

Newsletter August 2016



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German High School visit to Cirencester



Cirencester Deer Park School

On 12th July we had a great day welcoming 52 High School students and their teachers from Itzehoe. All of the students were hosted for half a day at Deer Park School, partnered up with a Deer Park pupil and attending their lessons and activities. Cirencester Twinning Association was thrilled to be able to find further opportunities within the town to introduce the students to Cirencester and a little more of British culture.

Eighteen students visited Powell's Primary School and had the opportunity to experience Assembly – not a feature of the German school day – as well as leading sessions within individual classrooms. The children enjoyed hearing about Germany, and in turn their partner students got a greater insight into life in English schools, and a chance to practise their English on a kind audience!

The rest of the group undertook a town trail and quiz and had lots of fun asking people they met in the street to help them with the quiz questions. Cadbury's chocolate for the winning team was clearly a good incentive!

The CTA was thrilled to be able to offer hospitality to the group, and are looking forward to repeating and hopefully extending our hospitality to the group due to visit in 2017. Meanwhile, there are plans for a link between Powell's and a primary school in Itzehoe – watch this space!

In the words of the students: "I am FUMPF!!" – Lily, age 5



Powell's Primary School German lesson

A visit in a primary school in Cirencester

Some student's of us visited a primary school in Cirencester. We two(Fridtjof and Leon) visited ten years old student's which asked us many questions about our school, Germany and us.

They asked where we live, our hobbies and what we like about Germany. They asked us about our school too. We answered questions how many lessons we have, which we like and which we doesn't like. We also answered what we like very much and we doesn't like so much about our school.

They asked something about German food and the German landscape.

They want to know if we like football or other sport activities.

The majority tried to speak some German words like „Danke“, „bitteschön“ or „Guten morgen“ what means „Thanks“, „you are welcome“ and „good morning“.

One of the girls is a half German and went every year to Germany and speak a littlebit German and that very well.

After we have answered all questions, we ate something to lunch and visited the high school.

In throughout it was a nice day in the primary school and we recommend the visit to other classes, which go in the next years on the class trip.

By: Leon and Fridtjof



German students lunching at the Abbey Grounds

Our trip to Cirencester

After an hour drive to Cirencester we went to a school with nice students, who welcomed us very warmly. The morning at the school was interesting and some of us would have liked to stay longer. For the afternoon we went through a very pretty and huge park. At the ending there was a castle-like house and through small alleys we walked to the old town centre. In a smaller park next to St. John Church we had lunch break and started a quiz about Cirencester. While solving the quiz we met very polite people, which gave us the answers. The city is quite cool. It was a very nice trip to Cirencester.

By: Lennard and Julian - Sophie Scholl
Gymnasium

Forthcoming trips to Germany –All invited

<http://www.itzehoe.de/itzehoe/partnerstaedte/partnerschaftsverein/>

Here is a link to the Itzehoe twinning website. The association, fronted by Renate Wilms-Marzisch, is very active and regularly extend invitations to Cirencester to visit.



Lubeck Christmas Market

The **next visit** proposed is for the Christmas Advent Markets. The Itzehoe invites the people of Cirencester every year for a weekend at the end of November. There has also been an official invitation for Cirencester people to visit on 27th May 2017 to coincide with their Weinfest. Please email the CTA if you would like to go to either or both of these!

Bastille Day Supper



The Wilts and Glos Standard reported on a most successful Bastille Day Celebration dinner, hosted by Jackie Gloyn. Bastille Day was celebrated by 32 members and friends of the newly reformed Cirencester Twinning Association (CTA) with a French themed meal at the home of member Jackie Gloyn. It was a lot of fun, and a total of over £700 was raised which will be put towards the programme of our first official group of visitors from our twin town of Itzehoe, Germany.

The Bastille Supper has kick started the fundraising for the forthcoming host weekend in

April (Easter) 2017. The CTA is looking for individuals and families here in Cirencester and this immediate area who would like to host our guests at Easter, perhaps just enjoying the experience or wanting to visit our twin town for their Christmas market, or later in 2017 or 2018.

