



CALLING ARTISTS !

Nové Zámky, Slovakia's City of Culture, is creating a platform for Newcastle artists

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Summertime without the usual festivals is a big blow, but the City of Neuchâtel, Switzerland reminds us that summer is not without joy in the northern hemisphere.



The sun will still shine, the flowers are blooming and creative people are finding ways to bring their work to the public. So the city has invited residents and visitors to live the beautiful days to the fullest, with the installation of a # NEUCHÂTEL sign in cut letters on the Mont-Blanc esplanade, as well as a new promotional video and other summer surprises. "The spirit of summer 2020 - it's up to everyone to create the event!" Watch the film via this

link - <https://youtu.be/WI2EIQ2U mM>

Celebrating midsummer in **Latvia** is famous comedian, film actress, television and radio host Baiba Sipeniece-Gavare, born in **Jaunpils**, our "Newcastle". One of the most beautiful Latvian midsummer customs is the making and wearing of wreaths from wildflowers. By tradition, if you go to sleep before sunrise, you'll sleep throughout the summer. So Latvians usually spend midsummer night lighting bonfires, eating and drinking, singing and dancing – following social distancing this year of course.

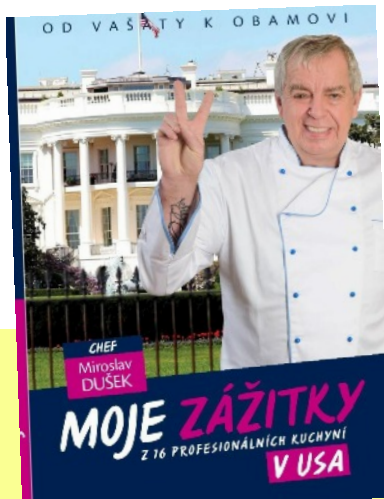


YELLOW IS THE COLOUR ALL AROUND NYBORG!

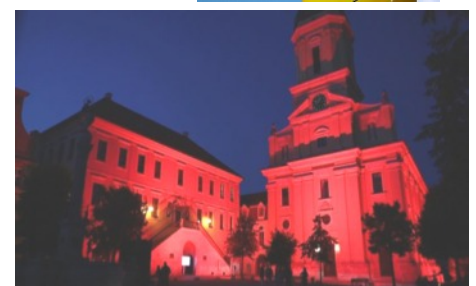
Next July the famous Tour de France will start in **Denmark** - and Stage 2, on July 3rd, will finish in **Nyborg!**

To keep everyone focused on this great event for Nyborg next year, the city has slowly been going yellow to reflect the colour of the famous yellow jersey of the tour leader.

See also page 12 about the colourful cycling event.



Some of our Newcastles (**Neuburg an der Donau, Germany** in the photo, right) took part in the "Night of Light" earlier in the summer when heritage and cultural buildings were bathed in red light. It was a warning of the damage to the events industry caused by coronavirus lockdown, and the need for state and public backing to help recovery.



He's cooked for Presidents Clinton and Obama, for singers like Gloria Estefan, for athletes and other celebrities. Now Chef Miroslav Dušek (*left*) of Bistro U Míry in **Nové Hrady**, our "Newcastle" in the **Czech Republic**, has written a book to tell his story and share his best recipes. See page 3 for the full story.



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Nové Zámky was chosen as City of Culture for the Slovak Republic this year. Its theme VZDUŠNÉ ZÁMKY 2020 translates in various ways – including “Castles in the Air”, which is about the creation and sharing of ideas and aspirations through culture. How appropriate for we “Newcastles”, as we are connecting with each other !

Many cultural events, connecting literature, the spoken word, theatre, art, photography, craft, design and architecture, music, dance, digital, museums, communities and national heritage are being held during the year in Nové Zámky.

One of the projects is to be an exhibition BIENNALE ZÁMKY NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD. The idea is to select and present the works of artists who are (by place of birth or residence) from the 17 official towns and cities that are connected through the Newcastles of the World alliance. This „salon“ exhibition will run from 17 December 2020 through into January at the Mier cinema, Nové Zámky.

Artists are invited to submit two artworks, via Newcastles of the World. Each artist selected by the exhibition curator Magdaléna Klobučníková (former director of the Ernesta Zmetáka gallery) will then be represented by the two works that they have submitted – and they may be in the same or different media.

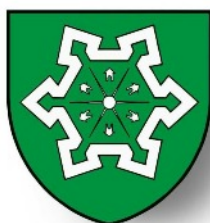
The works can be accepted in the following media: photography (report, documentary, social), digital graphics, poster, video art, animation (performance, report) – and will be submitted in electronic form. Paintings, drawings or other such works in their original form may also be submitted, initially to be captured and sent electronically for consideration, and then, if selected, to be transported to Nové Zámky via international delivery services. A total of 34 works by 17 artists will be exhibited.

