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4th July, 2013

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee will be held in Meeting Room 5 at the Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa on **THURSDAY 11th JULY 2013 commencing at 6.30 pm.**

The business will be as set out below.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Town Council

To:- Councillors J. Clarke, R. Copping, G. Dulay, S. Ingleby, S. Lytton, Y. Moore, Mota Singh and A. Stevens.

Mr J. Mather (Leamington International Twinning Society)

(All other Members of the Town Council – Agenda for information only)

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in an item identified for discussion at the Meeting.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM**

To receive representations from Members of the public in accordance with Council Standing Orders

4. **TOWN TWINNING MATTERS**

(i) **Bruhl 40th Anniversary Celebrations**

To consider the attached Report (Report No 4)

(ii) **Other Twinning matters**

To consider other Twinning matters arising.

Members of Leamington Twinning Society are in attendance for these items.

5. **MINUTES**

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 30TH May 2013 (Report No. 5)

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7. **FAIRTRADE WORKING GROUP**

To consider a progress Report on the work of the Fairtrade Group. (Report No. 7 herewith)

8. **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Community Grant – Monitoring 2012/13

To consider the following responses from grant recipients:-

Leamington Night Shelter – Summary enclosed

Lillington Arty Folk – Details to be circulated at the Meeting

**REPORT TO A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TO BE
HELD ON 11TH JULY 2013**

BRUHL 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider progress in relation to preparations for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning agreement between Bruhl and Leamington Spa.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 At the last meeting of the Committee, consideration was given to a draft Conference programme prepared by Bruhler Stadtefreundschaften (Bruhl Friendship Society) for the Conference and 40TH anniversary celebrations at Bruhl, Germany, over the period 2nd-6th October 2013. The Committee resolved a series of actions which are detailed in the Resolution of Minute 5 (see Report No.5) for this meeting.

2.2 This Report details progress since the last meeting and identifies remaining matters that require the Committee's attention.

3. REVISED CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

3.1 The Conference Programme circulated at the last meeting has now been revised into what appears to be a final draft – Appendix 1. This is not significantly different to the previous version, the only difference being that the participation of the Choir of Myton School is now likely to be confined to the performance on Sunday 6th October, in view of the difficulties associated with securing both pupil and teacher attendance during the mid-week. This means that it is now no longer necessary to provide transport for the Myton School Party.

3.2 The Conference and the celebrations will therefore follow the timetable and format outlined in Appendix 1. In keeping with the assurances given by Bruhl, previously, a number of the Discussion Groups taking place on Saturday 5th October are of an optional nature and delegates are welcome to attend if they wish. Leamington International Twinning Society is still in the process of seeking clarification from Brühl on several programme arrangements and hosting matters. Invitations have therefore not yet been circulated to the Society members.

4. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

4.1 Since the last meeting invitations to attend the Conference and to participate in assisting with the exhibition space allocated to each of the partner Towns have been extended to the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade, Manager of Leamington BID Ltd and the Economic Development and Regeneration Manager, Warwick District Council.

- 4.2 Discussions with Stephanie Kerr, of Leamington BID Ltd have been extremely positive and she has indicated a wish to both assist with display and promotional information and to attend the Conference in person. Warwick District Council has indicated that it would provide some promotional material, relating to both Warwick District and South Warwickshire but it is unlikely that any resource can be spared for a person to attend the Conference. There has been no response to date from the Chamber of Trade.
- 4.3 Members will recall that it is intended to convey delegates to the Conference via coach which would be the usual arrangement for the biennial visit to Bruhl by LITS. At present it appears that LITS will require a minimum of 27 seats which would leave approximately 20 seats available to Members of the Town Council, staff and representatives of other organisations. It should be emphasised that the arrangements for travel will be the responsibility of LITS and that a charge will be made for all persons travelling via Coach of approximately £125 per head. This figure is subject to further review.
- 4.4 A general invitation to Members of the Town Council was made on 15th May, the following initial interest having been recorded:-
- Councillors Judith Clarke (Mayor), Alan Wilkinson, Amanda Stevens and Sue Ingleby
- 4.5 In view of the historic importance of the anniversary celebrations, the Committee previously indicated that it wished to invite interest from Past Mayors. This invitation could be extended to a further 16 individuals. It has also been suggested that an invitation is made to the former Town Clerk who held office at the time of the signing of the Bruhl Twinning Agreement. A place has also been reserved for the Town Clerk given the need to provide resource throughout the Conference at the Exhibition space allocated in the Conference Hall.
- 4.6 Given the uncertainty over the exact number of seats available and the cost of travel, no invitations have yet been made to Past Mayors and representatives of local groups and societies.

