

**Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council**  
**Twinning Committee – Thursday 3 July 2014**  
**Twinning Report**

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Twinning with Heusenstamm**

Members will be aware that this year the Council is celebrating 30 years of twinning between Tonbridge and Heusenstamm (near Frankfurt), Germany. An official delegation from Heusenstamm will visit Tonbridge during the weekend of the 12 – 15 September. The official delegation consists of;

Frau Ingrid Hennighausen  
Herr Ulrich Hoeffken  
Herr Uve-Peter Hajdu

The draft programme for the weekend is as follows:

**Friday 12 September**

Afternoon            Arrival and transfer to Rose & Crown Hotel, Tonbridge  
Evening              Formal Civic Dinner at Rose & Crown Hotel

**Saturday 13 September**

Morning             Visit to Hadlow Tower  
Afternoon            Visit to West Malling  
Evening              The official delegation is invited (along with Members and representatives from the Heusenstamm Friendship Circle) to participate in the informal social event being organised by the Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band at Hildenborough Village Hall. The event will include a fish and chip supper.

**Sunday 15 September**

Morning             Visit to watch the Dragon Boat Race on River Medway in Tonbridge.  
Afternoon            Visit to Tonbridge Castle Medieval Fair.  
Evening              Official delegation and Members invited to attend the joint concert between Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band and Stadtkapelle Heusenstamm at Judd School, Tonbridge.  
Dinner                Beefeater, Hildenborough.

## **Monday 16 September**

Morning	Free time. Opportunity to visit to visit newly refurbished Memorial Garden in Bradford Street, Tonbridge.
Afternoon	Transfer to airport for return flight.

In addition to the official delegation visiting Tonbridge that weekend, the Council has learnt that 23 members of the Stadtkapelle Heusenstamm will be visiting their twin band, the Sevenoaks & Tonbridge Concert Band to celebrate 30 years of twinning between both organisations. There will be a joint concert at Judd School on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September to which Members are invited.

### **Torbau Celebrations - Heusenstamm**

This summer, Heusenstamm will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the building of the Torbau, which commemorates the visit of Kaiser Franz I to the town in 1764 for the coronation of his son Josef, in Frankfurt, as Holy Roman Emperor. A series of events is planned throughout the year, culminating in the weekend of 18th - 20th July. On successive nights there will be an open air concert, a new spectacular play and a closing ceremony, preceded by a procession through the town, in which representatives of the twinned towns will participate.

Mike Dobson will represent Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council in his capacity as Chairman of the Twinning Committee

### **School Exchange**

A civic reception will be held at Tonbridge Castle on Monday 7 July for students from the Adolf-Reichwein-Gymnasium in Heusenstamm. This is the 42nd exchange with The Judd School. Teachers and some host parents will be accompanied by David Packer, Chairman of the Heusenstamm Friendship Circle and Mike Dobson, Chairman of the Twinning Committee. The reception will be hosted by the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Councillor Mrs Sasha Luck.

If Members are interested in joining in with the activities planned for this weekend, please contact Lyndsey Bennett, the Council's Twinning Officer in advance.