



## Press Release

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

It was such a happy moment for the members of the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society and other friends of St Pol when the coach from our twin town arrived on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> of May with our visitors from St Pol. During our first celebration in St Pol 2019 we had happily looked forward to the second half in Hebden Royd in 2020. Alas, due to Covid it was not to be.

This made this year's visit especially joyful. The official welcome from Hebden Royd Town Council took place at the Picture House. This was very appropriate as after the



Deputy Mayor of St Pol Karine Descamps presents a gift to Mayor Jane Hoyle



Gérard Bocquillion and Val Stevens open the HBTS social on the Friday night.



Jason Boom shows Danièle and Didier the prizes for the bingo.



Farewell until our next visit to St Pol in 2023

recent floods St Pol raised money to help restore the Picture House. The two new chandeliers in foyer are thanks to them.

In the evening we boogied the night away at the HBTS social in Mytholmroyd Community Centre fortified by a magnificent buffet organised by a team of our members and their friends.

On Saturday afternoon we took our French friends for their first visit to Dean Clough Mills. They found the architecture and industrial history of the mills extremely interesting and were also intrigued by the Art Trail. As our friends love the Piece Hall, we then went there to reassure them that it had recovered from Covid.

The Civic Function in the evening featuring bingo fortified by delicious home-made pie and peas followed by cake. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Finally on the Sunday morning we said goodbye to our friends but looked forward to visiting them in 2023.

Anybody wishing to join the Hebden Bridge Twinning Society would be very welcome! Do contact Jane Jackson (see below) for details.

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