

Twinning committee

Date: Thursday, 01 October 2015

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 (Koblenz)
Jill Noble (Koblenz)
Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)
Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)
Mary Corbould (Rouen)

Claire Alban (Chair, Norfolk
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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** 5 - 8

Purpose - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 July 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 Koblenz Friendship Association** 9 - 12
 - (b) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association** 13 - 14
 - (c) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association** 15 - 22
 - (d) Report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link** 23 - 24
- 6 Update on the twinning fund** 25 - 26

Purpose - to provide an update on the position of the twinning fund as at 1 October 2015.
- 7 Joint twinning associations event**

Purpose - to discuss the possibility of a further joint twinning associations social event.
- 8 Electronic newsletters**

Purpose - to reiterate the need for associations to provide the committee officer with electronic versions of all newsletters in a timely

fashion.

9 Application for a twinning committee grant

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Purpose - To consider a grant application received from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

10 Date of upcoming meetings

Purpose - to note the date of the remaining twinning committee meeting for civic year 2015-16:

3 March 2016 16:00 at City Hall

Date of publication: **Thursday, 01 October 2015**

Twinning committee**12:00 - 16:45****9 July 2015**

Present: Councillor Arthur (Lord Mayor, in the chair following election), Councillors Raby, Henderson, Maxwell, Sands (M), Thomas (Vi) and Ryan (substitute for Councillor Bremner), Ralph Gayton, (El Viejo) and Mary Corbould (Rouen)

Apologies: Councillors Bremner and Jones, Waltraud Jarrold and Jill Noble (Koblenz), Doug and Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad) and Claire Alban (Chair Norfolk Association of Twinned Communities)

1. Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Arthur Lord Mayor as Chair for the Civic Year.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

RESOLVED to appoint Ralph Gayton as Vice Chair for the Civic Year.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015.

4. Report of the Twinning Associations**Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link**

Ralph Gayton presented the report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

For the benefit of new members of the committee he explained that the links schools project supported 200 scholarships each year for those children whose parents could not afford to send them to schools. Working with the local community 9 schools had been selected for the link to support. Each scholarship child received a bag with books and stationery and also a school uniform and each school was provided with a pc and a printer. Another part of the project was to help set up school gardens which had environmental and educational purpose but also provided a source for food. One concern that had been reported was the condition of the toilets in some of the schools which were in very poor condition and there was concern that this could affect the children's health and welfare. Information was vague at the moment and he was trying to find out more about the problem, who was responsible and options for providing support to improve the toilets. Councillor Maxwell suggested that Medi

Aid (?) was a charity that aimed to prevent sickness and they may be able to help. Ralph said that he would investigate this and any other opportunities and keep Twinning committee members informed as more facts became known. He then highlighted that a longstanding and valued member of the Links Executive Committee, Hilary King had passed away. She had made a significant contribution to the activities of the El Viejo link for many years and would be sadly missed.

RESOLVED -

- (1) to note the report;
- (2) ask the Lord Mayor, as Chair of Twinning Committee, to write a letter of sympathy to the family of Hilary King

5. Norfolk and Koblenz Friendship Association

Chris Southgate presented the report and in particular highlighted the charity cycle ride by Koblenz Rotarians from Koblenz to Norwich and the visit of Koblenz Churches to the Norwich Diocese which was a continuation of a longstanding and regular programme of links. The Association's Summer outing to Sandringham had been very enjoyable and the Norwich Kemps Men had represented Great Britain at the Folkloristic International Dance Festival in Vinnegen after which their performance was greeted by the Vinnegen Vintners Band playing Gold Save the Queen!

Of the future events planned he highlighted the concert at The Forum by Norfolk County Youth Orchestra on 19 July. The orchestra from the Norwich contingent of the Triorca orchestra which consisted of representatives from Norfolk, Koblenz and Novi Sad. Longer term planning included the possibility that the Koblenz Music Institute Singers might join the Norwich Philharmonic as part of our 175th anniversary event at The Showground in May 2016 and that the Norwich Cathedral Choir might give concerts in Germany, including Koblenz, in 2016 also.

RESOLVED to note the report.

6. Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

RESOLVED to note the report of the association.

Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

Mary Corbould presented the report and commented on the highly successful visit to Rouen during May, 2015.

She said there had been low take-up regarding the suggestion of a lunch. However, members had really enjoyed the lunch of the Joint Associations held early in the year and she said that this had been such a successful event that she hoped that it would be repeated. Members of the Rouen Friendship Association would be happy to join in on that or any other type of joint event that might be suggested, particularly one that might encourage young people to become involved as like other associations, it was difficult to attract new and younger members.

