

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society

50 ANS : JAHRE ST POL WARSTEIN

Visit to Warstein: 9th to 11th May 2014

On Saturday the 10th May 2014 50 years of twinning between St Pol and Warstein was celebrated in the Haus Kupferhammer and the Martin Luther Kirche in Warstein; and the Landhotel Cramer in Hirschberg..



Manfred Gödde
welcomes all the
participants



Maurice Louf
responds on behalf of
St Pol



Wolfgang
Heppekausen and his
"Ehrenmitglied"
award with Birgitta
Wüllner



Marie-France Acquart
presents the chronicle
of 50 years



Guy & Monique
Denudt receive their
twinning award

At the heart of the jubilee celebration was the publication of the chronicle of the 50 years of partnership produced by Marie-France Acquart. This followed the chronicle of the first 33 years of twinning produced by Sylvain Macrez in 1997. Awards were made to key figures in the history of the twinning.

Presentations from other twinning and friendship towns (Hebden Bridge and Wurzen) were included in the ceremony.



Karl presents the gifts
from Hebden Royd to
Warstein & St Pol



Connie Hanspach from
Warstein's German
twin Wurzen



Annie Becker & Heinz-
Helmut Schulte
provide the music



A quick break for
refreshment before
the main concert



Annie & Heinz-Helmut
join the choir in the
church

The ceremony in the Haus Kupferhammer was accompanied by music – Heinz-Helmut Schulte (piano) and Annie Becker (soprano). The concert continued in the Martin Luther Kirche with the addition of the Choralschola St Pankratius and the Vokalensemble CHORIOUS. There were further solos from Annie Becker and Heinz-Helmut Schulte moved to the organ.

In the evening a delightful dinner was held at the Landhotel Cramer to round off the celebrations. The whole evening was imbued with the true spirit of twinning and friendship.



On a personal note I was fortunate enough to stay with Gerd and Sylvie Stockhausen and had a wonderful time. On Sunday they took me to Soest where street events celebrated the role of the Hanseatic League in the economy of the area in medieval times. However I was concerned to hear from Sylvie a few days ago that Gerd is in hospital for tests following a circulatory crisis. I sent all our best wishes for a swift recovery.

Jane Jackson

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