

## **Twinning committee**

**Date: Thursday, 26 March 2015**

**Time: 16:00**

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

### **Committee members:**

Councillor Bremner  
Councillor Brociek-Coulton  
Councillor Bogelein  
Councillor Henderson  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Maxwell  
Councillor Sands (S)

Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)  
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz)  
Jill Noble (Koblenz)  
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

**Purpose** - To receive apologies for absence

### 2 Questions from the public

**Purpose** - To receive questions / petitions from the public (notice to be given to committee officer in advance of the meeting in accordance with appendix 1 of the council's constitution)

### 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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**Purpose** - to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2014.

### 5a Report of Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

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

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### 5c Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

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### 5d Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

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### 6 Application for twinning grant

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**Purpose** - To notify the committee of the application for a grant from The Garage Trust Ltd.

Date of publication: **Friday, 20 March 2015**

**Twinning committee****16:00 to 17:00****23 October 2014**

**Present:** Councillor Lubbock (Lord Mayor, in the chair),  
Councillors Brociek-Coulton, Bogelein, Jones and Maxwell:  
Mary Corbould (Rouen), Waltraud Jarrold and Jill Noble  
(Koblenz); and Doug Underwood and Sandra Underwood  
(Novi Sad)  
Ex-officio member: Councillor Brian Hannah, Chairman of Norfolk  
County Council

**Apologies:** Councillors Gayton (vice chair) (El Viejo) and Bremner

**1. Announcements**

The Lord Mayor said that since the last meeting she had attended the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association's annual luncheon and the Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association's annual dinner. She thanked the members of the associations for their hospitality and said that it had been a good opportunity to learn more about Novi Sad and Koblenz and the work and activities of the associations.

**2. Minutes**

The democratic services manager/twinning officer referred to the committee papers and apologised that an early draft version of the minutes had been attached to the agenda in error. He circulated copies of the final set of minutes and pointed out the changes to the list of members present, the appointment of the chair and vice chair and additional text to the item 5(a).

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014, subject to item 5(d), second paragraph, final sentence, deleting "attack" and replacing with "tack".

**3. General reports (reports of the twinning associations)****(a) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association**

Doug Underwood referred to the association's newsletter and presented the report. The 2014 visit to Novi Sad and Montenegro had been very successful. Serbia had been subject to terrible floods this year but the week of the visit was relatively dry. The visit had included a trip to a vineyard where the transport was a bit dubious in terms of health and safety but great fun. The annual luncheon had been attended by the Lord Mayor and the Chairman of Norfolk County Council. The low attendance at

this year's luncheon was attributed to some members being unable to attend because the date of the luncheon had been brought forward. The annual, fund-raising, Paul Cross Memorial concert would be held on 17 January 2015 at the Assembly House.

Sandra Underwood referred to the International Piano Conference held in Novi Sad and said that the association had received a letter from Adam Possener, aged 13, who had written of his positive experience performing at the festival and attending the music school. A copy of the letter had been reproduced in the association's newsletter.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **(b) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association**

Mary Corbould referred to the association's newsletter and presented the report. She said that a party of 32 people from Norfolk had attended the rowing event in Rouen. Sixty crews had competed, comprising four teams from Norwich and teams from Hanover one of Rouen's twinned cities. The teams from Norwich considered that the River Seine was more formidable than the River Yare. There would be other rowing events with crews from Rouen and Hanover next year. The arrangements for the association's annual visit to Rouen were in hand.

Mary Corbould then referred to an issue which she had raised at the Norfolk Association of Twin Communities meeting and said that many French adults want to have a good command of English and were actively looking to stay with British families. Host families currently received £350 per week for an adult staying a week. Anyone interested in hosting an individual or family was asked to contact Host in the UK by emailing [hostintheuk@gmail.com](mailto:hostintheuk@gmail.com).

Discussion ensued on the links fostered through contacts with common interests in the arts and sport. Mary Corbould said that Professor Alistair Forbes had forged links between the University of East Anglia's medical school and the hospital in Rouen. The twinning officer had instigated a link between rugby clubs in Wymondham and Rouen and there were regular exchange visits. He would be taking part in a vets' rugby tour next year.

Mary Corbould said that she would be visiting Rouen in a couple of weeks' time, to attend a film festival and would be staying with a family whose family members had stayed with her during the summer. All the films would be in English.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### **(c) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

**RESOLVED** to note that there will be a report on the activities of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link at the next meeting of the committee.

