



GOOD EXCHANGE: Deputy Mayor Deborah Edwards with Robert Dimmick, chairman of Reading Düsseldorf Association, and the exchange students, including Jenny Breuer (also right), who spent her time in the UK at the Reading Chronicle offices. 124043

Building bonds between nations

Visiting German student Jenny Breuer spent three weeks at *The Chronicle* as part of an exchange programme and found plenty to inspire her about Journalism and the United Kingdom.

WE ALL knew about Britain's love for tea and I think that drinking tea will be one thing I take back to Germany with me – along with the hospitality and politeness.

I was in a group of nine girls from Lore-Lorentz-Schule who took the opportunity of doing work experience in Reading. Our placements were with Chiltern Training Ltd, the Museum of Reading, pentahotel, Reading Borough Council, Reading Transport, Sport Reading, Reading University and, of course, me at *The Chronicle*.

I helped prepare some articles for publication and accompanied *Chronicle* reporters on assignments including covering a murder trial, inquests and interviewing staff at the hospital.

Last Thursday I was asked

to cover the presentation evening organised by Reading Düsseldorf Association at the Town Hall. The Association is very grateful for the employers' support and believes that peace and co-operation between nations are most firmly founded on personal friendships and mutual understanding.

Association chairman Robert Dimmick said: "This experience is about more than improving language knowledge, it is about experiencing life in a different culture and it boosts confidence for any new situation in the future."

For me, this experience helped me make a decision for my future and I will try to become a journalist. I enjoyed every minute and learned a lot about the culture, journalism and especially myself.

The event ended with a buffet when people could talk to the students in a more private atmosphere and teacher, Susanne Holly, said: "This was not only interesting for the locals, it was also a great opportunity for the girls."