

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society

Twinning visit to St Pol sur Ternoise: May 29th to June 1st 2014

Our visit to St Pol began with a parade led by the Hebden Bridge Junior band to the cemetery for the dead of the First World War. The last post was sounded by the band. The parade then descended to the memorial gardens, for speeches at the war memorial and at the monument to Britain's unknown soldier (now in London).



The HB Junior Band leads the parade



The Last Post is sounded at the cemetery



Speeches at the Memorial Gardens

Aperitifs followed at the Warstein Garden in the Rue Hebden Bridge and the day concluded with a wonderful concert in the evening with bands from both communities and singers and groups from Hebden Bridge.



Enjoying Kir Royale in the Warstein Garden.



Terri Logan impresses our hosts in St Pol.



Loos-en-Gohelle

On Saturday morning there was a choice of visits to Loos and Vimy Ridge or to the Lens-Louvre museum – a very difficult decision to make! In the afternoon there was a delightful and highly instructive botany walk with Raoul Cadart. The range of wild orchids he showed us was especially stunning.



Visiting the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge



Beginning the "Timeline" in the Lens-Louvre from the ancient world to modern times in art.



The botany walk with 3 the orchids we were shown.

Finally the visit concluded on the Saturday evening at the Salle Martin. The 35 years of friendship between St Pol and Hebden Bridge was celebrated and the twinning agreement renewed. A very moving speech by Jonathan Timbers reminded us all how important twinning was.



Maurice Louf & Jonathan Timbers hold up the banner celebrating 35 years!



The twinning agreement is renewed.



The traditional exchange of gifts!

Jane Jackson
26th June 2014