



Twin Town News



KIDDERMINSTER CHORAL SOCIETY 1899 -1999
CENTENARY GALA CELEBRATIONS

WELCOMES BACK THEODOR STORMS CHOR!

CONGRATULATIONS! VIEL SPASS!



THEODOR
STORMS
CHOR
VON 1843



As part of the year's celebrations marking its Centenary, the Kidderminster Choral Society welcomes the Theodor Storms Chor from Husum to the Centenary Gala Week.

This is the TSC's third visit to Kidderminster and promises to be even more memorable than preceding visits. The Choir will arrive on Thursday 17th June to stay with KCS hosts. The choirs will rehearse together in preparation for the Centenary Concert on Saturday 19th June at Kidderminster Town Hall at 8.00pm at which the Choir's Director of Music, Jens Weigelt, will play the organ. On Sunday 20th June the choirs will sing together at an open air performance at Dudmaston Hall. Bring along your deckchairs and parasols!

THE COST OF CULTURE

'funding the cultural activities of the community in Germany, Poland and Great Britain'
an

INTERNATIONAL TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

The Kidderminster/Husum Twinning Association is hosting this event to coincide with the visits to Kidderminster for the Choral Society's Celebrations by the Theodor Storm's Chor from Husum and the choir from Licium II High School in Legnica, Poland. This school is linked with the Theodor Storm High School in Husum and has just returned from a visit there.

Through our Association, the links with Germany are long and well established - civic, sporting, cultural and educational visits between Kidderminster and Husum have taken place since 1955.

Kidderminster has a large Polish community living in the town. It has its own Catholic Church and Parish Priest. It has a Social Club. Cllr Michael Oborski of Kidderminster is the West Midlands Honorary Consul for Poland. The College runs a well attended Polish language class on Saturday mornings.

Thus the three way connection between these three towns is a good basis for addressing the issues highlighted by the theme of the conference.

In the week following the European Elections it serves as a focus on the European perspective. To quote a briefing paper for the Conference : 'This conference will be a time to celebrate our different national cultures and a chance to share common problems and opportunities'.

The Programme will conclude on Tuesday evening with a Piano Recital by Angela Lear to celebrate the Year of Chopin. The Polish School Choir will also perform. This takes place in Kidderminster Town Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Conference and the Choral Society's celebrations during the week are being partly funded by the Twinning Office of the European Union and by the Kidderminster and District Youth Trust.

**The Polish School Choir will be singing in Kidderminster Town Hall as follows:
Wednesday 16th June at 4.00pm with local Middle School Choirs
and at 7.30pm with Wyre Forest Young Voices
Admission to these concerts is free.....**

OTHER TWINNING NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 15th March 1999. Reports were received from all the organisations twinned with Husum demonstrated another varied and busy year of activity. The first visit here by the Husum Shanty Chor was a highlight for all concerned and created many new links with families not previously involved in Twinning.

Ray Harrowing was elected to the new post of Cultural Secretary on the Executive Committee in recognition of the increasing workload.

Ken Garbett, Keith Weston, Phil and Lorraine Austin were elected to the Management Committee.

The speaker after the meeting was Cllr MMG Oborski, the West Midlands Honorary Consul for the Republic of Poland. His talk provided an insight into some of the unexpected and surprising requests he receives as well as the of the more formal functions he carries out.

This was followed by a buffet of German wines and cheeses.

THE KMC VALENTINES have joined the Association and are planning their first visit to Husum in August.

KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE - DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS : 10 dance students 1 technician and their lecturers are to spend a week in Husum in August. They will run a dance workshop and will be performing at venues in Husum, Flensburg and Hamburg.

Membership Secretary Phil Austin is waiting to receive membership renewals and new subscriptions for the current year which runs from March 1999 to March 2000: Tel : 01562 754590

The increasing activities arranged by the Association depend on the support from its members as well as on grants negotiated by the Committee. If you have any ideas for fund raising to help groups and individuals traveling to and hosting guests from Husum, these will be welcomed. If you belong to a member organisation please consider joining as an individual member - it all helps!

Individual Membership: £3.00

Family Membership: £5.00

Corporate/Society Membership: £25.00