



## From the Editor

*This edition of the Newsletter, like our calendar of activities, paints a colourful picture of visits to and from Husum, and we are very grateful to all those who have contributed articles and photos to another very interesting edition; we hope that readers will find something here to captivate and enthuse!*

**Ray Harrowing**

## Carnival Queen's Memories

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity this year to go to Kidderminster's twin town, Husum in Germany. I had never been to Germany before so I did not know what to expect from this weekend away. I took my mum as I knew I wanted to share the experience with her as she has helped me a lot throughout the year while I have been Kidderminster's Carnival Queen.

We were made to feel very much at home straight away which put us both at our ease. On arrival at the



*Crocus queens Sina (2011) and Annika (2010) with Amy*

hotel in Husum we were given a warm welcome by our German hosts and by the hotel staff also. All the events during the weekend were scheduled, so we always had something to do and could enjoy and make the most of our time without getting bored.

The main event for me while we were in Husum was the *Krokusfest*. I did not know what to anticipate from this day and in the event it was not what I had expected overall. It was a surprise to see the huge

response the public in Husum gave to the annual event. The day really was a big occasion, but I felt completely at ease throughout the day, as I had nothing to worry about and everything was taken care of.

All of the other events we had scheduled for us were very enjoyable and topped off an amazing weekend. The people whom we were in the company of made it even better; it would not have been the same without them.



*The concert that rounded off the Crocus Festival weekend*

So I would like to thank everyone, both in Kidderminster and in Husum, for the weekend and also for the amazing year I have been fortunate enough to have as Carnival Queen.

**Amy Phillips**

## Holy Trinity International School has established a link with Husum's *danske Skole*

Imagine the scene: a beautiful March day in Husum with the crocuses in full bloom and the sound of leather on willow in the Sports Hall at the local *danske Skole*. Denmark's best cricketer is coaching a group of girls in the art of batting. To a cricket-loving Englishman like myself, this is a revelation, for I have not expected to see cricket being played here in Husum. Immediately my preconceptions are being challenged, which is one of the purposes of twinning.

It was Saturday, 26th March, the day of the first meeting in Husum between me (I'm Head of English and History at Holy Trinity International School), and Horst Grunwald, head of the Husum *danske Skole*, and his colleagues. It is envisaged that in 2012 a pupil exchange will take place between the two schools.

Discussions are ongoing as to whether more schools, both in Kidderminster and in other European countries, can be involved too. A major purpose is to continue the tradition integral to twinning in Kidderminster of increasing understanding between young people in the town and its environs and their counterparts in Husum. Holy Trinity International School's link with the Husum *danske Skole* has been made possible because of the very generous support both of the Kidderminster Twinning Association and of Stadt Husum.

The partnership between the schools will have as its focus a cross-curricular project. The extensive use of wind farms, solar energy and dykes makes the Husum area a geographer's paradise. Literary studies might focus on local writer Theodor Storm's "*Der Schimmelreiter*". A conference between the teachers involved in the exchange is planned for early September. There is strong interest in exploring the position of minorities in society.

To a historian like myself, the history of the Danish population in South Slesvig is a fascinating one. Though the northern part of the region which Danes know as Sønderjylland returned to Denmark after the plebiscite of 1920, the southern part remained a part of Germany. The *danske Skole* exists to provide an education that ensures the continuation of Danish values and the Danish language amongst the minority population of Husum. On my visit to the school I was made aware of the challenges facing minority populations, and the teachers at the *danske Skole* are especially keen on exploring them as part of the partnership between their school and Holy Trinity International School. Holy Trinity is an international school and welcomes the opportunity it has been given to extend its network of international contacts. Since returning from my visit to Husum, there has been great enthusiasm amongst pupils at Holy Trinity International School for developing links with the *danske Skole*.

