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Flying the flag for Bath's Four Twinning Associations with the Twinning Lion Sponsored by The Charter Trustees of the City of Bath are Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Aix-en-Provence Twinning Association, Councillor Marian McNeir; with (l-r) Twinning Association Chairmen Alan Gwynn, Alkmaar, and Don Withers, Braunschweig and Kean Maslen Vice Chairman of the Kaposvár Association

The Twinning Lion

The Twinning Lion, named 'Mir Cat' and painted by Lada Pestretsova, was on display in The Guildhall as part of the 'Lions of Bath 2010' public art event.

One-hundred lions prowled through the city from May to September. In October they were auctioned

to raise money for charities – including The Mayor of Bath's Relief Fund.

The Charter Trustees also sponsored a lion called 'My Roots' for their Twin City in Aix-en-Provence. It roamed all the way to France to be decorated by Fabien Debos and then spent the summer back in Bath on the grass outside the Guildhall.

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BRAUNSCHWEIG



Celebrating the 40th Anniversary (l-r) Don Withers, Chairman Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association; The Mayor of Bath, Councillor Shaun McGall; Lisa Davey, Bath German Society; Professor Klaus Meyer, Twinning Association Member

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40th Anniversary Celebration

The Mayor, Councillor Shaun McGall, attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Twinning between Bath and Braunschweig, hosted jointly by The Bath-German Society and Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association on 16 February 2011.

With 70 people present at Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, he said it was good to see the two groups working together.

The link stretches right back to the early 1950s when Don Withers, who is now Chairman of the Twinning Association, went on the first exchange as a member of Percy Boys Club. This was part of a post-war Foreign Office initiative to bring together young people from England and Germany.

The official Twinning Agreement was signed in 1971. The Mayor admitted that this was a very special year for him too.

He said, “As a boy on that first exchange trip Don probably never dreamed that one day he would be Chairman of the Twinning Association and as a new-born baby in February 1971 I certainly do not remember thinking ‘I will be The Mayor of Bath and President of the four Twinning Associations by the time I am 40!’”

Twinning Association member, Professor Klaus Meyer, who comes from Braunschweig, gave a presentation in German about the history of the relationship between England and Germany.

The Lord Mayor of Braunschweig has invited a delegation from Bath to visit him in the autumn to celebrate this special anniversary there.

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