

Student group's birthday bash

HOST families, teachers and everyone who has supported the Jürgen Matthes student organisation were invited to a 25th anniversary party.

The event at the Winter Garden on Saturday was said to be a great success and an unforgettable treat for all involved.

Jürgen, his wife and staff from Germany travelled to Eastbourne where they and the Eastbourne office team welcomed everyone personally.

Mayor Mary Pooley was in attendance and thanked Jürgen for bringing more than 100,000 students to Eastbourne during the last 25 years, pointing out the economic benefit to the town.

Her speech ended with her opening a 100-foot long buffet.

Guests also enjoyed the benefit of three complimentary bars all evening.

Jürgen and Cllr Pooley opened the dancing and with Jürgen's favourite live band and regular group DJ, who came over with him from Germany.

At midnight a fleet of buses was provided to take everybody home safely. (*TC*)