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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Number Eleven

The Partnerschaft has had an incredibly busy year this year.

We have had two visits from our Bad Wuzach delegation and one trip to Wurzach by a Jersey delegation.

### **JUNE VISIT TO JERSEY**

I will start with the first visit from Bad Wuzach in June , it was the first time the new Mayor Frau Sherer had come to the Island, there were an number of official events on the first full day, Lola and her team organised a number of less formal events, these included a guided Oyster walk to Seymour Tower with Trudie (who could speak fluent German which helped great to explain the many things found during the event), followed by a diner at the Seymour Inn. The next day and early start for a days event travelling ground the island with local historian guide Mark Yates, with a stop at the Poplars Tea Room, for lunch, I think we all learned a great deal more about our island during this event. In the evening we had a Farewell buffet at the Belvedere Restaurant. On the whole a great few days.

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### **SEPTEMBER VISIT TO BAD WURZACH**

In September the Partnerschaft including former internees and families visited Bad Wurzach for an official visit, I sadly could not attend due to work commitments. But on from feedback it was a very successful event.

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### **OCTOBER / NOVEMBER REMENBRANCE SERVICES**

In October we laid the crosses and wreath for the internees who did not return at the official Jersey field of remembrance.

In November in the morning of the Remembrance Sunday we laid a wreath at the cenotaph, in the afternoon we had our annual Remembrance service at the Howard Davis Park officiated by Father Nick, followed by afternoon tea at the Ommaroo hotel, this event was well attended the most guest we have had for some time.



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### APRIL LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS

In April we held our annual liberation celebrations at the war tunnels, three readings by the Jersey Arts Centre youth theatre followed by an extract of Michael Shepard's *Memories of April 1945 Liberation* in Wurzach was read by Lola, the service, and prayers for carried out by Father Nick and the Remembrance and one minute's silence by Clive, this was followed by the laying of roses at the garden of remembrance. We then adjourned for afternoon tea in the Café, the event was well attended 54 guests including 9 former internees.

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### MAY KINGS CORONATION AND LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS

In late February we were informed that there would be an official visit to Jersey of a delegation from Bad Wurzach and other twinning delegations, for the weekend of the Kings Coronation and 78<sup>th</sup> Liberation celebrations, despite having a ridiculously short time to organise this Lola and her team worked tirelessly to get a special full programme in place to work in conjunction with the official programme, for Lola these became a full-time job as all the way up to the weekend and even during the events themselves there was constant change and amendments to the programme by third parties, the Partnerschaft have to be extremely grateful to Lola for the effort she put in to make this a success, also to those committee members who assisted with this and taking time out to transport the guests to various events.

I think those who attended will have learned a great deal from the panel discussion chaired by Dr Gilly Carr.

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**WEBSITE** This is still proving to be a great source of information for researchers and family members of former internees, I have been in correspondence over the last year with a number of individuals of which I have been able to help.

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Thank you all for your help over the last twelve months to keep the Partnerschaft running extremely successfully.



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