

# Newcastles of the World

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER



Many of our "Newcastles" around the world are on rivers or lakes, or on the coast, but we are all dependent upon water, wherever we are located.

In early May, as its theme for the fourth edition of "Europe Week", **Neuchâtel**, our "Newcastle" in Switzerland, put the spotlight on water: the water we drink, the water that makes our cities attractive, the water that shapes borders, or the water that may become increasingly scarce because of global warming.

Europe Week has been organised each year since 2018 by the City of Neuchâtel in partnership with the Maison de l'Europe Transjurassienne (MET). It aims to enhance the links between Neuchâtel and the European continent as a whole, promoting a spirit of freedom, dialogue and understanding between nations. See page 2 of this newsletter for full details of the Europe Week programme in Neuchâtel, including how two other "Newcastles" were able to contribute to the programme this year.



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## Help from Shinshiro for Ukraine

via our "Newcastles" in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Latvia

In late May, the Mayors in **Shinshiro** City (Japan), **Nové Zámky** (Slovakia), **Jaunpils** (Latvia) and **Nové Hradý** (Czech Republic) came together online to discuss how very generous donations from the people of Shinshiro can best be used in these three "Newcastles" to support Ukraine. The three "Newcastles", all formerly from behind the "Iron Curtain" Soviet sphere of influence, have been supporting displaced families from Ukraine and

providing other humanitarian aid since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. Through an initiative of Shinshiro City Hall and Shinshiro International Association, the community of Shinshiro have been raising their own funds to support the people of Ukraine, and it has been decided to channel those funds through the three Newcastles near the "front line" of the conflict to add strength to their own efforts. This is a wonderful example of how the family of "Newcastles" can come together to help each other. Thank you, Shinshiro, for this initiative. See page 3 for more.

## LIONS ON THE PROWL IN NEWCASTLE !

One of **Newcastle upon Tyne**'s best loved beauty spots has new residents - lions! But there's no need to panic.

The 25 lions who have set up home in the city's Exhibition Park are made of bronze. This art installation has been erected to highlight the plight of lions both in captivity and in the wild, with only 20,000 remaining (there were 200,000 in the wild in Africa a century ago). The installation "Born Free Forever" was unveiled in early April by film star Virginia McKenna, who starred alongside her husband, the late, Bill Travers - he was born in Newcastle - in the famous 1966 film "Born Free". The couple played George and Joy Adamson and the film was based on their true story of rehabilitating and returning orphaned lioness Elsa back into the wild.

To mark what would have been Bill Travers's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Born Free charity commissioned this touring exhibition to raise awareness and funds for lions through the "Forever Lions Fund", set up in Bill's memory.

The exhibition started in Newcastle, and will be in Exhibition Park for three months to the end of July.



# “Villes d’Europe et l’eau”

“Cities of Europe and Water”

## Neuchâtel and Europe Week 2022



Water is known as "blue gold" because of how critical it is for our survival, and "cities and water" was the chosen theme for the fourth edition of the Europe Week programme in May in **Neuchâtel**, our Newcastle in Switzerland. This year there was also participation by **Newcastle upon Tyne** and **Neuburg an der Donau** of Newcastles of the World, as well as Neuchâtel's twin cities, Aarau (Switzerland), Besançon (France) and Sansepolcro (Italy), in what was a truly pan-European reach.

During Europe Week a wide variety of shows, animations, conferences and visits took the public from the city's fountains to its underground reservoirs, from museums to theatrical stages, from round tables to popular festivals, to explore together this vital resource common to our humanity. Also, as a prelude to this series of events, a scientific café on the effects of climate change took place on April 27.

Around 40 agencies participated in many different ways. The University of Neuchâtel organised the scientific café and also a round table on access to water in times of crisis, a particularly acute issue with the war in Ukraine. But most events were geared towards the general public, including young people. The full programme can still be seen on: <http://www.neuchatelville.ch/europe>

The programme of Europe Week began on May 5, the anniversary date of the founding of the Council of Europe, an organisation guaranteeing fundamental rights, of which Switzerland is a member.

Neuburg an der Donau contributed a filmed statement from Lord Mayor Gmehling, which was also translated into French. Another contribution was a music video of Neuburg-born singer Stella Lindner with her song “A River Inside of Me” which was filmed in part in the public swimming pool of Neuburg.

Nathan Forsythe of Newcastle (upon Tyne) University took part in the Round Table "Access to Water in Times of Crisis" at the University of Neuchâtel. Also from Newcastle upon Tyne, singers Janice Burns and Jon Doran contributed a filmed performance of “The Weary Cutters” a 200-year old lament by a woman whose husband had been pressed into the Navy; and David Faulkner of Newcastles of the World and former Leader of Newcastle City Council recorded a short talk about the importance of water to his home city.

All videos from Neuburg and Newcastle, and others that formed part of the programme can be viewed on:

Un petit mot de Neuburg an der Donau - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=va8b81nQumU&t=62s>

“Danube, a River Inside of Me” - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n53jBWW\\_hB4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n53jBWW_hB4)

Newcastle song - “The Weary Cutters” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Gurs25x87A>

Un petit mot de Newcastle upon Tyne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgOBvbB1ZKQ>

All videos can be seen on YouTube here -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPZKNkagmW0gZ2BvXIFh1RzLXkfJdOFcFO>

## LET’S SMILE AND LAUGH TOGETHER ....

**Newcastle upon Tyne** has been chosen as the first “City of Comedy” by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and hosted the inaugural Comedy Festival in May. Some of the biggest names in British comedy names attended plus the casts of BBC comedy shows.

The festival was made up of talent-led talks, panels, screenings, a short film night, live comedy, and the premiere of “The Outlaws” series 2, the biggest new BBC Comedy to launch last year.



There was an industry-focused day consisting of a range of panels and talks, and also sessions for anyone with a new career in TV and comedy, and people looking to break into or advance their career in the industry. The BBC said: “We are excited to be coming to Newcastle, as our first City of Comedy, to celebrate comedy in all its forms and to outline BBC Comedy’s vision for the genre in 2022 and beyond.”



