

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Signing of Twinning Charter Tunbridge Wells-Wiesbaden (1989-2009)**

*Following visits to Tunbridge Wells of colleagues from Wiesbaden 19-25 May 2009, to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter, the following outcomes, proposals and action points were identified. In conjunction with the people named under individual items, the Twinning and Friendship Association will follow up and attempt to take the different proposals forward.*

### **Visit of Lord Mayor Dr Helmut Müller 19-21 May 2009**

- Support business link with 'Get-Cruising/Get Travelling' (Gary Wardrope, 32 The Pantiles), for planned 2-3 day 'thematic' excursions to and from Wiesbaden. 12 bottles of Wiesbaden wine plus promotional leaflets sent with Hermann Ehlers Schule coach in support of 'Get Travelling' Show, Corn Exchange 21 June 2009.
- Proposed Wiesbaden Day(s) for Tunbridge Wells in summer of 2010 – food, wine, music, entertainment, exhibition for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of first reconciliation mission to Wiesbaden in 1960. (Daryl Jones).
- Possible Wiesbaden participation in Pantiles Christmas Market(s) (Daryl Jones)
- Liaison with Frau Dr Friedrich (wife of Lord Mayor) to establish information exchange link in area of learning disability. Possible participants: TWTFa (Kay MacAndrew), Hermann Ehlers Schule (Frank Kimpel), Bennett Memorial School, Sue Gray (Tunbridge Wells District Partnership Group TWDPG).
- Invitations extended to Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Tunbridge Wells to visit Wiesbaden.
- Identify local musicians to play at Mayor-Making May 2010.
- Deputy Mayor David Jukes to call in at Wiesbaden Town Hall when passing through Germany on summer holiday

### **Visit of Frau Rita Thies, Herr Jörg-Uwe Funk (Kulturamt) and Herr Christoph Nielbock (Wiesbaden Music Academy WMK) 21-25 May 2009**

#### **Music:**

- Proposed visit of young musicians from TWGGS to Wiesbaden 2011 (Christoph Nielbock, Gill Field, Sue Waddington).
- Kent College Chamber Choir to visit Wiesbaden (Helen Bruce).
- Invitations to be extended to TW young musicians to participate in performances staged by the Wiesbaden Music Academy (Christoph Nielbock, Gill Field, Sue Waddington, Helen Bruce).
- Herr Nielbock to assist TWIYCA in identifying judges and contestants for TWIYCA 2010 (Iain Hamilton)
- Possible TW choral participation in 'Wiesbaden sings'.

**Theatre:**

- Suggested performances by Trinity Theatre Club in open air theatre festival early August 2010 in week immediately preceding Wiesbaden Wine Festival (Christine Phillip, Michael Elliott).

**Museum:**

- Suggested exhibitions in Wiesbaden of costume and/or Tunbridge Ware (Jo Wiltscher).

**Writers/artists:**

- Information exchanged on programme for crime writers in residence, one month in Wiesbaden at the Wiesbaden House of Literature (Literaturhaus).
- Information exchanged on artists in residence programme – 3-month periods in Wiesbaden for professional artists (decorative, plastic, visual etc.).

**Photography:**

- Proposal for young people from Wiesbaden and Tunbridge Wells to visit their partner towns to film (camcorder) aspects of life, concentrating on a theme relevant to their studies.
- Extend the above to photography, linking Mascall's (Mike Cater) and Bennett Memorial (Richard Tyson) with schools in Wiesbaden with similar strength in photography and visual arts.

**German studies:**

- Develop contacts between TWGGS (Christoph Link) and suitable Wiesbaden school for German placements.
- Develop contacts between Bennett Memorial (specialist Language status) with Hermann Ehlers Schule.

**Environmental issues:**

- Kate Sergeant (Town Forum and Transition Team) to contact Frau Thies when visiting Wiesbaden in October for Soroptomists Anniversary meeting

**Other:**

- Councillor John Davies to contact Frau Thies prior to his visit to Wiesbaden summer 2009.

*If you have other suggestions for co-operation with colleagues in Wiesbaden, or wish to take any of the suggested items forward yourself, please let me know.*

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