

# 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.

*Beryl Thirsk has passed away since the last edition of the Twin Town News. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband Mike, their family and friends.*



The Committee would like to extend their best wishes for the future to Christine Dutton who recently moved to Lichfield to be nearer to her family.

Christine has stood down after many years as our treasurer and did a sterling job for the Association.

### Meet our new Treasurer.

Geoff Strong, who along with his wife Sue has been a member of our Association for many years, has bought himself a new abacus for Christmas and is joining the committee as our Treasurer.



### Meet our new Webmaster

Much to the relief of Hilary Boyle who has valiantly struggled on with our website since the untimely passing of Ray Harrowing last year; Stephen Baird - Parker has taken over as our new webmaster .  
Look out for changes!



## Twining Association visit to Husum July 2017

Our new four year "rolling programme" began quietly with a small group of nine Twining Association members enjoying a week in Husum in the summer. Our hosts had devised an excellent programme interspersed with free time, which quickly passed catching up with old friends from various exchange groups.

Used to Krokusfest visits, our hopes of balmy weather for a change were at least partly fulfilled!

Rainer Maass led a town tour on Monday before the official welcome by Buergermeister Uwe Schmitz in the Town Hall.

On Tuesday, a small convoy of cars dodged showers (mostly!) for a trip which took in St. Peter-Ording, Westerhever, Schloss Hoyerswort, Tetenbull and ended in dinner at Lundenbergsand.



The weather gods relented for the next day's ride out on horse drawn wagons across to Hallig Sudfall; a spectacular day in blissful sunshine!

Despite more showers on Thursday, we enjoyed free time in the town market (& Krabbenbroetchen) - some of us even managed a trip later later to Friedrichstadt..

Only four of us braved the gaps in the showers to cycle out to Hamburger Hallig for their famous lamb BBQ on Friday - those in cars had time for bird watching & samphire hunting (a bit salty!)

It tipped down on Saturday but we all enjoyed visiting the Danish border towns of Tondern (hot dogs to die for) & Moegeltondern (ditto cakes, despite being served by Herr Overall!) finishing with a tremendous farewell party at the Volkhochschule, including the traditional songs, as ever led by Charles and his guitar.



A "Kidderminster Twinned with Husum" road sign was a parting gift to our hosts with our thanks for a fabulous week. We look forward to their return visit to us next September.



Hilary Boyle

## Civic visit of Husum councillors to Kidderminster October 26 - 30th



6 Husum Councillors including Mayor Peter Empen and Chief Executive Uwe Schmidt both worked hard and played hard during their civic visit to Kidderminster in October! An official reception, town tour and working seminar with Kidderminster Councillors on Saturday was followed by a tour of the Youth House and planting of 6,000 crocus corms at St Marys Ringway. (The planting of the remaining 20,000 was completed by a team from Youth House and Friends of St George's Park.) After a welcome cuppa back at the Youth House, it was time for a scrub up for the official welcome dinner at Bistrot Pierre. All joined the church service at St John's on Sunday morning before lunch at the Town Hall.

40 people – Twinners and Councillors from both towns – attended an excellent evening farewell party at the Pines.

Difficult to believe how quickly the weekend flew by!

Friendships and fun will continue with group exchanges next year as well as Kidderminster's Mayor visiting Husum in March to sign the new Twinning Charter at the 2018 Crocus Festival.

Hilary Boyle

### On the Horizon in 2018 & 2019

#### February

9<sup>th</sup>

Quiz Night at the SVR Valley Suite  
Kidderminster commencing at 7:30pm.

21<sup>st</sup>

Management Committee meeting at the  
King Charles room commencing at 7:30pm.

#### March

14<sup>th</sup>

Annual General Meeting at the SVR Valley Suite  
Kidderminster commencing at 7:30pm.

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Visit of Kidderminster's Mayor to the Husum  
Krokusfeste to sign the new Twinning Charter.

#### April

22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

First visit of Husum walkers visit to Kidderminster  
Stride & Stroll

#### May

14<sup>th</sup>

German meal at the Academy at Weaver's Wharf  
commencing at 12:00 for 12:15.

#### July

13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Gardeners visit to Husum.

#### September

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> ?

Husum Verein visit to Kidderminster

#### July 2019

KD8 Scouts visit to Tydal campsite near to Husum

## Forest Quilters Exhibition October 2017

We started to plan our exhibition at the end of 2016 when we booked the room at Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

Over the next 9 months we sorted publicity, tombola, our sales table, raffle, patchwork trader and planned the layout of the hall.

Looking at the afore - mentioned, it looks very little, but I am sure as many of you know, this all takes a lot of planning.

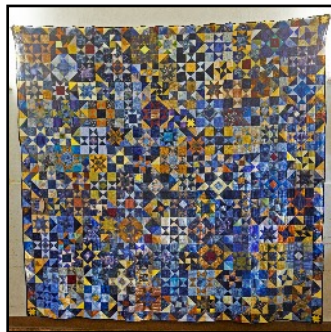
We worked on the Thursday evening setting up with many helpers for which we were very grateful prior to opening at 10:30am on the Friday and Saturday.

We had lots of visitors including some Twinning Association members and were very happy at the many comments in our visitors book.

Our entrance monies were donated to the "Local Riding for The Disabled", a charity dear to our hearts.

We took everything down after 4:30pm on Saturday afternoon, tidied up and decided to relax for perhaps another 3 years.

Brenda Banner



### Officers of the Kidderminster - Husum Twinning Association.

Chairman: Terry Garbett

Vice-Presidents: Charles Talbot & Tony Beirne

Secretary: Hilary Boyle

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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.

Please e-mail copy and pictures (jpeg format) to "Contact Us" on the website.

Many thanks to Hilary Boyle and Brenda Banner who kindly provided the articles and pictures featured in this edition.