**(d) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association**

Waltraud Jarrold referred to the association's newsletter and presented the report. She reported on the recent visit from a group from the Norwich Diocese to Koblenz. Two representatives from the Koblenz Diocese had been invited to the inauguration of the new Dean at Norwich Cathedral. She also referred to the association's annual programme of events, including cultural and musical events, and fund raising for Feed the Minds and Meningitis Now. The association would be celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

Waltraud Jarrold and Jill Noble had met with the new manager at Dragon Hall and discussed the possibility of relocating the yellow post box which had been a gift from Koblenz, there. She reminded members that information held on the twinning associations at Dragon Hall should be kept up to date. She suggested that the twinning associations and the committee could support Dragon Hall by holding events and meetings there.

Members were also advised of the regular German conversation meetings hosted by Waltraud Jarrold for members of the association each Wednesday.

In response to a question, the twinning officer undertook to arrange for the vegetation obscuring the Koblenz Avenue sign to be removed.

**RESOLVED to:**

- (1) note the report;
- (2) ask the twinning officer to notify the relevant officer to arrange the removal of the vegetation obscuring the Koblenz Avenue street sign.

**4. Twinning fund – financial position**

The twinning officer presented the report which provided a breakdown of income and expenditure during the period. He reminded members that the twinning fund was available to the associations to host or make visits.

Doug Underwood pointed out that secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association had submitted an application for the twinning fund in June 2014. The request was for £200 to support the association's annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert which would be held in January 2015 and therefore would be required before the next meeting of the committee. The association had expected that the committee would have determined the application in time for the concert. The twinning officer apologised as the application had not been submitted to the committee for consideration and suggested that it was granted subject to ratification at the next meeting of the committee.

**RESOLVED to note:**

- (1) the twinning fund balance (in hand) at 15 October 2014 was £2,767.55;

- (2) that the twinning officer will grant £200 from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association, in consultation with the chair, and subject to ratification at the next meeting of the committee.

## **5. Twinning activities**

The twinning officer presented the report. He said that it was expected that the plaque would be in place on the Novi Sad friendship bridge by 27 October 2014. Doug Underwood expressed concern that the plaque needed to be securely fixed.

During discussion the committee considered how the associations could attract new members through the use of social media. There was general consensus that the twinning associations had been established to create friendship after the world wars. Foreign exchanges had been a way of keeping costs down and establishing friendships between the twinned cities. The twinning associations promoted activities for young people through music and sport. It was suggested that the associations considered using Facebook and social media to attract young people. Foreign exchange provided the opportunity for young people to practice their language skills and learn about another culture. The twinning associations needed to arrange activities which reflected young people's interests. It was also noted that it was also difficult to attract young people in the twinned cities. Some young people became involved in twinning through family membership.

Discussion also ensued on holding a future meeting of the committee at Dragon Hall to promote twinning. The committee could apply for a small grant to cover refreshments and other associated costs.

### **RESOLVED to:**

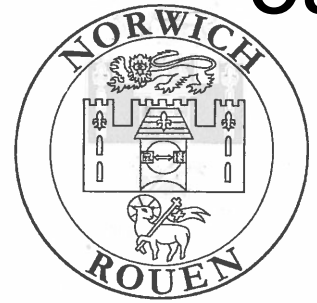
- (1) note the report;
- (2) ask the twinning officer to consider the feasibility of arranging a twinning event or meeting to be held at Dragon Hall.

## **6. Date of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED** to confirm that the next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2015 at 16:00.

CHAIR

# *L'Amitié*



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

*December 2014*

### *Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*

As the year draws to a close it can be a time to reflect on the past year's activities of the Association.

The annual dinner was not held due to lack of support, likewise the AGM was poorly attended and only the Lord Mayor, by becoming a member of NNRFA was the meeting not abandoned.

These two events should be important to the membership as the future of NNRFA could be in doubt. Please support these events, it is important we get your presence and input to these events.

The visit by the Rouennais in April/May was a great success our visitors having busy programme.

The annual garden party, hosted by the Talks was again an enjoyable afternoon of good conversation and food. Thank you Audrey & David.

The November dinner at the St Benedicts Restaurant was enjoyed by all who attended and continues to be a popular annual event.

We can now look forward to 2015.

