

Twinning committee

Date: Thursday, 06 October 2016

Time: 16:00

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

Committee members:

Councillor Maxwell (Lord Mayor – ex-officio)

Councillor Bremner

Councillor Brociek-Coulton

Councillor Malik

Councillor Raby

Councillor Schmierer

Councillor Thomas (Vi)

Councillor Woollard

Councillor Wright

Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)

Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz)

Jill Noble (Koblenz)

Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)

Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)

Chris Rowe (Rouen)

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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**
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 7 July 2016.
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 El Viejo Friendship Link** 9 - 22
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 - (c) **Report of the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association** 29 - 30
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Purpose - to note the date of the next meeting of the twinning committee:

Thursday 2 March 2017 16:00
7. **Date of upcoming meeting**
Purpose - to note the date of the next twinning committee meeting:

Thursday 2 March 2017 16:00

Date of publication: **Thursday, 06 October 2016**



Twinning committee

16:00 to 17:00

7 July 2016

Present: Councillor Maxwell (chair), Ralph Gayton (vice chair)(El Viejo)
Councillors Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Malik, Raby, Schmierer,
Thomas (Vi), Woollard, Wright.
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz), Jill Noble (Koblenz), Sandra Underwood
(Novi Sad), Doug Underwood (Novi Sad).
Andy Emms (Twinning officer, Norwich City Council), Andy Futter
(Senior committee officer, Norwich City Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Rowe.

2. Questions from the public

No questions were received from members of the public.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2016.

5. General reports (reports of the twinning associations)

(a) Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

In the absence of a representative of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association, the report circulated with the agenda was noted by all members.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(b) Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link

The report of the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link was presented by Ralph Gayton. He then provided an update on the following areas:

- An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 had struck Nicaragua on Thursday 9 June. The effects on El Viejo were still being ascertained, and members would be kept informed.
- Work continued regarding school latrines, with action being sought from the local authority and the central government.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(c) Norfolk and Norwich Koblenz Friendship Association

The report was presented by Waltraud Jarrold with attention being drawn to the following points:

- The annual association lunch was to take place at the Park Farm hotel in Hethersett on Sunday 18 September – where wine from the Winningen vineyard would be served.
- The German conversation group had recently welcomed a new member.

Councillor Bert Bremner then discussed the Kemp's Men of Norwich 60th Anniversary weekend taking place from Friday 15 to Tuesday 19 July. This would include a visit and dancing from the Winzertanzgruppe from Winningen, which offered welcome opportunity to return the hospitality shown when the Kemp's Men had visited Germany.

He provided details of the visit which would include dancing at the cathedral and in the Bishop's garden on Sunday 17 July.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(d) Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

The report was presented by Doug Underwood. He then provided an update on the following areas:

- Diana Beckley had been unwell and best wishes were given for her quick recovery.
- Two residents of Novi Sad had visited had come to Norwich for their annual holiday. Doug and Sandra had spent some time with them and also signposted highlights of the city for them.

- Disappoint was expressed at the result of the EU referendum.

RESOLVED to note the report.

6. Visit of the Oberbürgermeister of Koblenz

The twinning officer presented the report, detailing the successful visit by the civic party from Koblenz. Following the visit, Oberbürgermeister Joachim Hofmann-Göttig sent a letter of thanks (appendix A of the agenda) also inviting the Lord Mayor on a return visit to Koblenz.

RESOLVED to note the report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

7. Twinning fund – financial position

The twinning officer presented the report.

RESOLVED to note the balance of the twinning account (£2,577.55) as at 7 July 2016.

8. Applications for a twinning committee grant

Andy Futter presented the report, explaining that three applications had been made to the twinning fund as follows:

- a. £250 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2017;
- b. £1,000 to the Kemp's Men of Norwich to support the visit of dancers from Winingen; and,
- c. £500 to the Triorca Trust to support 14 students from Norwich visiting Germany alongside students from Germany and Serbia to attend an orchestral course.

RESOLVED to agree the payment of a grant of:

- a. £250 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert in January 2017;
- b. £350 to the Kemp's Men of Norwich to support the visit of dancers from Winingen; and,

- c. £500 to the Triorca Trust to support 14 students from Norwich visiting Germany alongside students from Germany and Serbia to attend an orchestral course.

9. Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED to confirm that the next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, 6 October 2016 at 16:00.

CHAIR

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Viejo Friendship Link** *Founded 1986*
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To: All Members and Representatives
of Affiliated Organisations

13th September, 2016.

Dear Member/Representative,

The next meeting of the Link Executive Committee will take place on **Wednesday, 21st September, 2016**, in the **Wymer Committee Room**, City Hall, Norwich, commencing at 6.00 pm. The agenda for the meeting is set out below

Access to City Hall is by way of the Bethel Street entrance and the committee rooms are on the first floor. Car parking is available at the Forum and at St. Giles multi storey car parks, and on street parking is available in St. Giles Street.

I remind you that all members and representatives may attend meetings of the Executive Committee and take part in discussion but that voting is restricted to the elected members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Ralph Gayton
Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2016 (copy attached)

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3. JAMIE-LOUISE MORRISON.

To welcome Ms Jamie-Louise Morrison who recently returned from working on a 3 month project in a rural community in Nicaragua, and has offered to assist the Link with fund raising/organisation issues. Jamie-Louise will make a brief report about her activity in Nicaragua.

4. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

To receive a schedule of correspondence with the Link Representative in Nicaragua since the previous meeting of the Committee. (copy attached)

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

To receive a report from the Treasurer for the period March/April, 2016. Copy attached.

6. FUNDRAISING.

- (a) To receive a report from the Treasurer about the event at the Virgin Lounge in Davey Place on 27th October, 2016.
- (b) To receive a report concerning the possible use of the Bishop's Garden in 2017.

7. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

To receive the report of the Link's local representative, Carmela Hernandez, for the period July August 2016. Copy attached.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

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Norfolk & Norwich - El Viejo Friendship Link

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Minutes of a meeting of the
Executive Committee of the
Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo
Friendship Link held at City Hall,
Norwich on Wednesday, 20th July,
2016.

Present: Anthony Bailey
Ralph Gayton (Secretary)
Brenda Gayton
Dr. Rhys Jenkins
Chris King
Cllr David Raby
Susan Thomas (Treasurer)
Cllr Vaughan Thomas.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Vivien Thomas, David Trevanion

Dr. Rhys Jenkins in the Chair

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June, 2016 were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chairperson.

2. JAMIE-LOUISE MORRISON.

The Secretary reported that, unfortunately, Jamie Louise Morrison had suffered a family bereavement and was unable to attend the meeting to report on her recent three months working on a project in rural Nicaragua. She had stated that, if possible, she would attend the Link meeting in September.

The Secretary's report was noted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.

The Committee received the Secretary's report of correspondence with Carmela Hernandez, the Link's representative in Nicaragua, since the previous meeting.

The Secretary drew attention to Carmela's remarks about the earthquake which had struck off the coast of Nicaragua in the Gulf of Fonseca some 20 miles from the neighbouring municipality of Puerto Morazan. Apparently schools had been closed for a time but classes had now been resumed although there continued to be some aftershocks.

The Secretary drew attention to the messages concerning an international conference on twinning to take place in Managua on 15th/16th July which would be dealt with later in the meeting.

The Correspondence Report was noted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented her report which stated that the sum of £130.00 had been received since the previous report and £50.00 had been paid for annual affiliation to the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign.

Banking arrangements. The Treasurer reported that all the necessary documentation had been submitted to the Cooperative Bank but there had been no response to date.

5. FUNDRAISING

- (a) Sue Thomas reported that the Virgin Lounge in Davey Place had been booked for an event on 27th October. There would be a reservation fee of £100.00 and Tony Bailey had agreed to raise this amount. Virgin staff would organise tickets for a £5 'voluntary' donation and they would also sell raffle tickets but a theme for the evening would be needed. It was agreed that the event be publicised as a 'Ukulele Night and Tony Bailey agreed to offer instruction on playing the ukulele. Tony and a friend would also play ukuleles for entertainment. Sue Thomas agreed to some training for events offered by Virgin.
- (b) Use of Bishop's Garden. The Secretary reported that he had circulated the other three Twinning Organisations about organising an event in the Bishop's Garden in 2017. A reply had been received from the Norwich – Rouen Group agreeing to participate and the Committee of the Norwich – Novi Sad Association had also agreed to take part. There had been no response from the Koblenz twinning.