5. **BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The Town Council has set aside a limited budget of £3,000 for this event. The initial estimate was based on meeting the cost of coach hire for the period of the Conference. It now appears evident that LITS wish to manage this arrangement, meeting the cost of all transport and recovering it through a charge per head.
- 5.2 Whilst the cost of accommodation and subsistence will be met from funding provided by the European Union, there will be other costs associated with supporting the Town Council presence, including publicity and promotional material, civic gifts and other related expenses.
- 5.3 The Council has made no decision on whether Councillors and other invitees will be assisted in meeting the costs associated with travel to Bruhl.

In the interests of clarifying the available budget and identifying those to whom potential financial assistance may be given, the Committee's views are requested.

- 5.4 If additional funding is required, this would need to be recommended to the Council as a supplement to the budget and drawn from the Council's reserves.

6. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 Arrangements for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Twinning Agreement have now been finalised, subject to minor change, and will take place over the period 2nd October – 7th October 2013.

- 6.2 The attention of the Committee is drawn to the need for resourcing the exhibition space and the demands that this will place on the limited number of employees and others attending the Conference. The Committee is therefore requested to consider:-

(i) the available budget and determine whether it wishes to recommend the Council to set aside a supplementary source of funding for this project.

(ii) whether a contribution to the cost of transport for Councillors, Members of Staff and representatives of other organisations, clubs and Societies will be requested, and if so, how much.


FÖRDERVEREIN BRÜHLER STÄDTEFREUNDSCHAFTEN

Bruhl, 6 June, 2013

“40th anniversary of the Bruhl/Royal Leamington Spa partnership”

Festive programme on the occasion of the conference and partnership meeting

 Wednesday, 2nd October – Monday, 7th October 2013 in Bruhl

Wednesday, 2 nd October approx.. 18.00 hrs	Guests arrive at Comprehensive School, Otto-Wels-Str. 1, Bruhl-South.
approx. 18.30 hrs (but not later than 19.00 hrs)	Welcoming address by Gregor Golland, Member of the Land Parliament, on the historical background of North Rhine-Westphalia which – with the help of the British government – emerged from the British occupation zone to become a federal state in 1948. Location: Comprehensive School, Otto-Wels-Str. 1
Monday, 30 th September – Monday, 7 th October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exhibition on Europe by the IPZ (Institute for European Partnerships and International Cooperation) for this period of time. 2. Presentation of Bruhl as a European town with two European schools and the European technical college of higher education (EU FH). 3. Presentation of the European and international companies from Bruhl in separate exhibitions. Location: Town Hall, Uhlstr. 3

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Thursday, 3 rd October (Day of German Unity) 9.00 hrs	Ecumenical service at St. Margareta church , Kirchstr./Heinrich-Fetten-Platz.
10.00 hrs	Festive procession with the mayors of the partnership and friendship towns to the Town Hall.
10.30 hrs	Speeches delivered by Michael Kreuzberg, mayor of Bruhl, and the mayors of the partnership towns. Location: In front of Town Hall, Uhlstr. 3
11.30 hrs	Europe on the spot, past and present times. "The year 2013: Europe for citizens"; speech by Günter Verheugen (former EU Commissioner). Location: Council Hall, Uhlstr. 3
beginning 12.30 hrs	Stands presenting the twin towns and offering British, French, Polish and German specialties and attractions. Location: In front of Town Hall, Uhlstr. 3
-- The stands will be occupied till 18.00 hrs --	
15.00 hrs	Guided tour of Bruhl for our British and French guests conducted by the Bruhl female tour guides. Meeting point: Bruhl-Info, Uhlstr. 1
15.00 hrs	Sports meeting for handicapped and non-handicapped people, directed by the BTV (Bruhl Gymnastics Club). This event will take place at the BTV sports hall, von-Wied-Str. "Sports as a new quality of life and as a possibility to get all citizens involved"; with Mr. Stilz and Mr. Pohl (BTV), the schools and Sonderspaß e. V.(club offering leisure activities for

