



# BATH-BRAUNSCHWEIG TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Monthly meetings are held in the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall in Bath

### Next meetings:

Friday 6 February at 2 pm  
Friday 27 March at 2.30 pm

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## GERMAN SIXTH FORMER IN BATH

Sixth former Pia Landsmann from Integrierte Gesamtschule Franzshes Feld Braunschweig has just started as a pupil at St Gregory's. Pia will be spending 3 months at St Gregory's and will be studying History, Maths, Biology and English Language and Literature. Raymond Friel, Headteacher of St Gregory's was instrumental in setting up this exchange.

## Welcome to the first newsletter of the BBTA

The first link between Braunschweig (Brunswick) and Bath was established as long ago as 1951. From this developed a programme of exchanges with the two cities signing an official Twinning Agreement in 1971. The BBTA was founded in 2002.

In this issue you will find an account of a recent visit by a Bath school party, a Civic Visit and a message from the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft (DEG), our sister association in Braunschweig .

The website of the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association as well as the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft are on p2.

If you would like to know more about our twin city in Germany and the cultural and other benefits of being involved in twinning, why not join our association (application form attached)?

## GERMAN SCHOOL EXCHANGE

On 23 November, a group of twenty one KS4 German students from Ralph Allen School in Bath departed to Braunschweig, Germany to take part in the school's first ever German exchange. This exchange is not only supported by the school but also by the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association who have been generous in providing financial support for this new venture. The group spent a considerable time in lessons in our partner school Integrierte Gesamtschule Franzshes Feld (ig:sff), to support the learning of English across the board.



Excursions included a trip to the Volkswagen Factory in Wolfsburg, which gave a fascinating insight into the production of VW cars, and a visit to Phaeno, which is an interactive science museum sponsored by the VW AG. The group also visited the amazing Christmas Market in Braunschweig and many students were treated to a full day excursion to either Hamburg or Berlin by their host families. Students who participated had a most enjoyable time and gained valuable cultural insights into the German way of life as well as improving their linguistic competence.

Mrs Godwin

## CIVIC VISIT

A Civic Visit to our twinned city, took place in October & comprised a party of four: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Bath Cllr. Cherry Beath, accompanied by her husband and Consort Richard Beath, Chairman of the Standing Committee of Charter Trustees Cllr. Gerry Curran and Chairman of the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Association Cllr. Bryan Chalker.

Our arrival in Braunschweig was met with typical German hospitality - wonderfully welcoming at every level. We were greeted at our Hotel by members of the Lord Mayor's staff, notably Mrs. Sabine Apel.

The main purpose of our visit was to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Braunschweig and to celebrate the firm bond of genuine friendship, which now exists between this enchanting city and Bath. We were left to our own devices on the morning of Tuesday 14 October but then joined Vice-Mayor Mrs. Rohse-Paul at the Al Duomo Restaurant and this was later followed by a reception and dinner at the Old City Hall, where Mayor Cherry Beath, accompanied by the city's new Lord Mayor, Ulrich Markurth, signed the Golden Book of the City of Braunschweig.

Over a two-day period much was discussed about future ties and this included fostering links between schools, colleges and universities, sharing technical knowledge and the possibility of a musical exchange.

On Wednesday 15 October we took lunch with Lord Mayor Markurth and Karl Griziwa, Chairman of the City Council, at the Café Strupait and in the evening met for dinner at the kind invitation of the Anglo-German Association, attended by Treve Erdmenger, Barbara Heck, Anna Rossie, Katrin Landsmann, Carmela Folgosa and Jane Henke.

It was a visit to be remembered and, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to say a warm thank you to our friends in Braunschweig and special thanks to Gulcan Solak, Elke Gerlach and Sabine Apel, who were our official Braunschweig contacts.

*Bryan Chalker, Chairman of the Bath-Braunschweig Twinning Committee.*



Back row: Katrin Landsmann, Dorothea Bahr, Treve Erdmenger, Cherry Beath, Richard Beath, Gerry Curran

Front row: Carmela Folgosa, Bryan Chalker, Barbara Heck, Jane Henke, Anna Rossie

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft Braunschweig !

Welcome to the homepage of the Anglo-German Association of Braunschweig. We would like to introduce ourselves, invite you to our events in English; or you can become a member of our association.

The Anglo-German Association was founded in 1971 in order to promote understanding between Germany and England and to promote the town twinning with the English town Bath. We support and complement the activities of the city of Braunschweig regarding the twinning.

We meet every fortnight on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the AWO-Haus, Frankfurter Straße 18, 38122 Braunschweig, where various events take place in the English language.

You can find a survey about the dates under "News - Newsletter".

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