Councillor Ryan said that the local media would be very happy to include information on activities of twinning associations and suggested that members should not be afraid to approach them.

Ralph Gayton said that his association had also enjoyed the joint lunch and hoped it would be repeated. Chris Southgate said that he was happy that the joint lunch had been such a success. However, it was a lot of hard work and time consuming to arrange and the intention had not necessarily been to create an annual event. If other people were willing to contribute he was sure that his members would also support that.

Councillor Raby said he had attended a school exchange to Rouen in the very early days of the twinning in 1959. That had been the catalyst in him taking an interest in international affairs and learning several languages.

Andy Emms, twinning officer, said that Wymondham Rugby Club Veterans had visited Rouen in May, 2015. This was a continuation of a link that had started when he visited Rouen with the Lord Mayor in 2009. Rugby Club Rouennais and Wymondham had since then had many exchanges including the youth section, seniors and veterans.

RESOLVED to –

- (1) note the report;
- (2) put the possibility of a joint associations event on the agenda of the next twinning committee.

7. Twining Fund

RESOLVED, having considered the report of the twinning officer, to note that the balance in hand of the twinning fund was £2,317.55.

8. Annual Grant to the Twinning Associations

RESOLVED, having considered the report of the twinning officer, to –

- (1) grant £200 each to the twinning associations for Koblenz, Novi Said and Rouen;
- (2) provide “in kind” support to the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link.

9. 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.

10. Future meetings

RESOLVED to note that the next meetings will be held on –

1 October 2015 at 4pm
3 March 2016 at 4pm

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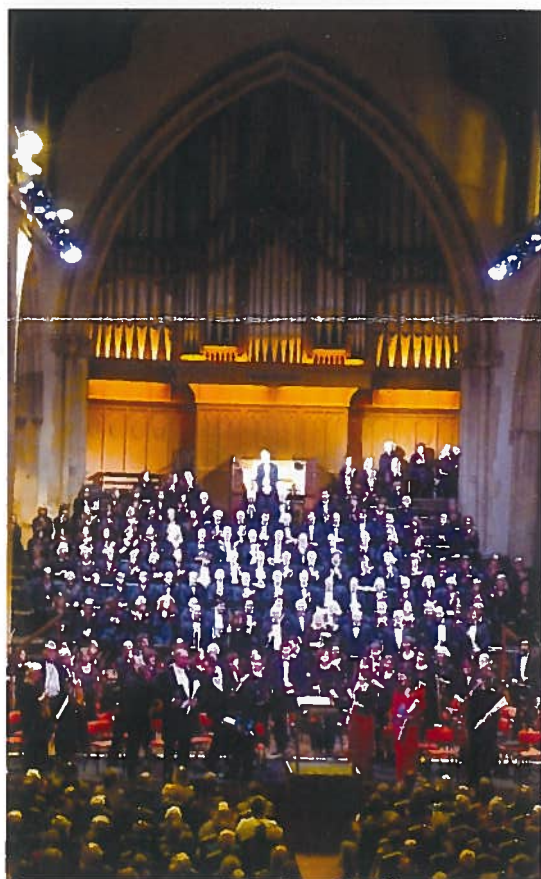
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NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

"Understanding and Friendship" our motto.

Welcome to the August 2015 edition of Kontakt. With our 35th Anniversary approaching, to be celebrated on Sunday 13th September at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett. Details are enclosed and we would be grateful for a speedy response.



The Joint Twinning Lunch with the Rouen, Novi Sad and El Viejo Associations, detailed in the February Newsletter, was held on February 25th at the Debut Restaurant at Norwich City College. This was a suggestion from Chris Southgate, one of our Vice Presidents, who did much of the organising with considerable help from Sandra Sheppard. Seating was limited to 60, and the lunch was a sell-out. Credit is due to the catering students from City College, who looked after us so well.

Annual General Meeting was held, by tradition, at County Hall on March 13th. We were pleased to welcome and thank Councillor Brian Hannah, who was present with his wife, Beverley, and also The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Judith Lubbock and her husband Nigel, for their support.

Norwich Phil and the choir of the Musik Institut, Koblenz performed a joint concert at St. Andrews Hall on March 19th, which received good reviews in the EDP and EEN, with the headline "Performances are a delight for audience". These choir visits remain strongly supported and have built many friendships over the years.

Koblenz Friends marked their 35th Anniversary on 4th March, with a retrospective slide show, which we were also able to show at our AGM on a large screen, before enjoying the refreshments, supplied by members.

