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Kendal-Rinteln

Association

Spring 2015

Kendal Christmas Market

In December Kendal put on its first German style Christmas Market, and KRA was there. Jane Reekie and Frances Corrie tell the story.

The team began arriving in the market place early on the Saturday morning to decorate our wooden chalet with Christmas trimmings and strings of fairy lights to fit the theme. A new KRA banner was produced at very short notice to provide our stall with a recognisable brand.

Trestle tables were set up and the hotplate and cooking pans were put into place. As the main item for sale was “luxury” hot chocolate Jane quickly got the cooker going with pans of steaming hot chocolate ready to sell and Diane arrived with the Stollen and German biscuits. We were all ready for action in time for the 10 o’clock opening!



The Town Crier enjoys a KRA mug of chocolate

The hot chocolate was served in our own mugs specially designed for the event, by Jane’s daughter Imogen, who also used her skills as a designer to put some very professional touches to the decorations.



As 10 o’clock approached everything looked very festive. A wonderful young boy who had travelled down from Scotland set up his music stand by the chalet and started playing carols on his trumpet. Although artificial snow had been ordered, it was a very magical moment indeed when it started to snow for real! We really could have been at a German Christmas market – all very picturesque.

Although the weather was very cold we were very busy on the Saturday – Jane was kept fully occupied making pans of hot chocolate from her secret recipe, and even the Town

Crier came back for “seconds”! Our children’s Lucky Dip managed to sell out by the afternoon and we had to find more items and hastily wrap them for sale. However on the Sunday things were much quieter. There was a steady demand for hot chocolate but it rained and instead of crowds of people attending the event I think most people preferred to stay at home in front of their fires.

Here I must thank all the KRA members who came along and supported this event by standing in the freezing cold weather together with committee members to raise the profile of town-twinning. In spite of the costs for chalet hire, and buying the consumables, the Association managed to turn in a small profit, and together with raising the public’s awareness of the KRA, it was generally agreed that the event had been very successful.

South Lakeland Twin Towns Publicity days

The five towns in South Lakeland that have a twin town are organising a joint display in Kendal Town Hall on Friday 24th April from 10am – 4pm and Saturday 25th April from 10am-3pm.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of twinning between European towns, and Coniston, Kendal, Sedbergh, Ulverston and Windermere will each have a display, and twinning officers will be on hand to provide advice. Similar events will be held in the other towns at a later date.

Please come along and support this display of twinning. During Friday and Saturday you will have a chance to taste foods, hear music and see films and information material from different European countries. The room in Kendal Town Hall (the old TIC) has double doors opening directly onto the street and it is hoped that this will encourage passers-by to go in to the event – particularly younger people.

If you would like more information please contact Frances Corrie (Email: peter.corrie@talktalk.net Tel: 01539-725857).

News from Rinteln



*Bürgermeister Thomas
Priemer*

As many of you will know, the long standing Bürgermeister of Rinteln Karl-Heinz Buchholz retired last Autumn. He was a strong supporter of the twinning throughout his time as mayor, and has visited Kendal many times. We wish him well for his retirement, and I’m sure that he will still come to Kendal from time to time. In fact we are expecting Karl-Heinz and his wife, to be in Kendal for Mayor Making in May.

His replacement is Thomas Priemer, and we also look forward to welcoming him in Kendal in May.

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Visit the Rinteln Altstadt!

Kendal Concert Band will be going to the Altstadtfest in Rinteln in August, travelling by coach and North Sea ferry. They have 10 or 12 spare seats on the coach, and members of the Association are invited to go along and soak up the atmosphere of the festival.

The itinerary is :

- leave Kendal Thursday 6th August, overnight ferry Hull to Rotterdam
- return from Rinteln on the 10th August arriving back in Kendal on Tues the 11th.

Costs per person are (all return prices):

Coach £75

Cabins on Ferry £130 (single cabin £209)

KRA will help any members who wish to be hosted and do not already have contacts. Anyone interested in going should contact John Lowther (johnrlowther@sky.com) as soon as possible and in any event before the end of March. A deposit of £50 per person is required.



Diary

April 19th - May 16th	Two student commercial traders from the Rinteln Berufsbildende Schule in placement at Kendal College.
April 24th/25th	Publicity & Information Event. Kendal Town Hall
May 21st	Mayor Making, Kendal Town Hall (K-H Buchholz and T Priemer to attend)
July 12th-17th	Three Kendal school students attend the Rinteln Summer University
August 6th-11th	Kendal Concert Band trip to the Rinteln Altstadtfest
October 17th-20th	Visit to Kendal by the Rinteln Youth Orchestra (<i>host families may be needed, please let us know if you can help</i>)
TBC	Bowlers visit from Rinteln to experience the English versions of indoor and crown green bowling

Photographs wanted



To celebrate Karl-Heinz Buchholz's contribution to the twinning during his time in office, Mayor Tom Clare is putting together a booklet to present to him in May. He is looking for photographs to be included.

If you have any relevant pictures that could be used, of twinning visits, especially with Karl-Heinz Buchholz on them, please get in touch **before the deadline of March 24th** (treasurer@kendal-rinteln.co.uk).

WOSP go to Rinteln Christmas Market

A group of five people from WOSP visited Rinteln for the Christmas Markets from November 26th to December 2nd. After an overnight crossing from Newcastle to Amsterdam, during which they enjoyed a meal on deck, visited the cinema, danced to the live music, and won a game of bingo, all before bed, the group travelled by train from Amsterdam to Minden where their hosts from the Lebenshilfe met them to complete their journey by minibus.

Hüttenzauber bei der Lebenshilfe

Weihnachtlicher Tag der offenen Tür gibt Einblicke in Pflege- und Betreuungsbereiche



Rinteln. Seit nunmehr 16 Jahren erstrahlt das Vereinsgelände der Lebenshilfe Rinteln in der Waldkaterallee am ersten Adventswochenende zum Tag der offenen Tür in vorweihnachtlichem Glanz. Wie in jedem Jahr gab es auch dieses Mal Neues zu erkunden. Ganz aktuell: Dem einstigen Terrain des

Schaumburger Zeitung coverage of the WOSP visit

visit, by request a few other English specialities were added to the stall including malt vinegar and sage and onion stuffing. The stall was a sell out.

On Monday the group travelled on a Lower Saxony day rover ticket to Goslar where they visited the Christmas Market and the wonderful Christmas Forest, containing Gluhwein and hot chocolate stands in a square packed with Christmas trees covered in thousands of lights. They also enjoyed a ride around the cobbled streets on a covered horse-drawn carriage,

On Tuesday they met up with a special friend, Nina, who was one of the first German students at WOSP. She had travelled from Detmold where she now lives and works. They had lunch with her at the Ratskeller before saying goodbye to the Christmas Markets and flying home on the evening flight from Hanover to Manchester.

The temperature was minus 4 during the weekend but as always the welcome was very warm and the hospitality first class.

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On Friday they visited the Rinteln Christmas Market, and enjoyed something to eat and drink, and soaked up the atmosphere.

On Saturday and Sunday they manned their own WOSP stall at the Rinteln Lebenshilfe Christmas Market. As in the previous years they sold cups of tea, plus tea bags, Kendal Mint Cake, English chocolate and biscuits, as well as cards and crafts which had been handmade at WOSP. On this