



Dronfield Town Twinning Federation

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2024: Citizens' Visit

We have just returned from our Citizens' Visit to Sindelfingen. What a fabulous weekend was organized for us by ISPAS – the German equivalent to our DTF. 23 of us left Dronfield early Thursday 19th September by coach to Heathrow airport for our afternoon flight to Stuttgart. We were met at the airport by our German friends waving Union Jacks. After a quick freshen up at the Erikson Hotel we were invited by the town of Sindelfingen to dinner in the Stadthalle where we were formally welcomed by the Deputy Mayor and members of ISPAS.

Friday morning we were driven to the former landfill site, now covered in soil, planted with wild flowers and a site of photovoltaics providing electricity to the town. A tour of the town



and dinner at the Fünzel completed the day. Saturday was a trip to Rottweil with a visit to the Rottweil Tower and dinner in private homes. Sunday we went to Stuttgart visiting either the Wilhelma Zoo or the Mercedes Museum. A Partnerschaftsabend in the Erikson Hotel was a night to remember. Gifts exchanged, old friendships renewed and new ones made. The evening closed with us all holding hands and singing Auld Lang Syne – in German and English promising to return but not before David invited citizens of Sindelfingen to Dronfield in two years' time. Monday – our last day with a visit to Waldenbuch to stock up on Ritter Sport chocolate on our way to the airport. Such a fabulous weekend and such a warm welcome!

Dates for your diary 2024/2025

Our popular Quiz Evening.

Friday, 1st November

7.15 for 7.30 prompt start

To be held in

Dronfield Civic Hall

£10 per team of 4

Pie & peas & dessert £12.50 pp

Bar available

Email us for details

The annual 3-way badminton tournament involving Dronfield, Sindelfingen and Schaffhausen (Switzerland) is being held from Thursday 1st – Sunday 4th May 2025. People to host some of the players are sought. Hosts will be invited to events over the weekend at no charge. If you are interested in hosting please e-mail - david.goat@gmail.com or phone 07739 013531,

Straßenfest (Street Festival)

2025: 12th–15th June.

We are starting to plan our usual visit to this popular event.

This is an ideal way to spend a long weekend getting to know the local people and Sindelfingen's other twin towns.

If you are interested in going please get in touch. We can then start organizing details.