Dragon Hall. Our chairman Jill Noble attended the hand-over of the keys at Dragon Hall to the "Writers' Centre, Norwich" on March 31st. Twinning Collections have been moved to City Hall, but "our" Koblenz Liebfrauenkirche 15th Century Stained Glass window will remain there at the request of Writers' Centre. We hope that this window will remain a witness to the church on our logo.



Andrew Brown arrives in Koblenz

Rotary Club Norwich visited their Twin Club Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein from May 1 - 4. A highlight of this visit was the arrival by Cycle of President Andrew Brown, who had cycled the 325 miles from Norwich to raise funds for his charity DentaId (for dental aid boxes in developing countries), who was escorted for the last 20 Km by one of the Koblenz members and about 30 other cyclists from his Triathlon club. The Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein Rotary Club contributed €500 to his charity. The 3days included a full and interesting programme together.

Churches from Koblenz, paid a group visit from May13 - 17 to the Norwich Diocese. NNKFA supported with hospitality and participating in the ecumenical programme organised by Canon Barry Oakes.



45th Feed the Minds Book Fair was held at St. Andrews Church, from June 10 - 13 and opened by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Brenda Arthur. So far it has raised £1300 towards a project in South India, and also sent boxes to Feed The Minds Book Service in Bradford for distribution to Theological Colleges world-wide. Books are still on sale on Thursdays, 2.30pm to 5 pm, at St. Andrews Church, NR2 4AD in the city centre. Volunteers included from NNKFA and Students and Staff from City College Norwich, to whom we are most grateful.

June 20. NNKFA Summer Outing to Sandringham (a report from Michael Salt)

We were driven this time by Mark who has rejoined Spratts. Departure was prompt and Mark's forecast one hour and 10 minutes for the journey (which was by a scenic route through traditional Norfolk villages) was precisely met.

Once tickets had been obtained



we quickly fanned out, some heading for the impressively large house (originally bought in 1862 for Prince Albert Edward and his wife Princess Alexandra of Denmark who extended it considerably over the years), others to the museum and gardens. It was noticeable that many of the flower beds that used to embellish the wide expanse of grass in front of the house have now been removed leaving only shadows of their past presence. One of guides in the house told us that there are now only seven gardeners for the whole estate.



Silver Altar, St Mary's Sandringham



Grape Vines at Sandringham



Old Estate Car, Sandringham

Entry to the house was speedy and efficiently managed. The guides (one in each room) were smartly uniformed (dark grey with red edgings) and exceptionally well informed, keeping us all fully briefed about what we were seeing and diligent in answering any questions that we might have. Although in many ways like other stately homes the fact that it is a Royal Residence, and one regularly used by the Queen and her family, gave it an extra patina of interest: the more so because the guides were able to tell us how the main living room was used at Christmas, with the family gathered round the large wood fire watching TV like the rest of us, and how the Prince of Wales used the library for his private meetings.

The ballroom was particularly interesting because it has been used for so many purposes, film shows and conferences as well as dancing. There are many intriguing aspects to it as well, from faces discretely carved in the ceiling to the Union Jack that Scott planned to plant at the South Pole almost hidden in a window sill.

Walking through the gardens afterwards led us to the museum. Once used mainly for the estates many vehicles, it now houses royal vehicles both ancient and modern including royal cars, fire engines and carts for collecting the pheasants from the shoots that used at one time to be the primary entertainments of the royal parties, it now embraces a much wider selection of artifacts including fully fitted electric toy cars for the young princes that provoked belated envy amongst those of us who knew no more than pedal cars, and insights into the life that royal children enjoyed.

Perhaps the most surprising exhibits were the paintings that had been done by members of the royal family over the generations, including a couple by Prince Philip. Some were of quite remarkable quality. The extent of the collections and artefacts in the Museum in some ways was more fascinating than the more formal furniture and settings in the House itself.

As the weather closed in and the rain began to fall we took shelter in the estate church of St Mary Magdalene. Though small it is beautifully decorated with a striking silver altar gifted and pulpit designed by silversmith K Krall and given to Queen Alexandra in 1911 after the death of her husband, King Edward VII, by an American Rodman Wannamaker who had greatly admired him. The organ that King Edward gave to the church in 1909 has just been painstakingly restored, keeping all the original ivory organ stops. The organ also poses a mystery that few I think would solve unaided. It is this: immediately above the organ there is a triangular gap in the ceiling covering the loft and some ladder rungs leading to it. Why? (Answer at bottom of this article, but try and work it out first!)