Everyone is looking forward to the popular Summer Concerts in downtown **New Castle, Pennsylvania, USA** at the Riverwalk Amphitheatre.







The City of **Shinshiro** has produced some excellent poster artwork (see above) to promote its fundraising initiative for Ukraine. The information is drawn from the detail in our last *Newcastles of the World* newsletter, but we know that many other “Newcastles” have also been raising money and providing supplies as humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine.

At the online event referred to on the cover page of this newsletter, it was mentioned that Mr Otokar Klein, Mayor of **Nové Zámky** (Slovakia), who is a distinguished opera singer, had visited Japan after the devastating earthquake and tsunami of 2011 to participate in concerts to raise money for relief work. Nové Zámky was originally supporting 500 people from Ukraine but some have moved elsewhere and some have returned to their homeland. There were five people who are being accommodated in the house of the Mayor. **Nové Hradky** and **Jaunpils** were supporting between 50 and 100 people, at different times.

## COUNCILLOR TRAVELS ACROSS EUROPE TO PROVIDE HELP

**Newcastle upon Tyne** Councillor Nicu Ion was among a group of volunteers who drove a van loaded with supplies from the United Kingdom into Ukraine.

In 2021, he became the first Roma migrant in the UK to be elected as a local government councillor, having moved to Newcastle from Romania in 2012 with his wife and daughter, who was then three years old.

He worked as a teaching assistant in a secondary school in Newcastle and then qualified as a teacher of mathematics, before being inspired to go into politics and speak up for the city’s under-represented communities. He had been doing volunteer work in the migrant community in the West End of Newcastle, especially among the Romanian community.

Councillor Ion told the local newspaper that entering the war-torn country is an experience he’ll never forget. Over the past few weeks, tens of thousands of essential items have been collected in the Newcastle upon Tyne to help those dispossessed by the conflict. Councillor Ion is one of the volunteers who have undertaken the difficult journey to actually get the goods to those who need them.

He described queues of desperate people standing for hours in freezing temperatures waiting to cross the border to Romania; seeing cars abandoned by those forced to cross on foot, and the heartbreak of families separated in their attempts to flee. And once he and his team entered Ukraine itself, the journey became even more harrowing.

Councillor Ion said: "Once you cross the border, you are entering a war zone. You can see barricades made of sacks of sand, with the army or civilians with guns around them. They are very suspicious of everyone; we were stopped - it feels very tense, very unstable.

“People were very anxious, very depressed, just trying to understand why it was happening but they couldn’t find any explanations. They had normal lives until recently, and then everything started to fall to pieces.”

Delivering their supplies to a red cross base on the other side of the border they came across many families enduring immense hardship but determined to stay in Ukraine.

"Once we got to the drop-off location we had people helping us unload and they asked us 'where do you come from?'. When we said the UK they were so impressed, they started to cry, saying 'did you really come all this way?'. "We told them we had come to let them know that they are not alone in this. They said 'when this is over we are waiting for you to come back and celebrate with us', it was very emotional.”



Councillor Ion delivers aid to a Red Cross centre in Ukraine (Image: Nicu Ion)



# CASE STUDY - WELCOMING YOUNGSTERS FROM UKRAINE TO NOVÉ HRADY

Robert Dulfer writes from **Nové Hradý**, our Newcastle in the Czech Republic:

“The start of the Ukraine war on February 24, 2022, quickly caused a trickle of refugees into the surrounding countries, a trickle that even more quickly grew into a torrent of people desperately trying to escape. As we did more than a century ago for the WW1 refugees from Galicia (which includes part of today’s western Ukraine) the people of Nové Hradý again opened their heart and houses for refugees.

Even before the help became organised and State funds started to flow in to cover costs, Nové Hradý provided housing for refugee families and in particular for 10 orphans (1-9 years) and their carers, one of them also carrying an infant.

Volunteers, including from the Rozmberk Society, made regular trips to Ceske Budejovice, 36km away, to collect food from the food banks. Citizens of Nové Hradý donated used clothes, money and fresh food items for the refugees.

“The registration station at Ceske Budejovice was well organised, including trauma support, with free refreshments. Volunteer translators, some of them themselves refugees, helped the adults with filling out the forms.

“For the children, there was a specially designed play area where they could pass the time whilst the formalities were being processed.



“Once registered, we took the kids home, while the two caretakers continued to fill forms. The children were soon sleeping peacefully in the car on the way to arriving in their new home after a tiring day.

“It is clear now that these refugees will not be able to return to their homes soon. Nové Hradý therefore has started activities to help integrate the refugees in the population and, at least for now, become part of our community.

Children are encouraged to join the local sport clubs, and special after-school courses and activities are being organised. An important provision are the special language courses, especially for children, so that in the coming school year from September, they will have fewer problems joining the new school year and be able to continue with their education.”

## A MESSAGE TO THE REST OF EUROPE FROM NOVOGRAD VOLYNSKY - “NEWCASTLE” IN THE UKRAINE

“Every year on the third Saturday of May, Ukraine celebrates Europe Day. This year the day was of even more importance for Ukrainians, because our country and the EU are united not only by common values, history and culture. At the moment, countries that used to be just neighbours have become for us really close friends, helpers and, for many, refuge and salvation from Russian aggression. At the same time, Ukrainian soldiers defend democratic European values at the cost of their own lives.

“During the week of Europe Day, online information and educational events took place in our institutions on themes such as "Ukraine is a European state", "Travelling through Europe" and "We get to know Europe together". More than 200 children who are on the territory of Ukraine took part and thanked the cities of Europe that have been receiving our families during the period of martial law. Under the flags of European countries and the slogan "Europe helps - Ukraine wins", displays of "Europe with gratitude" were held in the city park. The organisers of the event, who embodied many creative ideas, were members of the association of foreign language teachers of the Novograd-Volynsky city territorial community. They prepared materials on the culture and customs of friendly peoples, and organised an exhibition and sale of European cuisine. The dangers from potential air strikes affected the number of people who were able to attend but the City’s Department of Education and Science thank everyone involved with the event.”