*Ernest Carwithen*

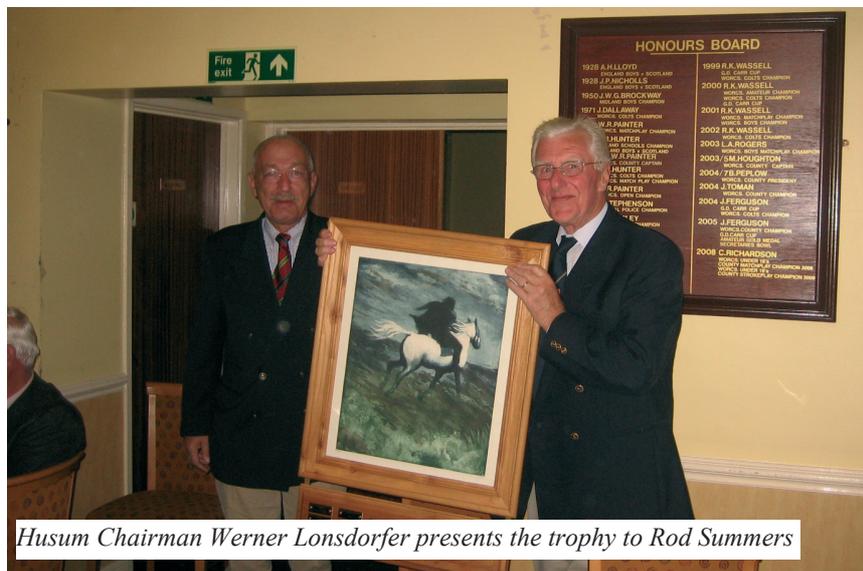
## Our new President

We welcome as our new President the Town Mayor of Kidderminster for 2011-12, Councillor Mrs Anne Hingley. Mrs Hingley represents the Franche Ward on Wyre Forest District Council. We hope that she will enjoy both her year of office and the opportunities which twinning will offer her to become involved in visits to and from Husum.

## Schimmel-Ryder Cup returns to Kidderminster!

Eleven players from Husum Golf Club travelled to Kidderminster to compete for the S-R Cup, the eighth such annual event, the venue alternating between the two towns. Each team had both ladies and gentlemen, and were equal in number. The overall score at the start was three wins for each town, with one match drawn.

The visitors stayed at Stone Manor Hotel for the six nights, with their new chairman Werner Lonsdorfer: a longstanding friend of Kidderminster with business interests here as well, he has replaced Dr Haacke. Our new captain is Neil Nicholls from Worcester, who had arranged a busy programme - consisting of two competition days at Kidderminster Golf Club, and three away days; Kington in Herefordshire, Sap-ey, and Shifnal (Salop). A shopping trip to Chelten-



*Husum Chairman Werner Lonsdorfer presents the trophy to Rod Summers*

ham was led by Sandra Summers and Jane Murrant, for those wanting a respite from golf, and a group of men took the same day off to visit Ludlow.

The Husumers had asked to revisit Kington, which we had played two years ago. The course, at the top of the westernmost Shropshire hill overlooking the Welsh border, is at 1250 ft above sea level - the highest golf course in England. The forecast had been for warm and sunny weather, but got it very wrong. It was windy with rainy squalls. Thus those

of us who trusted the forecast and took no rain gear got very wet and very cold indeed until some late sun dried and warmed us up a little. It was “an experience“. The well equipped loved it, the under-equipped hated it - I was in the latter group. To our surprise the visitors have voted for a repeat visit (not again!) in two years, confirming my belief that Nordfriesland breeds a particular type of masochist.

The Sapey day was tropical in comparison, the wind relatively modest for another hilltop course, and there were moments of sunshine. Frankly the young course is now gorgeous, and greatly appreciated by our guests. As was Shifnal, the third away golf day. Shifnal is a classic English parkland course founded in 1929. It is beautiful. The visitors were delighted, and had good weather to boot.

There is a big difference between an English and a Nordfriesland golf course in two main respects. In Britain we keep the “rough” cut low enough to find and play the ball, and the grass is lush. In North Friesland the rough is protected environmentally and can only be cut one a year - in August - which allows wildlife to breed fully. The soil is much thinner, and as a result one can find the ball, but there is usually some awkward long thin grass to play from. The second difference is the trees, which are abundant here, with many species which do not thrive over there - inhibited by salt in the air and the strong westerly winds.

Which brings me to the two local days. Kidderminster at 101 years old has the most abundant trees, and the visitors are not skilled in playing out from them. Furthermore some of our tees and fairways are very tight (narrow), making the course hard work for them. Over the two competition days Kidderminster won by a considerable margin. The trophy was presented at the Final Dinner at Kidderminster Golf Club. This was a truly memorable event, and the whole week voted a major success. We look forward to revisiting our friends next year when we will see if we can cope with the Husum conditions any better!

