

TOWN TWINNING

Minutes of the Public Meeting held in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Kendal on Thursday 4th July 1991 to discuss Town Twinning Arrangements.

1. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Studholme opened the Meeting with a short introduction as to the reasons for the four Towns which had been short listed, this being in line with the circular sent to all organizations in the area. The Town Council were in favour of Rinteln for the reasons described in the notes, Councillor Studholme said his personal views of Town Twinning was to a) widen horizons b) promote international friendship and understanding c) peace and goodwill and d) to air common problems. It was aimed to be there for all ages, levels and interests. It was not an opportunity for junketing and not to be put on the shelf and forgotten.

2. The Meeting was then opened for general discussion.

It was determined that approximately twelve organizations had sent representatives to the Meeting.

Mr. Nicholls had been to Betton and he said it was a young community which had grown rapidly with many new buildings and facilities for recreation which in some respects made Kendal look fairly inadequate. It was a very dynamic community with outward looking people. Exchange visits had been considered but there were not enough children in the right age group.

A letter had been received regarding Griefswald which had been a lovely place but was now not considered suitable as having many common links with a Town like Kendal and Sainte Foy Les Lyon was really just a suburb of Lyon and for that reason was not considered suitable.

Mention was made of twinning with another town in Great Britain but that was not considered to be particularly useful.

Mr. Hodson indicated that it had taken some 18 months to get this far and really should get on with establishing some link.

There was general discussion about a Third World Country or Africa but considered better that a firm link become established at the present time with a town fairly equivalent to Kendal and in due course other links could be looked at if they should prove to be feasible.

Mention was made that Rinteln had a school for children with special needs. There were already a large number of French students visiting this area.

The Meeting then voted upon a twinning arrangement in favour of Rinteln which was accepted by all those present save for one.

3. It was decided that the individuals should take the Constitution back to their respective organizations and discuss it with them. It was also decided that membership of the Town Twinning Association would not be limited to those who lived within the boundaries of Kendal and could include the outlying districts.

Membership fees were necessary to meet the administration expenses as the organization was to exist outside the Town Council.

The matter will be placed before the Town Council at its next Meeting to ratify the choice of Rinteln and invitations issued to persons from Rinteln to come and look round Kendal at probably the time of the Kendal Gathering. Thereafter a meeting of the Association should be called to confirm the Constitution and elect officers and possibly the Town Clerk of Cockermouth should be invited in view of the successful twinning arrangements reached between Cockermouth and its twin town.

KENDAL TOWN TWINNING

Public Meeting to be held in the Assembly Room in the Town Hall

at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the 4th July 1991

Since the first public meeting was held on the 20th March 1990 there has been a great deal of correspondence and discussion as to the feasibility of a Twinning Arrangement. A Steering Committee prepared a draft Constitution which was approved at a Public Meeting held on the 11th September, that meeting authorized the Steering Committee to investigate the possibility of arrangements being made with Betton (France) Wermelskirchen (Germany), Nalchik (USSR) and West Denmark. Betton is still a consideration; Wermelskirchen wishes to concentrate on developing an arrangement with a town in East Germany; Naichik did not respond favourably through the Soviet Embassy to whom we wrote direct nor the Local Government International Bureau (L.G.I.B.) because the USSR is apparently trying to forge stronger links with the USA. We wrote to the Tourist Board at Thisted in West Denmark but have received no reply whatsoever.

Subsequently the L.G.I.B. have put forward other names and Furmanite from Kendal have suggested Greifswald in East Germany as a possibility. The alternatives have been considered by the Committee and there would appear to be the following possibilities

1. **Sainte Foy Les Lyon** - Introduced by the L.G.I.B. This is situated near Lyon and has 21,673 inhabitants. There is light industry, sixteen schools and two colleges. Sports comprise football, cycling, tennis, swimming and boules. There are amateur theatre groups, painting and musician groups and chorale societies.
2. **Betton** - approached us through the local school link and is situated just to the north of Rennes with a fairly good communications system. It has a population of 10,000 with 35% less than 20 years old. Light industry provides employment and the town is situated in a pleasant area and supports many diverse sporting and cultural associations. Betton appears from publicity brochures to be a dynamic and thriving community.
3. **Greifswald** - Please see attached notes.
4. **Rinteln** - Please see attached notes: this town has been introduced to us at a late stage by the L.G.I.B.

The Steering Committee believes that a final public meeting is necessary to decide on one of the above four so that positive steps can be taken to establish firm links to the benefit of both communities.

Such an arrangement can only work satisfactorily with the firm backing of the Town through businesses, schools and associations. Please attend the meeting and let us know your views regarding the above. Provided that there is sufficient support the meeting will give consideration to the appointment of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary with such other officers as shall be deemed appropriate. Please note that the Twinning Association is autonomous of the Town Council.

Robert E. Metcalf

Town Clerk

GREIFSWALD

History:

1199 foundation of a monastery by Danish Cistercian monks, situated on the river Ryck. Today this is part of Greifswald, although the town itself was built away from the river. 1241 the Count of Rugen gave the place the right to hold a market; 1250 it was officially declared a town. Greifswald was a member of the Hanseatic League and therefore prosperous, particularly as a result of trading from the Baltic. The prosperity led to the building of 3 main churches and many merchants' houses in the old town.

1456 the university was founded. It remained the most important institution in the town, which occasionally was nicknamed "village with a university". A lot of important thinkers and scientists worked here, including the physicist Stark, who received the Nobel prize in 1919 for the discovery of the doppler-effect. Today (publ. date 1988) there are about 3500 students in Greifswald. The most important faculty appears to be medicine.

Greifswald was badly destroyed in the thirty years' war (and became temporarily Swedish after the war), and suffered in the Nordic and Seven Years' wars.

The most important "son" of the town is the romantic painter Caspar David Friedrich (born 1774 in Greifswald). Many of his pictures show the town and the area around, and the University owns several of his paintings.

Sights:

Greifswald was not damaged in the Second World War, and therefore retains its historical old town centre:

14th century town hall (still in use), partly rebuilt 1736 as a Renaissance building. Gilded ceiling in the council room.

Marienchurch: The oldest church in the town, built in the 13th/14th centuries.

St Nikolai cathedral: "Backsteingotik" style (gothic style, built in red brick), which dominates the church buildings of Northern Germany. Built 13th century, Baroque spire added.

St Jacobi church: 14th century "Hallenkirche" (all three naves are of the same height)

University: the original baroque building is a museum today. The modern university buildings are all over the town, particularly hospitals and other medical institutions.

St-Spiritus-Hospital: 13th century old people's home. Municipal museum: history of the town and paintings by C.D.Friedrich.

Eldena: Ruins of the cistercian monastery. Used for jazz concerts in summer.

Wooden folding bridge, built 1887 and still in use.

Recreation:

Tourism: River boats transport tourists to the Baltic sea, and tourists come to see the historic town. Watersports on the Baltic; open air swimming pool and sports ground in town.

"Bach" week and Greifswalder Music Days every year.

Industry:

Atomic power station; electronics; furniture factory; cement works; textile industry. Shopping, partly pedestrian precinct.

RINTELN - A SHORT HISTORY

The City of Rinteln lies astride the river Weser in the broad valley between the wooded hills of the Weserbergland and the north Lippe Bergland. It was founded in 1239 by Count Adolf IV of Schaumburg and granted its city charter nine years later. Its main task was to guard the county borders. In 1391 Rinteln became empowered to levy its own tolls and one year later Count Otto I presented the city with its fair's charter. As a result Rinteln became the main trade centre for the surrounding area. Two fairs are still held in Rinteln each year, one in May and one in November. Both fairs offer trading facilities in addition to those of amusement park nature.

In the 16th century the city of Rinteln underwent an economic boom. This period saw a marked increase in trade up and down the river Weser and the citizens of the town became increasingly wealthy. In 1621 the Ernestina University was founded, named after its benefactor Prince Ernst of Schaumburg. It was located in the Benedictine Monastery. Majority of the half-timbered houses still standing today date from this period.

But Rinteln's prosperity was soon to be adversely affected by outside events. The County of Schaumburg became involved in the Thirty Years War (1618-1648). In 1623 the city was stormed by 'Mad Christian' the Duke of Brunswick and commander of the armies fighting against Tilly. Three years later the plague killed-off half of the population. Many terrible things happened during this period of Rinteln's history including the many witch-hunts, trials and subsequent burnings at the stake. Still it is interesting to note that it was in Rinteln that the Jesuit priest Friedrich von Spee published his famous book 'Cautio Criminalis' which condemned the prevalent witch-hunts in the area.

In 1651 Rinteln became the seat of government for the half of Schaumburg County which had been ceded to the Landgraviate of Hessen-Kassel. Under Landgravine Hedwig-Sophie the city was developed and turned into a fortress. In spite of this it fell twice to the French armies during the Seven Years War without resistance and in 1806 it was almost completely razed to the ground on Napoleon's orders. Three years later King Jerome withdrew the University charter and Rinteln ceased to be a University town. In 1866 the town was ceded to the Prussian province of Hessen-Nassau. 1875 saw the railway coming to Rinteln and this led directly to the construction of a large glass manufacturing plant.

Rinteln managed to survive the Second World War without any serious damage and the population began to increase rapidly. At present the city has approx 27,000 inhabitants: this includes the villages which were annexed in 1974.