There was no formal application form but charities are asked to write a letter of application setting out why they are applying, what the money will be used for, and details about how they might run the day with the number of volunteers involved.
- (c) Bike Ride: Sue Thomas reported that arrangements had been made for a sponsored bike ride on 24th September, starting at UEA over a distance of 30 miles with shorter options of 7½ and 15 miles. It was agreed to circulate details to local cycle clubs explaining the purpose of the event.
- (d) Give as you Live. Information had been received about a fund raising scheme called 'Give as you Live'. The Treasurer reported that she was looking into the scheme which involved purchases made at over 4,000 stores across the country and would report to the next meeting of the Committee.

6. FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF TWINNINGS WITH MUNICIPALITIES – MANAGUA – JULY 2018.

The Secretary drew the Committee's attention to a programme, laid on the table, for an international congress of municipalities involved in twinning in Nicaragua which had been organised by the Nicaraguan Government. He said this had originally been raised with him by our Representative in El Viejo with an invitation, apparently from the Alcalde of El Viejo, for him to 'attend a conference in July'. No further information had been provided and requests for clarification had not clarified the matter (see message (d) in the correspondence report at Item 4 of this agenda). It eventually transpired that the conference was being organised by the Nicaragua Government and would take place on 15th/16th July in Managua.

The Secretary had indicated that he would not be able to attend such a conference at such short notice and on account of the costs involved. Eventually, and after consultation with the Link Chairperson, it was agreed that Carmela should attend as an observer and report back on the conference.

Carmela had subsequently sent a number of messages about the conference including a number of Power Point Presentations, in Spanish, relating to the topics in the programme.

The organisation of the Conference was, unfortunately, very poor. There are thirteen British twinnings with Nicaragua but it appears that only one, in London, received prior information about the Conference and they sent two councillors. The Secretary asked NSC in London if they could arrange for their local representative in Nicaragua to attend as a means of getting reliable information about the conference but unfortunately she was unable to attend because of sickness. The Secretary had asked our representative for is a list of organisation who were represented at the conference.

7. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The Committee received the report of the local representative, Carmela Hernandez, for the period March – June, 2016.

The School Gardens were being planted again with cucumber, pipian, beans, squash, peppers, and corn to augment food provided by the Government.

Money left from the budget amount for schoolbags and contents will be used to buy teaching material and cleaning material such as brooms, mops etc. which are not provided by the Ministry or the Alcaldia. Details of this expenditure will be included in the next report.

Under the heading 'Needs of the School' The School Committee drew attention to structural and other needs of some of the schools, such as damaged tiling, cracked walls, insecure gates, replacement of beams, need for whiteboards. They also asked for the repair of desks, repair of walls and floor, repair of windows, paint for ceilings.

The Committee pointed out that the sort of items mentioned in the then report under 'Needs of the School' are not provided for under the terms of the scholarship scheme and are properly the responsibility of the Government or the Alcaldia and that scholarship funds must not be used for those items. It was agreed that Carmela, and the School Committee be so advised.

8. REPRESENTATIVE'S ACCOUNTS.

The Committee received Carmela's accounts for the period April to June 2016.

The accounts showed expenditure for the period amounting to US\$766,54. It was also noted that Carmela had not claimed her salary for the months of May and June (Carmela had previously agreed to forgo her salary for April as she was out of the country visiting her daughter in Iceland).

The accounts were noted and it was agreed to remind Carmela about claiming her salary for May and June.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee be held on 21st September, 2016.

Chairperson

NORFOLK AND NORWICH – EL VIEJO FRINDSHIP LINK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- 21st September, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The following exchanges of correspondence with our representative in El Viejo have taken place since the last meeting of the Committee.

(a) Message 16-21 to Carmela sent 2nd August 2016

Dear Carmela,

Thank you for your report for March – June which was considered by our Committee on 20th July.

1. School Gardens.

Our Committee was very pleased to learn that the school gardens continue to produce crops which are used to provide food for the children additional to the supplies from the Ministry. Please tell the children, and the teachers, that our Committee congratulates them on growing the crops which are used in their snacks at school.

2. Share of Scholarship Allowance.

Our Committee noted that the amount of \$400 has been allocated to the schools for the purchase of cleaning materials etc under group 2 of the scholarship funds as set out in the table in your report.

