

# Nordenlink

Städtepartnerschaft  
Bradford on Avon - Norden e.V.



APRIL 2026

## NEWSLETTER

### EVENTS FOR 2026

**PRE VISIT GET-TOGETHER  
THE BARGE INN 2.30 13TH  
JULY  
BUT EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**NORDEN VISIT  
SUNDAY 26TH JULY  
TO  
SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST  
see page 3 for the programme,  
please note that some changes  
may need to be made as it is  
still 3 months to the visit.**

Doug's funeral Tuesday 5th May at 12.30 at Semington Crematorium and afterwards at Trowbridge Rugby Club.

Please let Val know, by 1st May, if you intend going to the rugby club.

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email: [valandgraham2014@gmail.com](mailto:valandgraham2014@gmail.com)

For information about Gundel's funeral please contact her son John.

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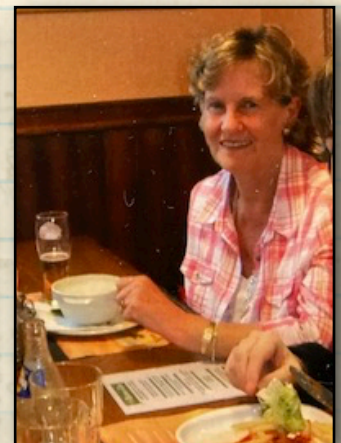
### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

#### SAD NEWS

DOUG PHILLIPS



GUNDEL CABELL



Both were loyal and long-standing members. Doug died on the 9th April just 3 months short of his 100th birthday which would have been on the 12 July. Doug was remarkable for his age and we had been pleased to see him as recently as the 20th February when he came to the quiz evening at Chris and Fay's. Sharon, his daughter, has agreed that I circulate her email address should anyone wish to get in touch with condolences: [shaze1956@outlook.com](mailto:shaze1956@outlook.com)

We last saw Gundel at the twinning AGM in December looking very elegant and I recall complimenting her on her lovely wool dress and perfect accessories.

#### FUNERAL DETAILS

Funeral details are in the Events column

## PROGRAMME FOR THE NORDEN VISIT

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAMME SO FAR BUT IT IS NOT COMPLETE, SO EXPECT SOME SMALL CHANGES LATER.

**Sun 26th July** - Norden arrives late afternoon

**Mon 27th July** - Walk around BoA with Val and Graham

**Mon 27th July** - Reception St M Hall about 3.30pm

**Tues 28th July** - Visit Corsham in German bus. Free do do what you like at own expense when there.

**Wed 29th July** - Visit Street in bus. Shoemakers Museum at 11.00am followed by free time for lunch and shopping.

**Thurs 30th July** - Mayor of Bath guided walk at 11.15am. Please make your own way to Bath. Free after the walk to do Bath!

**Fri 31st July** - Visit Lacock. Free do do what you like at own expense when there.

**Sat 1st August** - Possibly meet in Frome for market for those who wish to.

**Sun 2nd August** - Norden departs - time to be announced.

Also looking at possibility of skittles at Mount Pleasant Club and/or boules at The Tollgate, Holt.

All optional, do as little or as much as you wish. We will contact members much nearer the time asking everyone to indicate which events they wish to join so that we can confirm numbers and make sure that the bus doesn't leave without anyone.

IN MEMORY OF NORMAN AND MARGARET HORE.  
 LONG STANDING MEMBERS OF THE BRADFORD ON AVON GERMAN TWINNING  
 ASSOCIATION  
 NORMAN WAS CHAIRMAN FROM 1985 TO 1991



The memorial table is in the grassy area between the river and canal just by the path where where you go through to the West Barn on your left and the Tithe Barn on your right.

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### Two More Connections with the name Norden

I am just starting a new hobby - model railways. Yes, I know, but please read on and be amazed! For those who *are* interested in model railways, I'm constructing a 009 system, and have been watching a few, well, many youtube videos to get ideas. I found this video. If you are not interested in watching the whole video, then please just go to the 4.47 minute mark and read the information about the model which is based on a proposed branch line that would have gone through Norden. I can't find anything about the actual proposal for a branch line from Rochdale to Bacup, but Norden does exist, near Rochdale in Lancashire - I wrote an article about the town in the April 2014 newsletter. I would welcome more information about the proposed branch line if anyone knows about it. Roger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IRW-v5Elw>

## NORDEN BOMBSIGHT

norden bombsight - wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norden\\_bombsight#System\\_description](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norden_bombsight#System_description)

The Norden Mk. XV, is a bombsight that was used by the US Army Air Force and Navy during WWII. It combined a mechanical computer and auto pilot that could identify the target *and* fly the plane to it. The Norden sight was designed by Carl Norden, a Dutch engineer who immigrated to the US in 1904. Hence the link with the name Norden. There is a very long article on Wikipedia if you wish to learn more about this machine.

