

Twinning committee

Date: Thursday, 05 October 2017

Time: 16:00

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

Committee members:

Lord Mayor (ex officio) (chair)
Councillor Bremner (vice chair)
Councillor Brociek-Coulton
Councillor Maxwell
Councillor Peek
Councillor Raby
Councillor Ryan
Councillor Schmierer
Councillor Wright
Ralph Gayton (El Viejo)
Waltraud Jarrold (Koblenz)
Jill Noble (Koblenz)
Sandra Underwood (Novi Sad)
Doug Underwood (Novi Sad)
Chris Rowe (Rouen)
Chairman (Norfolk County Council)
(ex officio)

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To receive questions / petitions from the public

Please note that all questions must be received by the committee officer detailed on the front of the agenda by **10am on Monday, 2 October 2017**

Petitions must be received must be received by the committee officer detailed on the front of the agenda by **10am on Wednesday, 4 October 2017**

For guidance on submitting public questions or petitions please see appendix 1 of the council's constitution.

3 Declarations of interest

(Please note that it is the responsibility of individual members to declare an interest prior to the item if they arrive late for the meeting)

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Purpose - This report informs the committee of the income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of 1 June to 21 September 2017.

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To receive the reports of the Twinning associations.

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Date of publication: **Wednesday, 27 September 2017**

MINUTES

Twinning committee**16:00 to 16:45****15 June 2017**

Present: Councillors Fullman (Lord Mayor and chair, following election), Bremner (vice chair following election), Maxwell, Peek and Wright; and Ralph Gayton (El Viejo), Waltraud Jarrold and Jill Noble (Koblenz); Sandra and Doug Underwood (Novi Sad) and Ann and Chris Rowe (Rouen)

Apologies: Councillors Brociek-Coulton, Ryan and Schmierer

1. Appointment of chair

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Fullman, Lord Mayor, as the chair for the ensuing civic year.

2. Appointment of vice chair

Two nominations for vice chair were received. Councillor Wright acknowledged his nomination but declined due to his other roles within the council.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Bremner as the vice chair for the ensuing civic year.

3. Public questions/petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

4. Declarations of interest

The chair declared an interest in item 8 (below), Civic visit – Day of the Cities in Novi Sad as Lord Mayor

5. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017.

(The chair pointed out that the numbering on the agenda was out of sequence. Members agreed the order that items would be taken.)

6. Twinning Fund – Financial position

RESOLVED, having considered the report, to note that the twinning fund closing balance (in hand) at 1 June 2017 is £3,899,69

7. Paul Cross Memorial Concert

Doug Underwood presented the report.

During discussion members considered the publicity for the concert. The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association prepared a press release for the event and members suggested that the city council's communications team could assist with circulating this to its press contacts. The committee also considered that other councillors would be interested in attending the concert.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) approve the grant of £250 to the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association to support the annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert;
- (2) ask the democratic and elections manager to liaise with the communications team to assist with the publication of the press release and to advertise the concert within the city council.

8. Civic visit – Day of the Cities in Novi Sad

(The Lord Mayor having declared a pecuniary interest in this item did not take any part in the discussion. Councillor Bremner as vice chair was in the chair).

Doug Underwood referred to the report and explained the importance of the annual Day of the Cities to the people of Novi Sad and of his regret that the Lord Mayors had not been able to attend for a couple of years. It would be a great honour if the present Lord Mayor attended the event because he had been Lord Mayor in 1989 when the twinning treaty was signed.

Councillor Maxwell and Ralph Gayton endorsed the proposal to pay the travel expenses for the Lord Mayor to attend the meeting. Councillor Maxwell expressed her regret that she had been unable to attend last year due to a conflict with another engagement as Lord Mayor.

Councillor Bremner said that the Whiffers might be interested in attending the event at their own expense.

RESOLVED to approve the payment of travel costs for the Lord Mayor to attend the Day of the Cities in Novi Sad.

(The Lord Mayor resumed the chair at this point.)