3. Needs of the Schools,

Our Committee took note of the various items listed in the section of your report headed 'NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL'.

Our Committee is concerned about the list of problems set out in your report but they point out that the various items listed under this heading concern structural and building maintenance problems which are outside the scope of the Scholarship Project. These items are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be reported to the Minister. The Committee should also ask the Alcaldia for support in seeking remedial action by the Ministry.

4. The Earthquake.

Did any of the schools suffer any sort of damage, particularly structural damage, from the Earthquake? If they did, then this should be reported to the Ministry. Did anyone suffer injury caused by the earthquake?

5. The International Conference on International Twinning.

We are pleased that you attended the International Conference in Managua on 15th/16th July and thank you for the various reports that you attached to your e-mail. They are being sent to our Committee.

Did the conference provide a list of those representatives who attended the Conference from outside Nicaragua? If there is such a list we would be very pleased if you could send us a copy. There are 13 UK twinnings with various places in Nicaragua but it appears that only one of them was represented at the Conference.

6. Your Salary.

Your Financial Report for April to June did not include any payment of your salary for the months of May and June. Please tell us why you have not claimed your salary for these two months. We understand that you were visiting your daughter in Iceland during April so you did not claim for that month but this does not explain why you did not claim for June/July.

7. Your Visit to Iceland.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit to your daughter in Iceland. No doubt it was very different to Nicaragua and much colder.

(b) Message 16-22 to Carmela sent 11th August, 2016.

Dear Carmela,

I have not received any message from you since 19th July. We hope you and your family are well and that all is well in El Viejo.

My wife and I will be away from home from today until the end of August so I will not be able to respond to any messages until we return.

The next meeting of our Committee will take place on 14th September. Please send your report to me by 1st September so that I can have it translated and circulated to the Committee by 7th September.

I remind you that I still await the latrine reports for Francisco Morazan and Rosario Mayorga. Is there any reason why these reports are not available? If we are to take any action about the state of the School latrines it is essential that we have a complete picture of the situation. If there are not problems with the latrines at these two schools please tell us.

As you may know, the UK has decided to cease membership of the European Union following a national referendum. One of the results of this decision is that the value of the British Pound (£) has fallen against the US\$ from \$1.50 to US\$1.30. We are still assessing the result of this fall in value and how it may affect our funding. We will keep you informed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

In solidarity,

(c) Message 16-23 to Carmela sent 4TH September, 2016.

Dear Carmela,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Ref my message 16-22 dated 11th August, I have not yet received your report for July and August. Our next Committee meeting will take place on 14th September and I have to get your report translated into English and sent to the members of the Committee a week before the meeting, therefore I need your report as soon as possible. Please let me know if there is any problem preventing you from sending your report.

In solidarity

(d) Message from Carmela received 5th September, 2016.

Dear Ralph.

All are well here and also for El Viejo.

I send you the narrative report for July -August 2016.

A greeting.

Carmela

(e) Message from Carmela received 6th September, 2016

Dear Ralph

Here O send pictures of the old latrines that are not used and of the toilets that are in blue with white and they are of current use of the school Rosario Mayorga.

Carmela

(f) Message 16-24 to Carmela sent 8th September, 2016.

Dear Carmela,

Thank you for your report for July/August and the photographs. I will submit the report to our committee, which will now meet on 21st September. I will send you any comments which the Committee may make.

I have also received your e-mail of 6th September attaching photos of the latrines at the Rosario Mayorga school. Unfortunately the quality of all seven photos, and particularly nos 2,3, and 4, is very poor indeed and I am unable to use them for our committee. I hope it will be possible for you to take some more pictures of these latrines, particularly those that remain in use.

In solidarity.

(g) Message 15-25 to Carmela sent 13th September, 2016

Dear Carmela,

There are a couple of questions arising from your report for July/August that I need to clarify.

First, your accounts for April-June show that you did not claim your salary for May and June. I know that you visited your daughter in Iceland during April but Is there any reason why you did not claim for May and June?

Second, the photos attached to your report include a school named Ricardo Morales. This is not one of our scholarship schools and, at present, we could not include this school in our scheme. Please tell us why this new school has been mentioned in your report.

