



From the Editor

Once again this edition contains a number of reports from recent events and occasions. 2012 has proved to be a very busy year for twinning, and has included some memorable events, of which the most significant was the recent opening of the Museum of Carpet, at which Husum was well represented. We shall include a full report and pictures from that occasion in our next edition, but we cannot let the opportunity pass without recommending a visit to Kidderminster's magnificent new tourist attraction.

We are very grateful to all those who have contributed articles and photos to what we hope you will find to be another very interesting edition.

... And I know it's nowhere near the end of the year yet, but Best Wishes to all our readers for Christmas and the New Year!

Ray Harrowing

Kidderminster Twinning Golf Trip to Husum, June 2012



... And the winner is ...

This year it was our turn to visit Husum to compete for the Schimmel-Ryder Trophy, currently held by us. Neil Nicholls has taken over as captain-organiser, and very able he has turned out to be. For technical reasons we had just three playing days, two for the competition and one voluntary Away Day.



Golfing line-up

The competition mirrors the Ryder Cup - playing 4-balls on Day 1, and individual on Day 2. The weather was dire on the first day, and after 15 holes or so we had had enough, so came in and called the match a draw. Then much time was spend "relaxing" on hole 19. Our hosts are very dedicated in this respect, but we did our best to keep up, if unsuccessfully. The weather was fine on the second day. The golfing as ever was patchy, theirs more than ours, giving Kidderminster an overall win.

The Away Day was to a 50-year-old course fashioned from the estate of a magnificent mansion - Altenhof, south of Schleswig - with fine old trees and in particular rhododendrons. Our men did this trip, and ate there with our hosts. Meanwhile the ladies spent the afternoon in Husum, which included some serious shopping and much fun. When we men returned we found them to be very well watered, such that catching up was necessary.

We had stayed at a very pleasant, modest hotel in the older part of town. A

down-market supermarket was opposite, where we found some excellent cheap bubbly, and lots of German wines previously unknown to us, much cheaper than over here.

But above all else was the continuing growth of our friendships. We received lavish hospitality throughout, particularly the welcome party in the splendid garden of Werner Lansdorfer, president of Husum Golf Club. We left for home looking forward to another visit in two years, and to hosting our Husum friends in Kidderminster next year.

Rod Summers



Jane and Linda at St. Peter-Ording

The Alternative Golf Trip

When my partner Mike announced he was going on the golfing exchange to Husum in June, I was excited at the prospect of seeing our friends Karin and Joko Ziegler again. I rang Karin and asked if I could play my violin in the Husum orchestra rehearsals while I was there. 'Better than that', she said, 'you can play in the concert'. Karin explained that she and her husband (both doctors) were going

to a medical conference in Madrid the day before the concert, so I could salve her guilty conscience by taking her place in the orchestra.

It led to some interesting events, starting on the first evening: Mike went off to a golf welcome party, and I was due to be collected by an orchestra member for the rehearsal. Alas, he forgot, which

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tested my ingenuity somewhat. The mobile phone wasn't working and there was no phone in the flat, so with the aid of my schoolgirl German and a couple of neighbours, I made it, albeit half an hour late. I tried to creep in to the *Marienkirche* so as not to disturb the rehearsal when the conductor exclaimed 'Ah here's Linda from England!', so I was sort of caught in mid-creep, as it were, like a rabbit in the headlights. Crazy, they tried to suggest I sit on the front desk with the leader (purely as an honorary gesture, not as a reflection of my playing abilities), but I firmly refused, and sat in Karin's place in the seconds. She had been doubly kind to me and lent me her violin as well (which

Schubert's Symphony no 4, (The Tragic); and a delightful mass by Carl Maria von Weber, the *Jubelmesse* op. 76, with conductors Henning Bock and Kai Krakenberg. In his introduction, Kai very kindly said something in German which included my name and "Kidderminster" (I think it was complimentary), and so that was the first time I've ever been name-checked in a concert playing in the second violins.