9. Reports of the Twinning Associations

(Copies of the reports of the twinning associations were circulated at the meeting.)

The Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association

Doug Underwood presented Norfolk and Norwich Sad Association's newsletter for June 2017, which was circulated at the meeting. Councillor Maxwell as Lord Mayor and president of the association had chaired the annual general meeting in April 2017. Plans were in place for the annual Paul Cross Memorial concert which would be held on 13 January 2018. Novi Sad had been awarded European City of Culture in 2021. He thanked the city council officers who had assisted with the bid. There could be opportunities for the twin cities to hold events in 2021 to celebrate Novi Sad's special status as European City of Culture.

The Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo Friendship Link

Ralph Gayton presented his report and highlighted the work of the Norfolk and Norwich – El Viejo Friendship Link in improving latrines at the schools in El Viejo that were involved in its education programme. The latrines were mostly earth closets where volcanic ash was used. The poor standard of latrines resulted in health problems and absenteeism from school. The Link did not have the resources to address this issue itself and was looking at ways that it could raise awareness of this major health issue.

Discussion ensued in which members considered sending a letter from the committee to the World Health Organisation UNESCO and the Nicaraguan embassy.

The Norfolk and Norwich / Koblenz Friendship Association

Waltraud Jarrold presented the report on behalf of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association. The highlight of the association's annual general meeting was the presentation by Phyllida Scrivens of her book "Escaping Hitler" on Joe Stirling's escape from Germany, on one of the "children's trains". Councillor Maxwell, as Lord Mayor, had made a civic visit to Koblenz in April. The choirs of the Norwich Philharmonic and the Koblenz Musik Institut performed in Koblenz; a tradition going on for 34 years. Professor Mathias Breitschaft, music director at the Koblenz Musik Institut, had come to Norwich specially to hear the Norwich Philharmonic performance of "The Seasons" prior to this event. Preparations for the Triorca visit to Novi Sad in July were underway. The summer outing had been to Audley End. The weekly German conversation group continued to meet and had raised money for Feed the Minds and Meningitis Now. The association's annual visit to Koblenz would take place in September. The radio hams were still active and in contact with their German counterparts. The association also wanted to revitalise the link between the libraries of the twinned cities.

Councillor Maxwell expressed her gratitude for the hospitality that she had received on the civic visit.

The committee noted that the Norfolk and Norwich / Koblenz Friendship Association would celebrate 40 years next year (1978 to 1918). The Lord Mayor had been invited to visit Koblenz to mark this occasion in April 2018. Members also

considered that representatives of Koblenz should visit Norwich for the Lord Mayor's celebrations in July 2018. The association also wanted to revitalise the link between the libraries of the twinned cities.

The Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association

Chris Rowe presented the May edition of "L'Amitie"; the newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich Rouen Friendship Association. Members of the association had visited Rouen in May. The trip had been able to go ahead due to financial support from the association. A highlight of the trip was the speech by Christophe Tierry where he had reiterated the successes of twinning. The association's next events would be the annual garden party in July and the annual "November Dinner". The Lord Mayor and consort would be invited to attend. The association would like to encourage younger people to participate in twinning activities.

During discussion members of the Lord Mayor said that he was chair of the Norwich Charitable Trusts and that there could be funding available to encourage young people to participate in twinning activities, for instance to improve web and social media links to the twinning associations.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the reports and activities of the twinning associations;
- (2) ask associations wishing to invite the Lord Mayor to events to contact Josie Powell, civic co-ordinator, on 212081 or by email: josiepowell@norwich.gov.uk
- (3) welcome the award of 2021 European City of Culture to Novi Sad and to consider events to celebrate this in Norwich;
- (4) note that it is the fortieth anniversary of the Norfolk and Norwich / Koblenz Friendship Association next year.
- (5) ask representatives of the twinning associations to contact the Lord Mayor for information about the funding available from the Norwich Charitable Trusts.

10. Grants to the twinning associations

(The chair agreed to take this item as an urgent item.)