The theme for the exhibition is completely open, so artists will be free to submit any work of their choosing. Individual artists may respond directly to this call, and Newcastles of the World will also seek to involve arts officers (and, through them, gallery managers) in its member municipalities to spread the word and encourage entries. When the artworks were created does not matter.

Please note that the printing and presentation of the works for the exhibition will be done in Nové Zámky. Sent pieces will become the property of the town of Nové Zámky. The presence of the artists is welcomed but Nové Zámky is not able to refund the cost of travel and food. If there is demand, Nové Zámky can help with accommodation.

Initial submissions should be sent electronically to newcastlesoftheworld@gmail.com to be received by 30 September 2020. Please enclose (a) the title of each artwork (b) date of creation (c) short description of each work (d) a profile of the artist. Newcastles of the World will liaise with the exhibition curator and those selected will then be advised of the full technical specifications for final submission.

Although part of the 2020 City of Culture platform, Exhibition Newcastles of the World is conceived as an independent exhibition and envisaged as the first of a future programme of such events in Nové Zámky and beyond. **If you need advice or assistance during your entry process please email the Newcastles of the World Secretariat – newcastlesoftheworld@gmail.com**



Mesto Nové Zámky



CHEF MIROSLAV TELLS HIS STORY

He's cooked for Presidents Clinton and Obama, for singers like Gloria Estefan, for athletes and other celebrities.

Now Chef Miroslav Dušek of **Nové Hrady**, our "Newcastle" in the Czech Republic, has a book to tell his stories.

The book of his recipes and life stories was due to be launched at the Gastro Festival in the South Bohemian capital České Budějovice this Spring, but this was cancelled because of Covid-19. So it was published first electronically as an e-book. For more information contact chefmiroslav@gmail.com, and see his Facebook page [@restauraceumiry](https://www.facebook.com/restauraceumiry)

Part of the proceeds from the book will go to the Štastná Hvězda ("Happy Star") Foundation, to support children with cerebral palsy. The

Foundation is currently helping families and children with this financial and emotional burden. Miroslav himself overcame polio when he was aged three.

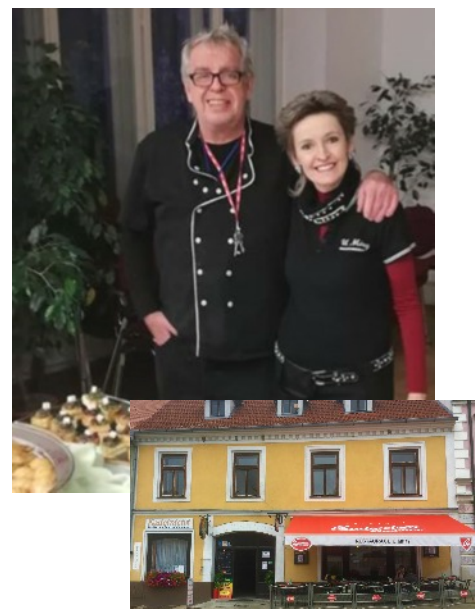
Miroslav's book has been well received in the Czech gastronomic world – Miroslav Kubec, President of the Association of Chefs and Confectioners of the Czech Republic, said: "Chef Miroslav Dušek, who cooked for both ordinary people and mobsters or celebrities, and even two American Presidents, describes his more than forty-year stay abroad with humour and foresight. Above all, however, his words and sentences radiate enthusiasm for a beautiful field – gastronomy."

Chef Miroslav was one of the host team for the 2014 Newcastles of the World conference in Nové Hrady and formerly had a restaurant inside the conference venue, the 200 year-old Chateau Buquoy – the "new castle" of the town. Now, with partner Marcela, he has the excellent Restaurace U Míry on the town's main square.

Miroslav left what was then Czechoslovakia at the age of 17, for the first two years in Zurich, Switzerland where he began working as an assistant to a fashion photographer. But he wanted see the world. "When I left for New York, I had an armful of letters of recommendation, but to succeed in New York as a photographer is not easy, so I went back to what I knew best from my father. I had worked with dad in restaurants and cafeterias – he loved cooking and taught me many things. So I started looking for work in kitchens". I later went to Florida – I was a culinary adventurer. For ten years I worked in the best catering company in Miami, which had an excellent reputation. We cooked for US presidents Clinton and Obama, famous basketball players, also for singer Gloria Estefan. I learned to cook dishes from many different countries".

What brought him back to the Czech Republic? "I was in retirement in America. I did not think there would be more work – I was going to pick mushrooms and fish. But now I have a new family and the temptation to have my own restaurant was too strong!"