Another golf widow on the trip was my friend Jane Nicholls. Jane and I had a couple of super days out: firstly a trip organised by Karin to the very appealing spa seaside town of St Peter-Ording. It



Final rehearsal in St. Marienkirche

I'm pleased to say had all the right notes in it), to avoid all those difficulties with the airlines and cabin baggage and musical instruments being frowned on as WMD.

After the second rehearsal, later in the week, I offered to take Susanna and Henning Jess (my lift driver) for a drink, but Henning informed me that there was an important footy match that evening - Germany playing Netherlands in the European Championships, and that they were going to a friend's house to watch the match - and would I like to go? Apparently, Henning had already forewarned the said friends that I might come, and the friend said jokily 'okay - so long as she's not from Holland'. So when we arrived, and Henning introduced me as 'Linda from Amsterdam', I shrieked 'Noooooo!' Bizarrely, I found myself cheering for Germany that evening, which is something I had never envisaged... Anyway, to return the compliment, I bought one of those car flags (from the one-euro shop in Schleswig), in German colours, of course, and attached it to Henning's music stand at the next rehearsal.

It was an excellent concert on 17th June, sold out in fact, with the orchestra, Collegium Musicum, and the choir, Husumer Stadtkantorei, performing

was a gloriously sunny day, but with a bracing North sea wind which made one clearly see the rationale behind the famous *strandkorben*, those gorgeous beach seat-baskets. We took a lengthy walk along the enormous expanse of sand, and concluded with a fab *al fresco* lunch at a beach fish-restaurant on stilts, overlooking the scenery, protected by massive glass windbreaks. Karin managed to persuade Jane to try an *Aperol*, an apple-flavoured aperitif, with orange juice, prosecco and soda. It had a rather alarming radioactive orange colour, so I wussily declined. Our second day trip was to Schleswig, where I finally got our mobile phone sorted out. Amusingly, the shop assistant gave me a very nice freebie shopping shoulder bag, in which to place my postage-stamp-sized SIM card! We were somewhat surprised by a parade and marching band coming up through the shopping centre. It turned out to be a hunting society, and although I would have expected them to be togged up in deerstalkers and plus-fours, they actually dressed in bowler hats and black jackets while carrying their guns. Sort of The Deer Hunter meets Mr Bradford and Bingley. Another brilliant lunch was enjoyed by Jane and me in a little family-run bistro in a delightful old part of the city where there were roses around almost every door.

I gather the golfers had a great time chasing a little white ball around the course.

Linda Fowler

(Editor's note: Linda is responsible for printing this Newsletter under the guise of Glint Print; we are very pleased that another of her interests has been given a chance to show through in this article!)

Our President

A belated word of welcome to our President for



2012-13, Mayor of Kidderminster Councillor John Aston. He and his consort, Mrs Madeleine Craddock, visited Husum for *Hafentage*, and we understand that they had a very enjoyable time. Since then they have had a chance to meet and greet Husumers who came to Kidderminster for the opening of the Museum of Carpet.

Gardeners in Husum

What a great weekend! In my experience, trips abroad are usually accompanied by lots of arrangements such as flights, airport parking, and then transport and accommodation at the other end. But everything had been wonderfully arranged and all we had to do was to enjoy the travel, meet new friends and enjoy the treats. Thanks to Hilary and our Husum

hosts for all the preparations. At this point I must make a confession: I'm no great gardener and my fingers are definitely not 'green', so I felt a bit like an interloper. Thankfully, I know enough about plants to just about get by as an honorary representative of the Kidderminster Horticultural Society!

On the afternoon of Friday, June 22 we were met by our hosts at Husum station and, after some brief greetings, we were whisked away, over the 'Kidderminster Bridge' and across the town to a lovely welcome meal, held in a small community hall amongst the '*kleines Gartens*'. These were like super allotments that were, I guess, about 200 m² and, as stipulated by the regulations, divided equally into one-third vegetable, one-third flowers and one-third recreational. They also had some basic accommodation where the gardeners could stay for a weekend or so.