# ENVIRONMENT

## PIONEERING RECOVERY PLANT IN NYBORG



The vision of Elysium Nordic is a world that runs entirely on green energy and recycles all its waste - and one of the company's ground-breaking projects is in **Nyborg**, our "Newcastle" in Denmark. Three million tons of end-of-life tyres (ELT) are collected every year across the EU. But the way they are processed is far from optimal. Though many are recycled, one third are still incinerated, treated as waste instead of a valuable resource. The consequences of not recycling ELT, is continued dependence on non-renewable resources such as oil and extensive CO2 emission to manufacture rubber-based product such as tyres and conveyor belts. This creates environmental challenges, but it is also a poor economic model, as valuable materials found in ELT tyres are lost.

Many have been in search for economically viable alternatives to the incineration of ELT and Elysium Nordic will change this situation from 2024 by using a thermal decomposition based on a patented microwave technology to recover from ELT materials such as gas, steel, oil and especially carbon black, which is a material that is irreplaceable in the production of tyres and other rubber-based products.

The first plant will be built in the port of Nyborg in Denmark with capacity to recover up to 12,000 tons of carbon black from 30,000 tons of ELT. The plant is the first important step towards a more circular, sustainable and reasonable approach to handling ELT. Nyborg is located on the west side of Funen in Denmark next to the Storebælt bridge. The plant is located on a harbour site, 300 metres from the highway (E20) which connects to the rest of Denmark and Central Europe. This makes it an optimal location for transportation of the sourcing of tyres and for the end-products to customers. The plant will be on a 12,000 sqm area, consisting of one production building and one ELT storage building. Nyborg already hosts several industrial plants, which allows the project to access industrial suppliers and skilled workers. See <https://elysiumnordic.com/> for more information.

Born in **Kota Bharu**, our Newcastle in Malaysia, the celebrated scientist Dr Omar Abdul Rahman celebrates his 90th birthday this year. He was the science adviser to the former prime minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for 16 years and is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the MUST Ehsan Foundation, a non-profit foundation that manages and administers the Malaysia University of Science and Technology.



He was a strong and early proponent of environmental and economic sustainability, and the renowned UCSI University inaugurated the Tan Sri Dr Omar Harmony Award as a platform to inspire students to be agents of positive social change to promote cohesion and harmony.

In his extraordinary career, he was the founder chairman of Technology Park Malaysia Corporation, the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology. Omar is also the founding and current chairman of the London-based Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management, Founding Fellow of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, and the Founding and Immediate Past President of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia. He also served as a member of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for Development.

## Sakurabuchi Park's new look for visitors



One of the many natural attractions of **Shinshiro**, our Newcastle in Japan, is the beautiful Sakurabuchi Park where redevelopment work has been underway since 2019, but is now complete.

The park has been made barrier-free with parking lots, walking paths and deck slopes, making it enjoyable for everyone, from children to the elderly. This renewal has created a multipurpose plaza and cherry blossom walking paths. The plaza can be used as a playground or event area.

The annual spring cleanup of the Port of **Newcastle, Ontario, Canada**, the community of Bond Head and the important Samuel Wilmot Nature Area brought almost 200 volunteers together on April 23 to collect litter along streets, ditches and trails. The event is annual, and participation has grown every year.



# PEOPLE

## NEW CIVIC LEADERS IN NEWCASTLES

The new Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne, Councillor Karen Robinson, has taken over from the outgoing Lord Mayor Habib Rahman for her year of office as “first citizen” (*photo - right*)



And in Newcastle-under-Lyme, the new Mayor is Councillor Gill Burnett (*left*), with former Mayor Simon White as her Deputy.

Although principally a ceremonial role, Mayors and Lord Mayors in the United Kingdom also chair full meetings of their councils as “Speakers”.

There is also a new political Leader of Newcastle upon Tyne City Council. Councillor Nick Kemp (*right*), who succeeds Nick Forbes, is a well-known figure in city politics, having represented Byker Ward since 2002.

He runs a public relations firm, previously worked for local Member of Parliament Nick Brown, and used to oversee neighbourhood service issues when a member of the City Council Cabinet.



## STRENGTHENING LINKS AND RECOGNISING A REMARKABLE LADY



On April 29, Austrian Ambassador Thomas Mühlmann visited Akhaltsikhe, our Newcastle in the Republic of Georgia. During the visit, the Ambassador met with the Mayor of Akhaltsikhe Municipality, Irakli Lazarashvili (*on the right in the photo*). At the introductory meeting, they discussed the existing friendly relations between Austria and Georgia and expressed their readiness to foster cooperation at the regional level in the future.



During his visit, an exhibition dedicated to the life and work of the famous Austrian novelist and peace activist Bertha von Suttner was organised at Akhaltsikhe (Rabati) castle. Suttner was born in Prague, but lived in Georgia between 1877 and 1886.

Whilst living there, among other work, she co-translated the Georgian medieval epic poem, “The Knight in the Panther Skin”, written in the 12th century by Georgia's national poet Shota Rustaveli; the poem is an allegory of the rule of Queen Tamar of Georgia, and about the glory of the Kingdom of Georgia in its Golden Age.



Suttner became the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (1905). Her role as a leading figure in the European peace movement began with the publication of her pacifist novel, *Die Waffen nieder!* (Lay Down Your Arms!), which was published in 37 editions and translated into 12 languages. She founded the German Peace Society and became known internationally as the editor of the international pacifist journal *Die Waffen nieder!*, named after her book, from 1892 to 1899.

In 1897, she presented Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria with a list of signatures urging the establishment of an International Court of Justice and took part in the First Hague Convention in 1899. She travelled around the United States, campaigning for peace, attending a universal peace congress in Boston and meeting President Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1907, she was the only female to attend the Second Hague Peace Conference, and in 1908 attended the International Peace Congress in London, where she first met Caroline Playne, an English anti-war activist who would later write the first biography of Suttner. In the run-up to World War I, Suttner continued to campaign against international armament. In the last months of her life, while suffering from cancer, she helped organise the next Peace Conference, intended to take place in September 1914. However, the conference never took place, as she died of cancer on 21 June 1914, and seven days later the heir to her nation's throne, Franz Ferdinand was killed, triggering World War I.



