

Denzlingen Speech 2019

Unfortunately, our Town Mayor, Cllr Eddy Rigby has his Father in Law's 90th celebrations to attend this weekend. He therefore regrets that he cannot personally be here to share his personal thanks and that of the residents of North Hykeham in celebration of the on-going twinning links between the towns gathered here today.

The North Hykeham Town Mayor, Cllr Eddy Rigby wishes to share the following with you all.

To Burgermeister Markus Hollermann, and other Mayor's and residents of each of the twin towns gathered here today. Twinning is a public statement between communities who wish to establish the bond of friendship and continuing goodwill between them to the benefit of all inhabitants. It is with this in mind that the Town of North Hykeham residents, represented here today from members of the Twinning Association are pleased to be part of the 2019 Europafest celebrations.

These celebrations, we hope will provide opportunities for everyone here, old friends and new friends to get together to entertain, make and share enjoyment together.

Twinning helps to extend our horizons, build new friendships across the continent, and sample the delights of each others' countries, cultures and cuisines and maintain civic links. We are committed to actively raising the profile of each town and sharing ideas to make quality of life better for everyone while fostering a spirit of cultural understanding. Our task is to bring our communities closer together and I think that this celebration shall build upon the past and lead us forward.

However, let us not forget that this is a celebration, over 30 years of Twinning events building relationships that are still strong. The spirit of Twinning has not changed, even if some of the faces have over the years.

As we celebrate our communities and friendship, we should remember all those who have carried the Twinning idea so far, as we look to carry it into the future. Twinning has always been about the people.

So, how does one do justice to the story of twinning linked so long ago, that grew into the partnerships that it now is? To the people who have come and gone ... and then come back again? We say thank you for such an inspirational idea. In the very beginning, Twinning was about the people. Today, it is still about the people. It is the people who participate and make Twinning what it is; a time to enjoy, renew friendships, make new friends and share new experiences together.

Thank you for the invitation to attend the Europafest celebrations. I am personally sad not to be in attendance, but know that the people here from North Hykeham will be true ambassadors of the spirit of twinning and ensure this event is a spectacular success, forging strong links that continue into the future.