Husum is very much a seaside town, and on the Saturday we were taken to a very interesting Sea Life Centre. We were then treated to a very nice meal in a sea food restaurant after which we visited a flood defence project similar to the Thames Barrier. Finally we visited the picturesque town of Friedrichstadt whose architecture and canals bore testimony to the Dutch influence in that area. The town also boasted one of the finest Italian ice cream parlours in Germany, whose delights we joyfully sampled! In the evening we watched football on TV with our hosts, Anneliese and Adolf Telm, who sincerely sympathised with our defeat by the Italians.

On the Sunday we 'enjoyed' some English summer weather: heavy rain! However, this didn't dampen our hosts' enthusiasm and off we went for a boat ride on the Schlei, a long sea loch. After a few miles we docked alongside a beautiful village of timber-framed houses with lovely gardens. It could almost have been Devon. Afterwards we visited a very large and beautifully landscaped garden divid-



Gardeners in the rain - Horst Kloss, Betty Fowler, Hilary Boyle, Sue Garratt and Stuart Owen relishing Husum's weather

ed into a rose garden, herb garden, etc. Very impressive! The Sunday evening was very special. A lovely meal was provided at the home of two of our hosts, who also had a pianist and soloist to entertain us. This was capped off with a general sing-song of both German and English songs, ending with 'Auld Lang Syne'.

We said our farewells at Husum Station the following morning. We had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and felt overwhelmed by the warmth of hospitality shown to us. So, I hope it was not farewell but 'auf wiedersehen'. See you again!

Stuart Owen

Our Visit to Husum – August 2012

At Hamburg airport, the luggage was coming off the carousel as we arrived, so no waiting there. Mike and I were met by Lutz at the airport, and then we met Friederike at their home, where a lovely 'spread' awaited us.

We discussed where we would like to go: have a *Pharisäer*, visit Kiel, the *Schloss* (castle) at Glücksburg, St. Peter-Ording, the *Fahrhaus-Holnis* (a restaurant near Glücksburg). We also visited *England*, an area of Nordstrand where a restaurant served white fish, slightly battered, with cubed potatoes and bacon - excellent! We also visited Friedrichstadt and had a trip on the canal boat; unfortunately it rained very hard but at least we were inside the boat.

I duly had two *Pharisäers* – could not manage any more. We visited the *Hafentage* (harbour festival) where there were many stalls selling delicious food and lots to drink too. We met up with the party from Kidderminster - Charles Talbot and the Mayor and Mayoress - as well as the Mayor and Mayoress of a town in Poland that is also twinned with Husum, and Rainer and Eva Maaß.

The picture is of the lovely restaurant that I remember visiting in the 1970's where we sampled *Pharisäers*, I hope you 'oldies' remember this too!

Lutz's brother Thomas showed us around the Kiel site of some of the 1972 Olympic events as well as the Kiel Canal locks.

During the week a big wheel was erected in Husum's *Marktplatz* – we did not venture on this. The

visit to the *Schloss* at Glücksburg was rather late in the afternoon but a guide showed us around and she spoke very good English; we realised that this family was really the founder of all the royal families in Europe as the children had married into all the royal courts in Europe.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye - or so we thought - but in the early morning of Tuesday 7th August Mike woke me to say he could not breathe so I woke Lutz and we went to the local hospital where Mike had the very best of treatment, having all sorts of tests including MRI scans within two days.