Make sure you visit beautiful South Bohemia one day, and head for Nové Hrady and Bistro Míry. We're sure you'll enjoy the food that Miroslav will prepare for you – and his stories too!



TOURISM

The City of Newcastle, Australia has opened its new Visitor Information Centre (VIC), offering hands-on interactive experiences, tourist information and unique souvenirs for those who are welcoming friends and family to the city. Housed in the re-purposed Civic Railway Station, the VIC is in the heart of Newcastle's emerging tourist hub, near the under-construction 5-star Kingsley Hotel and also close to the Civic Theatre, Civic Park, City Hall and Museum.

Newcastle Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes (*left*) said the VIC was opening just in time to welcome visitors back to the city following the lifting of many of the COVID-19 travel restrictions. "The June long weekend saw many travellers take advantage of the relaxed restrictions in what was the first opportunity to hit the open road in months," the Lord Mayor said.

MATTHEW SHUNMUGAM - A CHAMPION FOR HIS COMMUNITY AND FOR NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD



Thanks to the “Newcastle Advertiser”, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa as we share part of their profile of Councillor Matthew Shunmugam, a great champion of Newcastle of the World who has been present at several of our conferences. He has actively served Ward 3 of the municipality of **Newcastle** as a respected, accessible and popular councillor for the past 23 years - the Advertiser calls him the ‘go-to person’ for many municipal matters. During the current coronavirus emergency he has been at the heart of local efforts to support the community, helping coordinate food hampers for needy families and social relief grants to help the unemployed.

Cllr Shunmugam holds the Development Planning and Human Settlements portfolio on the municipality’s Executive Committee, with a key role in planning for the growth of Newcastle, its economic development and ensuring provision of integrated and sustainable housing.

He grew up in Umzinto, on the coast just south of Durban, where his family lived and his father worked on a sugar cane plantation. Cllr Shunmugam says a tough childhood growing up in poverty helped him identify with people struggling day by day.



He is a qualified teacher who, during his career, focused on physical education and was involved with many different sports codes. He credits himself as a founder of volleyball in Newcastle. He is also a former North KwaZulu-Natal sports administrator and boasts tenures on local soccer, cricket and angling committees (angling being a particular passion). He says this gifted him a wealth of knowledge and taught him skills and principles he still applies today as a municipal representative.

He also owns a funeral services business. Cllr Shunmugam often assists families who are unable to afford the cost of a funeral or cremation, and believes strongly in a spirit of humanitarianism. He prides himself on remaining on the frontlines, despite the challenges of Covid-19. He says it is important for a person in his position to be accessible and willing to risk one’s self to help another. He considers himself a free spirit who is able to fit in with any demographic, and his presence at community and religious gatherings is always welcome.

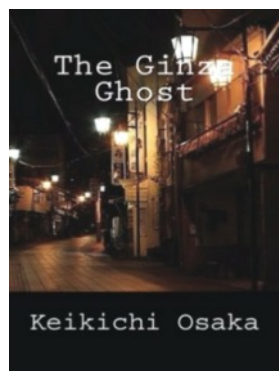


KEIKICHI ŌSAKA'S FAMOUS MYSTERIES

Keikichi Ōsaka, real name Fukutarō Suzuki, was a celebrated Japanese writer of crime short stories - puzzle mysteries - who was born in 1912 in **Shinshiro** but died tragically young at the age of 33. On the recommendation of his mentor, Saburō Kōga he published his first story in 1932, "The Hanged Man in the Department Store".

A pioneer of the honkaku misuterī genre, a Japanese variant of “whodunit?” in which logic occupies a large place, he published around thirty short stories. His stories always have three characteristics: a crime that seems impossible, even supernatural; an unusual or mysterious setting; an amateur detective who solves the riddle.

Mobilized during World War II, he was sent to the Philippines where he died of illness in July 1945. Following his untimely death, his work became largely forgotten until the renewal of interest in the honkaku genre in the 1980s; his work was gradually rediscovered and three collections were published in Japan. In 2017, twelve of his stories were also translated into English in the collection “The Ginza Ghost”.



One of the best examples of this is the story “The Mourning Locomotive” in which we read about a heavy locomotive train which is killing pigs on a regular basis, always at the same section of the tracks. In “The Hangman of the Department Store”, a seemingly impossible crime takes place on the roof of a fully locked store. In “The Guardian of the Lighthouse” the characters attempt to locate a missing son who seemed to vanish during a shift several days earlier. Why not buy the collection on Amazon and enjoy the mysteries? 4

A CELEBRATED CONDUCTOR

The city of **Herceg Novi**, our Newcastle in Montenegro is mourning the loss of one of its most celebrated daughters, famous conductor Darinka Matić Marović who died on 15 July. She was rector of the University of Arts in Belgrade and dean of the Faculty of Music - the first woman rector in the country.



