

HENLEY FALAISE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Report to Annual Town Meeting 10 April 2014

This Association has had a successful year in 2013. We celebrated the 40th anniversary of our French twinning with a barn dance for 80 guests at the Eyot Centre in Wargrave Road, an excellent venue.

We organised the date for our friends from Falaise to come to Henley to coincide with Henley Arts Trail weekend, and HAT very generously arranged for a communal canvas to be painted by anyone who felt like expressing themselves in paint from both Henley and Falaise. The canvas was put up on an easel in Falaise Square one day during the weekend of the French visit, and most of the week in the Old Fire Station Gallery. People enjoyed painting on it and it has produced a very original spontaneous gift from our town to Falaise. It has now been framed and will be presented to the Chairman of the Falaise twinning association in May this year.

At the May bank holiday weekend in 2014 we are travelling to Falaise the same weekend as Henley Symphony Orchestra are staging two concerts with musicians from the area round Falaise. We receive a great deal of support and enthusiasm from Falaise because so many local people there want their children to learn English by making friends with families in the Henley area.

We represent an important link and long term friendship between our town and our friends on the continent .