The committee officer apologised for the omission of a written report to the meeting and explained that it was usual at the first meeting of the year to agree the grants to the twinning associations. Novi Sad, Rouen and Koblenz were given a grant of £200 a year to help cover the association's costs. The El-Viejo Friendship Link chose to have postage and use of rooms instead of a grant.

Following discussion the committee:

RESOLVED to:

- (1) grant £200 to each of the three twinning associations, Koblenz, Novi Sad and Rouen:
- (2) note that the Norfolk and Norwich El Viejo Friendship Link has preferred to retain support in kind, ie, photocopying etc.

11. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday, 5 October 2017 at 16:00.

CHAIR

Report to Twinning committee
5 October 2017
Report of Director of business services
Subject Twinning Fund – Financial Position

Item

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Purpose

This report informs the committee of the income and expenditure of the committee in respect of twinning activities for the period of 1 June 2017 to 21 September 2017.

Recommendation

To note that the twinning fund closing balance (in hand) at 21 September 2017 is £3,299.69.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority to provide a prosperous and vibrant city. The twinning associations contribute to the council's service plan priority by promoting and fostering links and exchanges of all kinds between people of Norwich and the twin cities.

Financial implications

There are sufficient funds within the twinning account to cover this request.

Ward/s: Not applicable

Cabinet member: Councillor Ryan- health and wellbeing

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Background documents

None

Report

Twinning fund – financial position

1. The transactions since 1 June 2017 are as follows: Opening balance: **£3,899.69**

Expenditure transactions in from 1 June to 21 September 2017

| Date | Transactions | £ |
|-------------|--|--------|
| 07-Aug-2017 | Norfolk & Norwich Rouen Friendship Association | 200.00 |
| 07-Aug-2017 | Norfolk & Norwich Koblenz Friendship Ass | 200.00 |
| 07-Aug-2017 | Norfolk & Norwich Novi Sad Association | 200.00 |

Closing balance: **£3,299.69**

2. The twinning budget allocated to the committee this year is £2,060.00.
3. There may be some outstanding payments for twinning activities which have not yet been assigned to the twinning fund. These will be reported with the next statement.
4. The committee agreed at the last meeting to fund the expenses for the Lord Mayor's visit to the Day of the Cities in Novi Sad in principle. The committee also granted the Norfolk and Norwich Novi Sad Association £250 to support the Annual Paul Cross Memorial Concert which will show on the figures for the next meeting.
5. Members of the committee are reminded that applications for grants for twinning related activities can be made by completing a form and contacting the city council. The committee may also wish to put aside funding to support twinning associations to hold special events to celebrate anniversaries in Norwich or to visit twinned cities.
6. A briefing note on the city council's insurance arrangements for the twinning associations will be circulated at the meeting.



August 2017

Norfolk & Norwich / Koblenz Friendship Association

Understanding and Friendship our motto

–is more than ever relevant and to be pursued, strengthening our existing links and encouraging more new and younger members to join and provide continuation.

Annual General Meeting We started the 2017 NNKFA year, by tradition, with the AGM on March 10th at County Hall, graced by the Vice Chairman of Norfolk County Council, John Ward, and Joe Sterling with author Phyllida Scrivens, presenting her book, “Escaping Hitler” about Joe’s life story, including his escape from pre-war Germany on one of the “children’s trains”. The book had also just previously been presented at the German National Archive in Koblenz, and Joe’s original home of nearby Nickenich. Indeed a most memorable event.

Lord Mayor 2016 – 2017, paid a return visit to Koblenz, and we were delighted that Lord Mayor

Marion Maxwell and her consort were able to accept the invitation to Koblenz expressed by the Oberbürgermeister of Koblenz Prof. Dr. Joachim Hofmann Göttig during his 2016 visit to Norwich. This coincided with the pre-Easter visit by Waltraud and Richard to her home village of Winnigen, near Koblenz, and they were pleased to meet them on arrival in Koblenz, together with Günter Hahn, at the Hotel Brenner, and then take them by car along the Mosel and to a special Winnigen welcome. The official welcome by the Oberbürgermeister the next day was followed by a guided tour of the City Library, in the Koblenz Forum. Koblenz is still hoping to further increase the link with our City Library.