She led the choir Kolegijum muzikum and the choir Obilić, and in 45 years of her career conducted thousands of concerts in over 40 countries around the world. She had the opportunity to conduct in the most prestigious halls in the world, such as Carnegie Hall , Musicfair in Vienna and the Mozarteum in Salzburg.

As she was successful as a child in both sport and music; the turning point to switch to music was an accident at a gymnastic performance, when she broke her left arm during an awkward landing. She had excelled in gymnastics, archery and rowing, but especially in swimming where she was a national champion.

Stevan Katic, President of the Municipality of Herceg Novi said “She left a golden mark in our culture and an indelible influence on many generations of young artists. Her life and work are a symbol of beauty and harmony, which she selflessly gave us whenever she came on stage. Darinka Matić Marović always remained connected with the Bay of Kotor and her Herceg Novi, to which she gladly returned. That the love is mutual was shown to her by the Novi audience at the “Days of Music” event two years ago, when Darinka performed at the Kanli Kula with the choir Kolegijum muzikum. We are happy that we had the opportunity that evening to thank her for her exceptional contribution to world music and our culture.”



A MAGICAL LIFE

Even after long her retirement, magician’s assistant Connie Van Buren could cause a motorbike and herself to vanish into thin air. Now the curtain has come down on her life following her recent death.

Connie, better known by her stage name Greta Van Buren, performed to huge audiences across the world alongside her husband Fred. The couple were honoured with the Freedom of the Borough of **Newcastle-under-Lyme**, United Kingdom just last year.

Her son, the acclaimed magician and illusionist Andrew Van Buren, who lives in Silverdale, Newcastle-under-Lyme, said: “Quite often, the role of the magician’s assistant is wrongly overlooked and underestimated. Mum was a master of the art”.

The couple had a long and remarkable career in show business, initially launching their act in the 1950s as “The Amazing Yoxanis”, before their act was changed to “Fred Van Buren & Greta” in 1962.

From then on they appeared regularly in cabaret, theatre, circus, television, and topped the bill at numerous shows. The Van Buren’s numerous successes included touring Walt Disney’s Snow White on Ice and bookings at England’s most lavish hotels, including The Savoy and Hilton.

“Illusions that my parents invented, built and performed included the unique Van Buren’s Vanishing Motorbike” said Andrew.

“Their last show was in 1996, but in 2017, during the Blackpool Magic Convention - the world’s biggest magic convention – they were presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. It was in front of the packed Opera House with almost three thousand cheering magicians from around the world.”

Andrew said that his mother often joked that “it was love at first sight – but I think Fred could see that I was the right size to fit in the boxes!”.



HERITAGE

Shenango China, with headquarters in **New Castle, Pennsylvania**, was one of the leading American dinnerware manufacturers for 90 years, including many decorative pieces. It's easily identified from the backstamp (underneath the ceramic dish) featuring Native Americans involved in various forms of pottery production.



Famous commissions that Shenango produced included serving dishes for the White House, for example, a commemorative plate for Dwight D. Eisenhower and dinnerware for Lyndon B. Johnson.



"Docville" in **Newcastle, Ontario, Canada** is a Wild West Park and movie set created by Steve ("Doc") Holliday (*left*) - with Saloons, a General Store, Trappers Cabin, The OK Corral, Saw Mill, Livery Stable, the Docville Hotel and of course the Sheriff's office.



We visited when the Newcastles of the World conference was in Newcastle, Ontario 2016 - a great experience, thank you Doc! see - <http://www.docvillemovies.com/>

WILBUR WRIGHT BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM - A PIONEER OF FLIGHT

Born just outside **New Castle, Indiana**, in 1867, Wilbur Wright was the elder brother of Orville Wright, with whom he developed the world's first successful airplane. On December 17, 1903, the brothers made the first free, controlled flight of a power-driven airplane - with Wilbur as pilot. So the Wright brothers are the "fathers of modern aviation". New Castle is home to the Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum and hosts an annual festival to commemorate this aviation pioneer - usually in June, but delayed to September 19th this year.



THE STREET ART OF KOTA BHARU

The city of **Kota Bharu, Malaysia** is renowned for its amazing street art - here's just a sample.



TAKING COALS TO - AND FROM - NEWCASTLE(S)

Coal mining – past and (still) present for some – is a common heritage of many of our Newcastles in the English-speaking world. A new publication by Newcastles of the World covers the story of coal mining in Newcastles in the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, the USA and Canada. It includes three pages about how coal mining - with its strong sense of community but also its sacrifices and tragedies - has been captured in poetry, song and art.



