

## Stuttgart and Cardiff - 60 years twinning

Part 2 (in Cardiff) – by Helga Rother-Simmonds

The 60th Twinning Anniversary celebrations between Cardiff and Stuttgart continued with a return visit to Cardiff by a delegation of 18 City Councillors from Stuttgart, headed by Deputy Mayor, Bürgermeister Dr Martin Schairer.



The Delegation was welcomed at a reception in the Mansion House by the Honourable, The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr David Walker and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Jan Walker, jointly hosted by the Honorary Consul for Germany in Cardiff, Helga Rother-Simmonds and



the City Council of Cardiff represented by their Leader, Cllr. Phil Bale.



A number of Cardiff City Council Representatives and guests from the Cardiff Stuttgart Association, including their President, Christa Campigli attended.



This was a good opportunity for the members of the Cardiff Stuttgart Association to meet the guests from Stuttgart for a chat.

At the end a celebratory cake was presented by the Honorary Consul and cut by the two Mayors representing their cities.



The delegation then attended two days of interesting meetings, including a primary school visit to Roath Park Primary School, which the guests very much enjoyed and appreciated, a presentation in the Marketing Suite by the Head of Economics Ken Poole on the plans for Cardiff's economic future, visits and guided tours to the BBC Film Studios, the Wales Millenium Stadium and Cardiff Castle



The official celebratory dinner took place at the Hilton Hotel, where a wonderful pre-dinner reception was held offering Stuttgart wine and Cardiff Brains beer. This was followed by an excellent 3 course dinner with light

musical entertainment by the German pianist Immanuel Voigt, and was enjoyed by all.

And the next day, off course, the International Food Festival in the Roald Dahl Plaza of Cardiff Bay took, where the City of Stuttgart was represented with a large food and wine marquis. Frau Schlichtenmeyer-Jung and Herr Dr Stephan



of the International Office in Stuttgart, together with their catering team under the direction of Herrn Thomas Wimmer



and German speaking student volunteers from Cardiff, were able to offer Cardiff Citizens free tasters of the excellent Stuttgart wine from the City's own vineyards, together with Stuttgart specialities such as 'Maultaschen', sausages and 'Brezel', baked freshly in the marquis.



Leader of the Council, Phil Bale and Bürgermeister Dr Martin Schairer confirmed their intentions for continuous strong twinning links with a hand shake in front of the Cardiff Stuttgart Association

poster promoting this very active membership organisation in Cardiff - [www.cardiff-stuttgart.org](http://www.cardiff-stuttgart.org) .



(Please contact [info@cardiff-stuttgart.org](mailto:info@cardiff-stuttgart.org) if you are interested in meeting German learners and speakers for monthly meetings and talks mostly held in German in Cardiff City Hall.)

A big, big thank you goes to all who have been involved in organising these wonderful exchange visits.

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