Lutz and Friederike allowed me to stay on with them and I met a young couple from Austria who stayed for a few days at their house. I made daily visits (sometimes twice a day) to Mike, who was in intensive care, then intermediate and finally on a ward but there only ever three patients to a ward, not like our NHS. On the Sunday we went to the beach, it was all flat but once the duck boards finished there was moist sand to walk on and the further we got the drier the sand was. We spent a



few hours there while Lutz made a further long walk to 'paddle' in the sea. I found a short cut to the town and had lunch there a couple of times. Finally Mike was fit to fly but Lutz kindly said to stay at his house for one more night and we finally got a return flight to the UK, courtesy of our Insurance Company, eight days later than we should have returned. We had a taxi – a Lexus - waiting for us!

We would like to say really heartfelt thanks to Lutz and Friederike and the staff at the Husum *Klinik* for their generosity and help during our stay in Husum.

Betty Stokes

From a new Member

It was in December 1980 that I left Hamburg and joined Steve to set up home in Kidderminster.

I am originally from Bocholt in North-Rhine-Westphalia, and I met my husband Steve in the company where I was working at the time in nearby Borken. As a teenager I had made several trips to England to visit my sister who had moved to London initially to study. She first fell in love with the country, then a little later with an Englishman. She then got married and chose this island as her home - she currently lives in Dulwich.

Some years ago, on a trip Steve and I made to North Germany, we passed through Husum and Steve mentioned that it was twinned with Kidderminster. It seemed at the time an odd arrangement for a town with a fishing industry to twin with one with a carpet industry. My home town seemed



more appropriate, with its textile industry - today it has a museum with a restaurant called "Schiffchen" (The Shuttle) - a familiar name to residents of Kidderminster.

My contact with the Twinning Association came earlier this year. I was looking for a work place-ment for a German lady and after all my efforts failed, a friend suggested that I contact the Twinning Association. Google of course provided the necessary contact details and from the website I was able to learn more about how this Association developed under "Our Twinning Story". My first conversation was with Ray Harrowing who straight away suggested a few avenues to explore and several emails were exchanged on the task in hand.

Before long I received an invitation to come along and meet other members of the Association on the occasion of the opening of a twinning display in Kidderminster Library. I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome I received from all present and would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all of you and for the many offers of help and assistance. It was then that I felt I wanted to be part of this nice "bunch of people" and a few days later my husband Steve and I became members.

Soon after, Steve and I were invited to a lovely Garden Party at the house of Charles and Jean Talbot where we enjoyed a splendid afternoon and met even more members of the Twinning Association and heard lovely stories from people who had visited Husum and made friends for life.

My only regret is not having made contact with the Twinning Association earlier but, now that the seeds are planted, we both look forward to including Husum in our next visit to North Germany and to making contact with members on the mainland.

Ilse Stride

KD8 Scout Group Visit to the Danish Jamboree with *Stjerne Gruppe*, Husum

On Friday 20 July, an early start at 1.30 am. from our scout hut in Habberley Road was the beginning of our much-anticipated trip to the Danish Scout and Guide Jamboree at Holstebro in Jutland, Denmark. Months of planning with *Stjerne Gruppe*, our friendship scout group from Husum, had seen our kit van leave Kidderminster two days earlier. Now the main party of 27 were off to Stansted for an early flight to Billund in Denmark.



All at sea with KD8



KD 8 gateway under construction

The joint visit to the Jamboree came at the invitation of our friendship group from Husum, who are affiliated to the Danish scouting associations. This came at a time when both groups needed the stimulation of a large challenge such as this type of camp.

Reports from Rob and Chris with our kit van had reassured us that the weather in Holstebro was far better than the pouring rain we had experienced in the UK. The utilities for the camp site were all in place, and camping pitches were all marked out waiting for the thousands of scouts and guides to arrive over the next two days.

We arrived in Billund at 10.30am., Danish time, to be met by Markus Hausen the leader of the *Stjerne Gruppe*. Markus had organised our transfer to Holstebro by coach, which we reached 90 minutes later. The sight that met us was a huge field with two tents – our main Group tent and a similar tent for the *Stjerne Gruppe*. What a difference 24 hours makes!! In that time the whole of this site was covered in tents of all descriptions, and filled with scouts and guides from around the world. The size of the camp was slowly being understood as our site was only a “sub-camp” with six such sites making up the overall camp to cope with the 34,000-plus “scouters and guiders” due to attend. Over Saturday and Sunday the camp filled and groups completed their own sites with gateways and other constructions such as towers, bridges, cooking tables and showers built with pioneering poles.

