



From the Editor

The "winter" edition of Twin Town News always reflects a less busy period in the life of the Association, but we have tried to make up for this by including one or two more general articles about Husum and about twinning. We hope that you will find these, and the rest of the news and other items, of interest. In our next edition we shall include a report and pictures from the opening of the Museum of Carpet, and we do recommend a visit to this magnificent new tourist attraction. Some pictures of the Museum are included on the back page.

Ray Harrowing

Annual General Meeting – and Subscriptions

Enclosed with this Newsletter, for members of the Association, copies of the agenda and minutes for the AGM, which will take place at the Valley Suite, Severn Valley Railway Station, Kidderminster at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13. We look forward to seeing you there. Non-members are very welcome to join us.

We do hope that attendance at the meeting will be good, particularly as Charles Talbot has accepted an invitation to speak about the Museum of Carpet.

Also enclosed, again for members, is a reminder about subscriptions, which become due on the 1st March.

Are you a Social Animal?

Our Social Committee – which has over the years been able to supply our every need at social events such as the Quiz Nights, Race Meetings, AGMs, parties and so on – at one time consisted of Pat and Ken Garbett and Liz and Keith Weston. We lost

the Westons some time ago to the attractions of Queensland in Australia, and now Ken has stepped down, owing to ill health. For the time being Pat is being supported by Chairman Terry, but we do need to strengthen the social side of the Association's programme. We are therefore appealing for people who would be willing to play a part in this. Whether you have had experience of this kind or not, your assistance will be very welcome!

If you would like to discuss it further, please contact Pat (01562 630326) or Terry (01562 637900).

We do offer sincere thanks to Ken, who has been a mainstay of the Committee, especially on the social side, for a very long time as well as providing a minibus service for many groups wanting to travel to the airport or on other journeys, and we wish him a speedy recovery after major surgery.

Winter Fires

On February 21 the annual *Biikebrennen* took place in towns and villages up and down the mainland and islands of North Friesland and further north in Denmark. Many isolated farmhouses also



lit their own bonfires, the *biike*, at or shortly after sunset. It's an important festival, and, in some towns and villages, theatre, cabaret and dance were part of the festivities.