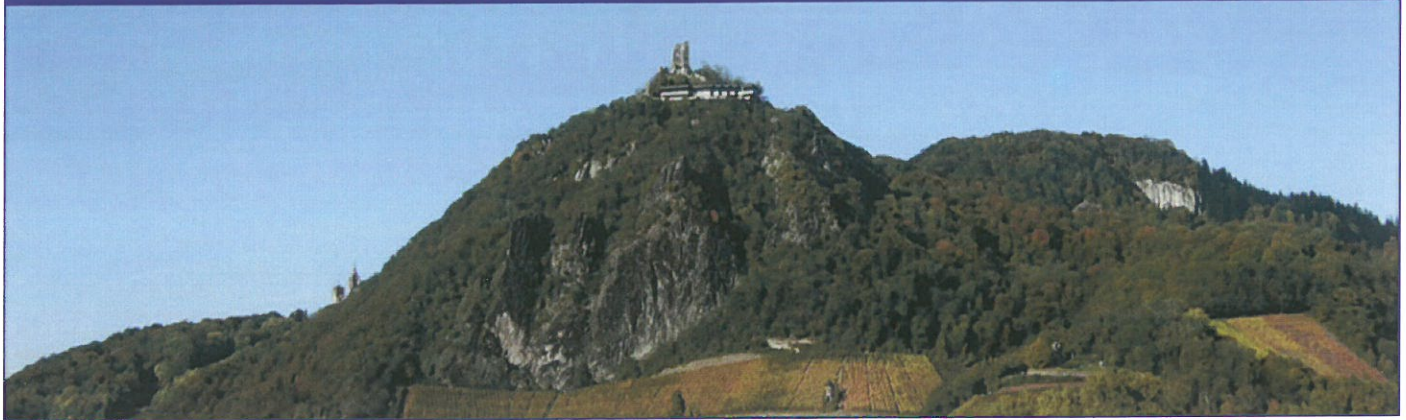


SEE DRAGON LAND OF LEGEND ON OUR GERMAN WEEKEND



EVERY TWO years we go to Neuwied on a special long weekend to see our friends and visit the Rhineland area – apart from the individual festivals and events you can visit during the year.

If you are reading this but are not a member of the association, then why not sign up and join us on the trip as our visits are always memorable. You can stay either with Neuwieders themselves or at local hotels. We are running a coach for the visit but you can easily reach Neuwied on the German/Belgian motorway system or catch a plane to Cologne airport and take a train directly to Neuwied without changing.

The long weekend will be from Friday, September 9, to Monday, September 12.

The programme will include an outing to the Drachenfels, a scenic area on the River Rhine north of Neuwied. Drachen means dragon in German and the

legend is that Siegfried – the hero of the Nibelungenlied – killed the dragon Fafnir, who lived in a cave in the hill, then bathed in its blood to become invulnerable. Hence, the hill is named the “Dragon’s Rock”, Drachenfels.

More peacefully, we will also be winetasting at the little wine village of Leutesdorf just north of Neuwied.

Also going to Neuwied on our visit are tennis players from The Park Langley Club to play their old friends Tennis-Club Neuwied.

We will be joining up with them and our hosts for a social on the Sunday evening.



Top, overlooking the Rhine, the Drachenfels; above, the logo of the Leutesdorf wine village near Neuwied

Darrick Wood forges new link to Neuwied

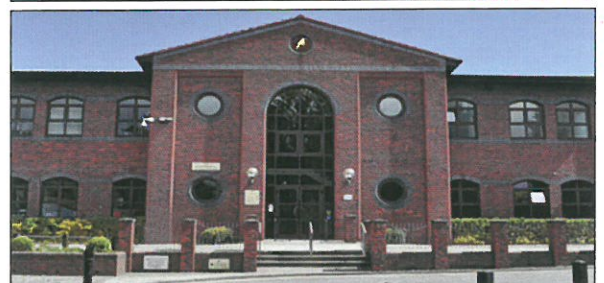
In the Autumn 2015 issue of Bromley and Neuwied News we reported on a German food evening that we had hosted at Bromley College’s Orpington Campus training restaurant, when our guests were teachers and pupils from schools in the Borough where German is taught.

Outreach to Bromley’s schools is a priority for us – we have always known that the secondary schools in Neuwied would like to have links with schools in Bromley, and there have been a number of successful exchanges, most recently between Hayes School and the Heinrich-Heine-Realschule.

Among those attending the Orpington evening was the Head of German at Darrick Wood, Jamie Meharg, where German is one of the two first languages pupils learn – the other is French. Jamie followed up quickly and has used our twinning links to set up an introductory partnership with Werner-Heisenberg-Gymnasium with a trip there due to take place in October.

Jamie has also joined our committee and writes: “I look forward to building a long and happy link to WHG and Neuwied. My ultimate hope is to be able to set up a full-blooded exchange programme with annual visits both to and from Neuwied – and not just for my own classes but for all learners of German at Darrick Wood School.

“Viel Glück und viel Vergnügen!”



Jamie Meharg, top, and Darrick Wood School in Orpington