**Rod Summers**  
*(Team Captain)*

## School Visit – Theodor-Storm- Schule to King Charles I School

*We are grateful to the students of TSS for their report of their visit to Kidderminster; we have ed-*

*ited it to make it a bit shorter, but the majority is in the students’ own words – a very good piece of writing!*

### The Flight and our Expectations

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March our exchange group of ten people started our trip to Kidderminster with our guide teacher, Frau Tams. We met at 8.10 am. at the railway station in Husum, and started off at 8:35 am.

This exchange has existed for 4 years. There are usually fewer pupils in Kidderminster learning German and wanting to participate in an exchange than in Husum. So we were lucky to be part of it, and very excited. We left the train in Hamburg-Altona and went to the airport by underground. We checked in with Flybe, and then had some free time in the “duty free zone“. The flight went well – we landed safely in Birmingham - and of course it was raining! We were taken to Kidderminster by Whittle’s coach; we all became more excited, because we didn’t know how we would get along with our partners and if they were nice. But as we arrived, we received a lovely welcome. We expected the English people to be very polite and friendly, and we were a little nervous about that, because we did not want to be rude to them accidentally. We arrived with mixed feelings, but our families all turned out to be really nice.

### Thursday, the second day

We had to get up early to meet at the School reception at 8:30 am. We talked about our host families until we went to the Town Hall. Mr Talbot is the Town Clerk of Kidderminster (and used to be the Mayor) and he took the time to show us the Town Hall. It’s not like Husum, where everything in the *Rathaus* is new; it is a very old building (built in 1845) and it used to be the police station and the court house as well. We were even allowed to see the Mayor’s room,



*Husum guests and their hosts, at the Kidderminster Carpet Museum*

where he's got a desk and a lot of trophies, expensive pictures and also a plate from the *Nordstrander Töpfererei* to symbolise the twinning of Husum and Kidderminster on the walls. When there's a meeting, Mr. Talbot wears his old-style robe and his wig with twirls, which is made of horsehair. In the Council Chamber are boards where the names of the mayors have been written down since 1836! Everything looks very expensive and fancy. There's a huge music room, too, with a big pipe organ and many chairs for the audience and this room is very famous.

Afterwards, Mr Talbot took us to the carpet museum which is being developed. Kidderminster was very famous for its carpets in the industrial revolution, which started only a short distance from Kidderminster. They want to create a historical museum to show the history of the industry. We were able to see an old hand loom and a spinning wheel and a staff member showed us how to use it.

We were back in school at about 12:30 pm. to have lunch together with our exchange partners, and after that we visited two lessons. That was exciting because they've got very much technical equipment there: smartboards and computers in every single room! After school was over, we met in a classroom to have afternoon tea with lots of cookies and tea and we watched *Flushed Away (Flutsch und weg)*, in English, of course. In the evening, we spent the rest of the day with our host families and had dinner.

#### **Friday: Kidderminster Town and Bewdley Museum**

On Friday we, the German exchange pupils, visited Kidderminster Town, the partner town of Husum. Kidderminster is as small as Husum. (*No, Kidderminster is about twice the size of Husum! Ed.*) Through Kidderminster runs the river Stour. Just as we have in Husum the *Kidderminster-Brücke*, they have a "Husum Bridge". Kidderminster has five supermarkets, the biggest one is Tesco, where you can buy everything. They also have Aldi and Spar, as in Germany, and McDonalds and Subway. And like we have Tedi in Germany, they have a 1 Pound shop, where everything costs only £1 (ca. 1,10€). In Kidderminster there are many cheaper shops than in Germany. For example, we bought one pair of shoes for only £4 (= 5 €) in a shoe shop. In England they eat many sweet things. So Kidderminster has also a few Sweetshops and bakeries. But in the bakeries you can't buy normal bread, just sweet things like Cupcakes, Cookies and Donuts.

At lunchtime we went back to school and ate our lunch. After that we were taken to Bewdley Museum by a school minibus. Bewdley is a small Georgian riverside town in Worcestershire. The Bewdley Museum is located behind the Tourist Information Centre in an old butchers' shambles. You don't have to pay for it, it has many volunteers. The Museum gives an insight into the town's working past. They demonstrated how

to make a rope and we all had to help a little bit. When it was ready, they gave us the rope as a present.

