

Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

Report to Twinning Committee 8 October 2009.

Our **KONTAKT 2009** Summer Newsletter mentioned our two most recent events on pages 1 and 2 and the pictorial enhancements gave an idea of our expectations, which have now been superseded by the events.

Our Annual Anniversary Lunch on Sunday 13 September, being the nearest to 16 September, was in part to the memory of four of our members who had passed away, a celebration of their lives, dedicated to our Friendship Association each in their supportive ways, with Gordon Brook as a longstanding Chairman, and Paul Ashbee our archaeological inspiration.

We have just returned from our bi-annual visit to Koblenz "plus", and we all agreed it was the best ever! On page 2 of KONTAKT we gave a glimpse of the programme and some pictures of what we hoped to do. These were enhanced by the actual experience. The Winnigen "Pauschal Angebot" being five treats in one day, and for this we were joined by several Koblenz members. The City Reception was hosted by the Director of Culture and Deputy Lord Mayor Detlef Knopp, who delighted us by speaking both in German and English as his own interpreter, which was highlighted in the report in the Koblenz Rhein Zeitung newspaper, and with a picture.

In our visits we went to Burg Eltz, a fairy tale castle on a ridge in a valley, surrounded by trees, Schloss Sayn with its Museum displaying cast iron of all types, even down to jewellery, and its Butterfly Garden. We enjoyed a joint friendship dinner and had scheduled in a free day for members to follow their own programme.

Andy, our driver from Spratts Coaches was on his first visit to Koblenz and looked after us extremely well.

Many projects were further discussed and especially their hope that Norwich along with other twin cities will take part in the Twinning Gardens for the BUGA 2011 National Garden Show, which takes place in Koblenz from April to October 2011. They are hoping that there will be further cultural visits in connection with the exhibition, and obviously will welcome visitors, particularly from their twin cities. Our Youth Exchange programme, with Barbara Theis (Vice Chairman to Günther Hahn) the guiding light, is needing more support, and there are more University Students needing School Placements as part of their University degree courses.

The "Immer wieder Rhein" photographic exhibition with the Norwich and District Photographic Society was extended and it is hoped that this can be displayed in Berlin, and then in Norwich. (Watch this space!).

The last of our seasonal events, the traditional Advent Evening will be on Monday 30 November at The Great Hospital.

In 2010 we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary.

Jill Noble and I attended the AGM of the Norfolk Association of Twin Communities, which was attended by the Chairman of the County Council, on 26 September and were pleased to learn that information of other Norfolk Twinning Links has been supplied to Dragon Hall for inclusion in the Twinning Centre there.

Our AGM for next year has been moved to Friday 19 March, hoping for more Spring-like weather.

On Sunday 27 September a new Lord Mayor for Koblenz was elected, Prof. Dr. Joachim Hofmann-Göttig was elected, and as he was canvassing in Koblenz on the Saturday, I spoke to him and gave him our information sheet.

The Handwerkskammer (Chamber of Skilled Trades) continues to have a high profile in Koblenz and it's the region of the Northern Rheinland Pfalz, with its programmes for skills training and apprenticeships. It would be very good if we could find a way of encouraging exchanges again with Norwich City College, Kings Lynn and Great Yarmouth Colleges. It is a pity that we cannot gain from the well established and successful programmes in Germany.

Waltraud Jarrold

30.09.2009

KONTAKT NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2009

NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION



Welcome to our third newsletter for the year 2009. We hope that you are all well and looking forward to the events our NNKFA Friendship Association has planned. Our next date is on

Sunday, 13th September 2009 Anniversary 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

Seared Salmon on a Crab and Ginger Risotto
Roast Loin of Pork with Marsala Sauce and Apricot and Spinach Stuffing
Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary and Blackberry Compote served with Jus
Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini topped with Tomato and Basil Dressing

Desserts

Fresh Fruit Salad
Syrup Sponge with Custard
Chocolate and Orange Torte



Coffee and Mints



Price per person is £ 17.50 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 25th August latest.