The publication is called “Taking Coals to (and from) Newcastles”. The phrase “taking coals to Newcastle” is well-known – meaning doing something that is unnecessary or pointless (like “selling snow to Eskimos”!). It comes from the fact that **Newcastle upon Tyne** in the North East of England was once the centre of a huge coal mining area and the world’s largest coal distributing port. Although the coal industry of the area is now mostly a matter of history, the expression can still be used today with a degree of literal accuracy, since the harbour of **Newcastle** in **New South Wales**, Australia has succeeded its UK namesake as the largest exporter of coal in the modern world. To download or read the publication, click here:

<https://newcastlesoftheworld.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/taking-coals-to-and-from-newcastles.pdf>

WEARING IT WITH PRIDE

Newcastle, Ontario, Canada is a strong and proud community and, all over the Village, the community is coming up with ways to give back, donate, and support each other.

In this spirit, the Newcastle Business Improvement Association decided to create and offer clothing items and other promotional gear to represent these local qualities. The items for sale have displayed on them the iconic Town Hall - where the 2016 Newcastles of the World conference was held!

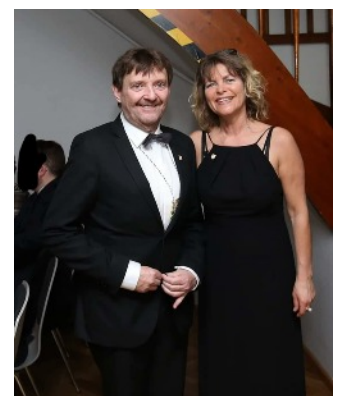


People in **Neuburg an der Donau**, Germany received the sad news in early June of the death from viral complications of the well-known and popular Josef Götzenberger. Aged 60, Josef had survived a heart transplant in 2015 and kept a busy life as city councillor (re-elected again this year), church musician and choir director, having given up his work as a secondary school teacher.

JOSEF GÖTZENBERGER 1959 - 2020

Mayor Bernhard Gmehling said “The hope was that Josef would be able to return to council work. He had attended almost all election events earlier in the year and even got my campaign song in shape”

Josef was a man with a wonderful sense of humour, who enriched the cultural life and knowledge of the city and the community.



BUSINESS PROFILE - NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Over time, the industrial and commercial profile of Newcastle upon Tyne has changed dramatically. In the 18th century, Newcastle was Britain's fourth largest print centre after London, Oxford and Cambridge, and became a glass producer with a reputation for brilliant flint glass. In the nineteenth century it was home to the world's largest pottery - and it was also known as the home of the railways (where the world's first locomotive factory was established). For over 100 years it was also known for internationally-important shipbuilding yards and for armaments factories, and was one of the world's largest ports for coal distribution. In the first half of the last century Newcastle was a pioneering centre for the development of electrical networks and electrical engineering equipment. And until 15 years ago it was where Newcastle Brown Ale (and other locally-popular popular brands) were brewed.

It was all of historical significance - but all gone now. Now, like many other cities - and especially regional capitals - the main employers are the health and education sectors, creative/cultural, retail and hospitality - and tourism. But there are still industries



and companies in Newcastle that have a recognition and importance beyond the boundaries of the city. There are more than 50,000 registered businesses in the city region including many iconic brands (*above*).

Newcastle's digital and technology sector is one of the fastest-growing in the UK, and the city is one of the country's official "Science Cities" - it hosts the National Innovation Centre for Data.

The city is a major centre for the renewable, offshore and subsea energy industries, with world-leading Research and Development facilities, such as the National Centre for Subsea and Offshore Engineering.

In life sciences & healthcare Newcastle's strengths are in pre-clinical research, diagnostics, rare diseases and ageing. It is at the heart of a €1 billion regional life sciences sector employing around 7,000 professionals in almost 200 companies. The National Innovation Centre for Ageing is located in Newcastle.

THREE SPECIAL LOCAL COMPANIES

The **Sage Group plc**, commonly known as Sage, is a multinational software company based in Newcastle. It's the UK's second largest technology company, the world's third-largest supplier of enterprise resource planning software, the largest supplier to small businesses (with a specialism in estimating and accounting software), and has over six million customers worldwide with offices in 24 countries.

Founded in 1860, the **North of England Protecting and Indemnity (P&I) Association** is one of the world's leading international marine liability insurers. It provides insurance cover and loss prevention services to almost 200 million (gross) owned tonnage and chartered tonnage, with around 5000 ships worldwide. It's also a leading insurer of fishing vessels and other small craft. The company has its global headquarters in Newcastle with regional offices in Hong Kong, Piraeus, Singapore and Tokyo and many other offices worldwide.