Born in **Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal**, Lindiwe Mabuza, who died recently, was a distinguished South African politician, diplomat, poet, academic and journalist. She was an anti-apartheid activist who went on to serve her country as a member of the first democratically-elected parliament of South Africa before a career as a distinguished diplomat.

Mabuza was South African Ambassador to Germany, and from 2001 - 2009, was High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. David Faulkner of Newcastles of the World recalls her in Newcastle Civic Centre when she visited Newcastle upon Tyne to meet South African expatriats.

She was a patron of Dramatic Need, a United Kingdom-based charity that promotes creative arts for children, and was a Council Member of the Thabo Mbeki Foundation and chairperson of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund UK.



In 2014, the President awarded her South Africa's highest decoration, the national Order of Ikhamanga, for her contribution to the eradication of the oppressive apartheid system through the arts, and in 2017, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Arts Advocacy from the Arts and Culture Trust of South Africa.

Mabuza started writing poetry when she was involved in "The Way Project" in the United States that tried to create programmes through which children could be kept off the streets. Later she co-edited an anthology of poems by ANC (African National Congress) women entitled "Malibongwe! ANC Women: Poetry Is Their Weapon". She published five volumes of poems, a children's book, and also co-edited "Oliver Tambo Remembered" in honour of her mentor and friend, former ANC President, Oliver Tambo.

In 2012, as part of the cultural programme of the 2012 Newcastles of the World conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, Mabuza was contacted and agreed to write a foreword to a book of poems published by NotW (see <https://newcastlesoftheworld.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/proud-to-call-it-home-newcastle.pdf>) - and permitted the publication in that book one of her own poems. Here is what she wrote in the foreword:

*"I am delighted that you have chosen to celebrate through poetry, drama and song the gatherings of Newcastles of the world from different continents, peoples and cultures. Literature and song has been an important part of my consciousness. It had to be so. My maternal grandfather was a coal miner. The first English expression I learned when I started primary school was "Do not send coal to Newcastle". Why not I enquired! Because all Newcastles mine coal! I love words and always have. They are a vehicle that has carried me in and out of homes, hearts, streets and around the world. Sorrow or anger, dejection or uplift, exhilaration, joy or exuberance - words carry me through the length breadth and depth of human feeling! Words energize, inspire and mobilize! Words speak from heart to heart! Thank you to the writers, young and old, professional and otherwise who have crafted words that say what their Newcastle means to them."* **A truly remarkable lady.**

## LORIS BRINGS PRIDE TO NEUCHÂTEL

The City and Canton of Neuchâtel, Switzerland have celebrated the achievement of young, locally-born, singer Loris (Triolo) who reached the final of the Swiss version of "The Voice" on 21 May. With his family, Loris was then invited to City Hall to receive the City's Medal of Honour – and a chocolate microphone ! ....

Neuchâtel is a renowned centre for chocolate, of course.

In the three months of transmission of the competition on national television, at the age of 18, Loris touched the hearts of millions of viewers and helped promote his home city of Neuchâtel.



# BERNHARD GMEHLING - 20 years as Lord Mayor of Neuburg

Dr. Bernhard Gmehling is the Oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor) of **Neuburg an der Donau**, our “Newcastle” in Bavaria, Germany - and this year marks 20 years in that role.



Dr Gmehling came to the study seminar in Neuburg an der Donau at the age of ten and attended the Descartes-Gymnasium from 1970 to 1979 . After graduating from high school and doing community service at the Arbeiterwohlfahrt Neuburg, he worked for ten months at the Loibl book printing company in Neuburg as a proofreader. In 1981 he began studying law at the University of Regensburg , which he completed in 1989. Shortly before, he received his doctorate, in 1988.

Later, he became a judge at the Neuburg District Court.

In 2002 he was elected Lord Mayor of Neuburg and re-elected in 2008, 2014 and 2020. He has had many additional roles including Chairman of the German Danube Tourist Association and Chairman of the committee for finance and municipal law in the German Association of Towns and Municipalities.

Below are extracts from an interview with the newspaper Neuburger Rundschau about his 20 years as Lord Mayor.

## **You have been in office for 20 years now. Do you remember your first challenge as Lord Mayor?**

Admittedly, the start was relatively easy. I was able to inaugurate projects that my predecessor initiated - for example, the new tourist information centre at the Marstall complex.

## **What, in your view, have been the main results of your term of office so far?**

First of all: Successes are team achievements and we were able to show some of them in the last two decades. Spontaneously the establishment of the University Campus, the merger of the Neuburg-Rain savings banks, the completion of flood protection and the construction of a new municipal utility, as well as a number of new day-care centres and the construction of the Schwalbangerschule (school) come to mind. In addition, there is a plethora of street and square renovations.

## **And what should have gone differently, what would you rather undo?**

During the renovation of the town hall in 2012/13, we should have been more courageous and converted the attic into a new large assembly room. I am of the opinion that in future the City Council should meet permanently in the first house of the city, the town hall.

## **Tell us about some particularly funny events in your career as Lord Mayor so far. . .**

That makes me think of quite particular experiences during the citizen consultation hours. Once a man slammed a bag of cat litter on my desk. His neighbour would always put that stuff on his doorstep, and I should see to it that she would stop. Another time, a man came to me and said I had to build a discotheque. To find a woman would be the desired solution for him. In both cases, I couldn't help !

However, these are examples of how, as a mayor, you are also confronted with many things for which you are not responsible. Still, you try to take care of things, but not everything works out.

## **In your experience, what skills are essential for the office of mayor?**

Being able to listen, weigh and make decisions. It is also necessary to be able to understand the problems brought up by citizens. Nowadays, more than ever, one has to be careful to act in accordance with the law. The days when local politicians said “I do what I want” are long gone. And the demands of citizens are greater.

## **Hand on heart: Would you recommend the profession of mayor?**

Regarding Neuburg I would say: Yes. We are such a beautiful city with great cultural events and festivals, but also with a wide spectrum of quality of life. In a city like this, you enjoy being Mayor.

## **What should still be realised or further developed in the coming four years of your time as Lord Mayor?**

In the energy sector, the increased use of hydrogen needs to be promoted. Photovoltaic systems in the Danube region are to supply the necessary electricity. With more electricity from sun and wind, we need to become more independent and move away from fossil fuels. This also includes the expansion of urban properties with PV systems on the rooftops. I am committed to gas as a bridging solution for our local heating project.