And then we will be visiting Koblenz from

Tuesday, 22nd September to Sunday, 27th September 2009

There are 27 bookings so far and **it would be nice if a few more of you could join us on this trip**, which only happens once every two years. We have booked a very comfortable 49-seater coach (£.135.00 p.p.) to avoid the cramped conditions we had last time. **There are still 3 single rooms left at the Hotel Haus Morjan** which is beautifully situated on the Rhine Promenade with wonderful views across the River Rhine to the Fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, not far from the 'Deutsches Eck' (German Corner), where the rivers Rhine and Moselle meet.

Of course, if you prefer, you can make your own accommodation arrangements.

The itinerary is as follows.

Tue, 22nd September



Travel to Koblenz by Spratt's Coach, crossing Channel by ferry from Dover to Calais

Depart from Notcutts Garden Centre at 07:00 a.m. **sharp**

Once again, Notcutts have kindly given permission to park at their premises, at our own risk, while we are away.

The following information is subject to change:

Wed, 23rd September Visit to Winningen, Pauschalprogramm, € 30.00 to be paid for on departure



11:00 Welcome Drink and walk (without guide)

12:00 Lunch at Gasthaus KRONE (drinks not included)

14:00 two-hour boat trip on the Moselle on MS Windiga.

Unfortunately, the 'Planwagenfahrt' through the vineyards is not possible as part of this programme.

16:15 Wine tasting at Weingut Reiner & Anke FRIES



FRIES

Thu, 24th September 11:00 Civic Reception at 'Schöffenstübchen' Koblenz (Mittelrhein Museum) and afterwards to

Eltz Castle, which is one of the most beautiful and best preserved castles in Germany. Lying in a romantic setting surrounded by an unspoilt landscape, inviting and majestic at the same time - like a fairy-tale castle come to life. You will find history cast in stone and you will feel yourself immersed in the spirit of a past revived - a fascinating view of the different ages of Western (Occidental) culture is waiting for you.

Eltz castle has remained in the procession of the same family for over 800 years.

The present owner of the castle, Dr. Karl Graf von und zu Eltz, known as 'Faust von Stromberg', lives in Eltville/Rhine.

The family has had its main German residence there since the beginning of the 19th century. Dr. Karl Graf von und zu Eltz represents the 33rd generation of the House of Eltz. He has undertaken the task of maintaining this national monument for the public, to preserve its structure and, following family tradition, pass it on to the 34th generation.

There is a restaurant on the premises.



Entrance fees: Guided Tour of the Castle, 40 min approx
Shuttle Bus from or to Car park

€ 7.00 p.p.
€ 1.50 p.p. one way

In the evening our Koblenz friends are arranging a Dinner at the RHENANIA Yacht Club. Buy your own drinks plus we might have to pay a small contribution towards the cost of the meal.

Fri, 25th September departure time to be announced
Excursion to '**Schloss Sayn**' and the 'Garden of the Butterflies' at Sayn. There is also a chance to visit the 'Rheinisches Eisenkunst Museum' in the castle grounds.
Refreshments can be found at the Restaurant 'Burgschänke St Hubertus'.



The reconstruction of the palace, which had been destroyed during World War II, was completed in summer 2000. Now the splendour of Sayn Palace ("Schloss Sayn") is restored. Together with the castle hill and the park the neo-gothic residence of the Princes of Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn is the centre piece of a romantic ideal landscape. Inside, a museum has been created, where the visitor can see a multitude of artefacts from the times when Sayn was famous for its ornamental cast iron (Kunstguss). The adjacent Chamber of the Princesses offers an insight into the history and life of 6 generations of Princesses Sayn-Wittgenstein and their children etc

Entrance fee: Combined entry to Castle, Butterfly Garden and Museum € 9.50
for groups from 20 persons
to be collected on the coach

Sat, 26th September Coach Driver's compulsory rest day
FREE time to make your own plans for shopping and sight-seeing

Sun, 27th September travel home after an early breakfast

Price per person for coach is £ 135.00 per person
Accommodation at Hotel Haus Morjan is € 95.00 B&B per couple, per night
€ 60.00 B&B single, per night

Balance for the coach, £ 110.00, if you have already paid the initial £ 25.00 deposit, or, the total of £ 135.00, if you haven't.
Payable by cheque to NNKFA to reach Christa Wood no later than 25th August 2009

Please arrange your own Travel Insurance and make sure that you have an up-to-date 'EHIC' = 'International Health Insurance Card' with you for medical emergencies.

