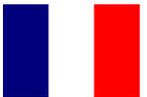


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International Partner Clubs Visit York June 2 - 4 2011



The Club welcomed 19 visitors from the Erlangen Rotary Club in Germany, led by their President Steffen Stremme and 10 visitors from the Aubusson Rotary Club in France, led by President Nicole Goguet, to York on Thursday 2nd June 2011.



The York Club has been twinned with Erlangen since 1984 and with Aubusson since 1988 with meetings taking place in each of the countries in turn on a regular annual basis, creating many long standing friendships. The party were welcomed to York at a Reception at the Monk Bar Hotel by President Graham Wilford and Adrian Radford, Chairman of the Club's International Committee and members of the Club.



Reception at Monk Bar Hotel

Friday 3rd June

A busy two days followed, taking in an extensive walking tour of York lead by Members of the Club on the Friday morning. This took in a number of the highlights of York's historical core, including taking coffee in the grand surroundings of the Mansion House.



Walking Tour of York

Following the Rotary Lunch at the ASK Restaurant in the Assembly Rooms, Rotarian Steve Burton gave our visitors an interesting tour of York Minster, the jewel in York's crown.



Rotary Lunch at the ASK Restaurant in the Assembly Rooms

In contrast to seeing so much of York's incredible history, the day concluded with a visit to York College to see one of the 'modern' parts of York where we were shown around by Ann Tyrell, the Deputy Principal, and then enjoyed an excellent dinner at the College prepared by some of their Catering Course students.





Dinner at York College

Saturday 4th June

The following day, the party took a coach trip to Castle Howard enjoying a stroll through the beautiful grounds and a tour of the splendid House. The party enjoyed lunch at the Tanglewood Restaurant on their return to York prior to the opportunity to see more of the City or to take in some shopping as our visitors wished.



Castle Howard Visit and Tanglewood Restaurant

The visit concluded with a thoroughly enjoyable 'roast beef' dinner provided by Poppy Caterers in the wonderful setting of the medieval Merchant Taylors Hall. The whole visit was blessed with wonderful hot sunny weather, enabling York to be shown-off at its best. It also renewed the strong bonds between the members of three Clubs. All too soon the visit came to an end with our visitors returning home on the Sunday, but with lasting memories of the old friendships which had been renewed and the many new ones created.



Farewell Dinner at Merchant Taylors Hall York



Au Revoir.....



Auf Wiedersehen.....