

# KIDDERMINSTER-HUSUM TWINNING ASSOCIATION



## *Newsletter*



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### *From the Committee.*

*The Newsletter exists to report on Association activities and to reflect it's member's interests and concerns; please keep your news and other articles coming!*

### *In our memories.*

*Ken Birch, Ron Bubb and Ken Garbett have passed away since the last edition of the Twin Town News.*

*They will be sadly missed at home and in Husum.*

*Ken Garbett was a long serving member of the Association's Management Committee and you will find a tribute to him from his loving wife Pat later in this edition.*



### Welcome to our new President

*We are pleased to welcome as our new President the Mayor of Kidderminster Councillor Nicky Gale who represents the Foley Park and Hoobrook ward on our town council. We hope that Councillor Gale will enjoy her term of office as our President, and that she will find time to support us as part of her busy calendar of engagements – which includes a visit of Husum Councillors to Kidderminster at the end of October and hopefully a visit to to the Husum Krocusfeste next March to sign the new Twinning Charter.*

## Quiz evening 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Kidderminster Cricket Club.

After a slow start on ticket sales, they escalated rapidly ending up at over 90, which was excellent. With teams ranging from 4 to 6 people the room was full of noise and chatter, so many members, friends, family and groups from other clubs and associations.

The Quiz master was Bob Hill ably assisted by his wife Anne, a good quiz as usual with a range of questions to test all our memories and abilities and general knowledge.

The winning team was led by Pauline Geddie, followed very closely by the next few teams, then the rest of us followed at a slower rate, but of course no 'nil point'.

The supper of fish and chips from "Our Plaice", on Comberton Hill, was its usual excellent standard.

The raffle raised £163.00, and the whole evening raised £375.20 for the Association.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success, we had compliments from many of our participants for organising an enjoyable event.

Pat and Ken Garbett  
Social Committee.



## Annual General Meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our Annual General Meeting in March (what a long time ago that seems!) was the usual brief business agenda with reports from all the groups and re - election en bloc of the management committee.



This was followed by an illuminating talk about harps by Sue Beeston complete with demonstrations and lovely playing for us whilst we enjoyed the delicious buffet supper prepared for us by the Social Committee.

With a good attendance of 28, it was an excellent social occasion and a chance for the new Town Clerk, Tony Beirne, to put a few faces to names.



## Visit of the Adult German class to the Krokusblütenfest in Husum March 2017

On March 17<sup>th</sup>. a group of "pupils" from our Tuesday evening German class, Pennie, Stephen, Julia, Sue C, Sue G. and myself set off for Birmingham Airport and our journey to Husum for the Annual Crocus Festival. We were joined by Jane and Jim in Hamburg and by Hilary and Geoff who were already in Husum. On our arrival we were met by Anne-Marie Leather, Marketta Weißler and our hosts from the Volkshochschule English class who had kindly offered to look after us for the weekend. Our main concern - had we brought enough warm clothes??



Wearing all our layers to combat the biting wind, we met up in the town centre in the brilliant sunshine the following morning for the crowning of the Krokus Queen and a welcome Pharisaer before walking through the Schlosspark to wonder at the beautiful purple carpet of millions of crocuses.

In the afternoon we were taken on a fascinating guided walk by Anne-Marie around the town and, in particular, to visit all the places associated with Theodor Storm, 2017 being the bi-centenary of his birth.

Our day was completed with a delicious meal at the Roter Haubarg Restaurant in Witzwort where Sue Cowen's host dressed in her local costume.

On Sunday we spent an enjoyable few hours (out of the rain!) at the Multimar Museum in Tönning and in the evening we met up at the Volkshochschule for a buffet supper. Rainer Maas made a truly heartfelt speech about the long standing friendships between Kidderminster and Husum and, together with Pennie, I thanked our hosts for their kindness and hospitality over the weekend.

We look forward to being able to invite members of the Volkshochschule English class to visit us in Kidderminster in the near future.

Many thanks to Tom and the Boys' Brigade mini bus for taking us to and from Birmingham airport.



Pauline Geddie

### On the Horizon in 2017 & 2018

#### October 2017

27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

Visit of 9 of Husum Town Councillors to Kidderminster.

#### December 2017

First week of Advent

Possible Churches representatives visit to Husum.

#### March 2018

14<sup>th</sup> ?

23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Association Annual General Meeting  
Visit of Kidderminster's Mayor to the Husum Krokusfeste to sign the new Twinning Charter.

#### July 2018

6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> ?

Gardeners visit to Husum  
Possible Husum Verein visit to Kidderminster.

A tribute to Ken Garbett by his loving wife.

As you are all aware my husband Ken passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup>. June this year; so here's just a brief summary of how we became interested in the Twinning Association,

Our first visit was in March 1998, and Terry Garbett had asked us if we would be able to get one or two things in Husum as we told him that we were going there before going on to Wedel where we had some mutual friends; he also gave us some contact names of people to meet while we were there.

We stopped at the Jever Hotel for two days and were very lucky and saw the crocuses not knowing the story at the time, and were most impressed by the town.

So when we were asked by Terry to host when the Shanty Chor were visiting Kidderminster we agreed and enjoyed the company of Heinz and Gunther,

Later that year together with Liz and Keith Weston who had also hosted we visited Husum again and stayed with Gunther and Claus-Dieter Muller respectively and had a wonderful few days.

In June 1999 we hosted again this time two Polish boys, Tom and Arthur from a school choir visiting Kidderminster and of course not forgetting our very good friend Klaus Evers, who has been to our home several times, most recently in August 2015.

After this we visited Husum several times, again with Liz and Keith staying with their connection via the swimming club.

One time we followed the Valentines Choir, taking their overflow which was not enough to fill another coach. We drove over all these times and took Ray Harrowing and a few others including Charles and Jean Talbot and their grandson. We met our friends from Wedel and enjoyed the Harbour festival in beautiful sunshine.

During this time the four of us were asked to join the committee as a Social sub-committee, to organise fund raising activities, which included Race nights and Quizzes.

During one meeting the suggestion was made to have a Summer event starting with a visit from the 'Oldies', this took place in the garden at Barratts Court Rock the home of Charles and Jean Talbot, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 and it was very successful, and to help with the catering, Terry asked Michel and Jo Gaud for their expertise in such matters; so when Keith and Liz left us to emigrate to Australia, we asked Jo and Michel to join us on the Social sub-committee, and the Summer Garden Party continued each year.

Ken was very keen on promoting these activities and making sure the tickets were sold, always chivvying everyone to sell more.



Pat Garbett

Officers of the Kidderminster - Husum Twinning Association.

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Newsletter

The Newsletter is edited and compiled by Hilary Boyle and Jerry Mayfield.

Any contributions for the next issue will be most welcome.

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who kindly provided the pictures featured in this edition.