After all, no one could foresee the war in Ukraine.

In addition, the bypass with the second Danube Bridge remains an important project for the infrastructure of Neuburg.



# COMMUNITY

## New Castle's Cascade Park is celebrating 125 years!

Officially opened 125 years ago on 29 May 1897, Cascade Park is cherished by residents of **New Castle, Pennsylvania, USA**, with its attractive landscape of waterfalls, trees and wildflowers. It's perfect for hiking, fishing, bocce and enjoying the horseshoe courts, jungle gyms, dance hall, picnic pavilions and festival events. At Christmastime, night becomes day with thousands of lights and displays. Read here about its fascinating history - <https://www.visitlawrencecounty.com/.../fea.../cascade-park/>



In the beginning it was not only a nature park but an adventure park housing a wonderful array of amusement rides. Many big businesses would host their company picnics here where workers could come to enjoy the day with their families and mingle. Events such as Polish American Day, Italian Festival and "Back to the '50s Weekend" were hosted annually at Cascade Park and continue to this day. Many books have been written about its history and beauty. There is a Lawrence County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Veterans of Fallen Wars memorial. The memorials consist of a circle of flagpoles each flying flags that commemorate the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard who served in Vietnam.

## CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

More than 300 volunteers in the City of **Newcastle, Australia** have been recognised in National Volunteer Week for their invaluable contribution to the community. They were treated to a special morning tea at Fort Scratchley in appreciation of the countless hours they dedicate to the city. The city is fortunate to have hundreds of selfless volunteers who contribute immensely to building and strengthening the community, whether they are helping out at local facilities, assisting at events, sharing their expertise on a community group, or caring for the city's precious native wildlife and the natural environment - they each contribute positively to the community.



Volunteers from all walks of life lend their time, skills, and passion at City of Newcastle facilities, including Newcastle Libraries, Newcastle Museum, Newcastle Art Gallery, Fort Scratchley, the Civic Playhouse and Landcare sites. They provide much-needed support to ensure the success of major events and contribute their knowledge and expertise to countless committees and community groups throughout the year.

## MARKETS ARE THRIVING

**Newcastle-under-Lyme** (England) has seen a renaissance of its outdoor market and there are many exciting things planned. In addition to its four-days-a-week general market and its Sunday market, the town will present another award-winning monthly Castle Artisan market, a Memorabilia Fair and a Vegan Festival to attract visitors. The Summer Vegan festival on 3rd July will have over 50 stalls and family entertainment in a celebration of all things eco-friendly, plastic-free, cruelty-free, vegan and zero waste.



In early May, the City of **Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia**, resumed face-to-face citizenship ceremonies following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, welcoming more than 130 new citizens from 34 countries as new citizens of Australia. Hailing from all corners of the globe, from Germany and Brazil to South Africa and Afghanistan, the city's newest citizens further add to Newcastle's rich multicultural tapestry, where 14 per cent of residents were born overseas and more than 14,000 speak a second language at home.



# YOUTH

## "Youth talks" held in Herceg Novi

A new international youth initiative, "Youth talks", has been held in Herceg Novi, our Newcastle in Montenegro, organised by the Embassy of France in Montenegro and the Regional Office for Youth Cooperation (RYCO), and with the support of the Secretariat for Culture and Education of the Municipality.



Students had the opportunity to discuss European Union issues with the French Ambassador Christian Timonier, and representatives of the embassies of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia, as well as RCYO. Topics were democratic values, intercultural dialogue, human rights and cooperation in a multicultural society. The meeting marked the presidency of the French Republic in the Council of the European Union, and the ambition of France to promote more European youth projects in the coming period, according to the RYCO, which is the French presidency's partner in youth cooperation in the Western Balkans.

The key message was that "youth is part of our common future in the European Union".



## ERASMUS+ ACCREDITATION FOR NYBORG

The municipality of **Nyborg**, our Newcastle in Denmark has received Erasmus+ accreditation valid until 2027. Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education. The programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life. The accreditation means that staff from pre-school and schools (0-18 years) can take part in courses or job shadowing in Europe.



In addition it covers group mobility of school pupils in cooperation with other schools. The EU funds travel costs and accommodation. Nyborg is looking for schools (pre-schools, primary, lower secondary) in Europe who would like to host visitors.. If you would like to know more, contact Erasmus-coordinator Mette Holding Madsen - mhm@nyborg.dk

## Youth Week highlights the contribution of city's young people



Street art sessions, DJing workshops, a skateboarding programme and the opportunity to build social connections while learning photography skills were among the activities on offer to the younger generation of the City of **Newcastle, Australia** during Youth Week 2022 in April. Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen said the aim of Youth Week was to engage with and acknowledge the role of young people from all backgrounds within the local community.

"Our city's youth are our future, which is why Youth Week plays such an important role within the community by putting young people at the forefront of organising inclusive activities, specifically for people of their own age," Councillor Clausen said. "The City of Newcastle has worked with the Newcastle Youth Council Advisory Committee through the Youth Week grants programme to support a broad range of initiatives that provide young people with a fun experience and an opportunity to learn new skills."



## JAUNPILS' SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

**Jaunpils**, our Newcastle in Latvia, is very committed to its young people and each year promotes special youth engagement projects. This June, the EsTev project is designed to take young people through inspirational stories, experiences and practical work for adventures in a fun, active and informal environment.

It consists of eight days of activities, each day being dedicated to a topic with a combination of theory and practical work. This will include an educational orientation game; fishing activity; learning photographic techniques; and Nordic walking. This youth initiative project is funded by the European Social Foundation.



# FEATURES



## THE MAN FROM NEWCASTLE, SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS CAMELS

Dick Adendorff of Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal has owned camels for a quarter of a century and finds them fascinating, hardworking and adaptable animals. He explains: “Back in 1997 I read about camels near Cape Town that had come from the Kalahari desert. Fun Farm, the business we run in KZN, had been operational for a few years – schoolchildren come here to ride horses, swim and play and I thought the camels would be a good addition to

the farm. I’d done my research on camels and knew how to train and handle them, so I contacted a farmer and bought two – Mellow Yellow and Kalahari. I trained my first camels myself and I fell off a few times in the process too. Once they were tame, I started letting other people ride them. After Mellow Yellow and Kalahari, I got hold of a few cows and a year or two later, the first calves were born here on the farm.

