



the Kendal-Rinteln *Association*



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December 2016

Review by the Chair

2016 has been another busy and successful year for the Association although a very difficult year for Kendal. Well done to all those people who have helped to get those worst affected by the floods back on their feet.

The year started with a visit from Rinteln by Roswitha Hoekstra (deputy chair of their twinning association) who accompanied students from Hamlin College as part of the excellent links with Kendal College.

In February we received information about the Rinteln Summer School, but unfortunately, the dates were unsuitable this year as they coincided with A/AS examinations, so no Kendal students were able to attend.

The college links continued in April with the arrival in Kendal of three students from Rinteln, accompanied by Ursula Muecke (treasurer of Rinteln twinning association). The two hairdressing students and one business administration student were here for three weeks in an arrangement with Kendal College.

In May Mike Middleton and Roswitha arrived to attend Mayor Making, where Roswitha delivered the Mayor of Rinteln, Thomas Priemer's address in faultless English.

WOSP's links with the Lebenshilfe have gone from strength to strength. In June there was a visit by a large group from the Lebenshilfe to Kendal, while in September a sizeable WOSP

party visited Rinteln for the Lebenshilfe's 50th anniversary celebrations, and once again a small contingent travelled to Rinteln for the Christmas Market to run a stall.

In October there was joint concert with the K Shoes Choir and the Rinteln Gospel Choir which took place in St Thomas' church (see page 3 for a report).

At the invitation of Mayor Thomas Priemer, Kendal's Mayor Stephen Coleman, ex-Mayor Chris Hogg and Deputy Mayor Andy Blackman visited Rinteln for the Christmas market at the end of November.

Looking to the future, in May the Ernestinum Grammar School Swing Band will be coming to Kendal for five days. On 27th May there will be a joint concert with the Kendal Concert Band at the Town Hall. Please support this event and get your friends to come along.

Plans are in hand to arrange a ladies football team visit to Rinteln in 2017.

The Rinteln Male Voice Choir will probably be coming to Rinteln in September and will perform a joint concert with the K Shoes Choir.

I would like to wish all members a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Display by Spanish Horses at Bückeberg

On our recent visit to Rinteln I was lucky enough to be taken to a display by Spanish horses at Bückeberg Castle. There are only four other similar riding schools in the world – in Austria, Portugal, Spain and France.

I have never ridden horses and, to be honest, have very little interest in doing so. However, I was completely unprepared for the spectacle that took place in the arena at the Castle stables.

The Spanish horses were completely white – almost as if someone had painted them with white emulsion!

It was explained that the riding school had a philosophy of a “partnershaft” between man and horse. The display could be described as “dressage” but was much more. The horses showed

off amazing skills - which looked a bit like dancing – and moved around the arena prancing with forelegs and making intricate sideways movements. Their riders were dressed in red historical costumes

which really contrasted with the white horses.

The finale depicted the red and white flag of Lower Saxony with one of the horses rearing up on its hind legs - which looked as if the horse was standing.

I thoroughly recommend anyone to visit Bückeberg Castle and enjoy the Spanish horses there.

If anyone would like to know more please go to the following website: www.hofreitschule.de

Frances Corrie



There is also a Rinteln twinning website at www.staedtepartnerschaften-rinteln.de which gives information on the Kendal-Rinteln twinning as well as the Rinteln-Slawno twinning.

Information on Rinteln can be found on the town website <https://www.rinteln.de/>. Some basic tourist information is available in English but the more detailed information is in the German language pages.



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Can anyone who has not paid their subscription for 2016/17 please do so now. You need to be a paid up member in order to take part in trips organised by the Association. The subscription is £5 (individual/family) or £10 for corporate bodies/clubs.

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Rinteln Gospel Choir

On Saturday 1st October the Rinteln Gospelchor set off at five a.m. and arrived in Kendal to perform a joint concert at St Thomas's Church with K Shoes Male Voice Choir that evening at St Thomas's Church. All the members of the 40 strong mixed choir were certainly tired from their long journey.

However, undaunted and full of enthusiasm the Gospelchor gave a wonderful and spirited performance.

The K – Shoes Male Voice Choir sang first followed by the Rinteln Gospelchor. The blend of the two choirs worked perfectly.

The deep and resonant tones of the men contrasted wonderfully with exuberant joy of the Gospelchor. The venue at St Thomas's was a perfect setting for the event. The audience was very appreciative.

The Gospelchor, whose joint directors of music are Sven and Kyra Rundfeldt, is based at the Johannis Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Rinteln. The choir performs regularly at church services and marriages and can be heard singing in the Rinteln town square on special occasions.

On Sunday 2nd October the Gospelchor participated at the religious service at the United Reformed Church.

After the service the choir went on a walking tour of Kendal. At the Parish Church the Gospelchor gave an impromptu performance of gospel hymns, to the joy of the Vicar and people present in the church.

The Gospelchor's visit was short, with a return journey to Rinteln on the Monday morning. Nevertheless every member of the choir had a wonderful time and felt that their music had been appreciated. But most of all they were impressed by the sunny weather we have in Kendal! Yes the sun did shine for that weekend.

Ron Wood



Proposed visit to Rinteln 2017

To celebrate to 25th anniversary, we are considering a group visit over the Altstadtfest weekend which is 11th-13th August 2017. We would like as many members as possible to go. If you are interested, can you please let us know as soon as possible so that we can start making arrangements.

Email the following details to Treasurer@Kendal-Rinteln.co.uk (or phone 01539 730477):

- Name(s)
- Preferred transport (Fly/Coach & Ferry/make own arrangements)
- Preferred Accommodation (Hosted/Hotel/make own arrangements)

Rinteln Altstadtfest

Held on the second weekend in August, the Altstadtfest is a traditional festival of a wide range of music from rock to blues, country and jazz, certainly providing something for everyone. Performances take place on stages all over the centre of the old town.