Four Rinteln citizens have been mainly responsible for putting Rinteln on the national and international map: Franz von Dingelstedt, the theatre manager and author of the famous Weser Song (Weserlied); the theologian, Professor Josua Stegmann, who composed the hymn 'Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade'; Christian Kröner, probably the most important painter of hunting scenes in the nineteenth century and the well-known physicist Professor Friedrich Kohlrausch.

Geographically Rinteln lies between Hannover, the County Capital of Lower Saxony and the Westfalian town of Bielefeld, both being approx 60 kms away. It is easily accessible as it is on the A2 motorway from Hannover to Dortmund. Routes 83 and 283 also pass through Rinteln as does the main railway line between Brunswick and Löhne. There is also a small airport for light aircraft. As a direct result of Rinteln's favourable geographical position and easy accessibility by road and rail a considerable amount of light industry has sprung up in the industrial estates in the south and north-west parts of the city. Rinteln is also a centre of trade and commerce and the home of many types of handicraft.

Rinteln is a major education centre for the surrounding area. It has an extensive school system catering for both general and vocational needs. The city also hosts a central further education college to train young people for careers in tax and legal administration and local government. There is in addition to the above a comprehensive school and hospital for soldiers of the British Rhine Army and their dependants stationed in towns in the western part of Lower Saxony and the eastern part of North-Rhine Westfalia.

Rinteln is a beautiful city situated in idyllic countryside. As a direct result it has become a very attractive holiday resort. Visitors come from far and wide to see the historic city centre with its half-timbered buildings, narrow oldie-worldie streets, the old St Nikolai church, the Market Square the Ratskeller and the Weser renaissance architecture.

There are also many things of interest to see in Rinteln's villages, ie the old monastery in Mollenbeck, the Klippenturm with its fabulous view over the Weser valley and Schaumburg Castle after which the county is named. Rinteln also offers a wide variety of cultural events, a local museum, trips with historic locomotives and activities such as riding, gliding and all types of water-sports. It also hosts the Doktorsee which with its 1.2 million square metres of surface area, 600,000 square metres of water and 250,000 square metres of camping facilities is one of the biggest camping and leisure centres in Germany.

If one ventures outside the Rinteln area, it is worthwhile to visit the mines in Kleinenbremen, the Chateau in Bückeberg, the local spa towns and the Pied-Piper city of Hamelin.

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RINTELN

Rinteln dates back to the year 1230. It is situated in the Weser valley between Hamelin of Pied-Piper fame and the City of Minden. It is surrounded by hills and is extremely picturesque. The City of Rinteln comprises one small market town and a number of villages. The whole supports a population of between 25,000 and 30,000.

Rinteln has a quite large and comparatively new industrial complex situated directly in the south, in addition to the older industrial complex situated mainly in the north-west part of the city. However, the centre retains its old medieval character with its timbered houses dating back in part of the 13th and 14th centuries. With its man-made lakes and caravan sites (Doktorsee and Helenensee) the city is also a tourist centre and attraction.

There is no heavy industry in Rinteln. Of the light industrial firms operating in the city, glass, electrical components, fruit-juices and engineering are the main areas represented, plus, of course, building and construction.

The city had a University some 150 years ago, but its grant was withdrawn and its location moved to Marburg. However, Rinteln is still a centre of learning. It has a grammar school, two secondary moderns, a school catering for special needs, various primary schools, two vocational colleges (16+), a college of further education (fiscal & finance) and a British SCS/NWE comprehensive school.

Rinteln has furthermore a number of indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a well-equipped sports centre, athletics track etc; and can offer majority of sporting activities, including rowing, trampolin, table-tennis and canoeing. Sadly no cricket!!! Rinteln also has two classical choirs, two male-voice choirs, one ladies' and one children's choir. In addition there are choirs in majority of the villages.

There are also two equestrian centres in Rinteln and the city is the home of the County Youth Music Academy and Orchestra.

Although the Mayor of Rinteln is anxious to encourage adult links within the framework of any twinning arrangements, he is primarily concerned that said twinning should be to the benefit of the young people in both cities. He would actively support school visits, exchanges and sporting contact at youth level in any areas of mutual interest and would endeavour to make funding available to assist the young people in the town.

TOWN TWINNING

Minutes of an inaugural meeting held in the Bindloss Room, Town Hall, Kendal on 22-10-1991

1. Election of Chairman:

John Studholme was proposed, seconded and duly appointed.

2. Appointment of minute Secretary for the meeting:

Heather Worsley was appointed.

3. To consider the motion

"This meeting considers that a Kendal Twinning Association be formed to promote international friendship and understanding by strengthening, all possible means, the links formed by Kendal and Rinteln, stimulating and fostering mutual exchanges at all levels between the peoples of the twinned towns and of such other towns as the Association may accept, developing personal contacts and friendships, and, by doing so, recreational, educational, commercial, industrial, local government and government institutions of twinned towns and the district, counties, regions and countries in which they are situated and by organising fund raising activities foster and support the objects of the Association."

Proposed by Cllr. Mayho, seconded by Cllr. Ball that this be accepted. There were no objections.

4. To consider adopting a constitution, as per draft copy.

This was completed according to the wishes of the meeting and there was a unanimous vote in favour of its acceptance.

5. To appoint officers of the Association.

The following were nominated, seconded and accepted by the meeting.

Chairman: John Studholme.

Vice Chairman: Frank Hodson.

Treasurer: Stuart Bell.

Secretary: Heather Worsley.

6. To appoint committee members.

The following were nominated, seconded and accepted by the meeting.

The Lord Inglewood MEP

Ilse Black.

Richard Pealing.

Mike Cawthorn.

Madeline Davis.

Helen Birkett

Anne Pierson.

Martin Simpson.

Kit Morgan.

Roger McCartney.

Irene Bramwell.

John Larking.

Austin Robinson.

Jim Quincey.

Malcolm Richardson.

Arno Tauber.

7. To consider the minutes of the Public Meeting 4-7-91.

These were received.

8. Matters arising:

None.

9. Any other business:

i) letter from Rinteln. A delegation will visit in mid-November.

ii) Friends of the Edelweiss shared their similar constitution.

iii) it was suggested that the Youth Officer be approached to make contact with local groups.

iv) John Studholme who had already visited Rinteln, presented Roger McCartney of Kendal Lions with a pennant from Rinteln Lions.

10. The meeting closed

and was followed with a slide presentation of Rinteln by John Studholme.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 26-11-1991

1. Present:

John Studholme (chair), Messrs. Pealing, Coulter, Tauber, McCartney, Richardson, Cawthorn, Blamire, Hodson, Quincey and Bell and Mesdames Worsley, Birkett, Bramwell and Black.

2. Apologies:

Mesdames Davis and Morgan and Messrs. Stewart, Robinson, Smith, Simpson and Hubber.

3. Visit of delegation: December 6th.-8th.

Mrs. Birkett offered her car to help transport the delegation from the airport. Mr. Studholme and Mr. Tauber to meet them, 15.50 on 6-12-91. Mr. & Mrs. Worsley to take them back on 8-12-91 for flight at 10.30.

6th. December - Mayor's Welcome at Town Hall from 7.30pm. The Town Council will pay for a buffet supper and arrange to show the Town Treasures. The Bindloss Room will be used and invitations will be sent to a cross-section of Kendal industry, organisations and individuals.

7th. December - coffee at the Chocolate House lunch at the Brewery and visit there. visit to the Heights. Abbot Hall Gallery and Museum. evening - concert at the Leisure Centre.

4. Social evening for fund raising:

- i) Kendal College will look into planning a German evening. (food and wine)
- ii) Mr. Pealing will look into a social event possibly at the Brewery.

5. Bank account:

Authorisation was given for an account to be opened at the Midland Bank. The Chairman and Treasurer to sign cheques.

6. Application for funding:

The Treasurer will apply to the Town Council for £50 for this year and £200 for the next financial year to assist with general running costs.

7. Promotion of the Association:

A letter and poster will be sent to local firms, shops and other bodies. The 'Westmorland Gazette' will be asked to publicise the Association. Also the NDPTA will be asked to promote the Association and encourage links with Rinteln eg. invitation to Torchlight procession.

Mrs. Bramwell suggested that a poster stating the benefits of membership be prepared.

It was felt that the Association could offer help with travel, lists of organisations in Rinteln, translation, accommodation lists etc.

8. A.O.B.:

The Secretary suggested co-opting students from both secondary schools and Kendal College to the Executive Committee. This was agreed.

9. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 28th January 1991 - venue to be confirmed.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 28-1-92.

1. Present:

J.Studholme (chair), Messrs. Robinson, Tauber, Hodson, Richardson, Pealing, Cawthon, Hubber, Simpson, Coulter and Stewart and Mesdames Worsley, Bramwell, Birkett and Black.

2. Apologies:

Lord Inglewood, Messrs. Bell, Quincey and McCartney and Mrs. Morgan.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 26-11-91

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. Visit of Rinteln delegation to Kendal:

The Chairman and the Town Mayor reported a most enjoyable weekend and both felt Kendal had made a very good choice in twinning with Rinteln.

Visit of Kendal delegation to Rinteln: The Mayor has already received a personal invitation to Rinteln and it is hoped that he will attend with the Mayoress. It was decided to send a representative of education and trade or commerce to complete the party. It was also hoped to include a fluent German speaker. The air fare is £165 Manchester/Hannover and delegates will try to arrange sponsorship or contributions to cover this. Rinteln has offered to arrange accommodation. The visit is proposed for early April.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Given by Secretary in Treasurer's absence. An income of £154 was reported.

