

A group of 4 members of Surrey County Walkers joined a walking tour in the Rhineland, based in Remagen, which is close to Bonn and the confluence of the River Ahr with the Rhine. Remagen is a pleasant small town.



The flags were up for a forthcoming festival.

It is beside the Rhine. Amazingly, amongst all the barges and cruise boats, there was a small dingy sailing on the river one evening.



On the first day after our arrival, we took the local train up the Ahr valley to the picturesque village of Altenahr.



This village is surrounded by hills.



After a steep climb, we reached a ruined castle above the village.



We walked through vineyards



until we reached our lunch stop at a vineyard. We walked after lunch to a small village to a winery where we sampled the local red wine. Red wine is unusual in Germany and it is particularly unusual to find red wine produced so far north. Actually it is more like a dark rosé, with a taste more like a white wine than typical red wines, such as claret or burgundy. After the wine tasting, we returned to Remagen by train.

The next day we took the boat to Boppard.



We passed the Deutsches Eck (German Corner) at Koblenz, where the Mosel runs into the Rhine.



and the castle of Stolzenfels.



Unlike two years before, the weather was warm and sunny and Boppard was looking its best.

The third and final full day of the holiday we walked along the Rheinsteig, literally the Rhine climb, which is a long distance walking path following the Rhine. It was quite steep in parts. We took the train to Bad Breisig and then the ferry across the Rhine.



We walked up to a castle.



After some quite steep walking, we reached a small village for our lunch of rolls from the local bakery.



After further walking, we reached Linz for

our afternoon stop and apfel strudel and coffee. A choir was in the town square.



Some of the group walked on the easy route beside the Rhine to get back. Others took the high route and reached a viewpoint which looked over the Rhine.



We re-crossed the Rhine by ferry and returned to Remagen. The next day we returned to England.