

Florian Singer feiern Jubiläum mit Partnerchor

Auch die Florian Singer fahren vom 13. bis 16. September in die englische Partnerstadt Leeds, um dort zum 20jährigen Bestehen der Städtepartnerschaft Dortmunder Kultur zu präsentieren. Einen Höhepunkt bildet dabei der Auftritt der Florian Singer am heutigen Donnerstag im großen Festsaal des Leeds-Stadthauses.

Während seines Aufenthalts wird der Chor vom Leeds Girls Choir betreut, mit dem ebenfalls seit 20 Jahren eine rege Chorph Partnerschaft besteht. Beide Chöre feiern dieses Jubiläum mit einem Gemeinschaftskonzert am Freitag im Leedser Vorort Rothwell. Ein weiterer gemeinsamer Auftritt ist am Samstag vorgesehen.

Das Rahmenprogramm beinhaltet u.a. einen Empfang beim Oberbürgermeister von Leeds, die Besichtigung eines neu eröffneten Theaters sowie einen Besuch des Fußballspiels in der ersten englischen Liga zwischen Leeds United und Tottenham Hotspur.

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● GERMAN choir members, left to right, Natalie and Udo Gerks and Joachim and Susi Fischer tucking into fish and chips at Tingley Bar Fisheries.

Singers unite

LEEDS Girls Choir, which includes four local singers, joined forces with The Florian Singers from Dortmund in Germany last week.

The girls, Helen Hemingway of Wood Lane, Linda Stewart of Styebank Lane, Rebekka Linley-Young of The Pleasants, Swillington, and Sarah Elliott of Lynwood Crescent, Woodlesford, took part in special concerts in the city to mark the 20th anniversary of the twinning of Dortmund with Leeds.

A concert at the Blackburn Hall was sponsored by Rothwell Lions. Mr Paul Brummer, chairman of Leeds Girls Choir is the ex-president of Rothwell Lions.

The visiting singers were given a tour of Leeds United Football Club and the new West Yorkshire Playhouse.

Royal

The girls were in Royal company at the weekend when they visited Meadow Hall — the new shopping mall in Sheffield. His Royal Highness Prince Edward was there and chatted to the singers whilst he toured the centre.

Mrs Josephine Douglas, treasurer of the Leeds Girls Choir and a former member herself said: "It is the first time the Florian Singers have received a Royal welcome."

Fish and chips now an art form

A VISITING German Choir sang the praises of fish and chips, at a restaurant in Tingley, last week.

The Florian Singers were on a visit to the area, as part of the celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Dortmund-Leeds twin town relationship.

They unanimously gave the thumbs up after sampling the traditional English fare at Tingley Bar Fisheries, last Thursday.

"They thought that the fish and chips were wonderful," said Mrs Josephine Douglas, who organised the visit. "They believe they are a part of English art."

The Florian Singers were twinned with the Leeds Girls Choir 20 years ago and their close relationship, which involves regular exchange visits, has gone from strength to strength ever since.

Mrs Douglas said: "Members of both choirs have developed lasting friendships, which often have been sustained for the entire 20 years. We think that this record is rather special."

Both choirs gave performances at Leeds Town Hall on Saturday and a concert was held earlier in the week at Rothwell.