

TWINNING COMMITTEE

13 December 2012
Secretary's Report

HEUSENSTAMM

Since the last meeting of the Twinning Committee on 22 March, 2012 we have learnt of the death of Enno Buss, former Chairman of the Freundschaftskreis in Heusenstamm and of Adolf Kessler, who, as Bürgermeister, had been instrumental in setting up the twinning link between Tonbridge and Heusenstamm. Letters of condolence were sent on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor, Cllr Dave Davis, has been invited to attend the Nikolausmarkt in Heusenstamm over the weekend 8/9 December 2012, but unfortunately he is unable to attend.

Monday 18 June 2012 marked the celebration of the 40th year of the exchange between the Adolf-Reichwein-Gymnasium in Heusenstamm with The Judd School. The Council Chamber at Tonbridge Castle having already been booked for the Tonbridge Arts Festival, the reception was held at the Judd School, and the Mayor, Cllr Dave Davis, as well as the Chairman of the Twinning Committee, Mr Mike Dobson were present. The Mayor presented both schools with a certificate to commemorate 40 years of school exchange. After the reception the pupils and teachers enjoyed an audio tour of Tonbridge Castle Gatehouse and were presented with Silver Jubilee mugs.

LE PUY

In May a request was received from a lady in Le Puy who had visited Tonbridge when she was a child, as part of a school exchange, and who now wished to arrange an exchange visit for her son. The Youth Forum and the Aylesford Youth Group were both approached but, given the time frame, they were unable to help on this occasion.

REQUEST FOR TWINNING PARTNER

The Twinning arrangements between Chérenge, near Lille in Northern France and East Peckham have now been formalised. The Twinning Agreement was signed on 4 June 2012 in East Peckham and on 16 September 2012 in Chérenge.

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