

Twinning Witney - Unterhaching

What happened since the last AGM

Bernie Maidment visited Witney for the Remembrance Sunday in 2016 and the Deputy Mayor Chris Woodward visited Unterhaching for the Volkstrauertag (the German Remembrance Day).

This year Unterhaching invited guests to the celebration of the 20th anniversary of their twinning association. On 6th of May a special dinner for their members and of course guests from their twin towns took place and on 7th May was an official ceremony at the Unterhaching town hall. Mike Breakell and John Thornton went from 5th to 8th of May 2017.

Mike and John's report:

"We were met by Bernie at the airport which was wonderful and taken to our hosts in Unterhaching. The Lindners (Annagret and Mannfred) are wonderful hosts. Essentially the official part of the visit was on Saturday when we visited the Rathaus and met many members of the Unterhaching twinning group as well as visitors from their twin towns in Austria, Poland, and Belgium. This included unveiling of a plaque and exhibition by Thomas to celebrate the Unterhaching partnerships. That afternoon we had a guided tour of Munich led by Peter and that evening had a more formal dinner and celebration of twinning involving short presentations. Mike is very grateful to John for his verbal contribution (in fluent German of course) on our behalf at this important celebration. On Sunday it rained all day but we made the most of it by being taken by Peter and Bernie to visit some of the wonderful art galleries of Munich before Bernie returned us to the airport for the journey home."

Because of this event Unterhaching did not invite guests from their twin towns to the beer festival which started on 7th July. Sometimes it can be difficult to find members who would like to go at that time as it often clashes with the Witney carnival.

Bernie will be in Witney for the Remembrance Sunday on 12 November 2017 and maybe 2 others Katharina Nottmeyer who is 19 and is responsible for the youth in their committee talked about coming along with Bernie. Her father Harald who is also a Council member would like to join his daughter. So no more than three people will come. They would be coming on Saturday and leave again on Sunday.

On the w/e 25 November Peter and Gaby Wöstenbrink plan to come to Witney for the switch on of the Christmas Lights and they might stay with Eleanor and Tony.

On 19th of November is the Volkstrauertag. Apart from the mayor it would be possible for other members to come as well.