant application received from:

- a) Norwich Cathedral Choir; and,
- b) The Garage Trust Ltd.

### **Recommendations**

To grant:

- a) £500 to the Norwich Cathedral Choir to support their tour of Germany in April 2016, to include a public concert in Koblenz; and,
- b) £500 to the Garage Trust Ltd. to support a group of individuals to travel to France to participate in dance workshops with young people from Rouen.

### **Financial consequences**

There are sufficient funds to pay for these grants which fulfil the aims of the council to promote and foster links and exchanges between the people of Norwich and its twin cities.

### **Corporate objective/service plan priority**

The report helps to meet the strategic priority *City of character and culture* and the service plan priority of providing a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people.

### **Contact officers**

Andy Futter, senior committee officer

01603 212029

### **Background documents**

None

## **Report**

### **Background**

1. Two applications have been submitted for a twinning committee grant (appended to this report).
2. The first is from Norwich Cathedral Choir for the sum of £500 to support its tour of Germany in April 2016, to include a public concert in Koblenz.
3. The second is from the Garage Trust Ltd. for the sum of £500 to support a group of individuals to travel to France to participate in dance workshops with young people from Rouen

### **Application 1: Norwich Cathedral Choir**

4. Norwich Cathedral Choir is embarking on a tour of Germany in April 2016.
5. The choir will be holding a public concert and partaking in Sunday worship at venues in the twin city of Koblenz, promoting the aims of the twinning committee to promote friendship and foster an appreciation of the culture of Koblenz.
6. The total cost of the event is approximately £14,760 (plus a 10% contingency). The association has received monies from concerts held and other sources such as bursaries and lay clerks fund. The details of this can be found following their application form in this report.
7. The granting of £500 towards the costs incurred in arranging the tour is therefore within the aims of the committee.

### **Application 2: The Garage Trust Ltd.**

8. The Garage Trust Ltd. intends to take a group of young dancers to Rouen for five days. The total cost for the visit is £3450.
9. The purpose of the request is to enable the trust to facilitate the attendance of young people from the Garage arts venue in Norwich to participate in dance workshops in Rouen.
10. This is the second time that The Garage has applied for a grant from the committee for work with Rouen. This therefore supports the assertion that their aim is to continue to develop a long term, productive partnership with Rouen.

11. This trip is a reciprocal visit by Norwich youngsters to Rouen, following a successful exchange in 2015, cementing an ongoing link between the cities.
12. The visit for the dance workshops fulfils the aims of the twinning associations in that it promotes a better understanding of a shared culture and helps to promote informal links between people and organisations in the city of Norwich and the county of Norfolk and is dedicated to furthering friendship between the two cities. The granting of £500 towards the costs incurred by the performers is therefore within the aims of the committee.





## Application for Twinning Committee Grant

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### 1. Name and address of organisation/group applying for the grant

Name NORWICH CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
Address THE CHAPTER OFFICE, 65 THE CLOSE  
NORWICH Postcode NR1 4DH

### 2. Name, address and contact details of individual applying for the grant

Name MR. C. HEDGES  
Address THE DEAERY, THE CLOSE, NORWICH  
Postcode NR1 4EG  
Contact daytime phone number or mobile 07736 770200  
Email chedges58@gmail.com

### 3. Position held within the organisation/group (please tick)

Chair ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Other (please state) TOUR MANAGER

### 4. Please describe fully why you are applying for a grant and which city or town you are forming links with?

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR ARE MAKING A TOUR OF  
GERMANY IN APRIL 2016. AS PART OF THIS THEY  
WILL SING FOR BOTH A PUBLIC CONCERT AND SUNDAY  
WORSHIP AT VENUES IN KOBLENZ.

If the grant is to help towards the costs of a visit, please answer the following questions:

- a) How many people will be in the group making the visit? 33  
b) How many of these are under 18 years old? 13  
c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? 30

- d) We need to establish if there is any particular financial hardship, please say if any members of the visiting group are unemployed or receiving other benefit support?

ONE 18 MEMBER UNABLE TO AFFORD THE PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION OF  
£200/HEAD. IN ADDITION SOME OF THE YOUNG ADULT SINGERS ARE  
UEA STUDENTS WITH LIMITED PRIVATE MEANS

e) Has your organisation/group received any previous grant from the Twinning Committee? If yes, please say how much and when?

f) What is the total cost of this visit? £14,760 + 10% CONTINGENCY (SEE ATTACHED BUDGET)

g) How much grant are you applying for? £500 (1x U18 @ £200 + 3 STUDENTS @ £100)

h) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

NONE AT PRESENT.

