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40th Anniversary Celebrations

Members of the Anglo-German Association in Braunschweig and our Twinning Association celebrated the long links between Bath and Braunschweig at a Civic Reception in the Mayor's Parlour last spring. This was hosted by the Deputy Mayor (2011-12) Councillor Marian McNeir. At a ceremony in the Brunswick Garden they unveiled a plaque commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Twinning Agreement.



The Mayor (2011-12) Councillor Bryan Chalker was invited to Braunschweig to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Twinning Agreement. He was accompanied by The Mayoress, Mrs Glenys Chalker, The Chairman of the Standing Committee of Charter Trustees, Councillor Gerry Curran and the Clerk to the Charter Trustees, Mrs Ann Tipper (pictured centre below).



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The ceremony was held at Richmond Castle on 30 September 2011, where The Mayor signed their 'Golden Book'. The next day there were German-English prayers in Braunschweig Cathedral and a moving service outside by the statue of 'The Bereaved' and the English Rose. This rose has been climbing the wall of the cathedral since the millennium year when it was planted on 'England Day' – 4 June to commemorate 825 years of links between the cathedral and England.



Councillor Chalker's Mayoral theme was 'Bath's Industrial Heritage' and he drives an 38-year-old East German Trabant car so he was very interested in a tour of the Volkswagen 'Car City' museum next to their automobile factory in Wolfsburg and a visit to a former railway workshop. Another highlight was a 'Moonlight Shopping' evening where the shops stayed open and the mall was filled with displays from the Braunschweig Research Institutes. The Anglo-German Association treated the delegation to a tour of the splendid Palace of Wolfenbüttel. There was a poignant reminder of Germany's divided past at the former border with the GDR.

The visit coincided with a local Pétanque tournament and the last engagement was to cheer on the team from Bath (pictured left).

Schools' Exchange

Students from the Ricarda Huch and Kleine Burg schools in Braunschweig were welcomed to Bath with a Civic Reception in the Mayor's Parlour, a walking tour of the city with the Mayor's Guides and a visit to The Roman Baths.

The pupils were taking part in an exchange with King Edward's School in September 2011.

This is a long-standing and successful programme involving pupils from the two twin cities.