You can pick up an application pack from your local Post Office or call NHS 0845 606 2030 for further information.

The following updates were kindly contributed by our Chairman - Jill Noble

Visitors from Koblenz from Thursday, 4th to Sunday, 7th June 2009

Eight Members of the Koblenz Freundschaftskreis arrived in Norwich on June 4th, led by Barbara Theis, and were greeted at the home of our President, Waltraud Jarrold and her husband Richard. Afternoon tea was served in their lovely garden and light music was played by two members of the Excelsior Band. Two people were hosted privately, while the rest of the group stayed at the Lansdowne Hotel

On Friday we went to East Ruston where we had an excellent lunch at the Butchers Arms before visiting the Old Vicarage Gardens for the afternoon. The gardens were delightful, full of variety and glorious colours. The scenery was further enhanced by the sunshine. This outing was greatly enjoyed by all.



Saturday was free for shopping or sightseeing. In the evening we went to the Sewell Barn Theatre to see a production of **TEACHERS.**

Civic Service Sunday, 21st June 2009

The NNKFA was represented by 10 members for the Lord Mayor's Civic Service at Norwich Cathedral.

International Youth Project

Six young people from Norfolk travelled to Rouen for this year's gathering. This event encourages young people across Europe and beyond to build friendship and understanding between different cultures.

Norwich and District Photographic Society

The 93rd Annual Exhibition held at Norwich Cathedral was very successful and the standard of the photography very high. The NNKFA Trophy for the best photograph from the Foto-Club Koblenz was awarded to Klaus Brost for his entry titled 'Wave Rider'. Waltraud Jarrold was able to personally present the trophy to Klaus Brost in Winingen.



'Immer wieder Rhein'

A photographic exhibition, which is displayed at the Festung Ehrenbreitstein in Koblenz, has superb Entries from the Norwich Members of the NDPS, especially our NNKFA member Alan Taylor.



Immer wieder Rhein!
Englische Fotografen auf Reisen

93rd Annual Exhibition
1st June to 14th June 2009
Norwich Cathedral
By kind permission of the Dean & Chapter

The Friendship Trophy

Awarded in 2009 to
Klaus Brost
for "Wave Rider"

Originally presented
in 1964 to
The Norwich & District
Photographic Society
for the Best Photograph
from 1960-1969. Club members
happy to see it again!

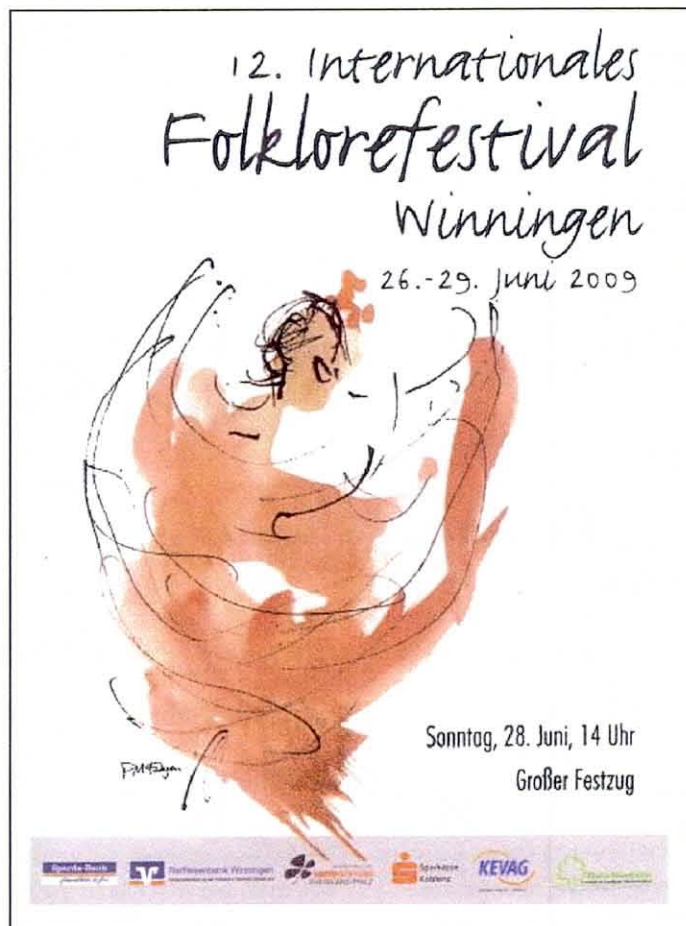
It is to be noted
since the creation
of the trophy
2004 & Wilson
2005 & Knapton
2006 & Latham
2007 & Robinson
2008 & Gellner