7. Promotion of the Association:

In spite of letters being sent to many local organisations, clubs, industry and businesses, the response is poor. Mrs. Bramwell asked that case studies of the benefits of twinning be obtained and sent out. Mr. Pealing will ask the Town Clerk of Cockermouth to address us on the benefits to his town. Mr. Hubber asked that a 'press release' on the Kendal delegation visit be sent out.

8. Action:

An update be sent giving information re. benefits of twinning, what the Association can offer, travel and local information on Rinteln.

9. German evening at Kendal College:

After discussion, it was decided not to go ahead with this event.

10. Social event at the Brewery:

Mr. Pealing will liaise with Kendal Concert Band (Mr. Quincey) to plan an evening in July.

11. Translation:

Mrs. Black has translated some information about Rinteln including the list of local organisations.

12. Travel to Rinteln:

A bus can be booked through the Tourist Information Office. Mrs. Birkett reported that Staintons had been most helpful in planning her group's forthcoming visit to France.

13. Any proposed visits to Rinteln:

It was reported that the Lions have written to their counterparts in Rinteln. Kendal College has also written but received no reply yet.

QKS has an exchange to Germany already planned for this year.

14. A.O.B.:

- i. Mrs. Worsley asked that members of the Association receive a newsletter. This will be prepared by Mr. Pealing to send out in March.
- ii. Members are asked to consider supporting the 'Beacon Europe' project.
- iii. Mr. Hodson is planning walking tours in Kendal and Rinteln for 1993.

15. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17th. March at the Mayor's Parlour. (by kind invitation of Cllr. W. Stewart) Time: 7-30pm.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 17-3-92.

1. Present:

J. Studholme (chair), Messrs. Bell, Pealing, Hodson, Jarvis, McCartney, Cawthorn, Halhead, Simpson, Quincey, Coulter, Hubber, Tauber and the Town Mayor Cllr. Stewart, Chairman of Friends of the Edelweiss and Mesdames Birkett and Black.

2. Apologies:

Lord Inglewood, Mesdames Worsley, Bramwell and Morgan.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 28-1-92:

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Mike Halhead, representing the Football Association.

6. Treasurer's Report:

There had been a bill for £80 for posters and publicity and £35 for office expenses which left a balance of £11 in hand. He added that no contribution had yet been received from Kendal Town Council, although one had been promised. It was agreed to put together a package for local businesses and seek the involvement of the 'Westmorland Gazette'.

7. Visit to Rinteln:

The Chairman confirmed that a delegation of five would leave on 26th. March. This would be the Town Mayor Cllr. Stewart, the incoming Mayor Cllr. Reynolds, Mr. Steve Jarvis (Chamber of Commerce and 'Westmorland Gazette'), Mr. Mike Cawthorn (Kendal College) and Mr. Arno Tauber (Friends of the Edelweiss and German speaker).

It was agreed that interested organisations should pass on messages to the delegation with suggestions/proposals re. business, cultural and sporting links, especially football, although enquiries would also be made regarding hockey teams. It was generally agreed that links should be at a youth level. Mike Halhead suggested that Parkside Road was an ideal venue with matches to be played some-time in August. Fixtures against local school and youth teams, as well as 5-a-side to be arranged, together with a visit to a NW league team in either Manchester or Liverpool. Mike Halhead will draft a proposed programme.

The Chairman reported that 'K' Shoes Rifle Club was involved in a postal competition and a chair visit had been proposed for August 1993. It was finally agreed that Steve Jarvis act as liaison for the visit.

The Lions were still awaiting a reply from their opposite number in Rinteln. They would be writing again re. Beacon Europe.

Helen Birkett reported the possibility of a Westmorland Step Dancers visit in May 1993.

Contact with local schools had been made and ways of developing further contacts were being pursued.

The Mayor reported that he would present a video of the Torchlight Procession 1991, with a photograph and a short history of Kendal which had been prepared by Mr. Percy Duff.

Some discussion took place on a proposed visit by Frank Hodson and his wife to Rinteln for the Beacon Europe ceremony on New Year's Eve.

8. Travel to Rinteln:

The Chairman reported that the Secretary has the details and these will be available at the next meeting.

9. Promotion of the Association:

Richard Pealing suggested that the Cockermouth representative be invited to address the next meeting and give ideas on the course and direction the Association should be taking. All Association members should be invited.

A Beer Keller has been arranged by Friends of the Edelweiss on 2-5-92 at 7.30pm. at the Brewery Arts Centre. Tickets £6.50 ea. to include buffet. Martin Simpson will draft a letter to Headteachers and governors of local primary Schools.

Helen Birkett suggested that in conjunction with KDPTA a German evening be arranged as part of Kendal Gathering 1992. It was further suggested that KDPTA invite a marching band from Rinteln to take part in the procession. Richard Pealing suggested the newsletter be postponed until the return of the delegation from Rinteln.

10. Social evening:

Brewery Arts Centre provisionally booked for Friday 3rd. July with Brewery buffet. Kendal Concert Band will give their services free of charge. Tickets to cost £5.50 ea. Walter Brooks to be asked to sell tickets.

11. A.O.B.:

None.

12. Date of Next meeting:

19th. May, 1992 at 7.30pm. in the Mayor's Parlour.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 19-5-92.

1. Present:

J. Studholme (chair), Mesdames Birkett, Pullinger, Morgan, Black, Bramwell, Pierson and Worsley and Messrs. Reynolds, Blamire, Quincey, Richardson, Pealing, Cawthorn and Stewart.

Also David and Mary Bertram from Cockermouth Town Twinning Assn.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Bell, Tauber and Robinson.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17-3-92

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

1. Report of delegation: tremendous hospitality and a very warm welcome. The town has a lovely location and everyone wanted to make the twinning a success.

2. New contacts: the Gazette has given excellent publicity and will continue to feature Rinteln and have regular communication with the local Rinteln newspaper.

It was suggested that Kendal be represented with a display at the next trade fair in Rinteln.

Ms. Pierson asked about the possibility of an Anglo-German Youth Theatre production. She will contact Fred. Hoppe for information.

5. Travel to Rinteln:

Regency Travel has offered to handle booking arrangements.

6. Letter to schools:

Mr. Cawthorn has visited Heron Hill and Vicarage Park and hopes to be in contact with the other primary schools in the town shortly. The Secondary Schools are committed to existing exchanges and do not wish to make changes at present.

7. Football Programme:

No further details.

8. Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary gave his report. There is a balance of £231.39, thanks to a generous donation from the Mayor of Kendal's Charity Fund.

9. Presentation by Mr. Bertram of Cockermonth:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Bertram and thanked them for coming to talk about the highly successful twinning arrangement by Cockermonth with a small town in SW France. This is Cockermonth's 9th. year. There is a budget of £4,000 from the Town Council and for a visit, Mr. Bertram expected to spend £500-£600 for receiving guests. There is only minor aid for those going to France; perhaps £50 per organisation. Press and publicity must be maximised and every opportunity to gain and retain interest made. This year 650 people will have visited the twin town from Cockermonth! Mr. Bertram stressed that a co-ordinator for visits is essential and an accommodation officer is also needed. Mr. Bertram spoke about some of the exchanges - schools including primary age children, sporting clubs, dancers and musicians, dramatic groups and even artists and painters.

This account was certainly an inspiration and something we can look to achieving in the future.

10. Social evening:

Friday 3rd July at The Brewery.

There will be an informal concert by Kendal Concert Band, dancing and supper. There will also be a raffle. Donations of prizes needed please. Tickets will be sold by Regency. (Walter Brookes)

11. Membership:

It was suggested that the Association send details to the political parties for publication in their newsletters.

12. A.O.B.:

1. Ms. Pierson felt we should not over extend ourselves in the beginning. We should plan for just 2-3 exchanges/visits, perhaps an Art/Photography exhibition, Youth Theatre and Football visits. Mr. Cawthorn reported that Kendal College was already planning a student visit.
2. The Bürgermeister will be invited to the Torchlight Procession.
3. There should be a late summer soccer tournament.
4. A sub-committee will be formed to consider the signing between the towns and a date and other details for a charter ceremony.

13. Date of Next meeting:

June 30th at Kendal College at 7.30pm.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting on 30-6-92.

1. Present:

J. Studholme (chair), Messrs. Bell, Pealing, Quincey, Hubber, Hodson, Cawthorn, Reynolds and Mesdames Worsley, Black, Morgan, Bramwell and Erica Worsley student rep. from QKS.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Richardson, Robinson and Smith.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19-5-92

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

1. Mrs. Bramwell asked if we had a date for the next Trade Fair in Rinteln. This was not available and will be requested from Rinteln which now has its own Town Twinning Association.

2. Other proposed contacts soccer, Lions, St. Thomas's Primary School and and Arts Exchange. The Rinteln Twinning Association also hoped for the exchange of families and senior citizens.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current account £219

It was agreed that the Treasurer should make applications for further grants from SLDC, CCC and Scott Trust as well as using the Charities Digest to try and find other benefactors The Treasurer was asked to prepare a proposed budget.

6. Draft Charter:

This was accepted and will be passed to the Town Council for consideration at the next meeting. If it is acceptable it will be sent to Rinteln for translation and the first signing is planned for September 11th. (Torchlight Procession night) It is hoped to invite a band from Rinteln to take part in the procession and accompany a delegation of representatives of all aspects of Rinteln life.

It was suggested that Union and German flags decorate the Town Hall. The KDPTA has already extended an invitation to dinner for the Bürgermeister and his wife on September 10th. On the 12th. and 13th. September there are evening entertainments programmed. It would be hoped to arrange a bus tour in the Lake District. Funding for this signing will be needed.