“I have 35 camels at the moment. You think of them as desert animals, but they’ve adapted well to KZN’s weather. Camels like routine, and the kinder you are when you work with them, the tamer they get. Most of the camel rides are here on the farm, but before the pandemic we attended many agricultural shows and festivals. A camel ride is a fun experience and everyone reacts differently to it. I had one camel called Sampie - at the shows he would sneak up on people from behind and grab their drink, chips or candy floss!

“I love sharing statistics and facts about camels, and people are fascinated by them. For instance, a camel has three eyelids – one eyelid is transparent and keeps dust and sand out of the eye. And they have such long legs to keep their body as far away from the hot desert sand as possible. Camels can go for days without water and when they do reach a water source, they can easily drink up to 100 litres at a time. Camels have tough skins with bristly hair to protect them from desert sandstorms.



## ROTARY CLUBS CONNECT

On May 20<sup>th</sup> there was an international link-up on Skype between the Rotary Clubs of Newcastle upon Tyne in the United Kingdom and Neuburg an der Donau, our “Newcastle” in Bavaria, Germany.

The clubs exchanged information about their respective cities and about their Clubs.

Despite a difference in size, there are similarities between the two communities. Both are on rivers (the Danube and the Tyne), both have castles (of course) and have great history and heritage, beautiful buildings and excellent cultural attractions for tourists; and both have ambitions to further develop their green energy facilities.

One difference between the clubs is that the Neuburg Rotary Club was established in 1988 and the Newcastle upon Tyne Club goes back to 1915, being one of the very oldest in the United Kingdom. However, both are facing issues on membership - how to attract younger members into their organisations, which both do very good work to support local and international charitable and community causes, as well as promoting good fellowship among their members.

Newcastles of the World would be interested to hear from Rotary Clubs in other “Newcastles” - we know that many have branches of Rotary International. Would you like to share information about how you maintain and increase membership, or other topics? Could there be a project or projects that several Clubs in different Newcastles could work together on? Could you host young people from other Newcastles who might like to visit yours? Email us with your ideas on [newcastlesoftheworld@gmail.com](mailto:newcastlesoftheworld@gmail.com)

For those who are not familiar with Rotary, it is “a global network of 1.4 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.” See <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary> for more information.





# NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD COOKBOOK

Why not check out our cookbook and the delicious recipes from Newcastles around the world from this link ? -

<https://newcastlesoftheworld.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/cookbook.pdf>

They were all provided by people in our different "Newcastles". The mouth-watering contributions below are from **Newcastle, Ontario, Canada**.



## BUTTER TARTS

The *Collins English Dictionary* describes it as one of the few pastries with a genuinely Canadian origin. A butter tart is a small pastry tart, which generally consists of butter, sugar, syrup, and egg, filled into a flaky pastry and baked until the filling is semi-solid with a crunchy top.

The first published recipe was in 1900 but the origin is believed to be much older, most likely the result of the *filles du roi* (King's Daughters), in which approximately 800 young women were sent to Québec from France between 1663 and 1673 to help colonise. These young ladies brought with them their traditional European recipes but were forced to adapt them according to what was available. The sugar pie, a single-crust pie with a filling made from flour, butter, salt, vanilla, and cream, is a likely precursor to the butter tart.

**Ingredients** - for a serving of 16: 1/2 cup of raisins; 1/4 cup soft butter; 1/4 cup packed brown sugar; 1 pinch of salt; 1/2 cup of corn syrup; 1 egg, lightly beaten; 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract.

**Pastry Method** 1. Blend all ingredients except water in a food processor to form pea-sized granules of butter. Slowly add ice water until dough comes together. Divide dough into 2 round disks wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

2. Roll disk on floured surface into large circle and cut 6 circles approx 5". Repeat.

3. Place pastry rounds into muffin tin. 4. Preheat oven to 400°F

**Filling Method** Combine ingredients in a large measuring cup mix very well and pour into tart shells; bake at 400°F for 15 minutes, turn oven off and let bake for 10 minutes; Remove from oven let stand 5 minutes before twisting tarts to release them.

The *tourtière* is a French-Canadian meat pie that originated in Quebec province in Canada as early as 1600.

## TOURTIÈRE

Most recipes include ground pork and other ground meats. It's a traditional part of Christmas and New Year's celebrations in Quebec, but also enjoyed at other times and throughout Canada and the upper midwest and eastern USA. The word *tourtière* refers to the pastry containing meat (or fish) that was cooked in this medium-deep, round or rectangular dish.

**Ingredients** - Short crust pastry for a double crusted pie : 1 ½ lb Ground Pork; 1 onion chopped; 2 cloves of garlic minced; 1tsp salt; ¼ tsp pepper; ¼ tsp thyme; ¼ tsp savoury; Pinch of ground cloves; 1 small bay leaf crumbled; ¾ cup water.

Pastry crust ingredients - 8oz (200g) flour (all purpose or Cake and Pastry); pinch of salt; 2oz (50g) Lard (Tenderflake); 2oz (50g) hard Margarine (Imperial); 2-3 tablespoons water

**Method - For the pastry:** Sieve the flour and salt; rub in fat to sandy texture; make a well in centre; add sufficient water to make a fairly firm paste; use a knife or fork to start the mixture coming together, then your hands (handle lightly); roll out half of pastry for bottom of pie plate, prick with a fork; roll out second half for the top; use milk to wet the outside rim once the filling has been placed; place top pastry sheet on top and trim; pinch to seal, cut a couple of slit for steam to escape; brush top with the rest of milk.

**For the pie** - In a skillet of heavy saucepan lightly brown the ground pork, stirring with a fork to break the meat up; add onion, garlic, salt, pepper, thyme, savoury, cloves and bayleaf; stir; add water and cover, simmer for 15 minutes until most of the liquid is absorbed, but the mixture is still moist; pour filling into a pastry lined pie plate, cover with crust; seal and flute edges; bake in a 425 F (220C) oven for 30 minutes until pastry is well browned.