You will find information and a menu enclosed for the joint twinning associations lunch at the Debut Restaurant. All enquiries to [ann18rowe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ann18rowe@yahoo.co.uk).

The NNRFA AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm. At the City Hall Norwich. Drinks and snacks from 7pm.

The NNRFA annual Lunch, will be held on Sunday 17th May at The Oaklands Hotel. Details to follow in the new year.

Our visit to Rouen this year will be between Monday 18th May and Friday 22nd May. A comprehensive programme is being prepared for us. Further details to follow.

We had two members of the NNRFA committee resign due to poor health. The committee needs new members please help.

Once again a Happy Christmas to you all, and hope to see a lot more of you in 2015

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## The Norfolk & Norwich Twinning Associations of Koblenz, Rouen, Novi Sad & El Viejo

### Extract of letter from Chris Southgate.

The exact format of the event is still to be settled, although the date of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 is firm.

Perhaps I should acknowledge the idea to have a joint lunch, sprang in part from concern that an annual dinner for the NNRFA could not be run for lack of numbers. Subsequently the Koblenz Association was enthusiastic about the scope for a joint lunch.

But we envisage not just a convivial gathering of people with some shared appreciation of twinning. Apart from a good lunch at a reasonable cost we believe that there could be strength in numbers.

As to the event itself, I have attached the provisional menu. This was drawn up to reflect European cuisine, yet taking into account the requirements of the curriculum. Thus the meal will be prepared by the students and served by them. It seems that choices can be made on the day rather than in advance. I hope to arrange a non-alcoholic drink on arrival and to limit the all in charge to about £13.50 per person. Drinks will be available to order at the table. I'm not yet able to say whether it may be possible to book parking in advance for people with walking difficulties. But it is an aspiration!

All NNRFA enquiries to Ann Rowe Membership Secretary.





**Norwich Koblenz Twinning Association Lunch**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

*Leek soup, buttered potato dumplings, smoked dapple cheese crisp*

*Confit salmon, walnut hummus, candied carrots, garlic crostini*

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*Roasted leg of lamb, honey parsnips, savoy cabbage, crispy potatoes,  
soubise sauce*

*Sea bass en papillote, sautéed new potatoes, wild mushrooms*

*Twice baked goats cheese soufflé, mushroom sauce (v)*

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*Black forest trifle*

*Cream caramel, raspberry sorbet*

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*Coffee*

**This is a provisional menu - yet to be confirmed**



## NORFOLK AND NORWICH ROUEN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

### Membership Application Form

I/We wish to apply for membership of the Association.

I/We understand that the subscription is currently £7 for single membership (£3 for students) and £12 for couples.

**Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Please make your cheque payable to NNRFA and enclose it with this form.

Name (1) .....

Name (2) .....

Address .....

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..... Post code .....

Telephone ..... email .....

Names, addresses and telephone numbers are stored on a computer. This information is made available to committee members and those authorised to carry out mailing on behalf of the association. Your signature on this form will indicate your agreement to this procedure unless you inform the membership secretary otherwise.

Signature ..... Date.....

Please send this form and your cheque to:

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# The Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo Friendship Link

*Newsletter – December 2014*

*The Link is a Registered Charity – No 11567878*

## LINK HELPS FUND NEW CLASSROOMS AT SCHOLARSHIP SCHOOL

The Link has contributed towards the cost of building two new classrooms at the Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Socorro, one of the schools in the Link's scholarship project. The school has suffered from having to teach pupils in two very unsatisfactory temporary structures for some years and we have pressed for their replacement for some time.

Now, following agreement with the local sugar refinery, who agreed to meet the majority of the cost with a grant of some \$17,000, the new classrooms have been completed. We contributed \$2,500 towards the cost by paying for the false ceilings and meeting the cost of the electrical installation. The El Viejo local council also made a contribution,



***From this***



***To this***

## NICARAGUA UP TO 6<sup>TH</sup> IN GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT – UK SLIPS TO 26<sup>TH</sup>

Nicaragua has surged up the world gender equality report 2014, issued by the World Economic Forum and is now ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the world out of 142 nations. Meanwhile, UK has dropped from ninth in 2006 to 18<sup>th</sup> in 2013 and to a low of 26<sup>th</sup> this year.

