



HEBDEN BRIDGE Twinning Society

Press Release

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society has a great trip to St Pol!

Our visit started with a delightful day in Montreuil-sur-Mer and Le Touquet. The peace and calm of the chapterhouse of Notre Dame near Montreuil, and the relaxing atmosphere of the ramparts and old streets of the town itself were in marked contrast to lively Le Touquet (perhaps intensified by the presence of Emmanuel Macron for the holiday weekend!). Eating a picnic on the ramparts was especially enjoyable.



Chartreuse de Notre Dame



Ramparts of Montreuil



Mayor Pat Fraser, Mayor Maurice Louf (St Pol) and Annie Becker from Warstein



Mayor Pat Fraser's speech at the Salle Martin



Enjoying aperitifs at the Salle Martin



The historic centre of Arras

On the Saturday we had quality time with our hosts in the morning, followed by a celebratory meal for hosts and visitors at the Salle Martin. Excellent food and lively conversation made it a memorable event and the speech by the Mayor of Hebden Royd Pat Fraser was met with enthusiastic applause.

Many of us then went to Arras in the afternoon where we admired the exquisite historical centre of the city – so beautiful. This was followed by a magical evening of renaissance music from Poland at the Abbaye de Belval

At the end of our trip we gave a vote of thanks to our coach driver Ali who ensured that all our travel was comfortable and relaxing – no easy task during a holiday weekend!

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