

Twinning News

Summer 2016

a snapshot from the Twinning Association of Rushmoor



We are embracing social media to spread the word that our twin town links are available to everyone in Farnborough and Aldershot. Please do what you can to use your networks as well!

International youth football for Cove FC under 12 side in May

... home at Cove
against Eintracht
Oberursel, with sides
from Yateley, Hawley
and Curley Park.
28-30 May



... and away in Oberursel in a big
tournament against German and
Russian sides. Cove FC came
7th— well done!
15-16 May

Farnborough Sixth Form students in Oberursel in tenth anniversary of exchanges

For the tenth year running, students from Farnborough Sixth Form had the opportunity to take part in the Oberursel exchange trip in February. For a week, the students have the chance to get an insight into the life of a German student of the same age and shadow them to experience their daily routine and participate in a joint cultural excursion. Stamatia Mukherjee, Curriculum Manager for German at the College commented: *"We had so many positive comments on our students' participation from both the host families and the German teachers."*



Youth Forum for English and German students in Oberursel's library

Student Tom Hammond said: *"I liked the way we were able to integrate ourselves into the German culture .. the trip was helpful for my German A-level."*



The return visit to Farnborough in June — Oberursel students visit Rushmoor's Mayor with their English exchange partners and learn about the history of the Borough and the Mayoralty.

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This very moving monument in Oberursel commemorates the town's residents who fell victim to the Nazi regime. The monument was built in stages as it was entirely financed by voluntary donations and fundraising. Its construction was managed by a community group of volunteers and was finally completed this year. It was formally handed over to the town of Oberursel on 3 September. The Mayor and Mayoress of Rushmoor were present for this important occasion as was the Deputy Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council and partner.

Rushmoor Visitors' Corner



St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough— a Benedictine abbey containing the mausoleum of Napoleon III, his wife Empress Eugenie and their son, Prince Imperial. There is also a very rare Cavaille-Coll organ which you can hear being played at concerts on Sunday afternoons in the summer.

The Abbey is also open to visitors on Saturday afternoons and it is well worth a visit. A very famous piece of French history hidden away in Farnborough.

Hawley Place School vocal group (ages 13– 16) on tour to Meudon in March performing at a school, a retirement home and in a church

'It was good to watch all of the people join in with our songs.' Emily

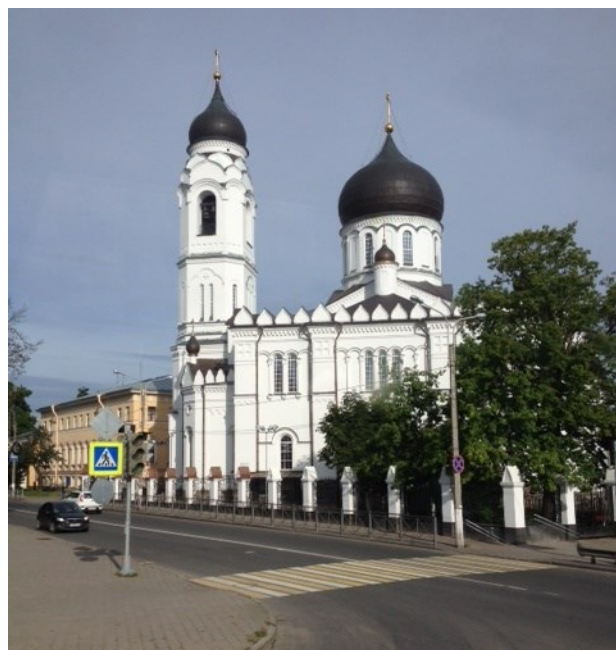


'My favourite part of the trip was bonding; every year group socialised and we are all so much closer. My least favourite part was trying to fit everything back in my suitcase!' Jess

'The thing I enjoyed the most was getting closer to and performing with the others. I thought that the hardest thing would be missing home but I realised that I was 'home' as these friends have become like a family to me.' Thea

And finally, the twin town network in operation a member of Rushmoor's Twinning Association spent a week in Oberursel's Russian twin town of Lomonosov, near St. Petersburg. She lived in a Russian household and saw real Russian life as well as the palaces and churches.

"There is no better way to understand a country than living with its people, even for a short period of time. It was an unforgettable experience and I saw and experienced so much more than an ordinary tourist ever could."



Lomonosov Russian Orthodox Church

Forthcoming events for winter 2016

- Rendez Vous group in Farnborough is hosting Tea & Chat, a group from Meudon
- Farnborough Sixth Form College Jazz Band will be performing at an event in Oberursel celebrating 25th birthday of Oberursel's Twinning Association and members of Rushmoor's Twinning Association will also be attending the event
- Farnborough Sixth Form College is sending 8/9 students to participate in the Chopin Piano & Vocal Festival in Sulechów
- Rushmoor's Twinning Association will man a stall packed with English Christmas goodies at Oberursel's Christmas Market