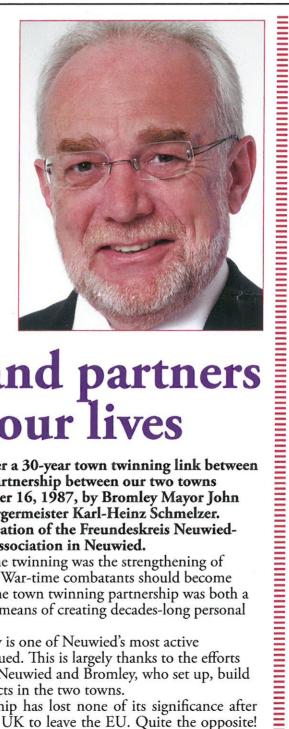


Bromley and Neuwied News



RUNDSCHREIBEN DER STÄDTEPARTNERSCHAFT BROMLEY-NEUWIED - MÄRZ 2017

As the world moves into one of the most deeply troubling times since the end of the Second World War, the Oberbürgermeister of Neuwied, Nikolaus Roth. stresses the values which created the town twinning movement and the abiding friendship between the two towns



Friends and partners through our lives

IN 2017 we can look back over a 30-year town twinning link between Neuwied and Bromley. The partnership between our two towns was formally signed on October 16, 1987, by Bromley Mayor John Lewis and Neuwied's Oberbürgermeister Karl-Heinz Schmelzer. The following year saw the creation of the Freundeskreis Neuwied-Bromley, the town twinning association in Neuwied.

The purpose and reason for the twinning was the strengthening of Europe's process of integration. War-time combatants should become friends and partners for ever. The town twinning partnership was both a political symbol of peace and a means of creating decades-long personal friendships.

The partnership with Bromley is one of Neuwied's most active twinning links and is highly valued. This is largely thanks to the efforts of the twinning associations in Neuwied and Bromley, who set up, build and maintain all kinds of contacts in the two towns.

Our town twinning partnership has lost none of its significance after the referendum decision of the UK to leave the EU. Quite the opposite! **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**

OUR 30 years of partnership with the Rhine town of Neuwied will be marked by the biennial visit of our friends from our twin organisation Freundeskreis Neuwied-Bromley.

Our visitors will arrive on Friday, September 29, with their return scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, a public holiday in Germany marking German reunification.

We will also be organising a programme of extra events throughout the year.

We would welcome as soon as possible members to undertake the hosting of our Neuwied visitors.

A "hearty welcome" the Neuwied logo says. We must make our welcome just as hearty.



PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY: OUR FRIENDS FROM NEUWIED WILL BE MAKING THEIR BIENNIAL VISIT TO US FROM SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 3