



Twin Town News



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TWINNING 2000

NEW LINKS

• Ideal Home Exhibition in Husum

First Commercial Venture

In November, Husum's first Ideal Home Exhibition - 'Ambiente 99' - attracted 15000 visitors over two and a half days. Wyre Forest businesses shared a stand which took the form of an 'English House' featuring a living room, a dining room and garden area. Among the businesses were Tomkinsons Carpets, TP Activity Toys, Classic Upholstery, Lockhouse Country Furniture, Arnold Wyer Limited and Sealine International. They were supported by the Economic Development Department of Wyre Forest District Council with a display of information on the towns of Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport and on tourism, business and opportunities for investment in the District.

The Exhibition was visited by a delegation of 8 Charter Trustees headed by the Mayor of Kidderminster, Councillor Lynne Hyde accompanied by her Consort and the Town Clerk, Charles Talbot. The Twinning Association was represented by Ray Harrowing who helped to prepare and man the stand.

The delegation stayed at Himrichsen Hotel and was generously and hospitably entertained by the new Bürgermeisterin of Husum - Frau Ursula Belker, the Burgervorsteher - Herr Peter Empen, and their Council and Kuratorium colleagues.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Ein Husumer Fest!

Musical entertainment
drinks and buffet

FRIDAY 10th MARCH
Chester Road Sporting Club
7.30pm

Tickets £5 includes free glass of wine

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Annual General Meeting

TUESDAY 28th MARCH 2000
AT HARRY CHESHIRE
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
7.30pm

followed by a short production
written and performed by the Drama
Department, before their tour to
Husum and Denmark

followed by light refreshments

The packed programme included a welcome dinner, a Concert by a local Fire Brigade Band, a visit to the weekly market, a morning at the Realschule Nord, (twinned with Harry Cheshire Community High School) where they joined in the English lessons and enjoyed a delicious and beautifully presented lunch prepared by the students; an afternoon / evening visiting the Rödemis Spielmannzug Headquarters seeing young musicians aged from 8 to 20 learning and practising; a cold and misty morning at the waste recycling plant; an afternoon touring the Danish School, Scout Centre, Church and Cricket Club; an

evening at an Annual military lecture - 'Global Warming' (yes, in German!) followed by dinner; a morning at the Husum Hospital learning about the very different Health Service provision in Germany; a tour of the Business and Industrial Area and, eventually, to the 'Ambiente' exhibition. Finally, the last day packed in a service in the Church of St George, lunch at Tante Jenny, a visit to the Ship Museum, a drive to Nordstrand for Pharisaers and a Farewell dinner at the Ratskeller. The last few hours the following morning were occupied with breakfast - joined by Frau Belker, a brief tour of the Town Hall and presentation of Husum scarves and ties, an even briefer shopping stop, before the drive to Hamburg and flight to Birmingham - unexpectedly via Manchester!

MORE NEW LINKS.....

• **Kidderminster Valentines Choir....**

Inspired by the instant friendship of the Husum Shanty Chor's visit to Kidderminster, when they had sung and partied their way through a whirlwind weekend, August 1999 saw the first visit to Husum by the Valentines Choir. A group of 31 members and a dozen friends/partners stayed either with host families or at Hinrichsens Hotel for the week of Hafentage. They gave a joint Concert with a mixed Husum Choir and the Shanty Chor, sang in the Husum Castle Courtyard and gave various spontaneous concerts!

• **Kidderminster College Dancers....**

A group of Dancers and technicians from the Performing Arts Department spent a week in July dancing in Husum, Flensburg and Hamburg. They also ran a dance workshop in Husum. The visit provided the students with practical experience of planning and fundraising a tour.

Other news in brief -

EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING -

since October 1999 we have welcomed Anne Jess, our third volunteer under this scheme.

Anne is working at Youth House in Bromsgrove Street for six months. Her home is in Rantrum, a small village outside Husum; her parents have visited Kidderminster with the Collegium Musicum as guests of the Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra - Anne plays the violin and has joined the orchestra in rehearsal and concert during her stay here.

The EIL Scheme would be interested to hear from any local young people for whom it may be possible to arrange a similar placement in the Husum area. Volunteers are provided with accommodation in a host family and receive a small allowance. [Further information from Terry Denslow, Youth House, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster : 01562 752711.]

CHURCHES LINK - *in October three visitors from St Marienkirche Husum spent a weekend in Kidderminster at the invitation of St Mary's and Trinity Methodist Churches. Propst Manfred Kamper preached, in English, at services in both churches. Meetings were held with representatives from other churches to discuss possibilities for furthering church links and co-operative ventures. There is strong interest in taking a party to Husum sometime later in the year. [Further information from Ray Harrowing : 01562 822476.]*

EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR 2000

FEBRUARY 24-28 : *visit by Canon Owain Bell and Ray Harrowing to the retirement of Propst Manfred Kamper.*

MARCH 28 : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm at Harry Cheshire Community High School. *After the business meeting there will be a performance in the Theatre of a short play written and produced by the School's Drama Department who are taking the production to Husum and on to Roskilde, Demark in April.*

Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Annual subscriptions are renewable at the AGM

MARCH 20 -27 : *student exchange week visit to Harry Cheshire Community High School by Realschule Nord Husum.*

APRIL 24 - MAY 3 : *student exchange week visit by Harry Cheshire Community High School to Realschule Nord Husum.*

JUNE : *proposed civic visit to Kidderminster by Bürgermeisterin and councillors and visit by a trade delegation from Husum as follow up to Husum 'Ambiente'.*

JULY 10 -17 (approx): *visit to Kidderminster by Collegium Musicum hosted by Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra : Joint Concert on Saturday July 15 at Kidderminster Town Hall - please put this date in your diary now!*

JULY/AUGUST : *youth exchange visits between Youth House Kidderminster and Haus der Jugends Husum : visits from two Husum Church Youth Groups*

Various other groups are in the course of making arrangements for visits, dates to be confirmed.

AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE FRONT PAGE PANEL OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND FROM THE ENCLOSED FLIER, THE NEW AND ENTHUSIASTIC FUND RAISING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION HAVE ALREADY PLANNED THE FIRST EVENT FOR THIS PURPOSE - PLEASE BUY A TICKET, BRING YOUR FRIENDS FAMILY, ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF YOUR ORGANISATION TO COME AND ENJOY THE EVENING - ANY ADDITIONAL IMPROMPTU MUSICAL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL OF COURSE BE WELCOMED!