Sunday afternoon was the start of a range of activities for Cubs, Scouts and older age groups. These had been pre-booked and ran morning and afternoon sessions until Saturday morning. The Opening Ceremony on Sunday evening was the first coming together of the whole camp. We joined with the *Stjerne Gruppe* for the procession to the auditorium.

Monday was the VIP day at the Jamboree. H.K.H. Princess Benedikte, a patron of Danish Guiding, toured the camp and joined in a number of activities. Also present were the Danish Prime

Minister and 15 members of Parliament. The whole week long camp was covered by Danish television.

The camp rapidly adopted a routine. Early breakfast followed by either departure between 7.45 am. to 8.30 am. if off to booked activities, or more relaxed if picking up one of the free activities. Lunch was back on the camp site at 1.00 pm. followed by the activity rotas again in the afternoon. Packed lunches provided to the cubs on their very busy day at the coast and then straight to their age-group party in the afternoon. Afternoon activities ended at 4.00 pm. to allow time for the evening meal to be prepared and cooked on open wood fires. The activities included typical scout and guide pursuits: sailing, coastal walks, the knight's test, experiment station, climbing, the moment (activity challenges), etc.

One unknown quantity going to this camp was the ability of KD8 Cubs and Scouts to cope with the daily cooking on open wood fires. This proved to be a great success with the daily rota for group cooking



Camp fire with the Danish neighbours



A tower built by the scouts

delivering high quality meals, such as meat balls, stew and spaghetti. The preparation weekend camp at our hut in Kidderminster had proved very useful. Camp fires took place almost nightly on our site with various groups, starting with our friendship group from Husum. This still left plenty of time each evening for the young people to join together in large games. Our scouts learned a number of new games and made very many new friends from across the globe.

With daylight staying with us to about 11.00 pm. each night there was plenty of time for impromptu games of many different types. When not immersed in these activities our youngsters threw themselves into trips around the sites to “swap” all sorts of scouting items. These included swapping badges, woggles and even two whole shirts. These were in exchange for a shirt of the Danish “green scouts” and a distinguished looking russet red shirt from an Austrian scout.

Our camp site had very many visitors, some well-known to us and others brand new; we had a world map to track our visitor’s nationalities, and this rapidly built up with names and nationalities. In total our visitor list must have included people from well over twenty nations from Hong Kong to Canada, Bangladesh to Zambia. KD8 leaders and youngsters were constantly mixing, and each evening there were people arriving asking for our scouts by name. Several relaxing evenings were spent in discussion with Markus Hausen and his team of leaders from *Stjerne Gruppe*. Further plans for them to visit us in 2013 were outlined. More work has since been done and we will be joining together in July 2013 for a camp in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.

Peter and Ellen Bang, who worked with us to set up the original link to the *Stjerne Gruppe*, were representing one of several scouting museums, Tydal, which was exhibiting at the Jamboree. Looking around their exhibits we saw that the KD8 red T-shirts from our 2006 visit to the Tydal International Camp were prominently on display in several photographs.

During the evening concert on Thursday some of our younger scout leaders were asked to volunteer for a supporting role. They found themselves work-

ing alongside the cameramen on the main stage, an unexpected task but one rewarded with a crew fleece. This attitude of join in to help run the camp is a common theme of scout camps. This not only ensures things happen, but most of the time proves very enjoyable.

Saturday came around very quickly with the final activities in the morning and packing away of kit starting in the afternoon. At 6.00 pm. preparation for the Closing Ceremony began as people gathered on their own sub-camps ready for the six processions which would meet at the auditorium. Once again this fea-



We caught a crab on the beach!