If you are interested please contact CTA on cirencestertwinning@gmail.com

Watermoor Primary School Fete



Freya and Ted Dicker enjoy their school fete

The CTA was proud to support the Watermoor School Fete by providing a white elephant stall at the Fete. The overall fete raised £3200 for the school, and the CTA was able to raise a small amount for its Twinning Weekend funds in the process.

Weinfest Trip May 2016

by Joan Oakeshott

Following the success of our visit to Itzehoe last November to see the Christmas markets, a small group accepted Itzehoe's invitation to participate in their Weinfest at the end of May.

As before we stayed with local host families and were warmly welcomed. We were wined, dined and entertained in cafes, restaurants and in their own homes most royally over the long weekend.

Since Itzehoe, unlike much of Germany, is not a wine growing area I was surprised that they should hold an annual Weinfest but I was told that they

had just thought it would be rather fun and so it has proved now for some years.

The Weinfest turned out to be rather like a summer version of the Christmas markets but without the Glühwein, the Christmas decorations and presents. There was a lot of music, choirs, brass bands, jazz, folk and pop music and lots to eat and drink. Not only was there wine on offer but also beer, cocktails, spirits and, of course, soft drinks.

It seemed that the whole of Itzehoe, young and old, had turned out to enjoy themselves and so also had most of the neighbouring towns.



The festivities started with a hearty rendition of sea shanties by the local Shanty Choir. Itzehoe is, of course, quite close to the North Sea. The opening ceremony was performed by the Bürgermeister by drinking and sharing a toast from the most enormous wineglass. As the evening wore on, the crowds grew thicker and the music seemed to get louder but there was a general atmosphere of good-humoured, friendly enjoyment.

As well as our group from Cirencester there were also visitors from twinning partners from France and from Malchin in the former East Germany so one could hear a variety of languages being spoken.

The weather was good all weekend. The only time it rained in Itzehoe we were out exploring Schleswig Holstein and the North Sea coast. We had an open top bus tour of Hamburg, with commentaries in both English and German. We saw ships on the Kiel Canal, huge flood barriers to prevent the low-lying coast lands from being flooded, pretty little towns and villages and lovely countryside. We had an interesting tour of the

Passat, one of the last of the old merchant sailing ships now moored as a floating museum at Travemunde.

I think the highlight of our tour of the countryside was a visit to the Nolde museum and art gallery. Nolde was a German expressionist painter, active from the end of the nineteenth century to the middle of the twentieth. He is well known and well regarded in Germany but until this visit I am ashamed to say that I had never heard of him. Some of his paintings are not altogether easy to understand but it was well worth the visit. These sightseeing visits around the area were organised by Renate Wilms-Marzisch and her husband, Uwe, patiently provided all the transport.

The Itzehoe twinning enthusiasts will pay a return visit to Cirencester over the long Easter weekend in 2017. If we are to repay their hospitality the Cirencester Twinning Association will have a lot of work to do.

Club des Amis



Talk French to old friends and new over a set meal at French Club , last Tuesday of the month. Meet 19:00 at Piazza Fontana. For details and bookings contact Tom Kidman on

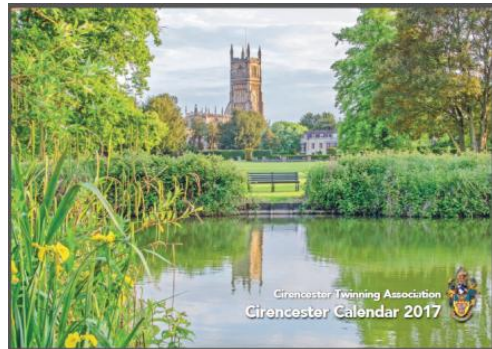
kidman@talktalk.net

Next Committee Meeting Tues 13th September
7:30pm 32 Watermoor Road.

New Members most welcome.

Hosting weekend 14th-17th April 2017 (Easter Weekend). Are you able to host and join in the fun?

CTA Calendar 2017 - HOT OFF THE PRESS!



In conjunction with the Cirencester Camera Club, CTA has produced a Cirencester Calendar for 2017.

Soon to be on sale at the Corinium Museum or directly via CTA if you email

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