

Wells Twinning Association

Visit to Bad Durkheim for Wurstmarkt

Each year for over six hundred years Bad Durkheim has held a Wurstmarkt or Sausage Market in early September. Traditionally, it showed off the traditional “Wursts” with a small number of samples of local wine to enhance the experience. But now, it has morphed into a huge fun fair and celebration of the grape harvest lasting ten days.

Local custom is that the Burgermeister invites representatives of Bad Durkheim’s Twin Towns, Paray-le-Monial, (France) Wells, (UK) Kempton, (Germany) Kluczbork (Poland) and Bad Berka (Germany) to visit for the first weekend of celebrations. This provides an excellent opportunity not only to renew old friendships and make new friends but also to discuss amongst a wide group how twinning is developing across a large area.

This year a party of twelve travelled to Bad Durkheim to attend the celebrations and the formal ceremonies. The Mayor and Mayoress of Wells, the Chairman and Secretary of the Wells Twinning Association were invited to a formal lunch by the Burgermeister at which, representatives from each twin town gave a talk on twinning in their town and their ambitions going forward.

One clear message came through from each of the speeches and that was that current political circumstances increased the need for closer twinning arrangements between each town. Each of the town’s representatives agreed to work to further this end.

We were entertained extremely well during the visit, particularly by the Burgermeister, Christoph Glogger and his family and Uli and Jutta Baer. We look forward to seeing them again in Wells in November, to celebrate our Carnival.