Shared Interest Society Limited is an ethical fair trade financial co-operative formed in 1990 in Newcastle. It provides credit and financial services to fair trade producers, retailers, importers and exporters throughout the world, and its loans and credit facilities ensure that fair trade farmers are paid on time for their crops. It draws in funds from over 10,000 investors, pools their investments (around €50m) and uses them for loans and credit facilities, working with almost 200 fair trade organisations in 55 countries. Its finance supports products such as coffee, fresh fruit, nuts, and cocoa, as well as handicrafts such as weaved baskets and furniture.

AND SOME OTHER COMPANIES BASED IN NEWCASTLE

* With 67 holiday parks, **Parkdean Resorts** is the largest holiday park operator in the UK.

* **Greggs** is the largest bakery chain in the UK. * **Fenwick** is an independent chain of department stores with headquarters at the original Fenwick department store in the centre of Newcastle (other branches include Bond Street, London). * **Bellway plc** is one of the UK's largest housebuilders. * Established in Newcastle in 1912 (and still based in the city),

Grainger plc is the UK's largest residential landlord. * The **Go-Ahead Group** is a passenger transport service provider based in Newcastle with operations throughout the UK and also in Ireland, Singapore, Norway and Germany. **Goldsmiths** is one of the largest jewellers in the UK with 120 showrooms - the first was located in Newcastle, opened in 1778 and is still trading today on the same site (right).



The first ever driverless vehicle to mix with traffic on the roads of **Newcastle, Australia** roads has started a three-month trial – a free shuttle service running at a speed of just 20km/hr. The vehicle uses an array of sophisticated technology, including 360-degree cameras and input sensors, to avoid cars and objects and is overseen by an onboard chaperone – a local bus driver who is greeting passengers and answering questions after undergoing training to control the vehicle via a control pad should any issues arise.

Newcastle’s Deputy Lord Mayor, Declan Clausen, welcomed the first passengers and said “This is another milestone in Newcastle’s smart city journey as we trial the future of automated transport as part of the city’s ‘living lab’ experiment. With the help of Federal Government funding, the project will assess driverless vehicles in mixed traffic conditions and the role they can play in multimodal transport systems.

“Tourists will now be able to take in our magnificent harbour and foreshore and return home telling people they were among the first passengers in Australia on a shuttle with nobody at the wheel, or with no steering wheel at all in fact.”



COVID-19 has limited the number of passengers who can ride the shuttle to three at a time, and surface cleaning is being carried out across the day to keep everyone safe.



In June an important seminar “Quality education for all – the basis for sustainable development of society” took place in **Jaunpils (Latvia)**, dedicated to the UN Sustainable Development Goal number 4. The concept was addressed from the point of view of professionals in the field of education and experts from other fields contributing in person or online. Speakers included Minister of Education and Science Dr Ilga Šuplinska who spoke about modern, contemporary education in the context of Covid-19 and Gints Kaminskis, Leader of the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments who organised the event with Jaunpils Municipality.



President of Jaunpils Municipal Council Ligita Gintere welcomed the delegates and our good friend Baiba Rasa, public relations specialist at the municipality, shared her inspiring experience from working with young people in Jaunpils, which is one of the most active in the implementation of sustainable development goals among the local governments of Latvia. After the seminar, those interested had the opportunity to learn the fascinating history of Jaunpils Castle - and to dress in typical medieval clothes.

WHY NOT TRY THE DELICIOUS RECIPES FROM OUR COOKBOOK?

<https://newcastlesoftheworld.com/projects/>

KHACHAPURI is the Republic of Georgia’s national dish, a delicious ‘cheese bread’. There are regional variations - most begin with yeasted, white wheat flour dough, but they can be mixed to different consistencies. There are two main types of Khachapuri – Imeretian, which is round and shaped like a pizza – and Adjarian, which is shaped like a boat and topped with pats of butter and raw egg to create a rich, gooey sauce. Because it’s hard to get Georgian cheeses outside the country, use a mixture of low moisture mozzarella and crumbled feta, which comes very close to the traditional recipe. “We enjoyed much delicious khachapuri in **Akhaltzikhe** on our visits in 2010 and 2017” says David Faulkner of Newcastles of the World.