#### **The weekend**

After our arrival in England and some trips to museums and other activities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, we could plan our free time at the weekend together with our host family by ourselves. There were many different possibilities to spend the weekend. Most suitable were activities like cooking with the family, visiting clubs of our exchange pupils (for example football or rowing) spending time in the park in Kidderminster, meeting relatives of the host family or going to a museum.

Very popular too were trips to the swimming pool, to a shopping mall in Birmingham, Worcester, Merry Hill or Kidderminster and meeting up with other Germans. That was on the whole an easy undertaking because most of us lived nearby other Germans, sometimes only one street apart. Great possibilities were the Bowling Centre, the Safari Park, a barbecue, going for a meal in the evening and the cinema as well, so over half of the German and English exchange pupils met to watch an Easter movie at the cinema. As you can see, there were many good opportunities to get to know the host families better and enjoy our stay in England. I'm sure all of us will always like to remember the time we spent with our English exchange pupils and their families.

#### **Monday: Stratford-Upon-Avon**

William Shakespeare (1564 – 1616) was an English poet who lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. He was born and raised in Stratford-upon-Avon, his actual birthday remains unknown, but what we know is, that he was baptised on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. In his century it was a tradition to baptise the children three days after their birthday. So it can be assumed that Shakespeare's birthday was the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. He died - also in Stratford - on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the year 1616. Two days after his death Shakespeare was buried in the chancel of the Holy Trinity Church. Carved in the stone plate, covering his grave, was a curse:

"Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear,  
to dig the dust enclosed here.  
blessed be the man that spares these stones,  
and cursed be he who moves my bones."

But, let's spin time back: at the age of 18, he married Anne Hathaway, with whom he had three children: Susanna, and the twins Hamnet and Judith. Anne was 7 years older than Shakespeare, a fact that caused a lot of attention in those days. Later it should be traditional in Shakespeare's family. The 'Bard of Avon' wrote about 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems and several other poems. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other author. His most

famous writings in Germany are *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

### **Tuesday: The Black Country Living Museum**

On Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 9 am., we took the coach to the Black Country Museum in Dudley. That was the only trip on which our exchange partners could join us. The museum is situated on an 11ha big area and most of it is outdoors, everything looks like around the year 1850. First we had a guided tour through the old coalmine. It is a replica because the real coalmine is 400 metres deep under the surface and dangerous. It was dark and the mine was very small but we all enjoyed the tour. The guide told us a lot about the people who used to work in the mines. They worked up to 14 hours a day and earned not much money for that. It was dark and dangerous in the mines, and every year around 40 people died in the mine. Later we had time to go through the museum area. We looked in the old shops and talked to the people inside, who were dressed like people from around 1850. They told us a lot about the history of the respective houses. For example a pawnbroker told us about the things people used to give and get money for. A woman told us that in one small house 7 people used to live. That was the biggest difference to a "normal" museum. At 1 o'clock we ate fish and chips, very tasty. After that we went to the old-time theme fairground, we took part in a school lesson, how it used to be in the time of the Black Country. The teacher was very strict, we had to sit straight – but it was an interesting experience. Pupils used to go to school from the age of 3 to 10 and they had to pay for school, in the afternoon they often worked in the coalmines. Around 2 o'clock we went back to Kidderminster, being tired but happy.

### **Day of departure**

It was the 6th April. We had to get up very early! It was 5.30 am. when the alarm clock rang. For the English people it is usual to get up at 7 o'clock. So they were very sleepy. We ate our usual breakfast like cereals or toast. After eating we got ready for departure. Some of us were driven to the bus by their host families but most of us took our bags and walked to school, like every morning. When the German pupils went into the bus everyone was waving. Everybody was sad that the exchange was already over. We had a wonderful time and both English and German pupils enjoyed the experience very much.