We hope your family are all OK, particularly your mother,

In solidarity,

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**NOROLK AND NORWICH – EL VIEJO FRIENDSHIP LINK – 21st September,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 21st September, 2016**

TREASURER'S REPORT

N&N El Viejo Friendship Link		1 July to 31 Aug	
Community Direct Plus Account25620			
Charity number 1156787			
	Balance c/f	11,658.70	
	Receipts		
1 July to 31 July	SO	200.50	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	200.50	
	Payments		
		0.00	
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	
			statement 71
	Balance	11,859.20	11,859.20
	Receipts		
1 Aug to 14 Aug	SO	103	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	103	
	Payments		
10/08/2016	Virgin Money Giving (500020)	180	
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	180	
			statement 72
	Balance	11,782.20	11,782.20
	Receipts		
15 Aug to 31 Aug	SO	32.5	
31/08/2016	HMRC gift aid claim	357.29	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	389.79	
	Payments		
		0.00	
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	0.00	
			statement 73
	Balance	12,171.99	12,171.99

NORFOLK AND NORWICH – EL VIEJO FRIENDSHIP LINK

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 21st September, 2016.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – JULY-AUGUST, 2016.

From July 1 to July 12, 2016 schools had vacation, and the 14, 15 and 16 July to participate in the Congress of twinning in the city of Managua. I have sent a report of this Conference.

In August are conducted a visit to the school Morazán where is could see again that are working with the Orchard school and that are reaping. Also note the status that this school latrines.

At this time the rains have been persistent to this being an important factor in the school absence since several children who walk several miles have not been able to attend classes case of Maritza, Morazán school and El Recreo.

It continues with visits to schools where small meetings are held with teachers and schoolchildren Rosario Mayorga, Morazán, Norwich, El Perpetuo, and Maritza to collect some history of children's lives that deserve to be counted. "Behind every face is a story, we say to the children" are going to make a story "

Another thing that I saw in schools that continue to operate the school places with great effort from teachers and students who care materials.

Continues being novelty and is good mention another time since it did in the report above is the importance of the school orchards since have had good harvest in some schools as the Morazán and the Evemilda that stand out this time.

SHARE OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

Of the approval of the share of scholarship of \$2.00 by child scholarship is made a total of \$400.00 and is bought the following tools of cleaning.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOLS CLEANING TOOLS.

SCHOOL FRANCISCO MORAZÁN

v 6 wood mops?

v 6 mops of metal

v 9 brooms

v 12 highlights

ROSARIO MARTINEZ SCHOOL

v 5 mops of wood

v 6 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 12 highlights

ROSARIO MAYORGA SCHOOL

v 3 mops of wood

v 3 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 5 highlights

NORWICH SCHOOL

v 6 wood mops

v 6 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 6 highlights

PERPETUO SOCORRO SCHOOL

v 6 Wood mops

v 6 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 10 highlights

SCHOOL EVEMILDA SOMARRIBA

v 6 Wood mops

v 6 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 10 highlights

SCHOOL FRIENDS OF HOLLAND

v Wood 6 mops

v 6 metal mops

v 6 brooms

v 12 highlights

SCHOOL EVEMILDA

v Wood 4 mops

v 5 mops of metal

v 6 brooms

v 10 highlights

SCHOOL EL RECREO

v Wood 2 mops

v 2 brooms

v 2 highlights

August 24 We had planned to meet in the teacher Ana Centeno's house but due to much rain had to suspend this meeting to the second week of September.

During a visit I made in the perpetual school, director Norvin and Professor Ana requested me desks or chalkboards for a new school with Monte Rosa built it where children were receiving classes outdoors.

Ingenio built the school but he did not give them equipment, at the request of the director will make a letter to my friend Maria Jose Guillen of Panticosa to see if they can help us with some whiteboards

LATRINES.

MORAZÁN

Has two latrines in State regular and are managing to MINED and Mayor's Office to resolve this situation.

ROSARIO MAYORGA only has a toilet with septic tank pit and kept it with key and the day I was visiting him I could not do the photo.

PERPETUAL

Had already sent photos of the State in which the latrines are that the rains has damaged them.

MARITZA

Has two toilets, have problems with the water. The well is dry them.

NORWICH

IT HAS TWO LATRINES AND ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

(Note: Carmela also attached a large number of photographs to her report. I have made only one copy which will be available at the meeting on 21st September. RG)

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KONTAKT Newsletter

August 2016



NORFOLK & NORWICH / KOBLENZ FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

"Understanding and Friendship" our motto.