Evening coffee with Husum scouts

tured on Danish television. Included were numerous scouting and guiding songs and acted story telling. The evening concluded with a concert featuring Alphabeat, a popular group in Denmark, known to our older scouts for a hit a few years ago. Fireworks brought the whole camp to an end.

Sunday 29th July was a relaxed day for KD8. With our return flight from Billund to Stansted not until 10.00 pm. that night, we took our time packing away our kit. Our friends from Husum left just after lunchtime and we packed our kit van for the return trip.

We were the last group to leave our sub-camp. My feeling of “seeing it all”, from the almost empty camp site at the start on Friday 20th July when we arrived, to being the last to leave and having seen it all in between, had to be wrong. There was far too much constantly going on to “see it all”, but certainly I was left with the desire to do it again. The return trip to Kidderminster went smoothly. Once on the coach from Stansted the tiredness hit people and most people slept.

***Kelvin Morris, Group Scout Leader,
8th Kidderminster Scout Group***

Crocuses for Kidderminster - an Update

Following the first planting of crocuses, by gardeners from Husum as well as Kidderminster, in Broadwaters Park last year, further planting has taken place there, and a start has been made at a number of other sites in the town.

The purple crocuses will come to several areas of Kidderminster over the coming months and years. Husum Way, on the eastern edge of the town, is perhaps the most appropriate location, and thousands of corms were planted there in October, under the watchful eye of Fran Oborski, and we have also received a full account of the planting at Hoo Brook, for which we have to thank one of the group leaders, Trish Preedy. Her report follows. We must again thank those councillors who have



KD9 join in to create a purple carpet



Pose before planting

ven financial backing to the project, and to Wyre Forest District Council's Parks staff and staff of



KD 9 Scouts ready for action

Quiz Night

Our Quiz Night, which took place on October 26, proved very successful with nearly 70 participants filling the hospitality suite at the Chester Road Sports and Social Club. The total raised for the Association's funds was more than £230. Thanks to all who came, and a special thanks to Pat and Ken Garbett, our Social organisers, who made all the arrangements and provided sustenance for the hungry quizzers.

Morgan, Chloe and Samantha prepare to dig in



the County Council for their co-operation.

Over sixty local volunteers joined forces to plant 20,000 crocus corms around the War Memorial in Hoobrook, Kidderminster. The planting sessions were part of an initiative co-ordinated by the Kidderminster-

Husum Twinning Association to provide residents and visitors to Kidderminster with a splash of colour in Spring reminiscent of the Crocus festival held in Husum, Germany where the Castle Park is covered in a magical purple carpet of blooms every year.

Year 11 students from King Charles I School and members of 12th Kidderminster Brownies and KD9 Scout groups, both from Spennells, joined with Community Neighbourhood Wardens and local residents during the planting sessions which were organised by Aggborough and Spennells Community Action Group. The bulbs were funded by the Twinning Association, Aggborough and Spennells Community Action Group and Councillors Helen and Peter Dyke.

Trish Preedy, Chair of the Community Group said: 'We were delighted with the enthusiasm and hard work of all the volunteers who helped during all the planting sessions and are now looking forward to the flowers blooming in Spring so all the volunteers can show friends and family the lasting contribution they have made to their local area.'

Quizmaster Bob Hill treated the teams to some memory-jerking questions and the groans were in abundance when the answers were revealed. Greg Howard from "Our Plaice" on Comberton Hill brought a brief respite to the proceedings when he turned up with the Fish and Chips - they were delicious.

The winners were an all-male team, one of whose members also won a handbag in the raffle! The raffle realised £71.00; our thanks to everyone who contributed prizes, and of course to the ticket-sellers who managed to catch almost everybody! Our thanks must also go to the bar staff, who kept us all supplied with drinks during the evening.

All in all a most enjoyable event, and once again a big thank you to everyone who contributed and took part.

