



Whaley Bridge - Tymbark Twinning Newsletter October 2006



Blooming Marvellous!

The Twinning Association have had 2 major fundraising events, this summer, both involving plants! The first was a coffee morning held on a wet Saturday in May, with John Barnes valiantly selling bedding plants outside the Mechanics Institute in the rain! The second was a plant stall at the Waterways Weekend, where the weather was fabulous. The plants, supplied by David Ross of Kettleholme, made a fantastic display and sold quickly. The Twinning Association made its presence known with the big green Tymbark umbrella and a new Twinning Association banner – 6' x 3' – neither are easy to miss, watch out for them at future events. Thanks to everyone who supported us in any way.

Visit to Tymbark 2006



Once again a party from Whaley Bridge visited for the "Days of Tymbark", and were given fabulous Polish hospitality. On the first day, 13 people from Whaley Bridge enjoyed trips to a Cistercian Abbey and Indian museum, before a music recital and formal meal, followed by an open-air concert in the huge Sawmill Square. The second day included a church service and a ceremony, where Tymbark's 19 Twinning partners were all welcomed. Despite knees knocking, Donna Hodgson, the Chair of the Twinning Association managed to complete her speech of thanks, in Polish! Other highlights of the visit included a barbecue at Piekietko school, hosted by staff who had just visited England, a day out to Zakopane, and a traditional Polish evening meal. The trip finished with the party staying overnight in Krakow, to allow for the very important tasks of sightseeing and shopping for presents and souvenirs! If you would like to hear more about the Days of Tymbark, or are interested in going over next year, please let a member of the committee know – we can't recommend the trip highly enough! Photos of this year's Days of Tymbark can be seen by following the link to Tymbark's website from the Twinning page of the Whaley Bridge website – www.whaleybridge.com

Flags flying!

The Town Council have given the Twinning Association permission to fly the Polish flag and the Union flag from the Mechanic's Institute when Twinning events or visits are taking place. The inaugural raising of our new flags took place for the visit to Whaley Bridge by Piekietko School in May.

Visitors from Tymbark

This summer, one of the teenagers who visited Whaley Bridge with the party in 2004, made a return visit with two friends, staying for a month with a Whaley couple. Danuta had made many friends on her previous visit and she spent her time meeting them all again. This is a wonderful extension of the Twinning Association's organised exchange visits and we hope that many others will continue to visit in years to come.

AGM 2006

The AGM was held at the Mechanics Institute on October 3rd. The Committee was elected as follows:

President – Anne Winter

Chair – Donna Hodgson

Vice-chair – Reg Proudfoot

Secretary – Eveline Hughes

Treasurer and Membership Secretary – Carol Andrew

Committee Members:

Margaret Wilby

Marion Oakes

Donna and Ian McDougall

Catherine Wheten

Full minutes of the AGM may be found on the Twinning page of the Whaley Bridge website.



YOUR TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!!



The Whaley Bridge-Tymbark Twinning Association has been in existence for 12 years, but, at present, is struggling to hold events, to fundraise and to promote the Twinning, due to a shortage of volunteers and members.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped us in the past in many ways, and also to thank those who are currently members, and have paid subs for 2006 – however this is only 14 families!

Groups that have participated in a visit or have accessed our resources in the past 12 years include The Scouts, Shuttlers' Clog, Taxal and Fernilee School, Good News Nursery, the Library, Furness Vale Playgroup, Firemen, Town Councillors, Brownies and Guides, as well as many individuals –from pre-school age to adults.

We appeal to you to consider how you can best help the Twinning Association so that we can continue to offer the people of Whaley Bridge the chance to enjoy a Twinning Experience.

Please consider how you can support the Twinning Association –

- Join if you are not currently a member.
- Pay your membership for 2006 using the enclosed form if you have not done so this year.
- Support us at our coffee mornings in May and December 2007 and other events yet to be arranged.
- Help with an exchange visit planned for Summer 2007.
- Any other ideas to raise the profile of the Twinning Association are welcomed.

We look forward to hearing from you

Krakow Cribs.

Every year, many Polish families take part in the making of a Krakow Crib. The cribs are taken to the centre of Krakow where they are displayed and judged. The competition began in 1937 in Krakow to try and bring back a dying tradition after World War I.

For the past five years, many of our schools and organisations have taken part in the making of a 'Krakow Crib' as part of their Christmas festivities. There has been positive feedback about how the children enjoyed making the cribs, creating figures for the scene and decorating the spires. The cribs have varied in size and looked very effective in our shop windows around Whaley Bridge during Advent.

This year we would like to repeat the idea and display them again in the windows of our shops ready for the 'Traders Evening' (Friday, 1st December). As in previous years, it will not be competitive.

Please would you let Donna Hodgson know as soon as possible if you or your group or organisation would like to make a Krakow crib, so she can arrange a window display area for you. Her contact address is 1, Paddock Lane, Whaley Bridge, - Tel: 733098

If you would like more information about the Polish Christmas Customs, visit; www.christmasarchives.com/wpoland.html, or contact Donna Hodgson – Tel 733098, to borrow the Twinning Association's resource box.

A Krakow Crib - Krakowska szopka