The report quantifies the magnitude of gender-based disparities and tracks their progress over time. While no single measure can capture the complete situation, the Global Gender Gap Index presented in this Report seeks to measure one important aspect of gender equality: the relative



gaps between women and men across four key areas: health, education, economy and politics. The ranking of the top ten nations, where 0.00 equals inequality to 1.00 equals equality, is 1. Iceland 0.859, 2. Finland 0.845, 3. Norway 0.837, 4 Sweden 0.816, 5 Denmark 0.802, 6. **NICARAGUA, 0.789**, 7. Rwanda 0.785, 8, Ireland 0.785, 9, Philippines 0.781, 10, Belgium 0.780.

The figure for UK ranked 26th is 0.738

So, many congratulations to Nicaragua, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere, on achieving such a marvelous record.

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## 47 SCHOLARSHIP PUPILS GRADUATE THIS YEAR.

At the end of the School year in El Viejo 47 pupils in the scholarship scheme graduated from Grade 6. The numbers for each school and the total number of graduates are;

Norwich school	9 graduates out of a total of 10
Rosario Maritza	1 graduate out of a total of 8
El Perpetuo	7 graduates out of a total of 23
Rosario Martinez	6 graduates out of a total of 73
Amigas de Holanda	6 graduates out of a total of 57
Evemilda Somarriba	7 graduates out of a total of 41
Rosario Mayorga	4 graduate out of a total of 12
Francisco Morazán	7 graduates out of a total of 14

The 47 graduates will now go on to Secondary education or go into employment. We congratulate them and wish them well for the future. They will be replaced in the new school year starting in February to bring the number of scholarships in the scheme back to 200. The new entrants will be selected by the local Teachers Committee under the terms of the Scholarship project agreement. The main criterion is that the children are selected from the poorest families who could not afford to send their children to school.



*This new entrant to the Scholarship scheme earlier this year was clearly delighted to receive his school bag with exercise books pens and pencils*



***We wish all our members and Supporters***

***Una Navidad feliz  
y un año nuevo tranquilo***

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# KONTAKT Newsletter

February 2015



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## NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



Welcome to the February 2015 edition of Kontakt, with our motto "Friendship and Understanding", Greetings to you all and best wishes in our 35th Anniversary year, that our twinning will continue and foster new and widening opportunities for contacts between our cities and their surrounding areas.

Since our last Newsletter in August 2014, the main NNKFA events have been our **34th Anniversary Lunch** at Park Farm, Restaurant on Sunday 14th September, starting with a welcome glass of "Winningen Riesling" wine. Well attended by members and friends, we were very pleased to welcome The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Judith Lubbock and her husband, Nigel, the Chairman of Norfolk County Council, Councillor Brian Hannah and his wife Beverly.

The very kind "thank you cards" from our Civic Guests reflected the atmosphere, which we always enjoy at our lunches. We are especially pleased to welcome civic guests, which shows their appreciation of what we and other Twinning Associations do, and enables us to express thanks for the support, which we receive from the County and City.





## Advent Evening December 1st 2014

The Advent Evening was held again in the historic surroundings, the Birkbeck Hall, of the Great Hospital.

Committee members had arrived at lunch time to decorate the tables and help prepare the hall, while the staff had erected and decorated the Christmas Tree. Christa Wood had again prepared over 70 attractive "Advent Tüten" with German Lebkuchen selection, and her husband Colin had cut the Stollen (German Christmas cake), with his usual precision. On the welcome table was the traditional "Advent Kranz", with the first candle glowing and the whole room looked festive.

Waltraud welcomed friends and guests, with a focus on Advent being the "quiet" time of the year in preparation for Christmas. We were pleased again to welcome the Lord Mayor, Councillor Judith Lubbock, her husband Nigel, the Sheriff's Lady Monica Armstrong and the Chairman of Norfolk County Council Councillor Brian Hannah and his wife, Beverly.

Ros and David Lancaster organised the first part of the evening, with German and English Carols. David gave translations of the German, and we sang joyfully. Christa Wood and Christopher Mallet read the nativity Story in German and in English.

We welcomed members of the Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Consort, men and women, who, as always, delighted us with their singing of traditional carols. Our Civic Guests and all of us felt that this was a wonderful start to Christmas.



## Other items of News

Very precious remain the memories of members, who have died, Jane Burke, a strong Sewell Barn Theatre link, Bill Webster, the Norwich in Bloom Ambassador, Margaret Bradley-Watson and Joan Jarrold, both members, who were most supportive of visits and events.