Welcome to the August Newsletter, which covers the period from February to July 2016 and looks ahead to some of our future programme.

Friday 11 March. The 2016 programme started with the **AGM at County Hall** with 22 members present, and we were delighted to welcome our "Host", the Chairman of Norfolk County Council, Councillor Rex Parkinson-Hare and Mrs Margaret Parkinson-Hare, gratefully accepting the traditional venue, freely provided. Equally we felt very honoured by the presence of our Lord Mayor, Councillor Brenda Arthur.

The ideal facilities of the Edwards Room enabled us to display a selection of excellent enlarged photographs of Koblenz and its region taken by Alan Taylor, a prominent member of NNKFA, and also very much involved in the link between the Norwich and District Photographic Society and Foto Club Koblenz. Sadly he has since passed away, but he will be fondly remembered.



27 May, was a most welcome date in our diary of events, as it marked the visit of the Oberbürgermeister of Koblenz, Prof. Dr. Joachim Hoffmann-Göttig, accompanied by Günter Hahn, to help with translations, and his excellent driver Peter Lotak. The special NNKFA event was to welcome the group to lunch in the Cathedral Refectory, where we were pleased that Canon Andrew Bryant, who is the diocesan link with Koblenz, was able to join us. With all the extra civic activities including Mayor making and elections immediately before the visit, the visitors enthusiastically enjoyed the programme organised by the city for them, and the opportunity to be welcomed by our new Lord Mayor Councillor Marion Maxwell, and in his letter of thanks the Oberbürgermeister has invited her to make a return visit to Koblenz.

Saturday 18 June was our **Summer Outing** visit to **Wrest Park**, an English Heritage property in Bedfordshire, travelling "beyond our borders" was a memorable experience, and we were delighted that our Immediate Past Lord Mayor, Brenda Arthur-Horner and her husband Brian were able to join us. Although overcast, it remained dry, and the visit was much enjoyed by all.



The following report was compiled by Michael Salt.

Despite lowering grey skies with the promise of some rain on the journey, our party of 28 people left County Hall, our new departure point, on a Spratts coach driven by Mark.

Waltraud said, as we left, that Bedfordshire was beyond our normal Norfolk based summer expeditions but Wrest Park offered much out of the ordinary and would offer a change of scenery on the way.

Almost two hours later we arrived at Wrest Park and were able to walk directly to the house, where our Oxfordshire member, Mandy Keen, was waiting to join us.

The house had been used as a hospital during the First War. There were some fascinating displays of soldiers being nursed and convalesced. Particularly interesting was the extent of the entertainments and activities they were offered to keep up morale and speed their recovery, not least the opportunity to ride camels and ostriches! The NHS might have something to learn from that!

Unfortunately much of the house was destroyed by fire in 1916 and had to be evacuated. The last of the De Grey family, who owned the estate, was killed on the Western Front later that year. The estate was sold resulting in the loss of many artefacts that normally add to the delights of most stately homes. The most remarkable features of the house, the ceilings and pictures built into the walls have been preserved.

Earl de Grey who had rebuilt the house in the 1840's was passionately interested in design, particularly French styles and helped to produce many of the artistic features which set the house apart from others of that period. Two of the rooms that illustrate this splendour were being prepared for a Wedding so we were only able to walk through and take a brief glance.

De Grey was a practical man, too. The house had underfloor heating and beer from the brewery was piped directly into the house!!

The gardens and grounds are extensive and were designed in the eighteenth century. At that time they were managed by 24 gardeners, today there are only six, including apprentices but there are between 100 and 150 volunteers!



The magnificent vista from the veranda of the house is the Pavilion, about twenty minutes stroll away alongside a lake cum canal, a circular building where it was possible to entertain a few friends. There is an alcove which could be used as a small bedroom, with a fire and a mirror above it. There is also a large kitchen in the basement and servants quarters above, both reached by very steep, narrow staircases.

The house has had several owners over the years and came into the safe hands of English Heritage in 2006.

They are doing all they can to preserve and share this remarkable heritage with the public.

As we drove home we were able to reflect that we had indeed, as Waltraud had forecast, experienced and enjoyed a fascinating place.



