

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society

35 YEARS ST POL HEBDEN ROYD : 20 YEARS WARSTEIN HEBDEN
ROYD

Our twinning friends from St Pol-sur-Ternoise & Warstein visit Hebden
Bridge to celebrate with us: 27th to 30th August 2015

A truly great visit from our twin towns from the 27th to Sunday 30th August 2015 celebrated the first 35 years of twinning between St Pol-sur-Ternoise & Hebden Royd and the first 20 years between Hebden Royd & Warstein. On Friday morning we all met at the Picture House for the official welcome, the reaffirmation of the charters, short films – and ice creams! A key moment was the official reaffirmation of Hebden Royd's charters with St Pol and Warstein, the former signed by Karl Boggis and Maurice Louf, and the latter by Karl Boggis and Heiner Maas.



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Ice creams at the Picture House



The vintage bus in which we crossed the moors to the
Sculpture Park.

Next there was a scenic tour of the moors followed by a visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park which everyone enjoyed immensely – especially the ceramic poppy “Wave” which was being created with poppies from the Tower of London installation in memory of the 1st world war.



The ceramic poppy "Wave" at the Sculpture Park



Getting ready for the tri-lingual quiz!

In the evening there was a social hosted by the HBTS at Mytholmroyd community centre. Original music was supplied – and there was a tri-lingual quiz (for tri-partite teams of course!).



Live music to entertain us.



Heiner Maas presents Warstein's gift of a striking porcelain vase to Karl Boggis

During the day on the Saturday hosts and guests spent time together, in walks over the moors and outings around Hebden Bridge. The final formal event was a civic reception on the Saturday evening at the Town Hall. An accordion group provided musical entertainment while the Town Crier demonstrated his very particular skills.



A fine wooden plaque is St Pol's gift to Hebden Royd.



Lisa Slater's automata are the commemorative gift from Hebden Royd.

The mayors of Hebden Royd (Karl Boggis) and St Pol (Maurice Louf) plus Councillor Heiner Maas of Warstein gave speeches as did the presidents of the 3 twinning organisations (David Parry, Gérard Bocquillion & Birgit Wüllner). Local artist Lisa Slater had created the wonderful "automata" presented to St Pol and Warstein after the speeches as official gifts from Hebden Royd.



The twinners relax at the civic reception



The delightful accordion group played a medley of French & German pieces.



Aperitifs and a display on the history of twinning in Hebden Royd.

On Sunday we waved good-bye to our guests – sad to see them go – but looking forward to the HBTS visit to Warstein next May.



Jane Jackson, 4th September 2015