	handicapped children).
18.00 hrs	<p>International music festival of the partnership towns; with band/combo from the Bruhl School of Music and from Myton School, Leamington.</p> <p>Including an exhibition by Mrs. Ursula Kalde and a stand of the twinning societies.</p> <p>Location: Gallery at Augustusburg Palace</p>
Friday, 4 th October 11.00 hrs	<p>Ceremony on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Bruhl/Royal Leamington Spa partnership.</p> <p>Location: Max Ernst Museum in Bruhl, Comesstr. 42</p> <p>Participation of all regional EU delegates from Bruhl (Axel Voss, Member of the European Parliament), Sceaux, Royal Leamington Spa, Kunice and Chalkida.</p> <p>Ceremonial address by Mr. Axel Voss, member of the European Parliament: "Town twinning as a basis for active citizenries within the European Union".</p>
13.30 hrs	<p>Reception given by the mayor of Bruhl.</p> <p>Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74</p>
15.00 hrs	<p>Europe seen through artistic eyes – the European flag. Art and painting competition for young people; with Dr. Foulon.</p> <p>Location: Max Ernst's birthplace, fantasy laboratory</p>
17.00 hrs – 19.00 hrs	<p>Talks with contemporary witnesses on the foundation of the British-German partnership between Leamington and Bruhl in 1973.</p> <p>Subsequently, summary: The future of our town partnerships – planning, promoting and supporting projects in the fields of</p>

	<p>education (schools), sports and music. Exchange of experience among partnership multipliers; with the mayors of Bruhl, Royal Leamington Spa, Sceaux, Kunice and Chaldika as well as the chairmen of the twinning societies and the chairmen of local societies and clubs being present.</p> <p>Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74</p>
<p>Saturday, 5th October</p> <p>10.00 hrs</p>	<p>Meeting of the twinning society members of the partnership countries for the open discussion groups.</p> <p>1. Discussion group: European cultural integration by town twinning – suggestions – implementation – Best Practice; with Mr. Tony Bass, LITS (GB), and Mr. H. G. Wilhelm, FBS (GE).</p> <p>2. Discussion group: Integration activities in social projects and in an aging European society; with Mr. W. Hägele, FBS, and Mrs. Lilla Banach (PL).</p> <p>Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74</p> <p>3. Discussion group for young people: Things in common and differences in Europe; with Mr. Wissbach.</p> <p>4. First voters' discussion group on the EU elections in 2014; with Mr. Sautmann.</p> <p>Location: Comprehensive School, Otto-Wels-Str. 1</p> <p>5. EU exhibition "We in Europe": Mrs. Anna Noddeland, IPZ director.</p> <p>Location: Town Hall, Uhlstr. 3</p>
<p>13.00 hrs</p>	<p>Free time for guests residing with their hosts!</p>
<p>12.30 hrs</p>	<p><u>For guests staying at the hotel:</u></p> <p>Sightseeing tour of Roman Cologne (including Cologne Cathedral, Praetorium and one-hour boat trip on the Rhine</p>

	river).
approx. 18.00 hrs	Dinner at a Cologne brewery pub and restaurant.
20.30 hrs	Coach returns to Bruhl.
Sunday, 6 th October	
10.00 hrs	<p>PowerPoint presentation by Mr. H. Wadehn: "What is the value of the world heritage sites for the European cultural integration?"</p> <p>Location: Max Ernst Museum, Comesstr. 42 or Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74</p> <p>Subsequently, visit of the Max Ernst Museum as well as of Augustusburg and Falkenlust Palaces with guided tours in English, French and Polish for our guests.</p>
11.00 hrs	<p>6. Discussion group: Can the European problem of demographic change be countered by voluntary work and the involvement of people over 60 years of age?; with Mr. Günter Falkenstein and Mr. Heinz Schmitz, Bruhl.</p> <p>7. Discussion group for young people: Financial crisis and youth unemployment in Europe; with archpriest Miron (GR), and Mr. D. Freytag, Bruhl city treasurer.</p> <p>Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74</p> <p>8. EU exhibition; with Mrs. Anna Noddeland, IPZ director.</p> <p>Location: Town Hall, Uh1str. 3</p>
12.00 hrs	<p>Results of the discussion groups and common final statement (Mr. Andreas Brandt, deputy assistant of Bruhl).</p> <p>Each twin town is to present in its respective town hall a point of contact responsible for "European communication". These activities are supported by the twinning societies of the respective towns.</p>

	Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74
12.30 hrs	<u>For guests staying at the hotel:</u> Lunch. Location: Senior Citizens' Home, Kölnstr. 74
13.00 hrs – 18.00 hrs	Trip to the Ahr river and to Marienthal monastery.
18.00 hrs	Music across borders; event directed by Karel Jokusch from Bruhl and ... from Leamington; with students from Myton School, Royal Leamington Spa, and the Bruhl School of Music; Location: Rooms and staircase of the Bruhl School of Arts and Music, Liblarer Straße 12-14
20.00 hrs	Joint closing event and festive dinner hosted by the Bruhl Twinning Society. Location: Senior Citizens Home, Kölnstr. 74
Monday, 7 th October approx. 9.30 h	Guests depart.

Subject to modifications!

Report No. 5

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH MAY 2013

Present: Councillors J. Clarke (Chairman), J. Knight (substituting for Cllr G. Dulay), Y Moore, M Singh and A. Stevens.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Dulay, S. Ingleby and Mr John Mather (LITS)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Judith Clarke was proposed as Chair of the Cultural and Community Committee for the municipal year 2013/14. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Judith Clarke is appointed Chair of the Cultural and Community Committee for the municipal year 2013/14.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Sue Ingleby was proposed as Vice-Chair of the Cultural and Community Committee for the municipal year 2013/14. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Sue Ingleby is appointed Vice-Chair of the Cultural and Community Committee for the municipal year 2013/14

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this time.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no Members of the public present.

5. TOWN TWINNING

Consideration was given to a Report (Report No. 6) concerning the proposed Conference and 40TH anniversary celebrations at Bruhl, Germany, over the period 2nd-6th October 2013.

The Town Clerk referred to recent correspondence with the Chairman of Bruhler Stadtefreundschaften (Bruhl Friendship Society) and circulated an updated programme for the Conference which reflected the current expectations in terms of the contribution from the delegation from Leamington Spa. In relation to the key issues highlighted in the Report, indications from Bruhl were that:-

- The Town Council would be responsible for organising a display point at the Conference which would promote Leamington through information and products of particular relevance and interest to the area. This provided an opportunity to publicise and enhance visitor attractions within the area and local business.
- Participation in the various discussion seminars was an option and participation entirely at the Council's discretion
- The anticipated number of guests from Leamington Spa, including members of the Leamington International Twinning Society (LITS), was envisaged to be in the region of 60 persons which included approximately 20 students and teachers representing the Myton School. The Town Council was invited to compose a delegation of Members, employees and other guests, the precise number to be determined by the Town Council.
- The financial assistance obtained by Bruhl from the European Union would cover the cost of accommodation, subsistence, Conference organisation and ancillary costs associated with the 40th Anniversary celebrations. The respective Towns taking part in the Conference would be responsible for meeting their own costs of transport, gifts, publicity material and promotional items at the information stands.

The Committee welcomed the clarification provided on these matters noting that it was now imperative to agree potential participants, particularly those persons who would be interested in providing support to the information point at the Conference Hall. It was considered improbable that any representatives of the Press would attend though an invitation should be sent. Particular emphasis was placed on obtaining clear indication from LITS in terms of the number of its Members who will attend this event. The Committee endorsed the Town Clerk's recommendation that students from Myton School be offered the opportunity to travel with the Council delegation via coach on the 2nd October.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the revised Conference Programme and timetable is noted and communicated to all Council Members and past Mayors;
- (ii) that the Chairman of LITS is requested to provide an indication of the number of Society Members who will be attending the 40th Anniversary celebrations as a matter of urgency;
- (iii) that the offer of transport with the Town Council and LITS delegation is made to the pupils and staff of Myton School;

(iv) an invitation is extended to the Town Centre Manager, BID Company and Chamber of Trade to participate in the provision of a Leamington information point at Bruhl over the period 2nd October – 7th October 2013

(iv) dependent on the availability of accommodation and transport, an invitation is extended to local Societies and interest groups, to accompany the delegation.

In the absence of John Mather, a written report was circulated in relation to other Twinning matters notably international work placements, arrangements for the Twinning visit from Sceaux (14th-18th June) and the follow up to the visit to Heemstede in April.