July 15 to 19. To mark the **Kemps Men's 60th Anniversary**, they invited their long established friends the **Winningen "Winzer Tanz und Trachtengruppe"** to come to celebrate and dance with them and enjoy a few days in Norfolk. We welcomed them at Mosel, Keswick Road on their arrival in Norwich, as they were too early to go straight to the hotel and were fortunate to have a lovely sunny morning in the garden. On the Saturday they travelled with the Kemp's Men to Cromer by train, having first danced at Norwich Station. They were well received by visitors and residents in Cromer, and danced at various locations including in front of the pier. Our member Angela Bennett and Ian took some video film of them there. On the Sunday they joined members of the Kemp's Men for the morning service at Norwich Cathedral,



before going to the Adam and Eve in Bishopgate for lunch, and then returning to the Bishop's Garden, which was open in aid of the Lymphoma Cancer Charity, where they and the Kemp's Men took it in turn to dance on the lawn. They were greeted there by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, and were also able to enjoy the beautiful garden. In the evening they enjoyed a barbecue at the home of Kemp's Man Pip Conrad and his wife, again fortunately a fine evening. On Monday, they set off for Walberswick and Southwold, only to find themselves delayed by the heavy traffic leaving the music festival. They and the Kemp's Men enjoyed a buffet lunch at The Bell, before dancing in the garden of the pub and then on the village green and then setting off on foot and

by ferry or footbridge to the Green at Southwold, where they danced again before a large and appreciative audience. Supper and dancing again was in Oulton Broad before returning to Norwich. As they were not due to leave Norwich for Stansted until the Tuesday afternoon, they had an opportunity to enjoy the city. All the members who came to Norwich very much appreciated the hospitality and friendship, which they received. Much of the visit was organised by Peter Salt a longstanding member of the Kemp's Men.

July 21 to 27 Triorca Young Musicians, from Norwich, Norfolk and our twin cities and regions of Koblenz and Novi Sad travelled for the second time to Schloss Engers near Koblenz, for a residential course with concerts at Schloss Engers and the Görres Haus in Koblenz, the concert and practice hall used by the Rheinische Philharmonie Orchestra, and, when they visit Koblenz, the Norwich Philharmonic choir, to rehearse before their main concerts in the Rhein Mosel Halle. The visit seems to have gone extremely well and we have received an email from Juliet Rickard, organiser of music for the schools in Norfolk, with copies of very appreciative emails from Norfolk young musicians, who were invited to attend, and saying how much they felt they had gained from the visit and their time with the Norfolk Youth Orchestra, as well as musicians from other countries. It is hoped to hold the next Triorca training and concert in Novi Sad. Finance is always a problem with programmes of this Nature, but we and the Novi Sad association help with this through the Triorca Trust. We were delighted and grateful to receive £500 from the Norwich Twinning Committee towards the costs of this visit. We would like to hear of further possible sources of finance.



19 July: The Norwich and District Photographic Society Summer Exhibition was opened in the Cathedral Hostry, and included a tribute to Alan Taylor with a show of some of his old cameras and a display of four of his Koblenz pictures surrounded by pictures from members of the Fotoclub, Koblenz.

Sunday 18 September. Our annual **"Birthday Lunch"** will be at Park Farm, Hethersett, with a "welcome- Prosit" drink, this time with wine presented by the Oberbürgermeister of Koblenz.

Monday 28 November: Advent Evening will be at the Great Hospital. We hope to have members of the Cathedral Choir, as well as singing carols and enjoying German Christmas "Gebäck."

Activities. We continue with our weekly DUaM German Conversation every Wednesday 10.30 to 12.00 noon at 53a Keswick Road, Cringleford, or if that is not possible other members houses. A contribution of £1 per person is given to our chosen charities "Meningitis Now" and "Feed the Minds of Millions"

Members also contribute to and support out annual "Feed the Minds" Book Fair, which was held 8 to 11 June and graciously opened by the Lord Mayor. "£1800 has been sent to Feed the Minds"

While we are still anticipating the new Twinning Display facility at City Hall, we are delighted that both the Norwich Society and Norwich in Bloom are actively looking for a new location for the Norwich Window, which was displayed in the Norwich Garden of the Bundesgartenschau in Koblenz in 2011.