In the best NNKFA traditions, though we had explored widely across the very large estate, we were all returned and seated by the planned departure time, and Mark returned us safely to Notcutts again in one hour and ten minutes, though by a different route! We are grateful to Notcutt's for the facility to park members cars, and Christa Wood, who had organised the outing, gave them our usual charity donation.

Answer: The organ draws in air and it is important that the air in the roof space above it has the right level of moisture to keep it operating optimally. Periodically therefore a kettle is taken up and boiled so that the steam can produce the desired result!96



Folklore Dance Festival in Winnigen. Norwich Kemps Men, Morris Dancers, represented Great Britain from June 26-29, and were very popular among a variety of dancers from Germany, Europe and other continents. At the end of their final performance the Winnigen Vintners Band stood up and played "God Save the Queen". A most moving gesture as the Queen had just made a well received visit to Germany.

July 3-7 Günter Hahn, Chairman of NKFK and his wife, Ingrid, had hoped to visit Norwich for the Lord Mayor's Procession and celebrations, but this had to be cancelled because of difficulty in crossing the Channel due to the French Strikes and attempts by immigrants to come to the UK, which disrupted the ferries and the Channel Tunnel

Future Events

13 September NNKFA 35th Annual Lunch at Park Farm, Hethersett.

13-18 September. Norwich Probus Clubs, including Waltraud and Richard Jarrold are visiting Koblenz and its region.

20-27 September. NNKFA bi-annual visit to Koblenz. The programme planned includes a Civic Reception and walking tour of Koblenz, a day in Winnigen, including a tractor tour through the vineyards, a visit to Cochem and Beilstein on the Mosel, including a boat trip, a visit to Frankfurt am Main, with a guided tour by Anne Noble, the daughter of our Chairman Jill Noble, and a joint dinner with our Koblenz friends. We still have some spaces on the coach, although we would have to check on Ferry and hotel accommodation if anyone else is interested. (contact Richard Jarrold 01603 454799)

1 December NNKFA Advent Evening at the Great Hospital.

DUaM regular Wednesday 10.30-12.00 German Conversation continues to flourish, usually at "Moselle", 53a Keswick Road Cringleford, or if not possible at other members homes. The group continues to support Feed the Minds and Meningitis Now.

Civic Support We are pleased that the new Lord Mayor, Councillor Brenda Arthur and the new Sheriff, Mrs Beryl Blower have both shown interest NNKFA and hope to see them at some of our events. Our best wishes to them during their Civic Year. We are very grateful for all the civic support given by our past Lord Mayor, Judith Lubbock, Sheriff, William Armstrong and their consorts to our Twinning and related activities (Feed the Minds and Meningitis Now), and we welcome Mr and Mrs Lubbock to membership of the NNKFA.

Appreciating the close links to the Civic Support Team, we take note of Max Pooley having changed her name on marriage to Max Aldridge. Congratulations indeed.

Radio Hams connections are still vibrant on second Saturdays in the month. Sadly Hans Otto Antrup, a strong supporter since the start of these links in 1980 has just passed away.

Jüdische Kultur Gemeinde in preparation. Prof. FW Seibel, visited Norwich in early August with his wife and stayed with our member Celia Neal. We arranged a contact with Joe Stirling, who came to Norwich on Kinder Transport after leaving his birth home, Nickenich, near Koblenz.

2016 Norwich Cathedral Choir are planning to give concerts in Germany, including the Mosel and Koblenz. We have provided contacts with the Liebfrauenkirche and the Florinskirche.

2016 May Norwich Philharmonic as part of their 175th anniversary and the Festival are hoping to perform Mahler's 8th Symphony (Symphony of 1000) at the Showground, including some singers from Koblenz Musik Institut.

Triorca Orchestra have renewed plans for a summer project and concert, with young musicians from Norfolk, Novi Sad and Koblenz Region at Schloss Engers near Koblenz in July 2016.

UEA Music and UNIMUS Koblenz are talking to each other about a possible link, also in conjunction with HWK (Chamber of Skilled Trades, Koblenz), which continues to have good links with City College, Norwich. Look out for the "Handwerksblatt" at the City Library in the Forum

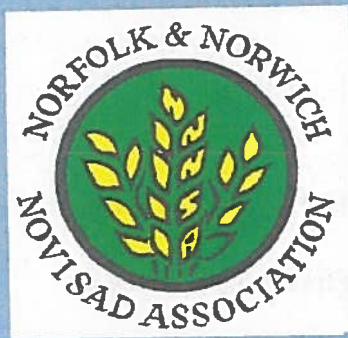
The Church Window, which featured in the BUGA Garden Show, Norwich Garden in 2011 has been traced and we hope to find a permanent home where it will be on show.

