

# **TWTFA AGM 2008**

## **Events and Activities Time Chart April 2007- March 2008**

### **2007**

1-2 May: **Claus Rönsch, Herbert Gölz** visit TW. Discuss football and hockey plans.

3-7 May: **Christoph Nielbock, Director Wiesbaden Music Academy**, visits TW at joint invitation of TWTFA and RTW Music Festival. Stays with TWTFA Chairman. 5 May gives entertaining and informative talk at St John's Church Centre: 'Making Music on the Rhine: the Musical Life of Wiesbaden.' Attendance only 20, but audience well pleased. Attends Music Festival performances and meets leading figures of TW musical life, also visits Kent Music in Maidstone to discuss possible co-operation.

27 May: **RTW Choral Society** gives Whitsun Concert (Elgar: 'The Kingdom') with **Wiesbaden Bach Choir** in Rochester Cathedral.

15-17 June: **Pembury Junior Footballers** aged 8-11 visit Wiesbaden for tournament with Wiesbaden teams. Total of 57 in Pembury party, players plus parents. Footballers also give a **cricket demonstration** – dressed in whites - and play against a Wiesbaden junior cricket team. Widely reported in Wiesbaden press.

16-17 June: Robert Gibson visits Wiesbaden to make final arrangements for TW Hockey Club visit to Wiesbaden later in the year.

26 June: visit to TW of forty-two 14-15 year olds and three teachers from the **Dilthey Gymnasium**. TWTFA arranges and pays for two blue-badge guides to provide town tour and facilitates civic reception by the Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cobbold.

28 June – 1 July: **visit of Cllr Ron Weeden and Barbara to Wiesbaden** to mark handover by Oberbürgermeister Diehl to new Oberbürgermeister Helmut Müller.

1 July: **TWTFA barbecue** in Margaret Fuller's garden – 36 tickets sold, raffle and art auction raise £119.

7-14 July: **pupil exchange**: Rebecca O'Such stays in Cranbrook with McLean family in exchange for Victoria McLean, studying German at Cranbrook School, who goes to Wiesbaden 14-21 July.

July: **Euro-Youth Project in Wiesbaden**. 10 young people each from Wiesbaden, TW, and San Sebastian – also twinned with Wiesbaden - participate in 'Time for Friends' project as part of EU 'Youth in Action' programme.

24-27 July: TWTFA members asked by St John's to help find accommodation for 50 Croatian scouts staying in RTW before Centenary Jamboree in Chelmsford.

27 July - 3 August: four members participate in **20<sup>th</sup> International Twin Town Walk** based in Krajnska Gora, Slovenia.

5 August: 14 members and friends enjoy high summer outing **steam trip Tenterden to Bodiam** – with cream tea on return.

29 August: benefiting from hockey coach, TWTFa sends Wiesbaden Tourist Office two boxes of information brochures about RTW and area for Taunusstrassenfest – theme: Wiesbaden's partner towns.

29 Aug.- 2 Sept.: Robert Gibson and Mark Baldwin take **two RTW Hockey Club youth teams to Wiesbaden** by coach for tournament arranged by Claus Rönsch and Wiesbaden Hockey Club. Coach brings back gift of Wiesbaden wine for TWTFa.

6 November: talk by Alex King, Deputy Leader KCC: '**An International Strategy for Kent**'. Well attended, lively discussion and reported in the 'Courier'.

23-26 November: **RTW Choral Society in Wiesbaden** for joint performance with Bach Choir of 'The Kingdom' at Lutherkirche. Chairman travels to Wiesbaden on RTWCS coach and finally brings back 2 Brusberg cycle stands. Has productive talks with Claus Rönsch, Jutta O'Such, Friedrich Schrecker, Bernd Brusberg et al.

30 November: '**Unveiling**' of cycle stands by **Greg Clark MP and Mayor Councillor Barbara Cobbold** outside former Opera House (Weatherspoons).

4 December: talk and film by Chairman and Mary Bassendine: 'Walking in the Slovenian Alps' – impressions of the 20<sup>th</sup> Twin Town Walk. 36 people attend.

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12 January: **Annual Dinner at High Rocks**, Mayor Barbara Cobbold and Doug guests of honour. Well attended (34), venue, friendly service and meal all meet with general approval. Raffle raises £92.

27 Jan. – 9 February: **Friedrich Schrecker** with 19 students from Gymnasium am Mosbacher Berg on **work placements** in and around TW for seventh year running.

2 February: TWTFa table at Paddock Wood Lions Club dinner dance, High Rocks, Friedrich Schrecker guest of TWTFa.

8 February: **Mayoral Reception** in Council Chamber for placement students.

February: six Weald of Kent pupils of German on one-week placements in Wiesbaden arranged by Friedrich Schrecker and Beverley Worthington.

19 February: **talk by His Excellency Vygaudas Usackas, Lithuanian Ambassador**: 'The Experiences of Past and Present Lithuania: Living with Russia as a Neighbour'. Attended by 70 people and very well received.

29 March: **arrival of Stefanie Wolf**, student from Wiesbaden, for two-month placement with TWBC Economic Development Service.

(Michael Holman, March 2008)