

Lytham St Annes Twinning Association Newsletter December



2012



Werne 25-30 October 2012

A party of 28 people, mostly members of the Lytham St Anne's Twinning Association,

an international tent, and numerous funfair rides. The twinning association had a table in the tent and sold jams and

presented a Fylde Borough Council plaque with the St Anne's town crest and motto on it to the Internatinal Club Werne Chairman and Deputy Mayor Gudrun Holtrup.



The twinning association will celebrate 30 years of partnership with Werne in 2014. Representatives from the German town have been invited to Lytham St Annes to commemorate the occasion.

visited Werne at the end of October to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the German town's market charter in 1362.

The St. Anne's Town Mayor, Cllr Angela Jacques, and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Viv Willder, also went along. Cllr Jacques even baked oat biscuits and Goosnargh cakes to sell in the international tent at the event.

The group was welcomed at Werne's town hall on arrival with goulash soup and soft drinks and enjoyed several days of warm hospitality, most staying with host families and the rest in town centre hotels at their own expense. Cllr Jacques said, "We were well looked after and had a wonderful time."

As is the custom at the Sim-Ju celebrations, the centre of Werne was full of market stalls,

chutneys made by two members from allotment and garden produce, mouse mats and fridge magnets decorated with local views, beer from Lytham brewery, rock provided by Harwood's newsagents, and a set of pencils in a case donated by Semple's newsagents.



Cllr Jacques presented the Werne Mayor, Lothar Christ, with a rose bowl donated by Fylde Borough Council and engraved by the twinning association. Chairman Barbara Mackenzie



German Circle Presentation 7 November 2012

One of the twinning association members, Linda Page, gave a presentation last month to members of the Blackpool German Circle. She spoke in German and used power-point to show slides about Werne and the Sim-Ju celebrations.

Linda also told the group about our association, passing on our web site address and an invitation to consider becoming members. We shall follow this up by sending the German Circle a list of future twinning association events.

Thank you, Linda, for helping to spread the word!

Fundraising

As mentioned in the Werne visit article, we have informally invited a group from Werne to come to Lytham St Annes in 2014 to celebrate 30 years of our twinning partnership. This will be followed by a formal invitation next year.

Our German friends are keen to take part so we will need to do some fundraising between now and then so we can show them the same warm hospitality they showed to us this year on our Sim-Ju visit.

The committee has done a feedback survey from the trip and some of the questions related to fundraising so we have some ideas to work with, but if anyone else has any suggestions, please contact one of the committee members or email to lsatwinning@googlemail.com

Calling all Foodie Fans

The committee is considering putting together a cookery book made up of ours and our German partners' own favourite recipes. It is hoped that the finished book can be sold here and in Werne. So please send up to three of your own recipes together with any anecdotal, historic, or family stories/photographs associated with them to John Regan, who is collating them, on podolipotter@sky.com

Deadline date for contributions is the end of January.

Future Events

It will be 'Eyes Down' for our next event, a bingo/social evening with supper in early February. Date to be finalised.

Other events we have been considering include a musical evening in partnership with the Lytham St Anne's College of Technology and Performing Arts, a wine tasting, and another treasure hunt.

Social News`

Prior to our trip to Werne in October, the travellers came together for a 'get to know each other' and 'share past experiences' evening. It was held at the cricket club with a hotpot supper and bar. Everyone said how good it was to meet everyone else before travelling together on the coach to Werne. It was especially helpful for those people being hosted together and for the one or two who had never visited Werne.

After the trip, we held another get-together to swap stories and take part in a quiz. This was also held at the cricket club and helped to raise £123.50 for our funds and to persuade us that a visit to Werne could be an annual event, at least for some. Linda Page's group won the shield.



Piper Bill Bisset at a civic reception.



St Anne's town mayor Cllr Angela Jacques and translator Linda Page.

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