

## An English Summer for continental friends

17 students from our twin towns of Macon in France and Bischofsheim in Germany seem to have brought with them the recent spell of good weather when they arrived in Crewe last week to enroll for English Language lessons. Organised by the Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association (CANTA), the school caters for a mixed ability intake, a vast age range and people from all walks of life that are brought together by a common desire to improve their conversational English.

Understanding that all work would make Pierre a very dull boy indeed, formal lessons are held every morning and learning visits arranged for the afternoons, with the students then being taken to local places of interest and industry as further stimulus to develop their language skills. Said 9 year old Emelie Schneider who came with her dad, Holger 47, a teacher and events organiser from Bischofsheim “ I have liked my visit to England and chance to learn English which I think will help me in the future. I hope I will be able to come again.”

Alois Barton, 62, a former Opal car designer, also from Bischofsheim has been a regular visitor to Crewe and Nantwich over the years said “I think my English is ok but this is my second visit to the English Language Summer School and this time I learn more and get better, and of course, I meet old friends.”

The students fund all of their travel and accommodation costs themselves, but Canta facilitates the visitor experience, which this year has included a look round Nantwich and Shrewsbury, an exploration of the secret bunker, gazing into space at Jodrell Bank and attendance at the Nantwich Cheese show. Jacqueline Chevalier, 64, a retired teacher and heritage guide from Macon spoke for all the students when she said “ I had a wonderful week in Crewe during the summer School 2012. The programme was varied, and it was for me the occasion to rediscover the treasures of Cheshire”

Our continental visitors returned on Sunday, as did the rain. Come back soon I say.