RESOLVED that the Report is received.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee held on 29th April, 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The invitation to the Chairman of the Leamington in Bloom Committee to attend this meeting had been considered by the Committee at its meeting on 13th May (Report No 8) and declined due to the current demands of the Leamington in Bloom Competition. The invitation would be accepted to attend a meeting of this Committee in October.

It was noted that groups such as Leamington in Bloom were responsible for allocating funding previously approved by the Council and that regular feedback to the relevant Committee was an important element in ensuring transparency and accountability. Attendance at such meetings by Council representatives should therefore be promoted.

RESOLVED

(i) that a report from the Chair of the Leamington in Bloom Committee is made to the meeting of this Committee on 10th October 2013.

(ii) that the Council is recommended to consider the appointment of substitute members to Working Parties and external groups.

8. **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Committee was reminded that the introduction of new timescales for the submission of community grants would take place this year as follows:-

30th August 2013

31st January 2014

These closing dates had been placed on the Council's website and it was suggested that additional publicity via the Press be undertaken.

RESOLVED that a Press release is authorised to announce the revised application dates for applications to the Community Grant Fund.

9. **COMMUNITY GRANT MONITORING**

Monitoring information had been received from Gardening around Leamington Spa, including a refund of unspent grant in the sum of £12.67. A letter was also reported on behalf of the Leamington Community Fun Day Organising Committee indicating that a progress report would be made upon completion of the Project.

RESOLVED that a schedule of organisations in receipt of Community Grants which have failed to respond with monitoring information be submitted to the next meeting.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and ended at 7.35 pm.

REPORT TO A MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON 11TH July 2013

FAIRTRADE WORKING GROUP

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Committee with a progress report on the work of the Fairtrade Working Group

2. FAIRTRADE WORKING GROUP

- 2.1 The Fairtrade Working Group has been in existence since 2004 and comprises individuals with an interest in the promotion and advancement of Fairtrade in the Town. Presently Group meetings are regularly attended by around 8 people, including representatives of local business, faith groups and the voluntary sector. Councillor Simon Lytton is appointed to the Group as a representative of the Town Council.
- 2.2 The Group has helped steer the Council's application to the Fairtrade Foundation for Fairtrade Town status. This was first awarded in 2006, renewed in 2010 and is now due for renewal.
- 2.3 Much of the activities in which the Group engages are aimed at raising public awareness of the principles of Fairtrade. The main objective is to encourage people through their individual purchasing power to buy Fairtrade products, or where these may not be readily available, to demand retailers and others to provide them.
- 2.4 Among the key activities undertaken in the period since Fairtrade status was last renewed are:-
- Setting up an e.group called Leamington Spa Fair Trade Champions.
 - Activities during Fairtrade Fortnight
 - 7 primary schools 1 secondary School and Warwickshire College have received input from the Group during the past year. Sketch shows at assemblies are particularly popular.
 - A new Town Directory of Fairtrade providers has been produced linked to the Town Council website.
 - A survey of stall holders and members of the public at the Leamington Food Festival showed a high level of awareness and support for Fairtrade but a modest level of commitment.
 - The Group has broadened activities to other times of the year e.g. summer and Christmas and made contact with neighbouring towns and institutions (e.g. University of Warwick)

New Activities and Achievements

- Public stalls or other public presence at major community events namely the Leamington Peace Festival in June, The Leamington Food Festival in September,

The very popular Christmas Lights Switch on, and the popular Christmas Lantern Parade.

- Increased contact with traders by personal visits as well as letter and email
- Support for the formation of a Fairtrade Group in Warwick and overtures to Warwick Town Council
- Joint activity with Warwick University student group, an academic Department and a secondary school
- Renewed representation on committee from local traders
- The Fairtrade Book crossing Initiative.

2.5 The Fairtrade Group thrives on volunteer contribution and there is a need to encourage new input to ensure that the momentum of the Group is maintained.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The Fairtrade Group is presently consolidating on the work undertaken over the last 2 years and will submit an application to the Fairtrade Foundation to renew the Town's Fairtrade Town status within the next few weeks.

3.2 The Committee is asked to note the present progress and consider any suggestions for assisting the work of the Steering Group, including the identifying of new volunteers.