7. Social Evening:

Tickets have not sold very well but it is hoped to have about 50 people attending. Mr. Quincey asked that complimentary tickets be available another time.

8. Any other business:

The Chairman will be talking to Kendal Rotary and Friends of the Edelweiss and will be promoting the Association.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

To be arranged (Tuesday 1st September Mayor's parlour 7:30pm)

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held in the Mayor's Parlour, 1st. September, 1992.

1. Present:

J. Studholme (chair), Messrs. McCartney, Hubber, Quincey, Smith, Pealing, Jackson, Simpson and Reynolds and Mesdames Black and Morgan.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Bell and Hodson and Mrs. Worsley.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 30-6-92:

Were accepted as a true record. Matters arising:

1. Mr. Hubber reported that he understood that a German flag belonging to KDPTA was stored in the Chairman's barn. The Chairman agreed to investigate.

2. Mr. Pealing and Mr. Quincey were thanked for arranging the evening at the Brewery.

4. Arrangements for the visit of the Rinteln party:

It was understood that a party of fifteen would make the trip and would arrive at Manchester Airport on Friday evening and leave on Sunday morning. The Chairman and Mr. Hubber would meet them at the airport and the party would return directly to the Town Hall for refreshments and the Torchlight reception. Their hosts would join them at 6.30pm. The signing of the Charter would take place at 7.45pm. Gifts would be presented. A coach trip around the Lakes would be arranged for Saturday. Nearly all host families had been identified. Sponsorship for expenses would be sought from K Shoes, Rotary and Parker & Parker.

5. Treasurer's report:

Mr. Pealing reported in the Treasurer's absence. A credit balance of £189 was held. The Treasurer had prepared a draft brochure to publicise the Association, together with a list of sources of grant aid. This work was much appreciated by the committee and a full discussion will take place.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

This will be the AGM on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm. in the small committee room at the Town Hall.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th. October 1992 at Town Hall, Kendal.

1. Apologies:

were received from Messrs. Jackson, Tauber, Richardson and Reynolds.

2. Minutes of the inaugural meeting:

Were accepted as a correct record.

3. Chairman's Report:

Mr. Studholme described a successful first year for the Association. A delegation from Rinteln, led by Burgermeister Fred. Hoppe had visited Kendal in December and a delegation from Kendal, led by Mayor Bill Stewart with representatives from education, commerce and the Twinning Association, visited Rinteln in March. A number of contacts between organisations in the towns had been developed and exchange visits were being planned. The Twinning Charter was signed by both Mayors on Torchlight Procession night, the highlight of a weekend visit from Rinteln organised by the Association.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer described the financial position of the Association. A balance of £303.85 remained at the end of September 1992.

The reports of the Chairman and treasurer were adopted.

5. Election of Officers:

The following officers and committee members were elected.

Chair John Studholme.

Vice Chair Frank Hodson.

Treasurer Stuart Bell.

Secretary Heather Worsley.

Committee

The Lord Inglewood. Helen Birkett.

Ilse Black. Irene Bramwell.

Mike Cawthorn. Madeline Davies.

Roger McCartney. Robert Jackson.

Malcolm Richardson. Richard Pealing.

Jim Quincey. Richard Smith.

Arno Tauber. Martin Simpson.

John Whittaker.

Town Mayor and three Town Council members.

6. Any other business:

There was none.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 17-11-92.

1. Present:

Mesdames Black, Birkett and Worsley and Messrs. Hodson, Whittaker, Vickers, Quincey, Hubber, Bell, Smith, Reynolds, Richardson, Tauber and John Studholme in the chair.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Jackson and McCartney. The resignation of Ms Anne Pierson was accepted.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 1-9-92

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported no change in the accounts. An application would be made for a grant from Kendal Town Council and aid for the production of the brochure would be sought.

5. Information booklet:

This would be produced to give Association members and the general public information about Rinteln and it was hoped it would encourage links and visits to be made. The brochure would include lists of accommodation, places of interest and a history of the town. It would be offered free of charge through the Public Libraries and Tourist Offices. Mrs. Black will write for up-to-date details to incorporate.

6. Funding:

Croppers, Westmorland Gazette and Mr.W.Brooks of Regency Travel will be approached in the first instance.

7. Video:

Mr.Tauber has a recent one and will make copies for those interested. He also has cassettes of Rinteln choirs.

8. Fund raising:

Mr. Pealing wanted a calendar of events for 1993 to be made so that we could give assistance to visits and the return of visitors.

Mrs. Worsley will book and organise (with her family) a coffee morning. Help will be needed with baking and items for stalls.

Other suggestions - a major raffle

 - band event

9. Progress with visits:

i) Lions have now established contact.

ii) Soccer - need to contact Rinteln with the invitation of W.F.A.

iii) Rifle Club - contact with Herr Möller

- iv) Schools - a letter to be sent to all schools to promote the Association and encourage contacts and visits.
- v) Artists - John Studholme to take over, following Anne Pierson's resignation.
- vi) walking event - Frank Hodson to plan and try to link with Torchlight Procession 1993

10. Any other business:

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Mayor's Parlour, 7.30pm., 26-1-93

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 26-1-93

1. Present:

John Studholme (chair), Messrs. Tauber, Pealing, Quincey, Hubber, Richardson, Whittaker, Cawthorn, Hodson, Bell and Reynolds and Mesdames Worsley, Black and Birkett.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Smith, McCartney and Jackson.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 17-11-92

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising, not covered by agenda:

Mr. Tauber noted that he was not to make the copy of the Rinteln video. It was suggested that another member, not present tonight, had offered to do so.

5. Treasurer's report:

A balance of £338 was reported with some outstanding bills. A grant from KTC will shortly be available and an application can be made to SLDC in February.

6. Information booklet:

The rough draft was approved and a quotation from Prontaprint was considered -

1,000 black/white	£228
1,000 colour cover + 3 photos	£368

Further quotations are to be obtained. Funding will be sought from Bewick Transport (whose vehicles are named Kendal and Rinteln) and Westmorland Gazette.

7. Beacon Europe:

The Mayor reported a "select and celebratory atmosphere." Twelve trees have also been planted near Levens Close as part of the project.

8. Twinning Road Signs:

KTC has agreed to pay the cost of four Signs. Permission still has to be obtained from Cumbria CC and approval from Rinteln for the use of their crest.

9. Visit to Rinteln by Frank Hodson:

This was a private visit and Frank reported a most enthusiastic welcome. He travelled by air Manchester/Amsterdam and by train to Minden. Cost approx. £160 return. He is organising an event for walkers to be held 14-22 August, 1993.

10. Exchanges:

1) A madrigal choir will visit during Gathering Fortnight. They already have two performances booked but no further details yet.

2) A letter still needs to be planned for schools.

11. Fund raising:

Possibility of a stall at Medieval Market 31st. May.

12. Rinteln Charter signing in Germany:

Possibly 7-9 May. We will look into travel and encourage as many local groups to join in a visit for this event with some possible financial support from EC and SLDC. We will have press release when costing, dates etc. are finalised.

13. A.O.B.:

None.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

23rd February, 1993 at 7.30pm. at Kendal College.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 23-2-93

1. Present:

John Studholme (chair), Messrs. Richardson, Pealing, Bell, Whittaker, Reynolds, Simpson, Quincey, Cawthorn, Hubber and Hodson and Mesdames Birkett, Bramwell and Worsley.

2. Apologies:

Mr. Tauber and Mrs. Black.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 26-1-93

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising, not covered by agenda:

1. The road signs are now in place.
2. The Madrigal Choir will be hosted by Levens Choir who will return to sing in Rinteln during the summer.
3. Letter from Rinteln updating contacts established/wishing to be made.
 - i) Kendal Concert Band to go to Rinteln for Altstadt Fest in August.
 - ii) A link with a police officer is being sought by Rinteln.
 - iii) The CDU wants links with the local branch of the Conservative Party.
 - iv) Long Distance Walkers change of dates - now to go May 1-3, with the German party returning in 1994.

5. Treasurer's Report:

A balance of £388.

The Treasurer reported that our application was too late for SLDC meeting.

6. Information Booklet:

Kendal College will assist with art work. Mrs. Bramwell will contact Dixons for advice and estimate.

7. Delegation to Rinteln:

Dates to be 5th.-9th. May, travelling by coach. Approx. cost £51 per head. A letter to be sent to local groups and press release to Westmorland Gazette.

Co-ordinator to be Frank Hodson.

8. Fund Raising:

1. Friends of Edelweiss will help sell raffle tickets
2. Medieval Market - Helen Birkett to co-ordinate the stall.
3. Open Day at Kendal College - a promotional stall - May 13th.
4. Coffee Morning - YWCA - Saturday 17th. July.

9. Any other business:

Suggestion that we have a float in the Torchlight Procession or a special evening event. To be discussed further.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

30th. March at 7.30pm. Mayor's Parlour

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

1. Present:

John Studholme (Chair), Richard Pealing, Helen Birkett, Mike Cawthorn, Frank Hodson, Isle Black and Dick Smith.