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NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

Dedicated to Friendship

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Editorial

Jack Brooksbank.

When we reported Jack's hospitalisation in the last Newsletter it was hoped he would be home again soon. This was not to be and Jack died on 20th June.

Jack served the Association as treasurer for 23 years. Due to his careful stewardship the Association went from an organisation struggling to 'make ends meet' to one that is now comfortable, working within its financial needs, and able to plan ahead without the restraint of 'money worries'.

His bookkeeping was meticulous and he was always anxious the members should receive 'value for money'.

Novi Sad and the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra

Irena Josifoska, the young cello player from Novi Sad was invited to play again with the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra, this time on their annual visit to Germany.

Irena, with the orchestra, gave a performance of the Elgar Cello Concerto. This was a work that both Irena and the orchestra were familiar with since they had performed it before in Cambridge.

The lead up to the event was not without its difficulty since, at almost the last minute, the lead viola was unable to attend. Since the viola part is very important, not least in the concerto, this proved to be a problem - particularly since a substitute could not be found.

An anxious call to Irena by the organisation to see if there was an appropriate young viola player from Novi Sad who could 'take up' the part was met with an enthusiastic and positive response the upshot of which resulted in two players travelling from Novi

Sad to Wernigerode (an adventure in itself).

The series of concerts performed were a great success with a connection between the Norfolk Youth Orchestra and young Novi Sad musicians becoming a pleasant habit.

The present refugee crisis in Serbia

The crisis of refugees from Syria and other countries travelling through Serbia has brought an empathetic response from the Serbian population.

Apart from essential medical and hygiene items Novi Sad responded with one and a half tons of clothing and food for the refugees - all within about 24 hours.

Majamisty

As announced in the last Newsletter this jazz trio from Novi Sad was invited to perform in the Norwich Jazz Festival. This they did to great acclaim and much to the delight of members who attended who had never been to a Jazz Festival before.



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

Not least among the enjoyment was meeting Lewis who had travelled all the way from Wales to hear them. There was an opportunity to spend some time with the trio (Maja Alvanović who plays the piano and composes all the music, Ervin Malina - who plays bass and Ištvan Čik (drums). Lewis added an expert's insight to the conversation. It was everyone's first visit to Norwich with which they were all delighted. The trio went on to play at a jazz club in Soho before returning to Novi Sad.

On the evening of their performance in Norwich they were last seen in the company of Lewis disappearing back into the jazz club venue to take on board more of the jazz experience.

The Annual Lunch

The Association's annual lunch will be at the usual venue of Park Farm Hotel on Sunday 18th October 12.15 for 12.45.

All the details are contained in the enclosures with this copy of the Newsletter. If you could fill them in and return them to Wendy by the end of September she would be grateful as this enables

her to make all the appropriate arrangements with the hotel.

The Annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert

This will take place in the Noverre Room at the Assembly House in Norwich on Saturday 23rd. January 2016. There will be much more information later on.

Alex Đermanović (piano) will be returning with Irena Josifoska (cello) to play duets for us.

As usual all the proceeds will go towards a project at the Milan Petrović School.

And a reminder that Alex is playing at the Chapel, Park Lane Norwich on Sunday 25th. October at 6.30. This concert is being arranged by Roger Rowe.

Association Treasurer

We are pleased to announce that we have a new treasurer. Jennifer Mills, a young member for some years, has been appointed to the post.

Jennifer will fit in the treasurers tasks round the activities of her young family!

The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

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Heather Ashmore (Minutes Secretary); Dr. Brenda Moffitt (Concert Sub Committee);

John Jennings (Sub Committees); Peter Beckley MBE (Newsletter)

L'Amitié

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



Welcome to the May/June 2015 Newsletter.

Visit to Rouen 18th—22nd May 2015

Monday 18th May.

We assembled at Notcutts for our departure to Rouen, 22 members in total, unfortunately the Edwards had to cancel due to illness.

Making good time we stopped at Maidstone services for refreshments. On our way to the Dover Tunnel port the driver was aware of a warning light on his instrument panel, so we made a stop at the services at the Tunnel site for the driver to investigate. It appeared a belt and a pulley had broken. He contacted his depot who advised him a mechanic would be out to us. 2 hours later he appeared and discovered he had parts for a lorry not a coach !

We were assured the parts would be with us asap. 4 hours later the mechanic appeared with the parts and within half an hour we were on our way again. We arrived in Rouen sometime between 10 & 11 pm local time. We were met by our hosts and made our way

to our accommodation by which time we looked a bit like displaced persons.