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NIGHT SHELTER

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Dear Supporter

June 2013

Thank you for your continued support. We realise that this Newsletter is long overdue and we are very pleased to issue this now in order that we may give you an up to date picture on what has been happening. The first, is that it has been a long hard winter, and we were fortunate enough to open *extra nights from the end of January up to the beginning of April when the temperature reached below zero*. This was due to the good will of the Minister James Church and his congregation at the Free Church in Lillington, Leamington Spa, where they allowed us the use of their Church Hall. This was for rough sleepers only, and we used the hall from 10.30 pm to 8.00 am in the morning. In all we gave a good night's sleep in the warm to 14 different rough sleepers who between them used it 77 times on the 21 days we were open over this period. We would like here to thank the Minister James Church and his congregation for their generosity.

We also thank the Radford Road Methodist & United Reformed Church for their continued support throughout the year, on a Wednesday and Sunday night, when we open not just for rough sleepers, but for vulnerable and needy people as well. We have now been operating for over four years and over that time we have been able to give our clients a sense of continuity. Our aim is to "be there" and welcome all people who come over our threshold. Just lately we have realised that what we have been doing is giving hospitality, which the dictionary says is "kindness to strangers, and welcoming and generous towards guests". We try and do this and we are always continually learning and adjusting towards the needs of our clients in the best way possible. Needless to say too, that we cannot do this without the help and goodwill of our volunteers. Five of our volunteers have completed a Food Safety course within the last five months. We would like to thank all our volunteers, new ones and old ones, for making things happen at the Leamington Night Shelter. We have a number of students from Warwick University as volunteers. One of them, Jess, has been with us for nearly three years. She completes her degree course next month and will be going to London University next term to do a *Masters degree*. *She has been a wonderfully committed volunteer, helping us in so many ways e.g. she has interviewed students for us at Warwick University who wished to be volunteers at the Leamington Night Shelter. We shall miss her and wish her well in the future.*

We find that some of our clients are needier than others, and we are involved in being an advocate for a few of our clients. All this is done at the clients own pace, and sometimes is a very up and a down process. This is usually carried out outside the Night Shelter opening hours. One client who was *homeless, is now in his own place and getting the help that he needs with visits each day from other agencies*, and we are trying to do the same thing with another needy client as well.

We recently heard a report of a man giving a talk about how over 30 years ago he had been homeless for five years. He said that the worst aspect of that time was having no one to talk to. We hope that one of the functions of the Leamington Night Shelter fulfils that need for our clients, one of our volunteers described how moved he was when two of our clients told him that they came to our Shelter because they feel safe when they are with us. Whatever their reasons for coming all are welcome at the Shelter; this is all part of hospitality. Most people these days take 'company' for granted. The Leamington Night Shelter is important for those who feel they are ignored.

We thank you all again for your continued support.

Margaret Moore Chris Johnson

The LEAMINGTON NIGHT SHELTER is a Company Limited by Guarantee Reg. No. 7021080

This is a Christian initiative arising from
Poverty and Homelessness Action Week 2008 and Hope Leamington.

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CLIENTS WHO HAVE COME TO THE LEAMINGTON NIGHT SHELTER
FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2012 - 31ST MARCH 2013

	Male	Female	Total
ROUGH SLEEPERS			
Travellers	1	-	1
Genuine rough sleepers with no fixed abode	14	2	16
Homeless and staying with friends	6	1	7
Homeless/Rough sleepers who have recently moved in a hostel	1	1	2
Rough sleepers who are now in prison	1	-	1
Rough sleepers who have moved on	10	-	10
Rough sleepers have recently moved into Sheltered Housing	5	1	6
Rough sleepers with mental health problems	2	-	2
Rough sleeper, who has since died	1	1	2
	<u>41</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>47</u>
VULNERABLE PEOPLE			
Clients who are in a Hostel	4	-	4
Clients who are in Supported Housing	4	3	7
Clients who are reasonably able to look after themselves but need company and food	34	11	45
Clients who are in poor health	1	-	1
Clients who are very vulnerable	3	3	6
Clients who need respite from their home situation	1	-	1
Clients who are very vulnerable and are under Social Services	2	-	2
Clients of whom we do not know of their situation	25	2	27
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	115	25	140
TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS GIVEN OUT 514	—	—	—
MANY MORE CAME FOR A MEAL ONLY			