### **You too can go on Safari!**

In the event, our caravanning trip to Husum was a lone affair; Penny and I drove through France, Belgium,

The Netherlands and Germany to reach Husum on May 22, and we spent a busy time there, hosted on visits and for meals by our long-time friends Georg and Marketta Weßler, as well as by Manfred and Frikka Kamper, and Renate and Heinrich Linkogel. As we didn't have the usual large group of Kidderminster people around us our influence on the weather – normally a psychic force that makes the sky blue and the sun shine – was minimal, and the eight days we were in Husum were mostly wet, cold and windy. However, that did nothing to dampen the proceedings; the reception we were given was warm and friendly as ever.

Although our six-metre, three ton motorhome behaves perfectly on Germany's autobahns, it is not so easy to manoeuvre it through the streets, and we left it on site at Schobüll's campsite, "*Camping Seeblick*", travelling into town by bus or with kind friends. We can



recommend the site; it looks out over the sea towards distant islands and peninsulas, and, given better weather, it would have been idyllic.

We were in Husum during the run up to the first election for the *Bürgermeister's* post, and I went to the *Rathaus* in the evening with Georg to hear the results. As you may know, none of the six candidates received an overall majority, although Uwe Schmidt was ahead by a long way, and a second election was held on June 19 between the two with the largest number of votes, which was won by Herr Schmidt.

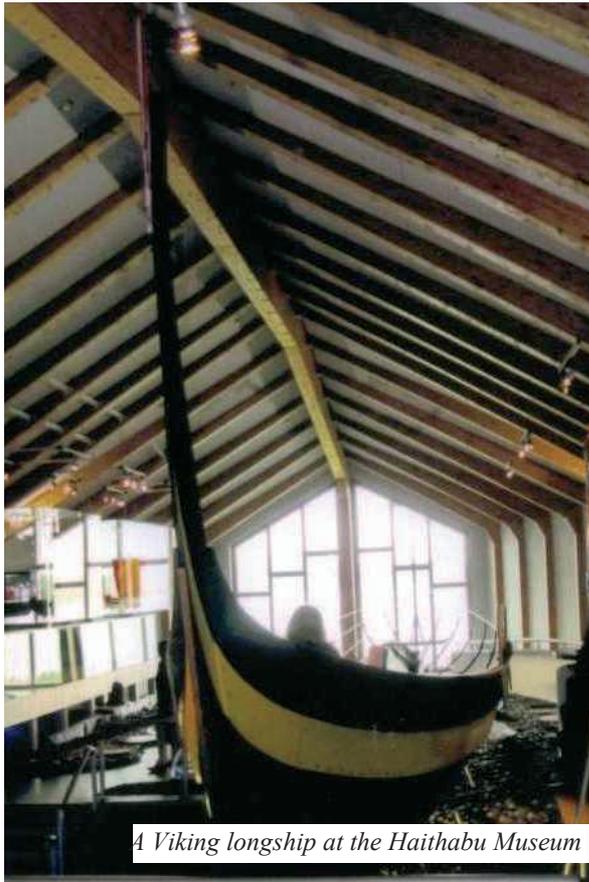
One visit that we made was to the Viking Museum at Haithabu, near Schleswig. For anyone interested in archaeology, history, Christianity, the roots of the English language, this place is an absolute dream come true! Haithabu, the largest Viking settlement in the whole of Europe, is still yielding up tremendous finds – of the 10,000 to 12,000 Viking graves on the site, only about half have so far been dug, and new and exciting finds are being unearthed all the time. For me, this was a highlight of our visit. Moves are afoot to

secure the recognition of the site as a World Heritage Site, and it's not only a German project: Iceland, Sweden and Denmark are also taking part.

## Have Violin, will Travel

In 1995 Thomas Wiese, the charismatic conductor of the Husum Orchestra, *Collegium Musicum*, formed links with Kidderminster's Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra. Some of our players visited Husum on three occasions and they visited us twice. Sadly, following Thomas's death some years ago, the exchanges ceased, although many of us kept in touch with our friends in Husum. A few months ago Henning Jess, a violinist with *Collegium Musicum*, emailed me and said "You haven't been over for a long time, why not come and play in our concerts in June?" Happy to see our old friends again, my husband Roy and I went to stay with Henning and his wife Susanne, also a violinist, for a few days.