Tuesday 19th May.

After a well deserved rest and breakfast we boarded the coach for our first days excursion. This would take us into the Haute-Normandie region to the town of Offranville. A small town of farming and light industry, birth place of the portrait artist Jaques-Emile Blanche. We parked outside the Marie and made our way to the eglise St. Ouen. Dating from

16th century with its unique twisted spire.



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We visited the interior of St. Ouen with its stained glass windows, statue of Jeanne D'Arc and a large painting, a war memorial to the fallen townsfolk many of whom featured in the painting. On leaving St. Ouen we passed the famous 1000 year old yew tree, 23 feet in circumference.



After a short walk we turned into driveway and was greeted by the sight of a Colombier (dovecote) which Offranville is famous for . More like fortified round houses, some 3 storeys high, built of limestone and sandstone with a frieze of decorative masonry which served as a “slippery” barrier to enterprising rats, hoping for a free meal of nesting pigeons, their and the eggs.



Continuing on we saw many half timbered



By then it had started to rain, undaunted we carried on to see more of what Offranville had to offer. Those less intrepid escaped to a café for refreshment and to dry out! We all met up at the Parc du Colombier for lunch. A Buffet Campagnard was laid on for us.



A good lunch of cheeses, pates and pies

Washed down with Vin, Cidre, D'eau and beer!

Followed by a typical apple tart, this completed a very filling lunch.

We boarded the coach once more to make our way a short distance to the Manoir d'Angio at Varangeville. The Manoir was built in the 16th century inspired by the Italian buildings of the Renaissance.

Within the courtyard we encountered another



Colombier, built in the 17th century and was the largest in France at that time. Measuring 11 metres high and 22 metres in circumference, crowned by a “bulb” shaped dome.

It could hold up to 3200 pigeons, the pigeons



meat and eggs were for the aristocrats table, the resulting litter on the floor was used as fertiliser. The peasants suffered because of

the pigeons feeding off their crops ! (no wonder they revolted. Ed) After a good visit taking in the interior of the Colombier and the rooms and Loggia we made our way back to the coach.



On our journey back to Rouen we took the scenic route travelling up to the coast and making a stop.

Those who wanted to take in the view of the Atlantic Ocean and being quite windy made a good spectacle.

We then took tea or whatever was on offer in a nearby Café.

Once more onto the coach for our return journey to Rouen, arriving at rush hour, our driver Tony was more than a match for the French drivers!

Wednesday 20th May.

Today was a free day for us to take things at a leisurely pace. The planned walking tour of hidden Rouen was cancelled. We all gathered at the Hotel de Ville for the official reception, where there was more meet and greet, with Champagne, soft drinks and Canapes.

Thursday 21st May.

We boarded the coach once more for a visit to the Chateau du Champ de Bataille in the Department of the Eure. The Chateau was built in the 17th century. But its story begins in year 935ad, a huge battle took place on the grounds of the Chateau, between two noble families, the Epee's and the de Danois. The former being the victors and thanks to that victory Normandy gained its independence.



Like many Chateaus, Champ de Bataille fell victim to the Revolution and up to the 19th and 20th centuries the Chateau fell into disrepair. In 1992 the Chateau was acquired by its present owner Jaques Garcia, who undertook the task of restoring the Chateau's décor and furnishings to its past glory. With the help of his Head Gardener Patrick Pottier the 40+ hectares of grounds are also restored to formal gardens.

Our guide to the Chateau was a stunning French woman exuding all the panache one would expect.



Some of the interesting views.

Lunch was taken at the Golf club adjacent to the Chateau. After which we had a short time to visit and explore the formal gardens

Friday 22nd May.

Home today! We made an early start and driving towards Le Haute-Somme to the town of Peronne which was in the centre of the battle of the Somme area. For those who wanted a visit to the local Hyper-Marche was offered whilst the remainder of us explored Peronne. In the Castle is the Historial of the Great War museum. A modern building, light and airy and the displays sympathetically presented and easily viewed. After lunch we once more boarded the coach for the journey to Calais and the Tunnel terminal. A thankfully uneventful drive back to Norwich.

Thanks must go to Bob Barnard for arranging the coach and his patience relaying information when we were stuck in Dover.

To Mary Corbould (our Akela) in sorting out accommodation and rounding us up when necessary.

The driver of the Richard's coach Tony for his good humour despite the unforced stop.

with the Christmas lights switch on and will ease parking.