We received a most gracious reply to our Special Greetings to the Queen on her 90th birthday.

We are confident that strong Twinning Links with European Cities will continue, despite the referendum vote to leave the European Union, and hope that the United Kingdom will continue to cooperate with the EU.

2017 Provisional Dates

Friday March 10: Annual General Meeting at County Hall

Saturday 10 June: Summer Outing

Saturday 2 September to Saturday 9 September: Koblenz Visit, including Winnigen Fireworks

Sunday 17 September: Anniversary Lunch

Tuesday 5 December: Advent Evening

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NNKFA 36th Birthday Lunch

Sunday 18th September 2016 12.45pm for 1.15pm

Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett

This year's Birthday Lunch will be held at the Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett at a cost of £21.00 per person. This covers a two course meal, coffee and mints and gratuities. Drinks will be available for you to purchase from the bar.

The menu choices are:-

Main Course

- 1) Roasted Cod Loin on Curly Kale with Bur Blanc Sauce
- 2) Tarragon Roasted Norfolk Chicken with Bacon Roll, Chestnut and Apple Stuffing
- 3) Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire pudding
- 4) Potato Gnocchi with Crumbled Goats Cheese

Selection of Freshly Prepared Vegetables

Dessert

- a) Fresh Fruit Salad
- b) Chocolate Truffle Torte on a Raspberry Dressing with Tuille Biscuit
- c) Whisky and White Chocolate Croissant Bread and Butter pudding with Vanilla Seed Ice Cream
- d) Warm Bakewell Tart with Clotted Cream

Coffee and Mints

If you would like to attend please select your choices, complete the enclosed form and send with a cheque for £21.00 per person payable to NNKFA, no later than Tuesday 30 August, to:

Mrs Sandra Sheppard, 145 Waterworks Road, Norwich, NR2 4DF

Please note that no tickets will be issued for this event.



Reply slip

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Address

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Cheque, made payable to NNKFA, enclosed for persons at £21.00 per person

Signed Date



NEWSLETTER

Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association

Dedicated to Friendship

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Visitors from Novi Sad

It was good to have independent visitors to Norwich from Novi Sad.

Aleksandar and Jelena Zdjelar contacted the Association to say they were coming. Doug and Sandra (as Chairman and Secretary) were pleased to meet them and show them Norwich.



Doug. wrote on Facebook:

"Great to see that Aleksandar and Jelena Zdjelar chose to have a holiday in Norwich as their first visit to the U.K. They endured a 4 and half hour coach trip from Luton to get here, arriving after midnight last night. Sandra and I were very pleased to have coffee, lunch and a short tour of Norwich with them. Here they are both on Elm Hill in Norwich on the way to the Anglian Cathedral. Two very nice people from Novi Sad. I hope they enjoy the rest of their week here in Norwich."

The Annual Lunch

Enclosed with this Newsletter please find details of the Association Annual Lunch.

Please note a change of the time originally announced in the previous Newsletter.

The Lunch is always a popular event in the Association calendar affording, as it does, the opportunity for members to socialise in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Everyone always seems pleased to take part in a raffle which provides a boost to the Association's funds. Small gifts for prizes are always welcome which can be brought on the day.

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We have at last come to the end of the 'little brown envelopes' which have proved so useful as 'return envelopes' for forms and cheques. Some twenty years ago, when we were collecting things for our humanitarian aid programme, we were given several boxes of them. Over the years they must have saved the Association a pound or two.

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A message from Sandra the Secretary:

A gentle reminder that there are still one or two subscriptions outstanding. Could you check to see if you have paid. If you are not sure please 'phone her on Tel: 01953 601585



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



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

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

Report of : Twinning officer

Item

To : Twinning Committee 6 October 2015

Subject : Twinning Fund - Financial Position

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Report

A summary of income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of 08/07/2016 to 06/10/2016 as set out below:

TWINNING FUND

Twinning Activities

**General
Twinning
£**

Balance (In-hand) b/f 8 July 2016

2,577.55

Movements

Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association: Paul Cross Memorial January 2017

250.00

Kemp's Men of Norwich

350.00

Triorca Trust

500.00

Balance (In-hand) c/f 6 October 2016

1,477.55

Recommendation

To note the Twinning Fund balance (in-hand) at 6 October 2016 (£1,477.55)

Andy Futter
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