We thank the past Lord Mayor, and Sheriff, Richard Marks, for their support for twinning during their year in office, and we welcome the interest our new Lord Mayor, Councillor David Fullman, and Sheriff, David Walker, and look forward to welcoming them during the year.



Norwich Philharmonic Choir paid their four yearly exchange visit to Koblenz in 2017. Before their visit, on Saturday 18 March, at St. Andrews Hall, Norwich, they sang “The Seasons” by Haydn, and for this performance, the Koblenz Musik Institut Choir Conductor, Prof. Mathias Breitschaft, came especially to hear their performance, prior to the joint performance by both choirs in Koblenz on April 28 at the splendid Rhein/Mosel Halle. A remarkable 34 year tradition, most prominently and favourably recorded and reviewed by the Rheinzeitung in Koblenz, with a large photograph and heading “The Staatsorchester Rheinische Philharmonie and united singers of the Norwich Philharmonic Chorus and Koblenz Musik Institut”.

Diocesan Pentecost visit to Koblenz, by Bishop Graham and Mrs Julie James and the Dean of Norwich, The Very Reverend Jane Hedges and her husband, Mr Chris Hedges, took place from 3 to 6 June, strengthening our Diocesan link, and also taking part in the “Christusfest” in Festung Ehrenbreitstein.

DUaM German conversation group continues to meet weekly with a regular attendance of 12 to 14, and also support both “Feed the Minds” and “Meningitis Now” regularly.

Feed the Minds 48th Norwich Book Fair

Thanks to the Lord Mayor, Councillor David Fullman who opened the Book Fair and to all NNKFA members who supported the Book Fair in various ways – Habet Dank! So far we have reached £1400 and the remaining books have been collected and a donation received. It is more important than ever to provide education and guidance to the desperately needy people in the global South, working with local organisations. Burundi was our chosen country this year, where training for the Ministry is also supported.



NNKFA Summer Outing took place on Saturday 10 June, to Audley End House by coach.

The following report is contributed by Michael Salt

With our usual disciplined approach 31 of us were all assembled in the County Hall car park ready to meet our Spratts coach and our familiar and always cheerful driver Mark, this time accompanied by his wife who had just joined and became our latest member (welcome Emma) and we were able to depart ahead of schedule..

The weather was rather uncertain to start but improved through the morning and was pleasant by the time that we arrived at Audley End after a 90 minute journey.

Audley End has a long history going back to medieval times when it was Walden abbey until Henry VIII dissolved it. It was recreated as a very large and impressive Jacobean building by Thomas Howard, the first Earl of Suffolk with the intention of entertaining King James 1. Expense was no object but when it became clear that much of the money spent had been derived from his time as Lord Treasurer. In 1619 Suffolk and his wife were charged with embezzlement and sent to the Tower of London but a huge fine secured their release. Suffolk died in disgrace at Audley End in 1626.

Over the next century, parts of the house were gradually demolished until it was reduced to its current size. The main structure has remained little altered since the main front court was demolished in 1708 and the east wing came down in 1753. Sir John Griffin, fourth Baron Howard de Walden and first Baron Braybrooke introduced sweeping changes before he died in 1797.

In 1762, he commissioned Capability Brown to landscape the parkland, and Robert Adam to design new reception rooms on the house's ground floor in the neoclassical style of the 18th century with a formal grandeur.

The third Baron Braybrooke who inherited house and title in 1825, installed most of the house's huge picture collection, filled the rooms with furnishings, and reinstated something of the original Jacobean feel to the state rooms including a most impressive gallery and fireplace in the great hall which is the main feature of the house.

Audley End was requisitioned by the government in March 1941 and turned over to the Special Operations Executive (SOE). It was used to house the Polish branch of the SOE. A memorial to the 108 Poles who died in the service stands in the main drive. After the war, the ninth Lord Braybrooke resumed possession, and in 1948 the house was sold to the Ministry of Works, the predecessor of English Heritage who now looks after it.