Ingredients for the dough: 1 tsp salt; 1 tsp yeast; 1 tbsp sugar; 3 1/2 cup flour; 1 cup water; 1/2 cup milk; 1 tbsp oil.
for the filling: 1 1/2 cup Farmers cheese (dry curd cheese or pressed cottage cheese); 1 1/2 cup Shredded mozzarella; 1/2 cup Feta cheese; 4 eggs +1 for egg wash; Butter (optional)



Method 1. In the bowl of a stand mixer combine the salt, yeast, sugar, and flour.
2. Heat water and milk to about 115 °F and pour it into the bowl of dry ingredients.
3. Begin kneading the dough with the hook attachment until it is smooth and elastic.
4. Add the oil into the dough and knead for another minute

5. Drizzle a little olive oil onto the bottom and sides of a deep bowl. Place the dough inside the bowl and cover with plastic wrapping. Set the bowl in a warm place until the dough doubles in size, about 1 hour.
6. Remove the plastic wrap and press into the dough a few times with your hands. Cover with plastic wrap once more and let it sit in a warm place for another 30 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, combine the farmers cheese, feta, and mozzarella in a bowl.
8. Remove the dough from the bowl, place on floured surface and cut into 4 equal pieces.
9. Spread each piece of the dough into a circle about 9 inches in diameter. Then roll two opposite sides of the circle towards the centre so it ends up having a boat-like shape. Then pinch the corners together.
10. Transfer the khachapuri onto a baking sheet lined with greased parchment paper.
11. Stuff each khachapuri with the cheese mixture. Beat 1 egg with a teaspoon of water, brush the dough with egg wash.
12. Bake at 450°F in preheated oven for 15 minutes or till the crust is a golden brown.
13. Make a well in the centre of each khachapuri with the back of a spoon (about 7cm in diameter) and drop 1 egg into each well. Add a few small pieces of butter into the cheese.
14. Return the khachapuri to the oven; bake for another 5-6 minutes. The egg white should be white but still pretty runny. It will cook further as it sits in the hot cheese. When serving, mix the cheese and egg with a fork and serve immediately.



“UBUNTU” LIVES ON

The Mayor of **Newcastle, South Africa**, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, believes the spirit of Ubuntu (humanity towards others) continues to flourish in South Africa. The difficult times experienced during the pandemic has brought out the best of human kindness towards those who need help.

The Mayor himself has not only lent a hand in his local hospital, as we reported in our previous newsletter, but he has also been visiting families in very difficult circumstances in his municipality and delivering food and other supplies.

Façon Magazine goes DIGITAL

Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia’s very own fashion magazine has gone digital! Façon Magazine is a free, biannual publication, distributed digitally and in key tourist and retail precincts. As a high-end fashion magazine, creative agency and events company, it has worked with national and international celebrities and brands. It features tips and experiences on fashion, beauty and lifestyle as well as featuring international, national and local designers. The digital Façon Magazine can be accessed through the link: https://issuu.com/faconaustralia/docs/facon_june_2020__15_6_/149.
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NOVÉ ZÁMKY HITS THE RIGHT NOTE



Are you looking for a unique souvenir from your trip? Postcards are boring, everyone has a keychain, snow globes are a thing of the past. Now, under the brand MEMOEURO you can have souvenir banknotes from different countries as a holiday memory, displaying important places. Slovakia is one of the first countries to engage with this idea, and the historic Synagogue of **Nové Zámky** (currently one of only four in Slovakia that serve its original purpose) has become the first motif from Slovakia to be shown on the MemoEuro souvenir.

The souvenir was issued in a limited edition of 5,000 pieces, and each piece has its own serial number, making it unique. It’s on sale in the Artforum bookstore in the city and in the Tourist and Information Office in the House of Culture. It does have a large “0” on it to make sure that you don’t mistakenly mix it up with your real Euros.....

*A new entrance reception and lounge on the Ceremonial Way at **Newcastle upon Tyne Civic Centre** will give the public an easy-to-fit front door to the building. Its opening marks the completion of an important phase of the refurbishment of the entire Civic Centre - a Grade II* Listed building opened by the King of Norway in 1968. The overall project has already seen Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunals Service move into a large part of the building. Ten floors in the main part of the Civic Centre have also been remodelled allowing more staff to move in as efficiencies have led to the closure of satellite offices.*

NEW CIVIC CENTRE ENTRANCE



ABOUT NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD: 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 & 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 and civic friendships, with practical links through culture, education, business and tourism.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Foundation Studies Team at Newcastle & Stafford Colleges Group (NSCG), **Newcastle-under-Lyme, United Kingdom** were finalists in the 'Support into Employment' category at the prestigious National Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Awards (SEND) for 2020. This was for the fantastic work they do to support students with learning difficulties or disabilities into sustainable employment through their 'Supported Internship' programme.



New Castle Pennsylvania, USA, the "Fireworks Capital of America" still had its Fourth of July fireworks show in Pearson Park for Independence Day, presented by local company Pyrotecnico, but only able to be viewed from a distance of course. Read here about the fireworks heritage of New Castle - <https://www.visitlawrencecounty.com/local-attractions/featured-attractions/fireworks-capital-of-america/>

The works in **Akhaltikhe** municipality, Georgia as part of its " Village Support Programme" are now in implementation. General meetings were held in each settlement and priorities established - such as road and pavement improvement and new street lighting.

