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Partnerstadt von Waldaschaff - Twin Town of Waldaschaff

Waldaschaff visit to Clonakilty August 2013

A delegation of 73 people from Waldaschaff in Bavaria, Germany arrived in Clonakilty on 21st August and spent a week there as part of the Clonakilty 400 celebrations. The delegation, led by Waldaschaff Bürgermeister Marcus Grimm and 'Freundeskreis Clonakilty' Chairman Lore Steigerwald, was welcomed at Kerry Airport by Michael Kenneally, Chairman of the Clonakilty Town Twinning Association.

Shortly after their arrival in Clonakilty the delegation was accorded a Civic Welcome in the Parochial Hall by the Mayor of Clonakilty, Cllr. Phil O'Regan. The Bürgermeister presented the Mayor with a special medallion and a directional sign indicating Waldaschaff while the Mayor presented the Bürgermeister with a specially commissioned glass piece commemorating the Clonakilty 400 anniversary. The guests then went to a reception in O'Donovan's Hotel hosted by the Clonakilty Town Twinning Association.

Surfing In Inchydoney was a huge success on Thursday morning and on Thursday night the guests were treated to a Barbecue in Shanleys Bar. Entertainment for the night was provided by Shanley's resident band and Musikverein Waldaschaff.

On Friday night the guests had a meal in the Courtyard Bar where they were entertained by Ger Deasy and special guest, Anthony Mc Dermott.

Unfortunately the walk at Lough Hyne planned for Saturday had to be abandoned due to poor weather conditions and the picnic was held instead in the Clonakilty GAA Complex at Ahamilla.

The sun was shining for the parade, led by Musikverein Waldaschaff, on Sunday morning from the newly developed Astna Square to the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Manfred Hock from Waldaschaff, who first came to Clonakilty as a young musician in 1983 and who was ordained a priest last year, was the main celebrant, assisted by Monsignor Aidan O'Driscoll and Fr. Eddie Collins.

Musikverein Waldaschaff entertained the crowd in the church yard after mass before going for Frühschoppen in the Brewery Bar. Later that evening the visitors attended the Wolfe Tone Street party where Musikverein Waldaschaff again entertained a large audience.



Monday started with surfing in Inchydoney in the morning and in the afternoon the group visited Bushmount Nursing & Retirement Home where they met and were entertained by the residents.

On Monday night the Waldaschaff guests and their Clonakilty hosts travelled on the Clonakilty Model Village Choo Choo Train to Dunmore House Hotel for a meal hosted by Waldaschaff Town Council and Waldaschaff Town Twinning Committee. Michael Kenneally, Chairman of Clonakilty Town Twinning Association and Lore Steigerwald, Chairman of Freundeskreis Clonakilty spoke at the function and exchanged gifts.

The farewell party and barbecue was held in Scannells Bar on Tuesday night and the Waldaschaff delegation sadly departed on Wednesday morning for Kerry Airport.

Michael Kenneally