*Collegium Musicum* and the *Husumer Gemischter Chor* (Mixed Choir) gave two concerts on 18th and 19th June. They performed Elgar's *Coronation Ode* and Dvořák's *New World Symphony*. The people of Husum obviously value their orchestra and choir, as the concert in the new Husum Concert Hall was extremely well attended, with more than 600 in the audience. The *Coronation Ode* was sung in English, and it features *Land of Hope and Glory*. The four soloists delighted the audience by producing a Union Jack umbrella! An encore of the *Land of Hope and Glory* section was demanded by the happy and enthusiastic audience (you can see this on Youtube under *Gemischter Chor Husum*). Roy and I had a great time and explored the beautiful area around Husum in more depth than previously. We were also taken to a great fish restaurant in the Husum harbour area.



A Viking longship at the Haithabu Museum

Needless to say, Georg and I took the opportunity to discuss matters of twinning, particularly the next meeting between church representatives from the two towns, and we are hopeful that this will take place in conjunction with the *Krokusfest* in March 2012.

Our trip to the Continent in fact evolved into a holiday of 28 days, during which we visited 14 campsites and travelled over 2,000 miles – seeing no other British campers, caravanners, cars or lorries for nearly three weeks! It was thoroughly enjoyable, and we had a lovely time. For caravanners and campers who have yet to take the plunge, we can heartily recommend northern Germany as a destination, and where better to make for than Husum, where you can be sure of outstanding hospitality and a town that is geared up to respond to every need of the visitor.



Jenifer Smith (left) with members of the Collegium Musicum

Ray Harrowing

It is hoped that some of the Husum orchestra members will visit us next July and join in our concert in Kidderminster Town Hall.

Jenifer Smith

## From the AGM and the Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 30, and all the Officers, as well as the other members of the Committee, were re-elected. Many of the organisations at present involved in twinning reported on visits over the previous year and on their plans for the coming year. The Carnival Queen was present, and Charles Talbot paid tribute to her and her mother for the way in which they had represented Kidderminster. The Treasurer reported on the Association's finances, which continued in a healthy state. Georg Weßler, from Husum, gave a talk on opportunities and concerns in the town, and on his thoughts on the future of twinning.

The Committee met on May 25, and received encouraging reports from a number of groups, as well as news of progress with other groups that were planning to become involved. The rate of renewal of memberships was disappointing, and it was agreed that a reminder be sent out with this Newsletter. Plans were made for the visit of the Oldies in August; this will mark the 50th anniversary of the first youth exchange visit, as well as being the occasion of the 375th anniversary of Kidderminster receiving its Charter, and a number of Husum councillors will be among the group. The plan to plant crocuses in the grassed areas in Husum Way is progressing, and there is also a proposal to plant others in Broadwaters Park. A Quiz Night will be held on October 14 at the Valley Suite, Severn Valley Railway, and other Twinning Associations will be invited to send teams; the Worcestershire Forum of Twinning Associations will hold its Quiz Night in Bromsgrove on the previous Friday, and the Association will be represented then.

The Committee will meet next on September 14.

## Gourmet Marathon

The forthcoming joint Quilting exhibition in Husum's *Rathaus* in August was the perfect excuse for another visit to Husum – someone had to deliver the Forest Quilters' contributions! It also provided an opportunity to meet some potential new Twinning groups.

Karin Petersen, from the Storm Quilters, not only offered to host us but collected us (and the extra luggage!) from Hamburg airport and then provided a wonderful almond cake to welcome us. Asparagus and strawberries for supper swiftly followed before we sampled Husum's multi-screen cinema. No subtitles were needed for a wonderful aerial photographic journey down the North Sea coast.

A delicious breakfast at *Cafe Larrsen* with Manu Brodersen-Horn next morning was enlivened by passers-by decorated with lipstick logos, crazy foam and curious costumes. This transpired to be the day of celebration for matriculating High School Students,

complete with band and parade, where we ran into Jürgen and Brigitta Stumbitz. After a sobering visit to the concentration camp memorial in Schwesing, we were still full so dropped into *Rosengarten* Hotel for a quick ice cream instead of lunch en route to meet Georg Weßler and Eva Maaß in the *Schloß* Cafe. There we were joined by Heinrich Paulsen from the Cycle Racing Club and Heike Bayer from the *Turne-SportVerein* (representing, amongst many other sporting groups, walkers, touring cyclists and gymnasts). More coffee and cakes facilitated a very productive meeting!

