

# *The Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association*

*Dedicated to Friendship*

## **Derek Bishop**

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Derek Bishop life Vice-President and former Secretary of the Association.

Derek died on the night of Friday 24th July having suffered from a debilitating condition for some time.

There will be a Commemorative Service for Derek on Thursday August 6th. at 2.30 pm in Christchurch, Eaton, Norwich

When I took over from Derek as Secretary I became fully aware of the incredible amount of commitment he made to the Association and the significant amount of time he dedicated to it. He was the moving force behind the formation of the Association and it was his enthusiasm that ensured its success and longevity.

Derek had many interests which other organisations can vouch for. I can only be witness to his contribution to the Association.

Derek was brilliant with paperwork and when he retired as Secretary he handed over an immaculate set of papers along with a set of instructions that told what to do and when to do it! It is solely due to his attention to detail that we have a complete set of documents relating to the Association from day one. I have always felt that if I did not keep up this habit I would be letting Derek down.

The first Newsletters were produced by Derek on his typewriter – six carbon copies at a time.

Having spent a professional lifetime in Education Derek was always keen to encourage links between young people. It was of great regret to him that the pupil exchange between Norwich and Novi Sad ceased. It was, therefore, on a recent visit to Derek that we were able to tell him of the success of the contact between music pupils. Although he could not speak we knew from his response that he understood and was pleased.

Peter Beckley.

This letter accompanies separate details of the forthcoming Annual Luncheon.

Other events are also announced.

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## **Events**

### **Heritage Open Days**

The theme for the Heritage Open Days in Norwich from September 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> is 'International Connections' and we have been asked if the Association would like to contribute to this weekend. The committee felt that this was a very good opportunity to reach a slightly different audience and try to tell more peo-

ple about Novi Sad. It has been arranged that we will put up the **exhibition of photos of Vojvodina** (which we showed in the Forum a while back) in **City Hall on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** when City Hall will also be open as part of the weekend. In addition Diana will give an illustrated talk on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm in City Hall** entitled '**Novi Sad -**

### **Norwich's Serbian Twin'.**

The talk will be FREE but will be by ticket only. **Tickets are available from HEART at the Guildhall in Norwich.**



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*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.*

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

Caroline Lock (Sub Committees).

## **Paul Cross Concert Memorial Concert**

The Concert this year will be the first event to celebrate 50 years of contact between Norwich and Novi Sad.

There is a new venue for the concert — the Norwich Playhouse.

Our friends Marina Milić-Apostolović and Milan Miladinović with a programme entitled "Chopin and Liszt—friends and rivals" to mark the 200th birthday of Chopin and the 50th anniversary of the friendship between the two cities.

We are looking forward to some breathtaking performances from this dynamic pair as they give of

their time and talents to help raise funds for the Milan Petrović school for children with special needs. The programme includes works by Bach-Busoni, Liszt, and Serbian composer Mokranjac, as well as Chopin's Study Op. 10 No. 12 specially adapted for this amazing duo.

There will be the usual arrangement for members to purchase their tickets at an advantageous price prior to the tickets going on sale to the public at £15.

These tickets will be available from Wendy Quinn for £13.

## **Visits**

### **Study Visit**

There will be visitors from Novi Sad during September. A delegation from The Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments will be meet-

ing members of the HEART team to exchange views and expertise.

### **Music Students**

A return visit to Novi Sad by three music students will take place at the beginning of September. The concert they gave in Norwich with students from Novi Sad was a great success and it is anticipated their concert in Novi Sad will be as enjoyable and successful.

There are plans to send a much larger group of young musicians to Novi Sad in 2010.

*Norwich 20 Group Art  
Exhibition*

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Information for Twinning Committee.

Novi Sad Cultural Visit to East of England.  
21<sup>st</sup>. September – 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

A visit for the Director and staff of The Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Monuments of the City of Novi Sad was organised by the above Office.

Mr. Mike Loveday of HEART initiated a programme for the visitors which provided them with much of the information they sought regarding the preservation and management of historic buildings.

Over two days many of the important buildings in Norwich were visited and a day was spent in Cambridge comparing and contrasting the buildings of note in both cities.

The whole visit was considered a considerable success by the visitors. It is hoped that there may be an opportunity sometime in the near future for Mr. Loveday to visit Novi Sad.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Peter L. Beckley'.

Peter Beckley. MBE.,  
Hon. Cit. Novi Sad.