2. Apologies:

Stuart Bell, Heather Worsley, John Whittaker, Arno Tauber and Irene Bramwell.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on the 23rd February

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

1. Kendal Gathering: Frank Hodson stated that it was the Association's intention to organise a special evening event during the Kendal Gathering and not specifically to have a float in the Torchlight Procession.
2. Road Signs: Many favourable comments about the new road signs despite the letter in The Westmorland Gazette. Frank Hodson and The Mayor had their photograph taken next to a road sign for The Lancashire Evening Post.
3. Police Link: A link has now been established and two police officers are participating in the May visit to Rinteln.
4. Medieval Market: Two stalls have been booked. Malcolm Robinson has organised for a TV/Video and display to be arranged in the window of the Skipton Building Society. Items for the display will be brought from Rinteln. Helen Birkett will organise one cake stall, but volunteers (possibly Friends of the Edelweiss) are required for the other stall.

5. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

6. Information Booklet:

Kendal College have organised the typesetting, obtained a free supply of paper and organised Turnbolls to print the booklet free of charge. Booklet is currently at the printers and should be available within the next few weeks.

7. Visit to Rinteln:

Thursday 6 to Monday 10 May. Coach will leave Kendal at midnight on Wednesday and arrive via Dover/Calais in Rinteln at about 5pm on Thursday. Coach will then leave Rinteln early on Monday morning and arrive back in Kendal at midnight. Frank Hodson has the names of 20 people who wish to travel and Mike Cawthorn stated that a further 17 people from Kendal College would definitely be travelling with the possibility of a further 6 who have yet to be contacted. This means that between 37 and 43 people are confirmed for the 46 seater coach.

The Mayor would be travelling to Rinteln independently. It was agreed that the cost of the coach would be £60 adults and £50 students. Everybody will require a current passport and an E111 form for free medical treatment. These can be obtained from the Post Office. Frank Hodson will produce an Information Sheet which will be sent to all those travelling to Rinteln. He will also send a list of all those travelling to Mike Middleton so that Rinteln can arrange accommodation. John Studholme will contact Lord Inglewood (MEP), Beswick Transport, Mike Hollerhead (Westmorland FA), and will offer Margaret Donovan (Belmont Manor) a free place on the trip in appreciation of the meal that she provided for our guests from Rinteln last September.

8. Madrigal Choir Visit:

The Choir will arrive in Kendal on Monday 15 September in mid afternoon. They will perform a concert of Secular Music in the Town Hall that evening, and a concert of Cathedral Music in the Parish Church the following evening. They will leave Kendal on Wednesday morning. There is a need to organise accommodation for 51 people. John Studholme will write to (1) Kendal South Choir (2) Kendal Choral Society (3) K Shoes Male Voice Choir and (4) Kendal Young Singers asking if any of them would like to host the visit and provide accommodation. This will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Any Other Business:

Mike Cawthorn is organising a Rinteln stall at Kendal College's Open Day on Thursday 13 May.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 27 April in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of a meeting held on 27-4-93.

1. Present:

F. Hodson (chair), Messrs. Tauber, Smith, Richardson, Bell, Quincey, Cawthorn, Whittaker, Pealing, Studholme and Mesdames Black, Birkett and Worsley.

2. Apologies:

Mrs. Bramwell.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 30-3-93

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Treasurer's Report:

There is still money to be received for the visit to Rinteln and a full statement of account is not available at present.

5. Information booklet:

It will go to the printers this week and it is hoped to have copies available to take on the Rinteln visit.

6. Visit to Rinteln:

45 bookings have been received to date. Frank Hodson decided to amend the price - £67 for non-members and £57 for Association members. Brief details of the expected programme were given. The group will be accompanied by Mr. Bownass who has been given a free place in order to video the events.

7. Madrigal Choir:

Dick Smith reported that Levens Choir hoped to host the singers and at a later date, return to sing in Rinteln. Heather Worsley had written to other choir secretaries to request help with accommodation.

8. Any Other Business:

- 1) Medieval Market - to have a cake stall and display from Rinteln. Mike Cawthorn will have mounted a display for the Kendal College Open Day.
- 2) Window display in Skipton Building Society - over the Medieval Market weekend.
- 3) Raffle - to be drawn at Coffee morning on 17th. July. Books of 5 tickets for £1. Possible prize of a meal for 2 at Kendal College restaurant. Treasurer reported licence fee of £35
- 4) Street naming - it was decided to write and ask the Director of Technical Services that the name 'Rinteln Street' or similar be considered.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 25th. May at 7.30pm. In the Mayor's Parlour by kind invitation of Cllr. Mrs. A. Brown.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 25-5-93.

1. Present:

J. Studholme (chair), Messrs. Reynolds, Richardson, Pealing, Whittaker, Cawthorn, Bell and Hodson and Mesdames Worsley, Birkett and the Town Mayor.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Smith, Hubber and Simpson and Mrs. Black.

Mr. Studholme extended a welcome to the new Town Mayor and thanks for the use of the Mayor's Parlour for meetings.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 27-4-93

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered by agenda:

- 1) cake stall at Medieval Market - contributions to Helen Birkett please.
- 2) display in Skipton Building Society - co-ordinator Malcolm Richardson.

5. Treasurer's Report:

nothing to report until final account of Rinteln visit is prepared.

6. Information booklet:

There is a small error in printing which will be discussed with the printer but as the production was free of charge, we may not be able to have this rectified. Distribution of the booklet to various locations in the town as well as to all members.

7. Visit to Rinteln:

Once again excellent hospitality and a very spectacular event in the town. Comments for future reference were -

- 1) check on accommodation for coach drivers.
- 2) a more comprehensive application form.

8. Coffee Morning:

No further action yet.

9. Raffle:

Mr. Studholme to seek permission to sell at Finkle Street on 10th. July between 9-12, he will also arrange ticket printing. Prizes to be sought by committee members.

10. Madrigal Choir:

Mrs. Worsley and Mr. Pealing to co-ordinate accommodation and visit to Lake District. The concerts need to be advertised and a charge of £1.50 for tickets will be made. Mrs. Birkett to organise advertising.

11. Any other business:

- 1) information sought by local clubs; Mrs. Worsley will write to Rinteln.
- 2) Mrs. Birkett would like a photographic exhibition of old Kendal to be planned for showing in Rinteln.
- 3) consideration of social event for members and a publicity evening during the Gathering.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Mayor's Parlour - 22nd. JUNE - 7.30pm

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 22-6-93.

1. Present:

J.Studholme (chair), Messrs. Richardson, Whittaker, Hodson, Bell and Tauher and Mesdames Worsley, Birkett and Black.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Corthorn and Pealing.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 25-5-93

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising, not covered by agenda:

- 1) Cake Stall - £65 raised by Helen Birkett's hard efforts in the rain.
- 2) Building Society display - thanks to B.Soc. and Malcolm Richardson.
- 3) John Whittaker submitted a proposed application form for visits. It was discussed and will be amended before translation by Ilse Black.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Approx. balance of £350, to which cake sale is to be added.

6. Information Booklet:

This can now be sent to members and copies will be placed in the Library and TIC. Estimates for a reprint and use of colour to be obtained for the next meeting.

7. Raffle:

John Studholme has obtained prizes and the tickets are ready. Sales in Finkle Street on 10th. and 17th. July if possible.

8. Coffee Morning:

To be advertised and John Whittaker to arrange for tickets. now have list of those coming.

9. Madrigal Choir:

Now have a list of those coming. 8 require hotel accommodation at own expense. 46 approx. beds with families.

To be arranged: catering - Helen Birkett to co-ordinate.
lunch booking - contact Jo Polwin, SLDC (we pay)
Parish Church - to be open for rehearsal 4.30pm.

10. Video of recent visit:

To be shown on 30th. June at Kendal College, 7-9pm.

11. Kendal Gathering:

Proposed a video showing and beer tasting/German evening.

12. Any Other Business:

- 1) Twin town awards - not applicable.
- 2) The secondary schools be approached to see if they could work on a design project to make a flag/banner of the Kendal and/or Rinteln badges for displays.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20th July, Mayor's Parlour at 7.30pm.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 1993 at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

1. Present:

John Studholme (Chairman), Heather Worsley (Secretary), Stuart Bell (Treasurer). Richard Pealing, Helen Birkett, Frank Hodson, Dick Smith, John Whittaker, Malcolm Richardson, Jim Quincey, Trevor Hubber, Mr and Mrs Wild.

2. Apologies:

Mike Cawthorn.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on the 22nd June

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

None.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Raffle raised £416 and the Coffee Morning raised £60. After the deduction of cost of raffle prizes, expenses etc, then total cash in Bank totalled approx £700. Frank Hodson proposed a vote at thanks to John Studholme for all his hard work in organising the Raffle - It was suggested that the raffle should become an annual fund raising event and that more sessions at ASDA should be organised as that was the most profitable location. John Studholme is to write to all local businesses who donated prizes thanking them for their support. Helen Birkett suggested that we need to book the Town Hall for a Coffee Morning in 1995 and beyond. Helen would organise the booking.

6. Madrigal Choir visit:

Richard Pealing outlined the draft programme. Heather Worsley had arranged accommodation for all but six of the Choir. Helen Birkett was co-ordinating refreshments on both evenings prior to the concerts. Jo Polwin from SLDC was arranging Tuesday's itinerary which would start with a walk around Kendal then for lunch at a Hotel in the Lake District, a boat trip before arriving back in Kendal for the evening's concert. At both concerts it was agreed admission would be by programme at a cost of £1.50. John Whittaker would be responsible for publishing the programmes. The final arrangements for the visit will be presented to the next meeting for approval.