The Broad Street cruise-in of vintage cars restarted this month in New Castle, Indiana, USA (see right) - with restrictions of course, but it's good to see them back in the city that was the home of the famous Maxwell motor car factory.



Replacement of the sports floor in the Igalo Sports Centre, **Herceg Novi Municipality, Montenegro** with a new parquet surface is about to take place. This will be of top quality, similar to the one in Belgrade's Arena. It is a project that has been waiting for years to be realized, and which will significantly raise the quality of services in the Sports Centre and improve conditions in the gym - good news for the thousands of athletes and leisure users from the city, region and beyond.

Canadians celebrate their national day on July 1st. This year, because of the coronavirus restrictions it was not possible to mark it with the usual range of community events, but in Newcastle, Ontario there was a car cavalcade in the village which brought a splash of colour and action to the day.



From July to September in **Neuburg an der Donau, Germany**, well-known local artists are presenting their work in the library book tower. The works of Waltraud Götz, Sissy Schafferhans, Jörg Sachse and Sepp Egerer could not be more different. Hence the meaningful title "Ratatouille", a colourful stew of objects. Here are some of them.



As of September 5th, the famous Swiss chocolate company Suchard will be displaying some of their historic posters at the Musée d'art et d'histoire in its home city of Neuchâtel. We're sure that the staff who are preparing the exhibition are enjoying the tasty task.



On the Queen's Birthday, June 8th 2020, Conjoint Associate Professor and committee member of International **Newcastle, INC.**, Seamus Joseph Fagan (right) received the honour of becoming Member of the Order of **Australia**.

A Newcastle resident, Conjoint Associate Professor Fagan AM migrated to Newcastle, NSW, Australia in 1988 from his home country, Ireland. He has been honoured for his significant service to tertiary education in Australia, Egypt, Southern Sudan, and Lesotho.



SPORT

THE GOLDEN TORPEDO FROM NYBORG!

Born 100 years ago this year in our "Newcastle" in Denmark, Ragnild Hveger was a swimmer who set 44 world records and at one time held 19 world records in different distances and disciplines! She won 3 gold medals at the European Championships in London in 1938 where The Times newspaper called her "the Golden Torpedo" In 1966 she was inducted to the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and 30 years later declared sportswoman of the century by the Danish Sports Federation.



With the recent announcement that the 2023 FIFA (football) Women's World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand comes the prospect of **Newcastle, New South Wales** hosting tournament matches! It will be the first Women's World Cup to be held in the southern hemisphere. McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle is expected to be a match venue, with Newcastle having been part of Australia's bid, bringing thousands of visitors to the city - also as a base for visiting teams. The "Matildas" (Australian national team) have already played three times in Newcastle - winning all three, against Brazil 3-2 in 2017, Chile 5-0 in 2018 and Vietnam 5-0 in March of this year.



Cycling Event - Funen is cycling together but separately

At the beginning of June, the city of **Nyborg**, Denmark held a regional cycling event on the island of Funen (Fyn, where Nyborg is situated) The event 'Fyn is cycling together but separately' encouraged every citizen to jump on their bicycle and go ride. In Nyborg the organisers invited every body to cycle the Tour de France 2021 route from Hjejevej into Storebæltsvej and of course to cross the real finish line.

In the parking lot at Fyens Badestrand (Funen's largest and widest beach) VistiNyborg had a pitstop where the cyclists could be "refuelled" with muesli bars and Tour de France water in a yellow drinks bottle. The entire route was decorated with yellow balloons, yellow logos on the cycling path, and when they reached the finishing line, they passed under a balloons portal where the tourist ambassadors greeted them with flags.

There will be a special edition of its annual festival offered on August 22 and 23 by the Sports Department of the City of **Neuchâtel, Switzerland**. The "Estival des sports 2020" (that's its name) offers a geolocated challenge by teams, with real sports activities, but a bit offbeat, to be carried out along two courses in the city. Families, groups of friends, join, can take up the challenge and win prizes.

A free geolocated app, quickly downloadable on a smartphone, will allow teams (from 2 to 6 people), registered in advance on the Sports Department website, to participate in one of two routes. The "Family" route is for families with children from 3 years old with at least one adult, the "Strong" route is for 11 years and above. About fifteen clubs and associations will offer fun activities, sometimes unusual, but always of a sporting nature. Without revealing too much - to ensure the element of surprise - participants should know that Acro Gym Neuchâtel, the Neuchâtel Fencing Society, Neuchâtel Karaté Do, the Nautical Society of Neuchâtel and the Leisure Centre will be among those offering challenges.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

An interview with Chris Frye, Mayor of **New Castle, Pennsylvania, USA** (right)

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