Menus and times will be sent out to members nearer the time.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Garden Party:

This years garden party will be held at Mary Corboulds house. On Saturday 25th of July. Please bring a savory or a sweet plate, chairs as well would help. From 12 noon.

Mary's address 6 Elmdon Court off St Leonards Road. There is parking at the Church on Telegraph Lane West.

November Dinner

This popular event is to be held on Thursday 25th November 2015, at the St Benedicts Restaurant. A later date so as not to clash

L'Amitié

The Newsletter of the Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association
September 2015



Welcome to the latest newsletter.

Since our bi annual visit to Rouen this May there has been just one event on our social calendar, the Garden Party.

This year it was held at Mary Corbould's house.

Garden Party July 2015

A very select few scaled the heights of Thorpe Hamlet on the wettest Saturday in July for the Garden Party. Although the weather was seemingly against us, the sun did come out in time for us to spend a very pleasant couple of hours in the garden. As usual the food brought along was delicious, especially the puddings! Thank you everyone, for your contributions.



Geraldine Smith.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Geraldine at the end of August after a short stay in hospital following complications of the stroke suffered as a result of the stroke she had while in Rouen with us two years ago for the Armada. On returning to England she spent time the Warren Care Home being unable to live in her own home again.

Geraldine served for many years on the committee of the NNRFA, and latterly as Secretary. She was active in arranging social events and organising accommodation for our visitors from Rouen when they were in Norwich. In recent years she generously hosted the annual Garden Party in her beautiful garden. She was someone who for many years was the face of the NNRFA. She will be greatly missed both here and in Rouen.

A memorial service was held in Norwich Cathedral at the end of August.

Future Events

Looking forward a date has been set for the annual November Dinner. This year it will be held in The Library Restaurant, Nr Guildhall Norwich. The date for this is the 26th November 2015. The price has been kept down

although a small rise to £22. This still offers good value for money. It is a week later this year so as to miss the Christmas lights turn on in Norwich.

The menu and application form will be out to you asap.

We still have to hear from our friends in Rouen re dates for their visit. The committee is busy sorting out a programme for this visit. If anyone of the membership has ideas how we can entertain them please let a committee member know.

Norfolk & Norwich - El Viejo Friendship Link

Registered Charity No 1156787



NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

TWINNING COMMITTEE

1st OCTOBER, 2015

REPORT OF THE EL VIEJO FRIENDSHIP LINK

1. The handover of school uniforms to the 200 children in the scholarship scheme took place on 20th August at one of the schools in the scholarship project.

This occasion is always a major community event involving not only the pupils but also teachers from all the schools, parents, local councillors and the representative of the Ministry of Education. This year was no exception.

A member of the El Viejo Municipal Council, Councillor Morales Mariano said 'as an adult it gives me great joy to see so many children that are dedicated to education.' He added that education was the future, not only of the children and the family but of the nation. A country without education is a country that is poor and which lacks development, he said to applause.

The Link representative, Carmela Hernandez, on behalf of the twinning with Norwich welcomed all the children and parents present. She said, to great applause, that although those responsible for the twinning could not be present in person they were with us in the spirit of the scholarship project.



Children with their new uniform packages



A pupil performs a local folk dance

2. Following the handover of uniforms, our representative, Sra Carmela Hernandez fell ill with an attack of an illness called chikungunya which is caused by mosquito bite. It is quite a serious illness and causes very painful joints which can be long lasting. She has recovered but still has some joint pain.

3. Future Funding of the Link

In common with many similar organisations, the Link is facing a funding problem which is beginning to affect its level of activity.

The Link is a small organisation dependant on membership fees for the basis of its activities but we have a small membership which cannot provide more than a proportion of current expenditure. Our committee is exploring ways of increasing income but the situation is quite difficult. In the past we have received contributions from local schools but a recent appeal to schools across the city has been signally unsuccessful. A number of special one-off events have made substantial contributions to our resources in recent years but we do need a basis of regular and assured income.

Our committee continues to explore opportunities for fundraising and is looking at using the internet for publicising our activities. We are also looking at the use of professional sources of fundraising but that costs money we don't have.

We have invited suggestions about the future from the membership through a general meeting and our officers continue to explore possibilities. However, it is clear that we cannot continue our present scale of activity and have reluctantly decided that it will be necessary to make a significant reduction in our expenditure by reducing the number of scholarships in our project from 200 to 100 with immediate effect. This will give us a breathing space in which to give further thought to possible funding opportunities.

We will keep the Committee informed about the position.

Ralph Gayton
Link Secretary.

