

Henley Falaise Twinning Association

Report to Henley on Thames Town Council Annual Meeting on 7 April 2016

The Henley Falaise Twinning Association has had a busy and successful year in 2015.

Membership has remained stable and finances , while at a low level, are deemed satisfactory. The Association appreciates the Town Council's grant of £250 to help with the cost of entertaining our guests every second year from Falaise.

In May 2015 a group of thirty visitors came to Henley from Falaise for the bank holiday weekend, and on Saturday travelled by train to London accompanied by Committee member Mrs M Barrass. The group split up and visited their own choices of sights in London, the most popular of which was to take the river boat from Westminster to the Tower of London and Greenwich. On Saturday evening our guests were entertained to a concert of English and French songs with enthusiastic audience participation – a first and very enjoyable idea – led by Jill Day and Liz Mc Ewen.

On Sunday a coach tour to Ewelme including a guided visit to the Church and Almshouses, ending with tea in the back of the Church , was arranged, and very well received by our visitors.

Later in the year, we arranged a petanque/boules tournament at the Royal Oak pub in Bovingdon Green , near Marlow. Fortunately the heavy rain that day fell while we were enjoying a good roast lunch in the pub dining room, and the sun came out by the time the games of boules started. The Association combined with the Leichlingen Twinning Association , as in previous years, for an autumn social evening and wine tasting quiz in the Margaret Day room, while attracted a good turnout.

Plans in 2016 include a visit during the weekend of 13-16 May to Falaise's new Museum recording the civilian experience in war, which opens in May 2016, just before our visit, and a visit to artist Claude Monet's Garden in Giverny, which has attracted many members and some non - members to our bi annual visit to Falaise.

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