The Storm Quilters and spouses were assembling at Karin's for an evening barbecue. Having experienced their wonderful catering before, Geoff and I decided the walk back to Finkhaus would be the best preparation! The rain held off for a very relaxed and delicious meal before some detailed planning for the exhibition and the Forest Quilters visit. Our final reward was viewing all the quilts.

The main agenda for our last day was afternoon coffee and cakes with all the usual suspects from the ranks of the gardeners and Oldies. The morning flew by, visiting Holger Petersen's grave and the *Baum Schule* before lunching at the *Nissenhaus*. A stroll through town to Jacqueline's Cafe passed the *Rathaus* where the Art exhibition was too good to miss – especially as we could inspect the arrangements for hanging our quilts and, bumping into Georg there, make arrangements for the publicity flyers. We also took a few photos of possible cobble-free areas where the Morris Dancers could perform at *Hafentage* 2012.

An evening concert in *Marienkirche* was on our original agenda, which Geoff fulfilled, reporting back that we had missed a treat. Instead, I met with one of the gardeners coming in September who couldn't make the afternoon session – more coffee and cakes seemed obligatory!

Punctual as ever, our train left Husum station at 9.31 am. precisely for our journey home the next day. Although we had left the quilts with Karin, we must have consumed enough wonderful food that we weighed at least as much without them. We are, of course, looking forward to the return trip in August to see the exhibition!

*Hilary Boyle*

## On the Horizon

July 31 – August 5 – visit to Kidderminster by former youth group members, and a number of "official" visitors, from Husum

August – Joint exhibition of quilting by Kidderminster and Husum quilters in the Husum *Rathaus*

August – Husum *Hafentage* – the Mayor and others are likely to attend

September – visit to the Kidderminster Horticultural Society by gardeners from Husum

September – schools exchange visit – King Charles I to Theodor-Storm-Schule, Husum

October 14 – Quiz Night

March, 2012 – visit by the Carnival Queen and official party to the *Krokusfest* in Husum

March – visit to Husum churches by members of Kidderminster churches

May – visit to Husum by Kidderminster Choral Society

We shall be reporting on these events in future issues of “Twin Town News” and on the website, [www.kidderminster-husum-twinning.co.uk](http://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.

### German spoken here!

The course of German lessons, which has proved very useful for many of our members, is set to continue. They will take place at King Charles I School, and will start again in September. The tutor will again be Sarah Shaw, and we are very grateful both to Sarah and also to Stuart Arch, who has kindly made the facilities available and also has arranged funding so that the class can continue. There will be ten sessions, probably starting on Monday September 12, and the cost will be £30.

Anyone interested in joining in these fun sessions can contact Jerry Mayfield for further details.

### Husum Calendar

For the information of any intending visitors to Husum, here are some of the events that will take place in or near Husum during the next few months.

*July 25 – August 27 – Photo Festival – an exhibition of the best photos of the Wattenmeer*

*August 1-12 – Exhibition of Quilts in the Rathaus*

*August 10-14 - Hafentage (Harbour Festival)*

*August 19-27 – Husum Piano Festival (Schloß vor Husum)*

*September 4 – a Festival of fun for all the family (Schloß vor Husum)*

*September 16-25 – Pole Poppenspüler Tage (International Puppet Festival)*

*September 29 – October 4 – 26th Husum Film Festival*

*October 1-3 – Oktoberfest*

*October 15-16 – Krabbentage (Prawn Festival)*

*October 16 – 9th Tractorado (the biggest exhibition of model tractors, etc. in Germany!)*

*October 28-30 – Husumer Bau und Ambiente (Ideal Home Exhibition)*

*November 21 – December 26 – Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market)*

A full programme of events, exhibitions, etc. can be found at [www.husum-tourismus.de](http://www.husum-tourismus.de)

### Kidderminster Carnival

We shall include a report on the Carnival, and on the visit of Sina Heinrich, the *Krokusblutenkonigin*, in our next issue. For the time being, here is one of the photographs of the event.



Carnival Queen Jessica Homan and Crocus Queen Sina Heinrich

*Photo credits: Penny Harrowing, Colin Hill, Jenny Holmes, Jerry Mayfield, Roy Smith and Rod Summers*

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