In some respects the Braybrookes were advanced in the ways they developed the house, installing five flushing toilets before these were in use elsewhere. They also installed hot water pipes through much of the house. But they were reluctant to change traditional lighting arrangements and electricity was not installed until 1941 when it was essential for war work.

Our visit corresponded with a display of servants quarters with volunteers suitably dressed showing how things used to be when so much hard work was required to keep the house operational. Though the house was large the servants were few with



normally only one or two at the most in each role; Butler, Housekeeper, Lady's Maid, Footman, Housemaid, Steward's Boy.

Other parts of the servants working areas that were on display were the Laundry and the Dairy. There was a formidable amount of linen to be washed and cleaned and ironed and only two cleaners to do it all. Although there were very large and heavy primitive machines, one to squeeze out excess water and another to help roll sheets into some sort of order all the drying had to be done outside on racks in the courtyard. Since the Braybrooke's mostly used the house only during the hunting season, October to February, that must have been a particularly onerous process. Ironing with heavy flat irons that of course had to be constantly reheated themselves would have been an even more tiring task.

Not all of the upstairs of the house was open to visitors since three of the bedrooms were closed off in preparation for a film production but there was still so much to see, including a bed which had been made for a royal visit that never actually took place though every last detail had been put into place. It is impressively and almost frighteningly high and would have required a small step ladder to climb into.

Another major feature is the Nursery that was built as a self-contained suite of rooms for the 3rd Lord Braybrooke's eight children (five boys and three girls). There was a live in governess and Hannah, their mother, only saw them for one hour a day when they were allowed down to her private sitting room.

Curiously there is a coal store at the top of the house with rows of bunkers with considerable weight of coal in them (more than 100 tons a year) which was used for heating the water needed for baths and washing, and for the primitive heating system. The coal was hauled up through a window with a pulley and chain.

The Capability Brown parkland includes many of the neo-classical monuments, although some are not in the care of English Heritage. The grounds are divided by the river Cam, which is crossed by several ornate bridges, and a main road which follows the route of a Roman road.

The walled kitchen garden has been partly restored by an organic growing charity, in parts one can now imagine what it may have looked like in late Victorian times: full of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers, and on a warm and sunny afternoon that marked the latter part of our visit was most enjoyable to walk around. But the dependence on volunteer labour limits what can be done, and there was an infestation of caterpillars on the fruit trees for which no organic treatment had yet been found.

After a refreshing ice-cream and final walk across the beautifully kept park we were all back on the coach to depart at the scheduled time for another smooth journey back to Norwich grateful a most pleasant day out.



Triorca, The visit to Novi Sad for a joint training and concert, by young musicians from Norwich/Norfolk and the Koblenz Region took place from 25 July to 1 August.



Early reports record a happy and successful visit.

The Norwich Triorca Trust is most actively involved, in these exchange visits.

You can see photos of this visit and other information at <https://www.facebook.com/Triorca/>



Koblenz Visit September 2017. We will be visiting Koblenz on our biannual visit leaving Norwich Saturday 2 September, and returning Saturday 9 September. At present we are a party of 23 although we might still be able to fit anyone else in, who is keen to come with us.

We will be going to Winningen on the first evening for the end of the Wine Festival and to see the spectacular Fireworks Display on the banks of the River Mosel. Also included in our visit are a reception by the Oberbürgermeister in the Rathaus, a dinner at the Weindorf, at which we hope to be joined by some of our Koblenz friends, a visit to Bernkastel, a pretty wine village on the Mosel, with a boat trip to Traben Trarbach, a daytime visit to Winningen, including a Tractor Ride through the vineyards, and a visit to Wiesbaden, the interesting capital city of the state of Hessen, with a guided tour by coach through the city.

The Pilgrim Group from Koblenz will visit the Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich, during their tour of English Catholic Cathedrals on Saturday 9 September.

John Jennings will welcome them on behalf of NNKFA, as this is during our visit to Koblenz. It would be good if some other members could welcome them too. Please contact John.