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit? A MIXTURE OF PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, CONCERT RECEIPTS + FUND RAISING.

5) It is a condition of the grant that your travel arrangements are made with a bonded travel company, which is a member of ABTA. Please confirm this requirement and give the name of your travel company

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NO LONGER VALID.

WE ARE MAKING OUR OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

6) If the grant is for another purpose other than a visit, please give as much detail as you can by answering the following questions:

a) Please describe your project/event/activity and explain how it will further the aims of the Twinning Committee?

N/A

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? —

c) How much grant are you applying for? —

d) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

e) How will your organisation/group pay for the project/event/activity? —

If you need any help, have any questions about completing the application or require the application in another format or language please contact Democratic Services on 01603 213022 or email [twinning@norwich.gov.uk](mailto:twinning@norwich.gov.uk) Please use extra paper if you need more space and enclose a copy of you last set of accounts, if appropriate.

**Please return your completed form to:**

Twinning Grant Application  
Democratic Services  
Norwich City Council  
City Hall  
Norwich NR2 1NH

## Norwich Cathedral Choir Tour to Germany - Easter 2016

**Youths:** 13      **Adults:** 21      **Total:** 34      inc coach driver

**Arrive:** 31st Mar      **Depart:** 5th Apr      **Nights:** 5

**Person Nights:** 170

**Exchange Rate:** Euro / GBP: 1.33      26-Aug

**Debit:**      **Unit**      **Total**

Coach travel (UK) \*      £      750      Smiths Coaches

Flights      £      3,362      Out: 31/Mar      In: 05/Apr      Germanwings

Coach travel (GER)      €      3,400      £      2,556

**Accommodation (per night B&B)**

Koblenz      €      31      £      792      31/Mar

Koblenz      €      31      £      792      01/Apr

Trier      €      40      £      1,023      02/Apr

Himmerod Abbey      €      -      £      -      03/Apr

Cologne      €      20      £      511      04/Apr

Stay in Abbey Guesthouse?

Food & Drink      €      25      £      3,195

Entertainment \*\*      €      50      £      1,278

Recce Visit      £      500

Sub-Total      £      14,761

Contingency/FEx (10%)      £      1,476

£      16,237

Cost per Head:      £      477.57

**Credit:**

**Unit**      **Total**

Concerts      £      3,500      £      10,500

Chorister Contribution / Bursary      £      200      £      2,400

Lay Clerks Fund      £      1,200      £      1,200

Cologne Contribution      €      1,000      £      752

£      14,852

Fundraising      £      1,385





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### 1. Name and address of organisation/group applying for the grant

Name The Garage  
Address 14 Chapelfield North, Norwich,  
Norfolk Postcode NR2 1NY

### 2. Name, address and contact details of individual applying for the grant

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact daytime phone number or mobile 01603 283382

Email carrie.mansfield@thegarage.org.uk

### 3. Position held within the organisation/group (please tick)

Chair ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Other (please state) Creative Director

### 4. Please describe fully why you are applying for a grant and which city or town you are forming links with?

The Hip Hop Community of Rouen have invited us to take a group of young dancers over to Rouen for 5 days. During the visit the young people will take part in dance workshops with young people from Rouen and take part in cultural tours + visits of Rouen.

If the grant is to help towards the costs of a visit, please answer the following questions:

a) How many people will be in the group making the visit? 13-18

b) How many of these are under 18 years old? 13-15

c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? 13-15

d) We need to establish if there is any particular financial hardship, please say if any members of the visiting group are unemployed or receiving other benefit support?

At least 4 families out of 7 signed up have indicated they will need financial help.

e) Has your organisation/group received any previous grant from the Twinning Committee? If yes, please say how much and when?

£250 last July for when the Rovers YP came here.

f) What is the total cost of this visit? 10 Students £3450 15 students £5175

g) How much grant are you applying for? £500

h) Are you applying to any other organisation or business for grants? If yes, please say who to and for how much?

We will use money from our Big Breaks Pot to give bursaries

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit? Young people will pay £345 each or be given a bursary from Big Breaks

5) It is a condition of the grant that your travel arrangements are made with a bonded travel company, which is a member of ABTA. Please confirm this requirement and give the name of your travel company

The group will travel by train

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b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? \_\_\_\_\_

c) How much grant are you applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

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