7. German Evening:

The Ivy Leaf Club has been booked for Friday 3 September, commencing at 8pm. Jim Quincey to arrange music for the evening, Kevin Casey to talk about German Beers and Frank Stainton is to be approached to talk about German wine although if he is not available Dick Smith volunteered to give the talk. John Studholme to organise the printing of tickets. They will be on sale at the TIC, priced at £2.50. It will be advertised in both SLDC's Whats On and the Gathering Brochure.

8. Twinning Banner:

Queen Katherine School have produced a number of designs for a Twinning Banner. At the next Committee meeting a decision will be taken on the best design and the school will be commissioned to produce a banner.

9. Any other business:

- 1) Euroline Bus Company run a direct service from Preston which stops in Rinteln. Price £81 adult return £45 child return.
- 2) Newsletter needs to be produced to keep members informed. Stuart Bell agreed to produce a draft for the next meeting, so any items would gladly be recieved.
- 3) AGM set for Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 24th August at 7:30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th August 1993 at 7.30pm. in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

1. Present:

John Studholme (Chairman), Stuart Bell (Treasurer), Andrea Brown (Mayor), Helen Birkett, Malcolm Richardson, Jim Quincey, Spencer Cashell (Kendal Lions), John Whittaker, Richard Pealing, Ilse Black, Chris Mayo, Jo Polwin (SLDC), Frank Hodson.

2. Apologies:

Heather Worsley.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on 20th July

Were accepted as a true record with the following corrections - Dick Smith is to give a display of folk dance and John Studholme is to organise the posters not the printing of tickets as stated, for the German Evening on 3 September.

4. Matters Arising:

Stuart Bell circulated draft newsletter. Need for one or two more contributions. Helen Birkett and Jo Polwin agreed to contribute. Stuart agreed to produce and distribute newsletter by 30 August.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Nothing new to report. Balance still stands at approximately £700.

6. German Evening:

This has been arranged for Friday 3 September at the Ivy Leaf Club commencing at 8pm. Programme discussed and agreed as follows

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| 8.15-9.00 | Music with Kendal Concert Band. |
| 9.00-9.45 | Buffet while Rinteln Video is shown. |
| 9.45-10.15 | Dick Smith with Folk Dance demonstration. |
| 10.15-11.15 | Music and Dancing with Kendal Concert Band. |

Food and Wine to be provided by ASDA. Chris Mayo to provide TV and Video equipment. John Whittaker to get tickets printed by 26 August. Tickets will then be sent out to members with the Newsletter. Jim Quincey to organise artwork for posters and John Studholme to organise printing and distribution.

7. Madrigal Choir Visit:

13/15 September. Draft programme was outlined and agreed. Jo Polwin has organised a full itinerary for a trip into the Lake District on Tuesday 14th. Accommodation was still required for approx 4 choir members. John Whittaker was thanked for producing the programme for both concerts and Jo Polwin for SLDC help in printing the programmes. John Studholme agreed to organise posters. John Studholme and Frank Hodson agreed to sell programmes at the Town Hall and Richard Pealing and Chris Mayo at the Parish Church. Richard Pealing would be responsible for drafting itinerary and accommodation lists etc, and send to Mike Middleton as soon as possible.

8. Twinning Banner:

Item held over to next meeting.

9. AGM 19 October:

Item held over to next meeting.

10. Any Other Business:

It was asked whether we should enter the Town Twinning Awards. It was decided to wait until the link had become more established perhaps in 1994 or 1995.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 28-9-93

Present: John Studholme (chair), Richard Pealing, Helen Birkett, Ilse Black, Chris. Mayho and Heather Worsley.

Apologies: Messrs. Hubber, Quincey, Smith, Hodson, Bell, Whittaker and Richardson.

Minutes of the meeting on 24-8-93 were accepted as a true record.

German Evening: this was felt to be a success and we would hope to repeat the event during the Gathering next year. A donation of £50 to Kendal Concert Band was agreed.

Madrigal Choir visit: another successful event with the two concerts being supported by approx. 180 people. There was positive feedback from several host families.

Treasurer's report: a current balance of £727 was reported. A donation of £50 to Kendal Parish Church was agreed. (to come from the receipts of concert tickets sold)

Banner: after discussion, the design by Jean Lund was accepted. Each student submitting a design will receive a £5 gift voucher. The banner will be double sided and approx. 4' x 2'3" in size. Town Council approval for the use of the coat of arms will be sought. If possible two banners will be made so that one can be presented to Rinteln.

A.G.M.: 19th. October at 8.00pm. NOTE new time. To be in Committee Room at back of Town Hall. (new SLDC building)

The Chairman announced that he will not be seeking re-election.

Any other business: the newsletter was praised - thanks to Stuart Bell for producing it.

Date of next meeting: to be after AGM.

23rd. November at 7.30pm. in Mayor's Parlour.

KENDAL RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the AGM held at Town Hall, Kendal on 19th. October, 1993.

1. The Chairman,

John Studholme, welcomed those present.

2. Apologies

Were received from Messrs. Reynolds and Tauber and Mesdames Bramwell and Morgan.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Chairman's Address:

John Studholme reported a year of steady progress and achievement. He noted the four signs on roads coming into Kendal and felt they had been most effective in raising awareness of our twin town. He congratulated Chris Mayho on a successful 'Beacon Europe' event which drew attention to Rinteln, as well as Europe. Stuart Bell and Kendal College had worked together to produce an information booklet which was an effective way of promoting the Association. Mr. Studholme thanked Helen Birkett and Malcolm Richardson for all their work at the Medieval Market to ensure good publicity and fund raising for the Association. Fund raising had also been achieved through a major raffle and a coffee morning.

A highlight of the year was the first open visit to Rinteln which was co-ordinated by Frank Hodson. It was extremely successful and forty-two people formed friendships and made contacts.

During the Gathering, the Association held a German evening with German beer, food, dancing and music. It was a successful event and could be planned again in the future.

Kendal received the Rinteln Madrigal Choir in September and thanks were expressed to Heather Worsley, Richard Pealing, Jo Polwin and Jim Bownass for working to make the visit so successful.

The Association had produced a newsletter through the efforts of Stuart Bell and the Chairman had given talks and shown slides of Rinteln to local groups.

The Chairman reported a competition for a banner to depict the link between Kendal and Rinteln and this had been won by Jean Lund of Queen Katherine School.

Mr. Studholme concluded by thanking the Mayor, Cllr. Mrs. Brown, for the use of the Mayor's Parlour for meetings. He thanked the committee for their help and support in developing the Association.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Bell presented his report, having circulated the accounts. He reported a successful year with a concluding balance of £623.

6. Adoption of reports:

Adopted by those present.

7. Election of Officers:

The following were duly proposed, seconded and elected -:

Chairman -	Richard Pealing.
Vice Chairman -	Frank Hodson.
Treasurer -	Stuart Bell.
Secretary -	Heather Worsley.

8. Election of Committee:

The following were elected -:

Helen Birkett.	Ilse Black.
Irene Bramwell.	Mike Cawthorn.
John Handley.	Jim Quincey.
Dick Smith.	Arno Tauber.
John Studholme.	Martin Simpson.
John Whittaker.	Eric Home.

rep. from 'Friends of Edelweiss. Robert Jackson.

also the Town Mayor and three representatives of the Town Council
(1993/4 Cllrs. Hubber, Reynolds and Mayho)

9. Any other business:

None.

Mr. Pealing asked to speak to offer thanks to the retiring Chairman for all his efforts in bringing the twinning under way. He added that the present developments were all as a result of John Studholme's initiative and hard work.

A video of the recent Rinteln Madrigal Choir visit was then shown..

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 23rd. November, 1993.

1. Present:

Richard Pealing (chair), John Whittaker, John Studholme, Ilse Black, Tom McNulty, Mike Cawthorn, John Handley, Helen Birkett, and Heather Worsley.

2. Apologies:

Stuart Bell and Chris Mayho.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th. September

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

there were none.

5. Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman gave the report. He informed the committee that an application for a Town Council grant had been made and also an application to the Kendal Neighbourhood Forum could be made after committee discussion and approval. It was agreed to apply for £500. The committee also discussed the criteria for grants to be made to youth groups going to Rinteln. This will be discussed again.

The Treasurer's report indicated a current account balance of £1,190

6. Information booklet:

After discussion it was agreed to print a further 2,000 copies of the booklet at a cost of approx. £272.

7. Programme of events for 1994:

April/May	event at Kendal College
May 14th.	coffee morning at Town Hall.
August	Step Dancers go to Rinteln
2nd. September	Gathering Event - at Ivy Leaf Club.
1995	a possible trade fair.
	A further newsletter.

8. Any other business:

1. an invitation be extended to Rinteln for craft traders to join the Medieval Market on 30th. May, 1994.
2. it was approved that Mrs. Stock at QKS receive a cheque for £40 towards the cost of materials for the banners being made at the school.

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 18th. January, 7.30pm. at the Mayor's Parlour.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 18-1-94.

1. Present:

R.Pealing (chair), S.Bell, J.Quincey, N.Cawthorn, I.Black, J.Handley, F.Hodson, T.Hubber, H.Birkett, J.Whittaker, J.Studholme and H.Worsley.

2. Apologies:

D.Smith, T.McNulty, I.Bramwell, C.Mayho, E.Holme and C.Reynolds.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23-11-93

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

None.

5. Treasurer's report:

Balance of £1134 and grant of £500 from Kendal Town Council for 1994/5. Application for £500 has also been made to Kendal Neighbourhood Forum.

6. Information Booklet:

Reprint of 2,000 copies to go ahead.