Norwich & District Photographic Society

International Folklore Festival Wunningen

This was a glorious occasion with dancers from all around the world. They came from as far away as Colombia, Canada and the USA as well as many European Countries.

Norwich was represented by the Kemps Men. Their distinctive dances were well received and made a great impact, so much so that after their final performance, the Winner Band played the National Anthem.

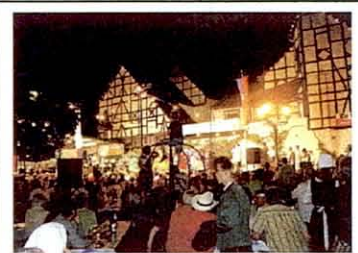


Sketches made by the Rev. Canon Phillip McFadyen at a previous dance festival were reproduced to advertise and represent this year's festival.

***Norwich has a firm foothold
in Wunningen!***

The whole village was buzzing with music and dance and nearly 300 dancers were hosted by Wunningen families with main meals for all participants provided and served in the August-Horch Halle.

Music and dance have no boundaries



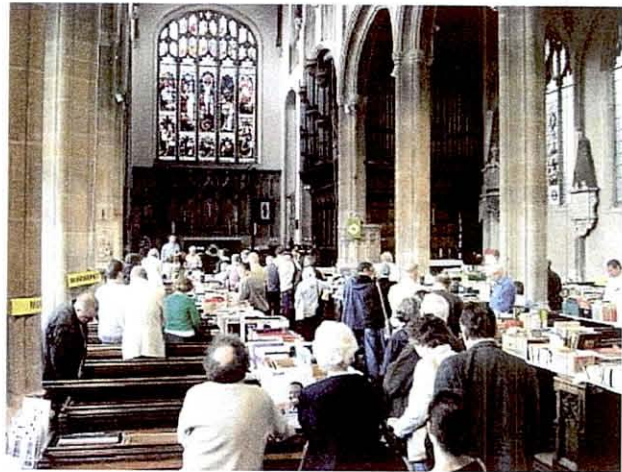
ART EXHIBITION The 20 Club group of Artists is holding an art exhibition at the old 'Bally Shoe Factory', now called the ART FACTORY, starting 7th September 2009. It is very much hoped that all our Twin Cities will offer exhibits to display.



The Book Fair at
St Andrew's Church
raised over
£ 2000.00
for this worthwhile cause.

*We are very grateful
to all of you
who contributed and
helped with this event.*

Thank you so very much



OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of three of our members

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Underwood and Mr. Gordon Brook M.B.E.

Gordon Brook served for many years as NNKFA Chairman. He first took the Chairmanship in 1987. His priority then was to strengthen the financial situation of the association in order that the NNKFA could offer hospitality and social events for our guests. This he was able to achieve by 1991.

Gordon served a second term as Chairman from 1994 to 1998. He served the NNKFA well.

Gordon will be greatly missed but fondly remembered by us all.

"Leben ist das, was wir daraus machen"

Henry Miller

Any other Business

We are very sorry that our Treasurer, Nick Cooper, is going to retire from his responsibilities after the next AGM in March 2010. Nick really did a splendid job. Therefore we urgently need a new Treasurer to serve on the NNKFA Committee.

If you are interested in this vacancy please contact **Charlotte Hobohm**, Tel: **01603 898455**, cohobohm@yahoo.co.uk
In the first instance.

Your help would be very much appreciated.

Also, to be able to run our Friendship Association more efficiently, it would be great if you could let us have your e-mail addresses. We would then be able to send you the latest information by e-mail and save on ever increasing printing and postage charges.

Your addresses will be treated **confidentially** and NOT used for any other purpose than any business related to the NNKFA.

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