A very warm welcome to all new members, particularly Rebecca Possener, who is a UK German Youth Ambassador for this year under a scheme supported by the UK and German governments.

**Dragon Hall**, which has hosted the Twinning Centre since 1996 will change its use to the Norwich Writers Circle, which should ensure that it has a viable future. Watch this space!

**Radio Hams** still keep in regular monthly contact through Malcolm Prestwood and Arno Herz in Koblenz, who is also a contact for HWK and university music.



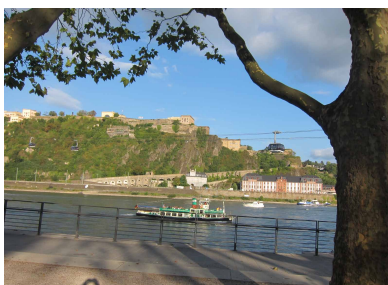
## Future events 2015

<b>Wednesday 25th February</b>	12 noon Twinning Lunch Debut Restaurant
<b>Friday March 13th</b>	7.00 pm AGM County Hall
<b>Saturday March 21st</b>	Joint concert Norwich Phil & Musik Institut
<b>Saturday June 20th</b>	Summer Outing to Sandringham by coach
<b>Sunday September 13th</b>	Birthday Lunch at Park Farm, Hethersett
<b>Sunday 20th September</b>	Koblenz Visit by NNKFA
<b>to Sunday 27 September</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1st December</b>	Advent Evening
10th to 13th June Feed the Minds Book Fair. St. Andrews Church, Norwich.NR2 4AD	

## Visit to Koblenz in September



Please let us know and fill in a Booking Form as soon as possible. We have to have enough numbers to book the coach and ferry, with a firm booking. The programme is not yet fixed, but will contain a mixture of the familiar and new and also allow for some free time. It may not be possible to accept late bookings. We would particularly welcome new members and those who have not been to Koblenz previously. It is a very beautiful and interesting area to visit.



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## Koblenz and Christmas Markets Trip December 2014:

Our German Christmas adventure started early on Sunday, 7th December.

My mother (Barbara), girlfriend (Victoria) and I drove to Dover and caught the Eurotunnel train to Calais. From there we drove all the way to Koblenz traveling through Belgium and the Netherlands as we went. The weather conditions for driving were atrocious with constant rain, sleet and snow. We arrived at the Hotel Mercure quite late, so had a modest dinner and went straight to bed.

Monday morning we set off into Koblenz to investigate and enjoy the Christmas market, which was spread throughout the “old” part of the city, so we were able to navigate our way round lots of interesting nooks and crannies while taking in the beautiful city and the weird and wonderful market stalls. We stopped at most buying the occasional Christmas present for friends and family back home and took every opportunity to buy and sample some of the local German edible delicacies as well as plenty of Gluhwein (mulled wine).

On Tuesday we decided to travel to Trier to take in the Christmas market there. We decided to drive along the Moselle River and stopped off in the beautiful little town of Cochem for a wonderful German breakfast. We carried on along the river taking in some of the breath-taking scenery until we reached Trier, where we enjoyed yet more Christmas market festivities and found the Roman architecture to be stunning. We travelled back to Koblenz that evening but decided to cut our time in Koblenz short and move on to Cologne and spend our last night there.

Wednesday morning we packed up and drove to Cologne. Unlike Koblenz and Trier, Cologne was simply too much to take in in one day! (Especially when my mother and girlfriend wanted to spend so much time at the Lindt chocolate factory and museum.) With a total of eight enormous Christmas markets spread out throughout the city it was vast. We did however manage to get round several, while also taking some time out to take in and enjoy the spectacle that is Cologne Cathedral.

On Thursday we were up early to have breakfast and set-off in good time to get back to Norwich. It was a thoroughly enjoyable holiday, it was just a shame we did not have more time to take in more of it. My girlfriend had never visited Germany before but has since told me it was one of the best holidays she had ever been on.

*Daniel Taylor.*







# NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

*Dedicated to Friendship*

Editorial Tel: 01508 480262 e-mail: orns@btconnect.com

## Editorial

Three important events are presented in this issue of the newsletter.