Terry Garbett (Chairman)

A happy "Oldies" first

At 4pm. on Wednesday, October 10th a first was achieved for the Oldies when Pam Morris (née Edwards) from Kidderminster and Joachim Zielke (known to everyone as Dicker), originally from Husum, were married at Trinity Methodist Church in Kidderminster. Pam and Dicker first met when they were members of youth groups from the two towns in the 1960s.

A reception attended by friends and families from England and Germany then followed at the Granary Hotel, Shenstone.

We wish them well for their future together.

Jerry Mayfield



Garden Party

On Sunday 1st July a large group of members and friends of the Twinning Association, both from Kidderminster and from Husum – more than 60 in total - gathered by kind invitation of Charles and Jean Talbot at their home in Rock for a delightful Garden Party. The weather was fairly kind to us,

and we were able to sit out, under marquees or in the open, to enjoy a delicious barbecue with plenty of tasty side dishes, and a host of tempting and appetising desserts, all provided by the members with the assistance of practised caterers Michel and Joe Gaud - they are members of the Bewdley Rotary Club, and the cooking equipment was on loan from the Club.

The event gave those of us present an opportunity to chat and renew friendships in a relaxed and pleasant setting and later to enjoy the fun of a Raffle and Charles leading a sing-song to round off a memorable afternoon.

We hope that this is only the first of such occasions and look forward to more next year. Many thanks to all who contributed to the occasion and made the event such a success.

Heidy Hague

From the Committee

The Committee met on September 12, and received reports from a number of groups, as well as news of progress with other groups that were planning to become involved. Plans to plant crocuses in various grassed areas in the town are progressing, with financial assistance from a number of District Councillors. As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Summer barbecue, held at Barratts Court by kind invitation of Charles and Jean, was a great success, and resulted in a number of new members joining the Association.

The Association's finances are in a healthy state – due in part to the unspent “crocus” money. Arrangements were made for the Quiz Night on October 26, and it was also noted that a number of Husumers would be here for the opening of the Museum of Carpet.

Further meetings of the Committee will take place on November 27 and February 12, and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13 at the Valley Suite, Severn Valley Railway Station.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of one of our members, Sandra Perrett. Sandra was a member for several years, originally becoming interested in twinning as a member of the Kidderminster Choral Society and visiting Husum on a number of occasions to sing in concerts there. She later joined in visits by the church-



es group, and made many friends in Husum as a result.

Sandra taught in the Wyre Forest area for many years, and was prominent in the life of Bewdley, where she lived. In more recent years, she was a “working grandmother”, offering a home to some of her grandchildren whose parents live in various parts of Europe, so that they could attend school in Bewdley. Sandra was the principal organist at Bewdley Methodist Church, and had served the church in a number of capacities.

We offer sincere sympathy to Sandra's family and her many friends.

On the Horizon

Since the last edition of the Newsletter, some of the visits and events listed there have been postponed. The rearranged dates, if known, are shown below. A number of the visits are shown as “possible”; we shall obviously try to up-date the list as dates are confirmed.

2013

March 13 – Annual General Meeting

April - visit to Kidderminster of Husum churches group

May – postponed exhibition of Kidderminster and Husum Quilts – Kidderminster Library

May – visit to Kidderminster of Storm Quilters

May 23-27 – postponed Kidderminster Choral Society visit to Husum

June – visit to Kidderminster of Husum golfers

June – visit to Kidderminster of Husum gardeners

June 22 – Kidderminster Carnival

Summer – possible visit to Kidderminster of Scouts from Husum

August – visit of Kidderminster Male Choir and the Mayoral party to *Hafentage*

August – visit of “Oldies” to Husum

We shall be reporting on these events in future issues of “Twin Town News” and on the website, www.kidderminster-husum-twinning.co.uk. Meanwhile, please watch for further details. If you wish to add events, visits, etc. to this list, please inform the Editor.

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