

Programme for 2006

3rd - 5th March. Summit meeting with representatives from Kelkheim. The Summit meeting will take place on the 4th March at Wycombe District Council offices. Kelkheim will be represented by Beate Matuschek and Peter Hillebrecht.

18th March. Bowling at RAF Daws Hill. Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £6 for children. This allows two games of bowling, shoe hire and a meal. Please book using the booking form on the enclosed leaflet.

5th - 7th May. delegation from High Wycombe to visit Kelkheim for the 20th anniversary of the twinning link.

24th May. AGM of High Wycombe Town Twinning Association to be held at Wycombe Council Offices.

Officers and Committee for 2005/6

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High Wycombe Town Twinning Association

Newsletter



February 2006

From the Chairman

I would like to thank you for your continuing support of the Town Twinning Association.

Last year we passed a milestone with the 20th anniversary of the twinning link celebrated in High Wycombe. This took the form of a civic dinner with Dr. Klaus Fischer and five of his colleagues from Kelkheim on the evening of last year's Mayor Making.

We had a successful trip to Kelheim with 21 people from High Wycombe making the trip. You can read more about it inside.

The Kelkheim celebration of the 20th anniversary takes place in Germany in May this year and will be attended by the Mayor and members of the twinning association.

The Association is looking at the possibility of a twin with a town in France called Vernon which is situated on the Seine between Paris and Rouen. We are hoping that representatives from Vernon will be visiting High Wycombe in the near future to see if they are interested in moving this forward. I hope to have more information on this exciting development by the time of the AGM.

Later on in the year we will be hosting visitors from Kelkheim for their regular biennial visit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Green".

2005 Visit to Kelkheim



Early in the morning of Friday 7th October a group of people from the High Wycombe area met in a car park in Cressex to join a coach to Heathrow Airport. This was the first leg of the biennial trip to Kelkheim, in Germany, organised by the High Wycombe Town Twinning Association.

They were met at Frankfurt Airport by Dr. Klaus Fischer, the Chairman of the Parliament in Kelkheim, and Dr. Beate Matuschek, Kelkheim's twinning co-ordinator.

Friday afternoon was spent on a tour of Wiesbaden where they visited the State Chancellery, the Russian Cathedral, the Opera House and the Culture Halls. They were then taken to Kelkheim where they met the people who were going to host them.

On Saturday, they and their hosts all met up at Saalburg where there is a reconstructed Roman Fort. In the afternoon they split up and did separate things. Some went shopping while others went sightseeing. In the evening everybody met up at the Merlin Restaurant, in a former TB hospital, sited high in the hills above Kelkheim. They were joined by Thomas Horn, the Mayor of Kelkheim, and speeches and presentations were made, including one to the current and three former Mayors of High Wycombe who were on the trip each of whom received a locally made jug.

On the Sunday, they attended a thanksgiving service at the Rettershof, a farm owned by the town, followed by a visit to the bakery and the town's own distillery. After lunch they returned to the town to say goodbye to their hosts and get taken back to the airport by the local Fire Brigade. The photo above shows the group from High Wycombe along with their hosts. (Photo by kind permission of Peter Hillebrecht)