



Press Release

A joyous celebration of 40 years of twinning between Hebden Royd and St Pol-sur-Ternoise

At 0600 hours on Thursday 30th May a happy group of travellers boarded a coach in Hebden Royd to travel to our twin town St Pol-sur-Ternoise (France) to celebrate 40 years of twinning. Most, including Councillors Pat Fraser and June Cammack, were members, old and new, of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society (HBTS).

The joyous, yet thoughtful, celebrations took place in St Pol from the 30th May to the 2nd June 2019. Friends from our other twin town Warstein (Germany) also joined us in our celebration. An important part of the official programme was a round table on the future of twinning, especially in regard to the younger demographic. As a reflection of this the Official Ceremony was ably managed by Imogen representing the HBTS and Alice representing the ASPAI (St Pol twinning society).



Imogen and Alice presenting events



Councillor Pat Fraser bringing greetings from the Mavor of Hebden Royd TC.



A little walk led by Guy Denudt + dog



Having fun at the Salle Martin

As ever, our programme was a perfect combination of the serious and the more informal aspects of town twinning. The time we spent with our host families was as important as the more formal events. New friendships were initiated and old friendships strengthened. This of course was just the first part of celebrations for our 40th Anniversary. Next year St Pol will come to Hebden Royd to complete our festivities!

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