



CIRENCESTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Twin town visit from Itzehoe, 11 – 15 July 2019

Cirencester Twinning Association was delighted to welcome a group of 24, mostly from Itzehoe, our twin town in Germany, but also from Malchin in what was East Germany, who are also twinned with Itzehoe. The weather was glorious throughout the visit so we were able to show off the Cotswolds at their very best.



We enjoyed several meals together and are very grateful to our Mayor, Patrick Coleman for his support during the visit. The Mayor of Itzehoe, Dr Koeppen, and the leader of the council, Dr Mueller, also came for the weekend and we all enjoyed a civic reception at the Bingham Library. Corinium Radio interviewed several members of the group and their English hosts and you can listen to the interview by going onto their website and following their links.

Together as a group we visited Chedworth Roman Villa and Sudeley Castle and then on Sunday 14 July we enjoyed guided tours of the town by the Civic Society before congregating around the tree in Cricklade Street to take photos. The bench and tree were presented to Cirencester by Itzehoe in 1993. The tub with the badges of Cirencester and Itzehoe, cared for by the Phoenix Gardeners, added greatly to the setting. In the afternoon we enjoyed listening to Cirencester Band as they celebrated their centenary, joined by members of the Oelixdoerfer band.



Our group in Cricklade Street



Our guided tour of Sudeley Castle

Our German friends departed, leaving us with invitations to join them at the advent markets or the wine festival in May. Itzehoe is also planning a major twinning celebration with all their twin towns next June and would be delighted to see people from Cirencester there. For details of these events and further information about the twinning association please go to the Cirencester Twinning Association website where we will post information as we receive it.

We are hoping to arrange for a group of our friends from Saint Genis Laval to visit us some time next summer – details will be posted on the website as they develop. Get in touch if you would like to be involved – hosting, organising, catering or just being convivial!

Membership

Hosting our German and French friends has given great pleasure and satisfaction to everyone involved. New people come into our lives at the beginning of the week and

often leave as life-long friends. This wonderful friendship between our countries becomes even more relevant with our country's own uncertain relationship with Europe. We look forward to the continuing support of our current membership and are actively seeking new members of all ages and backgrounds.

To join, please download the form found under 'Contact Us' cirencestertwinningassociation.org.uk

Subs

Subs are due in September of each year. Payment details are available on our website.

Committee Members

If you would like to go one step further then please think about joining our committee which meets generally 5/6 times a year. We need 2 or 3 new Committee members and younger members are particularly welcome. Tetbury Twinning has been in touch with a view to collaboration and maybe sharing social events which we would welcome.

Future Events

28 Nov – 3 Dec 19 – invitation from Itzehoe to visit the Christmas markets. They are very generous hosts and the markets are always a delight Everyone invited!

30 Nov 19 Help needed for assistance on the Twinning Stall in the Market Place. We shall be pouring drinks, selling cakes, selling our 2020 Fundraising Calendar and chatting to the folks of Cirencester!

3 – 8 Jun 20 Itzehoe are inviting us along with their French, Polish and Malchin partners for a bonanza long weekend.