## NEW CASTLE, INDIANA AT THE HEART OF COUNTY CELEBRATIONS



Henry County, **Indiana** – whose county seat is **New Castle** – celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, and June is the big month.

The bicentennial celebrations begin on the 1st of the month with a birthday party and worship service at the Newcastle Arts Park. There's a 66 mile (106km) torch relay around the thirteen different townships of the county on June 4, concluding in New Castle on the Court House square; there will be the opening of the time capsule from Henry County's 1972 Sesquicentennial (150th) and the burial of a new time capsule, to be opened in 2072. The organiser of the run is a good friend of Newcastles of the World, Nate LaMar, President of Henry County from 2009-2019 and who attended our 2010 conference in Newcastle, South Africa.

There will be 200 trees planted for the year, a series of historical talks ("the magical history tour"), a month of Henry County- themed films at the Art Centre, a new art mural and many special festivities. And on June 25 at the New Castle High School Fieldhouse, there will be an attempt on the world record for the Largest Game of Knockout Basketball! Basketball is very big in New Castle – it's home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

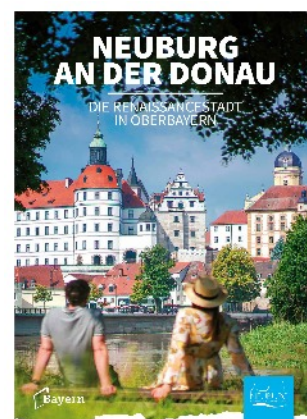
## New Tourism Brochure for Neuburg

It is 40 pages in length and intended to make tourists curious about **Neuburg** on the Donau – the city's new tourism brochure was published in time for Easter.

The previous brochure was 25 years old. It was used to advertise at exhibitions, gave orientation to a whole generation of visitors, and introduced them to the special places of the city, but viewing, reading and travel habits have changed.

The new brochure amazes with large, emotional pictures and texts that have been shortened to the essentials. The use of QR codes offers the opportunity to use smartphones to call up further information via the website or to enter directly into the hustle and bustle of the Neuburg's Castle Festival. In addition to the brochure, the city's hotel and restaurant directory has also been reissued.

The new brochure is available from Neuburg Tourist Information and can also be ordered directly from the website: [www.neuburg-donau.info](http://www.neuburg-donau.info)



A pioneering renewable energy park at Keele University in **Newcastle-under-Lyme** (England), producing up to 50% of the campus' electricity, has been officially opened. The Low Carbon Energy Generation park, built in partnership with low-carbon technology specialists EQUANS, features an array of 12,500 solar panels and two wind turbines, which generate clean, renewable energy for the Keele campus and neighbouring communities.

With combined battery storage, any excess energy generated is fed back into the local power grid to serve neighbouring local communities.

## A SPECIAL CASTLE, A SPECIAL TIME

Mid-May was a special time for **Jaunpils** Castle in Latvia. Not only did it take part in the European Night of Museums but it also marked the reopening of the permanent exhibition hall of the Castle Museum after refurbishment, and the opening of a special exhibition "365 days" by the artist Dace Krēslini.

Jaunpils Castle is special among the castles of the "Newcastles of the World" because it is also a hotel, with nine unique, atmospheric medieval bedrooms, as well as an authentic medieval pub serving exquisite period meals, and providing visitors with unforgettable experiences in medieval costumes.

And the hospitality that Jaunpils offers became even more special when for, two months, there were 30 Ukrainians housed in the castle.





# MORE NEWS

Keele University, based in **Newcastle-under-Lyme**, England, has launched a new scholarship scheme in response to the Ukraine crisis, which will provide over £1m (1.2 million Euros) in financial support to refugees or those with similar status in the UK.

Pupils from Hotspur Primary School in **Newcastle upon Tyne** (England) show their support for Ukraine as part of their work towards becoming a School of Sanctuary (*right*).



Among its many international connections, **Herceg Novi** (Montenegro) has a special relationship with Norway and - after a two-year break - the tradition of celebrating the Constitution Day of the Kingdom of Norway resumed on May 17th in the municipality.

Guests from Norway were welcomed by the President of Herceg-Novii, Stevan Katić and paraded through the municipality, led by the local musicians Đenović and the Majorette Club "Lili" as part of a full programme of activities. The friendship between Herceg Novi and Norway goes back over 40 years through the Institute, whilst the city has nurtured fraternal relations with the Norwegian city of Levanger for more than five decades.

Mr Katić also said that Herceg-Novii would never forget the help that arrived from Norway after the devastating 1979 earthquake.



The World Donut (Doughnut) Hole Eating Championship took place on 27<sup>th</sup> May in **New Castle, Indiana**, the home of the national donut chain Jack's Donuts. The donut hole is a ball-shaped doughnut originally made from the dough cut out to make the holes in donuts.

The winner, with a new world record of 293 donut holes in eight minutes was Geoff Esper, 18 ahead of Patrick Bertoletti. The event was organised by the World Major League Eating organisation (yes, it's true!) In a normal year, there can be more than 20 contests a year organised by MLE and one of the biggest is Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island in New York.

Joey Chestnut, the world's top-ranked competitive eater, was scheduled to take part in New Castle but had to call off at the last moment when he went down with Covid-19.



On April 7, the police in **Nové Zámky** (Slovakia) received a report that a 220-kilogram bomb had been found near the railway station during excavation work. Upon arrival, police pyrotechnicians said that it was necessary to evacuate the area, affecting several companies and family houses in the vicinity of about 500 meters. Experts from the Criminalistics and Expertise Institute in Bratislava were immediately called to the scene. After about two hours, the pyrotechnicians managed to dismantle the bomb, making it inoperable, before it was transported for safe storage.

The Farmers Market in **New Castle, Pennsylvania, USA** begins this June with fresh produce from farmers in the area as well as some Amish families. New this year will be a makers' mart offering a full array of produce and adding in craft and food vendors.



**Shinshiro** International Exchange Association celebrates its 30th anniversary on 1st August and the next issue of our Newcastles of the World newsletter will look at the highlights of its first three decades.