Report of : Twinning officer

Item

To : Twinning Committee 9 July 2015

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Subject : Twinning Fund - Financial Position

Report

A summary of income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of 01/05/2015 to 01/10/2015 as set out below:-

TWINNING FUND

Twinning Activities

**General
Twinning
£**

Balance (In-hand) b/f 1 May 2015

2,317.55

Movements

ANNUAL GRANT FROM NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

2,060.00

NORFOLK & NORWICH KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASS

200.00

NORFOLK & NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION

200.00

NORFOLK & NORWICH ROUEN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

200.00

Balance (In-hand) c/f 1 October 2015

3,777.55

Recommendation

To note the Twinning Fund balance (in-hand) at 1 October 2015 (£3,777.55)

Andy Futter
Twinning Officer
City Hall
Norwich

Contact Officer : Andy Futter 01603 212029

Report to Twinning committee

1 October 2015

Report of The twinning officer

Subject Application for a twinning committee grant

Item

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Purpose

To consider a grant application received from the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association.

Recommendations

To grant £200 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2016 which promotes friendship with Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia and fosters appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad.

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

Andy Futter, senior committee officer

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Background documents

None

Background

1. The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association has submitted an application for a twinning committee grant for the sum of £200 to support its annual Paul Cross Memorial concert, to be held in January 2016.
2. The committee has granted £200 towards the costs of the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert since 2004.

Application

3. The association has applied for a grant towards the cost of organising the 2016 Paul Cross Memorial concert which will be held in January 2016 at the Assembly House, Norwich at 7.30pm.
4. The purpose of the concert is to promote the aims of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to promote friendship and foster an appreciation of the music and culture of Novi Sad and its surrounding area. The association extends hospitality to the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Chairman of Norfolk County Council, the two Norwich MPs and representatives from the Serbian Embassy in London. The concert is therefore a platform for the twinning of the two cities.
5. The total cost of the event is approximately £1,600. The association has received grants in previous years from the Fitzmaurice Trust, the John Jarrold Trust and the Goodman Trust. The amount of grant received from these organisations has not been specified. However it is likely that the association will also seek grants for the 2016 concert. The association also sells tickets to the event and there is a raffle to raise funds. The association has not provided information on the amount that is realised from ticket sales. However in recent years, with rising costs, it has been difficult to break even.
6. The concert 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 £200 towards the costs incurred in arranging the concert is therefore within the aims of the committee. It is therefore recommended that the grant is used for the travel expenses for the young pianist to travel to Norwich and perform at the concert.



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 NORFOLK + NORWICH NOVI SAD ASSOCIATION

Address c/o 6 COLLEGE ROAD, NORWICH

Postcode NR2 3JJ

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

Name MRS WENDY QUINN

Address AS ABOVE

Postcode '

Contact daytime phone number or mobile 01603 458665

Email dwendyquinn@googlemail.com

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

Chair ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐

Other (please state) CHAIR of CONCERT COMMITTEE 2016

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

THE PAUL CROSS MEMORIAL CONCERT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY 2016 AT THE NORWICH ASSEMBLY HOUSE, 7.30pm. A PIANO RECITAL TO BE GIVEN BY ALEKSANDAR DJERMANOVIC FROM NOVI SAD.

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? _____

b) How many of these are under 18 years old? _____

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

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? _____

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?

g) How much grant are you applying for?

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

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

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

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?

The Paul Cross Memorial Concert is held annually to promote the friendship with our twin city of Novi SAD and to raise awareness of their music + culture.

b) What is the total cost of the project/event/activity? £1,600 (Expenditure list attached)

c) How much grant are you applying for? £200+

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

Yes - The John Jandl Trust + The Fitzmaurice Trust

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

By sale of concert tickets + raffle.

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 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

Estimated Budget for NNNSA January Concert 2016

Expenditure

Hire of venue/ The Norwich Assembly House Noverre Suite	
Incl. PRS Fee (£40)	£550
Grand piano hire	£400 + VAT
Hobart room hospitality for Lord Mayor and other VIPs	£50
Performer's travel and expenses	£200
Printing of 1,500 flyers	£110
Printing of 100 programmes	£75
Sundries incl Postage/ mailshot advertising	£150
TOTAL	£1,600 approx

Estimated Income

Sale of concert tickets through membership and Theatre Royal	
Excl. Theatre Ticket printing & card charges	To be assessed
Box office @ £16/£6 students	
NNNSA Members @ £15/£5	
Programme sales @ £1	
<u>Fundraising</u>	
Raffles	£200
<u>Grants</u>	
Applications being made	
TOTAL	To be assessed