The need for a new Treasurer, the AGM and the possible Holiday visit to Novi Sad. Jack's service as our Treasurer for many years is something the Association has benefited from and, without which, would not be in the sound financial position it is today.

Throughout all that time Jack has never advised a rise in the subscription - quite the opposite. He maintains our financial strength lies in membership numbers.

The administrative importance of the AGM is one thing. It's importance as a social event for members is undoubted.

The annual 'holiday' trip to Novi Sad helps to maintain personal contacts in both cities. It can also be a relaxing and interesting event. One thing - it never is dull!

The Paul Cross Memorial Concert was, again, a resounding success. An interesting personal contact between the soloist and the Milan Petrović School was revealed.

The February visit to Novi Sad with the Lord Mayor representing the City and the Association continued the pattern of the regular, yearly, contact with Novi Sad helping to cement the meaningful relationship between the twin cities that has built up over the years.

## Association Matters

Yes it does! It matters to the members; it matters to Novi Sad; it matters to all those we help in our twin city and it matters to Norwich. (Although Norwich is not always aware of this).

However, it is administrative matters that are presently important.

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### Treasurer.

For some 22 years Jack has been an extremely efficient and constructive Treasurer.

Time moves on and he is feeling that now he should hand over to someone else.

Marijana Pattinson is helping Jack put all the records into an up-to-date digital format but we need a treasurer!

Please, if you feel you have some expertise in this field and could spare some time (Jack says not an awful lot), the Chairman would love to hear from you.

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### The Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is never a 'stuffy' meeting concerned only with

administrative matters (important though they are).

After the business of the meeting has been completed Diana will be giving a talk about the progress the Milan Petrović School is making with the materials provided for the blind and partially sighted children funded by the Association.

The AGM is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. In the Council Chamber, City Hall, Norwich. Members will have already received papers for the meeting.

The Association is fortunate to be able to hold the AGM in the Council Chamber as this is provided at no cost.

St. Giles car park and the car park at the Forum are convenient for the venue.

The main entrance to City Hall is closed at the time of the meeting but the entrance to the Treasurers Department in Bethel Street is open and the way through to the Council Chamber is quite straightforward. Worthwhile refreshments are provided so do come.



**From Diana:-**

### **Association holiday**

Well, it's that time of year again and we need to consider the possibility of an Association holiday in Novi Sad.

May 16<sup>th</sup>. – 23<sup>rd</sup>. have been identified as the most suitable dates.

All members are very welcome to join this holiday. The usual arrangement is that we stay in a central hotel in Novi Sad and have time during the week to spend with friends (or make some new ones) and also go on some outings to places in Novi Sad or the surrounding area. Ideas for outings so far include;

- A conducted tour of the Pavle Belanski Gallery which houses the art collection of Pavle Belanski, gather together in the first half of the 20th century and has some beautiful pictures
- An outing to Stari Slankaman and neighbouring villages on the Danube downstream from Novi Sad. It is a small but very historic village with a good restaurant!
- A Reception by the President of the City Council
- A visit to the Milan Petrović School

As always, it is impossible to give a price properly as it is dependent on so many variables, but we probably need to think of about £500-550 all found (i.e. hotel accommodation, restaurant meals, cost of minibus and driver when needed, any entrance fees) It does not include drinks.

At present the air fare (through Air Serbia) is very cheap and it would be good to take advantage of this.

Could you contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in coming.

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Email: [diana.beckley@btconnect.com](mailto:diana.beckley@btconnect.com)

*Thank you,*

*Diana*

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### **The Paul Cross Memorial Concert**

The Association was very fortunate to have Aleksandar Đermanović to play the piano at a recital which was considered to be a fantastic musical success. Aleksandar is from Novi Sad and is presently expanding his musical studies and experience in London.

The concert was also a great success financially, raising some £1,000 for the Milan Petrović School.

During the later stages of organising the concert it was discovered that Aleksandar's grandmother was Principal of the school many years ago.

During their visit to the school in February Diana and Peter met Aleksandar's grandmother who had made a special effort to be there to meet them. She was delighted, through Aleksandar, to be part of what is happening. Although retired for many years she is still an active lady with a keen interest in the school and its progress.

The concert sub committee is already looking at next year's concert. (Aleksandar has been making several helpful suggestion regarding artists!)



At the Milan Petrović School.