The Association is a model that many other towns and cities could well follow to develop and promote their international links.



Its focus is not only to create overseas opportunities of friendship and understanding for the citizens of Shinshiro but to ensure that those from other countries who live or work in Shinshiro are supported in the best possible way. The Association is always looking to improve and extend its work. A survey is currently under way to find out more about the issues that foreign-born residents might face and "to help you live in a more enjoyable way".



# ... From your Newcastles of the World Secretariat

## Students enjoy MY NEWCASTLE video project

**Nové Zámky**, our Newcastle in Slovakia, is the latest Newcastle to participate in the **My Newcastle** project, where students create videos on their own Newcastle, showing us what makes it special to them.

Richard Prutkay, final year student at Nové Zámky's Higher Secondary Grammar School / Gymnázium, *pictured right*, led the video production, collaborating with his fellow students to make the film, so that young people in other Newcastles can learn about their city. He also uses these skills when working as a cameraman and reporter for Nové Zámky TV.

Richard said: "International communication and cooperation can be beneficial for both the students and adults participating in Newcastles of the World.

Whilst our cities share the same name, each one has a different culture. Thanks to our Alliance, the youths can learn about the world and get to know their peers on the other side of the world.



I believe this project will lead to long-lasting friendships and cooperation between students who live hundreds, or even thousands, of miles apart."



Ildiko Luzsiczova (second from right, front row), English Language teacher, Gymnázium Nové Zámky, with her students

Ildiko Luzsiczova, English Language teacher at Gymnázium Nové Zámky, became involved with Newcastles of the World through our online communications platform and has been collaborating regularly with the Secretariat. The students that we meet in the film attend Ildiko's English class.

Ildiko said: "Being part of the large Newcastles of the World family not only teaches you a lot about other cities, people and their cultures, but whilst working on different projects you learn a lot about your very own Newcastle as well as yourself."

<https://youtu.be/U5ZQy11rsxw> - Nové Zámky's My Newcastle video

Keen to take My Newcastle to the next level, students in **Nové Zámky**, **Shinshiro** (Japan) and **Neuburg** (Germany), have also been making mini videos, sharing video greetings and messages.

The Nové Zámky students exchanged information with students at Yana Junior High School on 'what a typical school day looks like', in partnership with Shinshiro's International Exchange Association, the City of Shinshiro and the Secretariat. **Nyborg** (Denmark) leads on My Newcastle, hosting the YouTube Channel, where you can view the videos produced so far. See: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtuCoQ\\_S2kzdMY\\_x-kcdxPg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtuCoQ_S2kzdMY_x-kcdxPg)

Nyborg was the first Newcastle to make a film for the project.

By connecting Newcastles, this project provides a tremendous opportunity to make links between schools, our students and teachers, share intercultural knowledge and learn from each other.

We encourage more Newcastles in the Alliance to get involved.

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### ABOUT NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD

[www.newcastlesoftheworld.com](http://www.newcastlesoftheworld.com)



There are more than 100 different "Newcastles" or "New Castles" around the globe, in many different countries and different languages. It was the mayor of one of them, in Shinshiro, Japan, who took the initiative to bring the Newcastles together via the Newcastles of the World summit in 1998. Subsequent gatherings were held in Neuchâtel, Switzerland in 2000, USA (New Castles of Indiana & Pennsylvania) 2002, South Africa 2004 and 2010, UK 2006 (Newcastle-under-Lyme) & 2012 (Newcastle upon Tyne), Germany (Neuburg) in 2008, Nové Hradky (Czech Republic) in 2014, Newcastle, Ontario, Canada in 2016 and in Shinshiro again in 2018.

Our aim is to foster individual, group and civic friendships, with practical links through culture, education, business and tourism.

# SPORT



The big sport in **Jaunpils**, our Newcastle in Latvia, is basketball, where the local team BK Jaunpils competes with the very top clubs. The current season ended with Jaunpils reaching the finals of the Latvian Regional Basketball League, but in the play-offs unfortunately, despite a strong performance, they lost to Team Gorbina.



The Da Monde Trail Spring Challenge event was held in **Shinshiro**, Japan in mid-May, and hundreds took part around the special forest trail in this three-hour endurance race. It was for solo, team or family runners, and is as much a showcase for the beautiful scenery that surrounds Shinshiro as it is a competitive race around laps of 2.5km. As you can see from the Taiko drummers, the event was for the whole community to enjoy, not just the runners.



A RM5 million (one million euros) upgrading of the Stadium Sultan Muhammad IV in **Kota Bharu**, our Newcastle in Malaysia (the home of Kelantan Football Club), will be completed by August. The project includes new floodlighting and a general renewal of all existing facilities.



It seems to have been a long time coming, but at last, at the beginning of July, the famous Tour de France will arrive in Denmark - and our Newcastle, **Nyborg** !

From July 1-3, the Tour in Denmark is in three stages - and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark will be visiting Nyborg during the second stage of the race on 2 July. Read more about the Danish tour start on [www.letourcph.dk/](http://www.letourcph.dk/) and about the Tour de France in Nyborg on [www.nyborg.dk/tdf](http://www.nyborg.dk/tdf)

In special “event zones” in Nyborg city centre, there will be giant screens, so people can follow the entire stage of the race. At these event zones there will be activities throughout the day - lots of music, an art exhibition, stalls, activities for children and there’s even a “medieval” event zone which will showcase the history of Nyborg from hundreds of years ago.

The party will continue around the city long after the riders will have climbed the Great Belt Bridge and crossed the finish line in Nyborg - hopefully with a Danish winner in the yellow jersey! There will be live music and concerts at Torvet (Town Square) and at the harbour - and in both locations there will also be a number of events in the days and week up to 2 July.

The city of Nyborg has been preparing for this very special occasion for more than three years, from the first announcement back in February 2019 (*see right*). The original plan was for the Tour to visit Denmark in 2021 but the start of the Tour in that year (known as the Grand Départ) was transferred from Copenhagen to Brest because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Copenhagen hosting four matches in the UEFA Euro 2020, which had also been rescheduled to 2021 because of the pandemic.