7. Programme of events:

- 1) Proposed visit from Rinteln to be Sept. 8th. to 11th. (includes County Show and Torchlight Procession). J.Studholme to check venues/ numbers/ costs for a social evening on 8-9-94. J.Handley to see if free or reduced entry to County Show is possible. H Birkett to see if dancing display by Rinteln is possible at Westmorland Centre on 10-9-94.
- 2) Major raffle - to be discussed at next meeting.
- 3) May visit from Kendal to Rinteln - R. Pealing and M. Cawthorn to liaise and present programme at next meeting.
- 4) Newsletter - S. Bell to edit. Contributions requested.
- 5) Work experience/placements for students - a reciprocal agreement between firms was discussed. Further ideas for next meeting please. R. Pealing will draft a press release for discussion on this subject.

8. Any other business:

- 1) J. Quincey asked for a list of committee members to be included with next minutes. Secretary will do so.
- 2) J. Handley asked that the newsletter be sent to Rinteln. Agreed.
- 3) J. Handley asked that links between Kendal and Rinteln churches be encouraged.
- 4) J. Handley will seek to establish informal links with Rinteln Lions.
- 5) H. Birkett asked about the banners
 - i) progress - not known.

- ii) presentation - to be discussed with student making them. (possibly May visit or September)

9. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st. March, at 7.30pm. in Mayor's Parlour.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 1-3-94.

1. Present:

R. Pealing (chair), Messrs. Whittaker, Studnolme, Quincey, Simpson, Hodson, Handley, McNulty, Cawthorn, Bell and Reynolds and Mesdames Worsley and Birkett.

2. Apologies:

T. Hubber, I. Bramwell and the Town Mayor.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18-1-94

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

Information booklet - 1,000 have been reprinted and will be stored at Kendal College. Contact Mike Cawthorn for copies. Tom McNulty pointed out that a new postcode is in operation. He also advised the Secretary of German school holidays.

5. Treasurer's Report:

A grant of £500 from Cumbria Neighbourhood Forum had been received.

6. Visits to Rinteln:

1. Proposed May visit - Rinteln would prefer this to be in October as there is insufficient time for organising at their end. John Studholme felt we should not be deterred by seeking other than family accommodation. Helen Birkett reported that the Youth Hostel had been recently refurbished.

2. Visit to Rinteln 14/7 to 20/7 by Kendal Young Singers. A letter asking for any grant aid had been received. It was agreed to give £250.

3. Letter from Westmorland Step Dancers for support for 5 youth members in the team visiting Rinteln 10/8 to 16/8. As the group had just been awarded money by the Neighbourhood Forum, it was decided to hold this application to the next meeting.

4. Proposed Folk Dancers and Band from Rinteln to visit in September. No further details.

7. Social Evening:

It was decided to book the Brewery for 8-9-94.

8. Letter from Rinteln Association:

1) Rinteln artists are keen to form a link and two will be visiting Kendal 25-27 March, staying with Linda and Martin Jowett.

2) Table tennis club in Rinteln seeks contacts - John Whittaker to find link.

3) CDU (similar to Conservative party) - to be put in touch with local Conservative agent by R. Pealing.

4) Football - much interest but it was reported that the Westmorland Federation had sent a very full info. pack to Rinteln and received no response to it.

- 5) Primary schools - contact with Heron Hill CP School for 'Pied Piper' play. No longer possible as children have now left the school.
- 6) Secondary schools - anxious for exchanges. QKS have written in the past and received no response. Individual QKS pupils went on the visit last year.S
- 7) Suggested link between Kendal College and Technical College in Rinteln.
- 8) Possible Christmas fair with a 'made in Cumbria' section.

9. Newsletter:

S. Bell welcomes articles as soon as possible please.

10. Banner:

Official presentation to be at the Torchlight procession.

11. Any other business:

- 1) J. Handley reported that 'Westmorland Show' officials would be happy to receive the Folk Dancers and Band at the show, free of charge.
- 2) F. Hodson reported that the LD Nat. Park new offices did not wish to use the name Rinteln House but it was suggested that SLDC be asked to use the name Rinteln at some time.

12. Date of Next Meeting:

12th. April at 7.30pm. in Mayor's Parlour.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 1994 at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

1. Present:

Richard Pealing (Chairman), John Whittaker, Helen Birkett, Jim Quincey, Ilse Black, Tom McNulty, Martin Simpson, Chris Mayho, John Handley & John Studholme.

2. Apologies:

Stuart Bell & Heather Worsley.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on 1 March

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

None.

5. Chairman's Report:

- 1) Booklets have now been placed in in both the Library and Tourist Information Centre. RP to keep both places supplied with Booklets on a regular basis.
- 2) A Press Release was issued and a small article appeared in the Westmorland Gazette on Friday 18 March.
- 3) The Spring Newsletter has now been issued to all members. A vote of thanks was given to Stuart Bell for carrying out the task so effectively and efficiently. Chris Mayho asked whether the Newsletter should be distributed to the Library. Stuart Bell to undertake.
- 4) As a result of the Newsletter RP has been asked to give a short talk and show the video to the Friends of the Edelweiss on Tuesday 8 November at the Duke of Cumberland.
- 5) A number of members of the Association met with Derk Olaf Steggenwentz and Egon Witt an artist from Rinteln in the Ring 'O Bells on Friday 25 March. Egon Witt has now sent some prints of his work and John Studholme is to pursue the idea of an exhibition of his work with the new Director of Abbot Hall and Ann Pierson at the Brewery Arts Centre.
- 6) No further information has yet been received on the Rinteln Folk Dance and German Band visit to Kendal in September.

6. Secretary's Report

None.

7. Treasurer's Report

RP gave the report in the absence of Stuart Bell. Current Balance £557. Since last meeting £250 had been paid out as a grant to the Kendal Young Singers, £270 to Titus Wilson for printing 2,000 Booklets, and a further £40 to Queen Katherine School for the production of the Banner. A cheque for £500 has now been received from Cumbria County Council's Neighbourhood Forum but does not yet show in the balance.

It seems likely that the Westmorland Step & Garland Dancers will receive £1,000 from the Neighbourhood Forum, but until this is confirmed they would wish that the Association's grant offer of £250 remains on the table.

8. Selection Criteria for Grant Aid

This item was deferred. John Studholme will try to produce a paper for the next meeting.

9. Any Other Business.

- 1) Coffee Morning on Saturday 14 May in Town Hall. Heather Worsley to telephone people required to help. John Handley & John Studholme volunteered to man the door (and sell raffle tickets), while Helen Birkett volunteered to bake cakes although would not be present on the day.
- 2) Chris Mayho suggested all efforts should be made to encourage a wider membership of the Association. Suggestions concerning publicity were discussed.
- 3) Helen Birkett highlighted the need to pool knowledge from parties who are going to Rinteln this year in order to give help and advise in future years. It was suggested that the leaders of the Groups should meet informally with two or three members of the Association later in the year to pursue this.
- 4) Chris Mayho raised the possibility of a trip to Rinteln in October during the half term holidays. RP to check with Mike Middleton as to whether the dates coincide with the Rinteln Octoberfest. Need to discuss further at next meeting.
- 5) Tom McNulty pointed out an error in the Rinteln Booklet. Napoleon's visit to Rinteln would have been in the early 19th C and not 18th C as stated.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24 May 1994 at 7.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal.

KENDAL-RINTEN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 24-5-94

1. Present:

R. Pealing (chair), Messrs. Handley, McNulty, Whittaker, Hodson, Cawthorn, Mayho, Simpson and Studholme and Mrs. Worsley Mrs. Harker was welcomed to the Committee.

2. Apologies:

Messrs. Bell and Quincey and Mesdames Black, Birkett and Bramwell.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12-4-94

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

- 1) Visit of Egon Witt. He has now sent a portfolio of his work to Richard Pealing and it is hoped to arrange an exhibition in Kendal for him.
- 2) The grant from the Neighbourhood Forum has now been received by the Step & Garland Dancers and the Association grant will not be needed.
- 3) Coffee Morning - John Handley expressed regret that there were few helpers and that the raffle was very poor. He would like all future coffee mornings to have better pre-day planning and organising. He also noted that no bank, shop or building society would issue change on a Saturday.

5. Chairman's Report:

The Mayor (Cllr. Avril Dobson) has agreed to the committee using the Mayor's Parlour for meetings as long as there are no bookings for other groups.

The new Town Council reps. to the committee are Cllrs. Reynolds and Mayho. The proposed visit by a Rinteln folk group and band is now cancelled. The Association had a stand in the Westmorland Shopping Centre Europe Week display.

6. Treasurer's Report:

In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman reported a balance of £1,003.

7. Visits:

Kendal Young Singers and the Step & Garland Dancers will visit during July and August.

Kendal u17 rugby team hopes to visit in 1995.

M. Cawthorn is planning to take a group of students from Kendal College and he will also assist with links between hockey teams. Kendal College Principal and other senior team will go on a fact finding trip to see if reciprocal study tours could be managed.

8. Grant Aid:

Deferred to next meeting.

9. Any other business:

- 1) J. Handley asked for each committee member to receive a list of the groups and organisations in Rinteln. Agreed. He also wanted a list of Kendal groups to be sent to Rinteln. There is not an up-to-date list but J. Whittaker will look into getting one.
- 2) F. Hodson asked for copies of the new Kendal booklet to be sent to Rinteln. R. Pealing will do this.
- 3) R. Pealing reported that SLDC had a policy of not offering grant aid to Town Twinning Associations.
- 4) The proposed November visit is to be postponed until 1995, unless a visit used hotel accomodation, rather than families.
- 5) Jean Lund (QKS student who made the banners) is to be invited to the next meeting.
- 6) T. McNulty reported a good deal offered by the AA of car crossing with 2 adults and 2 children and one night b. and b. in France for £178.
- 7) C. Harker hoped the churches would be able to make links.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

28th. June 1994. Mayor's Parlour at 7.30pm.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 28-6-94.