*Sanja (who organises things); Aleksandar's Grandma; Director Slavica (who is in charge of everything); Snežana (teacher of partially sighted and big ideas person) and Violeta (who does all sorts of things and usually has a long list of things she needs)*

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### **Visit to Novi Sad February 2015.**

On February 1<sup>st</sup> each year the City of Novi Sad celebrates its status as a *royal free city* granted in 1748 when it also received its name.

To mark the occasion a Celebration of the Day of the City is held. Invitations to all the cities and communities which have a twinning or other contact status are sent.

The Lord Mayor of Norwich and the Chairman of the Association are invited to represent Norwich. Peter & Diana, as Honorary Citizens, are also invited.

Unfortunately Doug was unable to attend this year but the Association was well represented by P. & D. and the Lord Mayor Cll. Judith Lubbock as our President.

This event affords the opportunity to meet delegations from a wide area of Eastern Europe and Russia.

The Lord Mayor took advantage of the opportunity to represent and explain the City of Norwich to all the delegations she met and learned much in her conversations about cities and communities not usually topics in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.

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### **THE NORFOLK & NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION**

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**Report to** Twinning committee  
26 March 2015  
**Report of** The twinning assistant  
**Subject** Application for a twinning committee grant

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**Item**

**6**

### **Purpose**

To notify the committee of the application for a grant from the Garage trust Ltd.

### **Recommendations**

To approve the making of a grant of £250 to the Garage trust Ltd to facilitate the attendance of students and adults from Rouen at the Garage arts venue in Norwich to participate in workshops.

### **Financial Consequences**

There are sufficient funds to pay for this grant which fulfils the aims of the council to promote and foster links and exchanges between the people of Norwich and the 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**

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### **Background Documents**

None

## **Background**

1. An application for a twinning committee grant has been received from The Garage Trust Ltd. (see appendix 1).
2. The purpose of the request is to enable the trust to facilitate the attendance of students and adults from deprived areas of Rouen at the Garage arts venue in Norwich to participate in dance workshops in July 2015.
3. This is the first time that The Garage has applied for a grant from the committee, and they state that the aim is to develop a long term, productive partnership with Rouen.
4. If successful, it is planned that a reciprocal visit by Norwich youngsters to Rouen will follow, establishing a further ongoing link between the cities.
5. The visit for the workshop 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 £250 towards the costs incurred by the performers is therefore within the aims of the committee.



### Application for Twinning Committee Grant

The aims of the Twinning Committee are to "promote and foster Civic links and exchange activities of all kinds with Rouen, Novi Sad, Koblenz and El Viejo in Nicaragua and any other towns and cities abroad with which friendly associations are, from time to time, established". The policy of the Committee is to concentrate on making grants to assist visits by young people (excluding regular school exchanges), an initial visit to set up a new link and in cases of particular financial hardship.

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

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

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

Name Mr Darren Grice  
Address The Garage, 14 Chapelfield North, Norwich, Norfolk  
Postcode NR2 1NY  
Contact daytime phone number or mobile 01603 283370  
Email darren.grice@thegarage.org.uk

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

Chair ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Other (please state) Chief Executive

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

Application to cover costs of subsistence for French students and adults visiting from the City  
of Rouen as part of cultural exchange visits. The students will take part in Workshops  
at The Garage as part of a three day visit in order to strengthen and build upon  
our cultural relationship and bond with the City of Rouen. Our aim is to organise a return visit  
to Rouen for young people in Norwich and that this is the start of a long, productive partnership

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? 20  
b) How many of these are under 18 years old? 16  
c) How many people in your organisation/group live in the Norwich City Council area? N/A  
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?

We have invited the youth project which provides after school activities for young people in  
less affluent parts of the city. They have asked us to cover some of their costs whilst here. We  
have no funding in place to do this but are keen to develop links with the organisation on  
behalf of the city.

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

No

f) What is the total cost of this visit? £1000 (not including travel from France or hotels)

g) How much grant are you applying for? £250

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

No

i) How will your organisation/group be paying for the visit?

We will cover some costs from our core resources.

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

Not applicable

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?

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

c) How much grant are you applying for? £250

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

Not planned although we may approach a business to help match some funds

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

We are trying to keep costs minimal and cover what we can, we have no funding to support the visit but are keen to get a concrete twinning activity happening with Rouen and Norwich.

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:**

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Democratic Services  
Norwich City Council  
City Hall  
Norwich NR2 1NH