We are sad to report the deaths of four members since the last Kontakt.

Dr. Janice Norman, former head of Heartsease School, now City Academy, Norwich and our vice chairman, whose radiant smile will continue to inspire us and give wise counsel.

Jim, the husband of Diana Ray. The playing of "Alte Kameraden" at his funeral is a comforting link

Elizabeth Waghorn, a long term supporter of NNKFA, who took part in many activities.

Norman Bacon, who joined NNKFA in 1982, and spent much time recording the war damage in Norwich, and honouring those who suffered, and also kept in touch with the widow of a German Aircrew member killed during 1942, and cared for their war graves in Earlham Cemetery. A delegation from Koblenz came to the 50th anniversary service, which he was involved in organising.

Norwich District Photographic Society held their annual Photographic Exhibition in the Hostry at the cathedral at the end of July. As usual it was a very interesting and imaginative display, with a stand full of photos from their twin Fotoclub Koblenz. This link first started in 1987 through the initiative of Ron Courtenay, one of our members, who now lives in New Zealand. NNKFA presents a trophy each year for one of the photos from Koblenz.

Future Events:

Sunday 17 September. Park Farm, Hethersett. Annual Birthday Luncheon

Monday 4 December. Great Hospital Advent Evening

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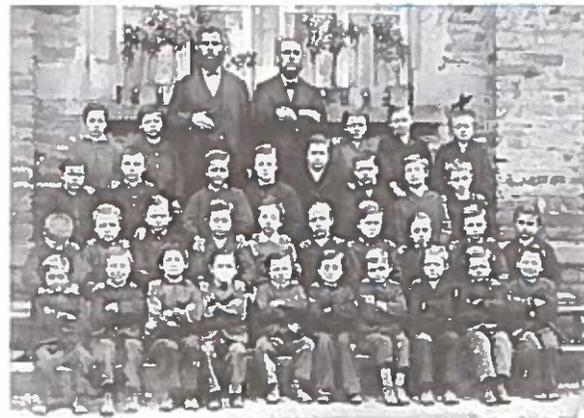
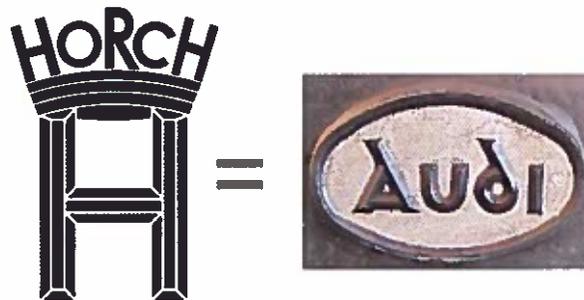
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Newsletter of the Norfolk and Norwich Friendship Association.

Email <http://nrfa.weebly.com>

September 2017

Welcome members.

You will notice from the heading we have an email site now, please visit and comment.

What's been happening ?

The annual garden party took place this year in Beryl Blower's garden, Saturday 15th July. It was a good turn out with lots of good food, drinks, conversation and games !



A very good venue and thanks to Beryl.

Earlier in July Christophe Thierry visited Norwich with a group to investigate film making. We met up with him and his group in the Adam & Eve public house. More information can be had by visiting the Rouen-Norwich-Club web site, "This is England"

In Rouen in November there is a festival of films, details of which can be seen at the above web site.

The display in Norwich Castle Museum of the Tricolour is quite impressive. If members have not seen it yet it runs until the beginning of October. Well worth a visit.

Looking ahead the annual November Dinner will take place at the Debut Restaurant at Norwich City College on November the 29th .As soon as menu's are available we send out to the membership.

Further ahead in 2019 will be the 60th anniversary of the Norwich-Rouen link. The Armada of tall sailing ships will be in Rouen moored on the banks of the river Seine. When dates are known we will let the membership know. It is hoped we will have a lot of members interested in this event and we need to secure accommodation and travel for this. We will have to get working on this so members who wish to take part let us know.