1. Present:

R. Pealing, (Chair), Messrs. Reynolds, McNulty, Cawthorn, Hodson, Simpson, Studholme, Handley, Bell and Mayho and Mesdames Worsley, Harker, Black and Birkett.

2. Apologies:

J. Whittaker, R. Smith and Mrs. Morgan

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Michael Wright, Principal of Kendal College to the meeting. Also welcomed were Mrs. June Stock from QKS and her student Miss Jean Lund who had made the two banners for the Association. A banner was presented to former Chairman Mr. J. Studholme and received by him on the Association's behalf.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 24-5-94

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

- 1) A venue for the Egon Witt art exhibition is still being sought.
- 2) J. Whittaker cannot yet find an up to date list of local organisations.

5. Treasurer's Report:

A current account balance of £1,050.

6. Kendal College links:

Visits by senior staff are shortly to be made to extend links and arrange for work placements on a reciprocal basis. The Chairman wished the visit every success and added that the Association was keen to see student exchange and interaction, as well as work experience opportunities.

7. Rinteln Association visit:

A coach with approx. 45 members will arrive on 8th. September around 5-6pm. Details are still very incomplete and a programme and accommodation will be finalised at the next meeting.

8. Social Evening:

J. Handley reported that the Lions will be encouraged to attend as one of their social events. The Step & Garland Dancers (H. Birkett) will organise the supper. Kendal Concert Band (J. Quincey) will be asked to play. Tickets will be £4 each.

9. Selection criteria for grant aid:

J. Studholme presented a draft which with minor amendment was approved. Copies will be available at the next meeting.

10. Any other business:

- 1) T. McNulty reported that a problem over a raffle prize had now been resolved.

- 2) C. Reynolds had advised the Kendal Marching Band (majorettes) to contact the Association re. preparations for a visit and link in Rinteln.
- 3) A Rinteln Lions Club member's daughter is seeking child care work in Kendal during the summer holidays. Any offers?

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Tues. 19th July, Mayor's Parlour, 7.30pm. (*Amended to Liberal Club, 28th August*)

KENDAL RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 August 1994 at 7-30 p.m. in the Liberal Club, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

1. Present:

Richard Pealing (Chairperson), John Whittaker, Helen Birkett, John Studholme, Ilse Black, Christine Harker, Jim Quincy.

2. Apologies:

Frank Hodson, Dick Smith, Tom McNulty.

3. Minutes of the last meeting on 28 June

Were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

1. Egon Witt; No further action has been taken by Richard Pealing. Portfolio of work is still with Abbot Hall.
2. Grant Criteria; John Studholme has ammended grant criteria as suggested at the last meeting and sent to Heather Worsley.
3. Kendal College; An apparently successful visit by Michael Wright and Mike Cawthorn, but will need a formal report from the college at the next meeting.
4. Kendal Young Singers; Favourable reports from article in Westmorland Gazette. Richard Pealing will speak to Mary Gordon. It is likely that a choir from Rinteln will be making a reciprocal visit in 1995.
5. Westmorland Step and Garland Dancers; Helen Birkett reported on the recent visit of the Dancers. The visit was judged to be a great success thanks largely to the efforts of Mike Middleton. Many good contacts were made and several are coming to Kendal on the September visit. Everyone was glad they had gone, hospitality was very good.

5. Treasurer's Report:

None.

6. Visit of the Rintein Group 8 to 11 Sept:

1. Richard Pealing presented draft itinerary for the whole visit, which was discussed in some detail, and agreed with some minor changes.

Jo Polwin will again guide the Friday Coach Tour to the Lake District.

John Studholme to discuss the banner presentation with Avril Dobson, Jean Lund etc. and to finalise the presentation arrangements.

Richard Pealing is to prepare an optional guided tour around Kendal on the Saturday morning with Ilse Black acting as interpreter.

Coach will be parked overnight in the Bus Station on Sandes Avenue. John Studholme to contact C.M.S.

2. Social Evening 8 September. Agreed times as follows;

7-45	to	8-30 p.m.	Kendal Concert Band.
8-30	to	9-15 p.m.	Ceilidh with Thunderbox.
9-15	to	10-00 p.m.	Supper followed by Dance Demonstrations.
10-00	to	11-00 p.m.	Ceilidh with Thunderbox.

Food being organised by Westmorland Step and Garland Dancers. Richard Pealing to give a short speech of welcome following the supper

John Whittaker is arranging printing of tickets, posters, leaflets.

Richard Pealing to distribute leaflets at Kendal Folk Festival. Tickets to be put on sale at Kendal T.I.C.

Door rota to be organised by Frank Hodson.

3. Accommodation; Latest total of visitors is 43, probably 45. Still some way to go before list of host families is finalised. All offers of accommodation to Richard Pealing as soon as possible. Richard will contact Heather on her return after the Bank Holiday weekend.

7. Any Other Business:

Royal Mail Town Twinning Awards 1994; Richard Pealing has been approached by the Lakeland Echo to ask whether Kendal-Rinteln Association would be submitting an entry. It was agreed that we would and Richard Pealing would obtain forms etc.

8. Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 20 Sept 1994, 7-30 p.m. at the Liberal Club.

A.G.M. Tuesday 18 October 1994 7-30 p.m. at the Town Hall. John Studholme to book rooms.

KENDAL-RIN'T'ELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting held on 20-9-94

1. Present:

R. Pealing (chair), Messrs. Whittaker, Handley, Smith, Bell, Cawthorn, Quincey, Studholme, Hodson, McNulty and Simpson and Mesdames Harker, Black and Worsley.

2. Apologies:

Mesdames Birkett and Morgan.

3. Matters arising:

1. Kendal College visit - a working group visited Rinteln to set up work experience situations and social and cultural activities for Kendal students to participate in life in Rinteln. It is hoped that reciprocal arrangements can be offered in Kendal for German students.

2. Kendal Young Singers visit to Rinteln - a very good visit with press coverage reflecting the enthusiastic response to the choir. A visit by a young German choir is expected in Spring 1995.

3. Step and Garland Dancers visit to Rinteln - another success.

4. John Studholme brought a newspaper report by a reporter from Rinteln who had visited the Kendal area. There were two pages about Kendal with photos.

5. Egon Witt exhibition - no further action yet

6. Kendal Majorettes - hope to visit Rinteln and have asked for details of grant aid available. This has been sent.

4. Treasurer 's Report:

visitors from Rinteln £502

current balance £650 (Kendal Town Council grant of £500 awaited)

5. Visit of Rinteln group to Kendal:

An enjoyable and successful visit. Tom McNulty commented on the excellent social evening at the Brewery.

6. Newsletter:

Will not be ready before AGM.

7. Twin Town Awards:

We will enter for the "Best New Twinning" section.

8. Any Other Business:

1. AGM to be held on Tuesday 18th. October at 7.30pm. at Town Hall, Kendal. Present officers agreed to be nominated for re-election.

2. Mrs. Harker asked that a letter of thanks be sent to all hosts for the visit.

3. Following the visit, Mrs. Harker reported closer contacts with Rinteln churches.

KENDAL-RINTELN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held in the Liberal Club, 21st November 1994

1. Present:

Richard Pealing, John Studholme, Chris Mayho, John Handley, Christine Harker, Tom McNulty, Bill Leece, Dick Smith.

2. Apologies for absence:

Received from Stuart Bell, John Whittaker, Jim Quincy.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 20th September

Were accepted.

4. Matters Arising

An exhibition of work by Egon Witt would be possible in the Warehouse Gallery at the Brewery, but only in conjunction with the work of younger artists. Agreed to suggest Egon Witt contact Lene Bragger direct at the Brewery with a view to an exhibition in 1996, European Year of Visual Arts. John Studholme would write to Mike Middleton to explain, Dick Smith to Egon Witt.

John Handley congratulated Stuart Bell on the newsletter. All agreed.

5. Treasurer's Report

The bank balance stood at £1111, as the Kendal Town grant had been received. Application received from the Kendalians for grant aid for their visit in May 1995. John Handley proposed £10 per member under 18 (total £400), seconded John Studholme, passed 6 for, 1 against.

6. Educational Links

The visit organised by Mike Cawthorne of 2 teachers from Rinteln had been very successful, and Sixth Form links were now being planned for autumn 1995.

7. Membership

Agreed a drive for corporate membership. Richard Pealing to contact Chamber of Trade with a view to using their mailing list. Richard to draft letter to bring to next meeting.

8. Press and Publicity

Chris Mayho suggested using the Kendalians' planned visit for publicity - now when the grant is announced, and later as plans come to fruition. Richard to liaise with the Kendalians when he contacts them about the grant. Further discussion deferred to next meeting.

9. Any Other Business

John Studholme suggested a raffle for fund-raising in 1995, to use Birdcage and/or Westmorland Centre for sales. Date to be decided in January.

Tom McNulty expressed the appreciation of the Edelweiss Club to Richard for the interesting show he had put on at their last meeting.

He reminded the Committee that it would be nice to have Rinteln visitors recognisable as such at future large gatherings.

10. Next Meeting

Agreed for 7.30pm on 17th January 1995 at the Liberal Club, Stricklandgate.