

Haslemere & District Twinning Association



Bernay 1985



Haslemere



Horb 1991

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

It is with great pleasure that I can report that 2019 was another good year. The activities of the HASLEMERE TWINNING ASSOCIATION are underpinned by many hard-working and generous-hearted people who give of their time and effort to ensure that our annual program works so well. In particular, I would like to pay tribute to the committee who give of their time and effort unstintingly and help to resolve the many problems that inevitably arise during the course of a year.

The key events of 2019 were ...

- **NEW YEAR DRINKS & NIBBLES** party in the Town Hall
Our thanks to the Town Hall for the use of the Chamber, and to the many members who brought along their plates of delicious goodies.
- **HASLEMERE went to HORB** at the end of May
 - Christine Dietz had prepared yet another wonderful trip
 - Hosts spoiled us with their customary generosity
 - Music played an important role in this visit with a concert at the Stiftskirche Heilig Kreuz (Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross) in Horb.
 - We were able to see the start of a huge bridge spanning the Horb am Neckar valley
 - Our day out in the coach took us principally to the Heuneberg Keltic Museum and other beautiful places besides.
- **SUMMER (BASTILLE DAY) SOCIAL** at Bunchfield (Sylvia and Christopher's)
This year, in addition to the normal 'business' of the day – eating, talking, playing pétanque, enjoying each other's company – we were all invited to help judge the poster competition to agree who had come first, second, third and fourth out of some forty posters that had been designed by pupils in our local primary schools.
- **POSTER COMPETITION and the YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND**

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| 1 st | Shottermill | £40 |
| 2 nd | St Bart's | £30 |
| 3 rd | St Bart's | £20 |
| 4 th | Shottermill | £10 |

In the summer of 2019 the following sums were sent to support well-articulated projects all centred on language learning.

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| Camelsdale | £300 | Grayswood | £240 |
| Shottermill | £200 | St. Bart's | £300 |

The Young People's Fund is now formally closed.

- **BERNAY's trip to HASLEMERE**

Wednesday Arrival at 3.30pm via the Channel Tunnel (WhatsApp assisted)

Thursday The Bunchfield Phantom

Friday Denbies Wine Estate ... Wimbledon LTA

Saturday Gala Dinner

Sunday Departure from the Georgian at 10.30am

The Haslemere Fire Station once again gave us permission to park the French coach at the fire station for the duration of the visit and once again we presented our donation to the FIRE FIGHTERS CHARITY of £100, for which they are extremely grateful.

- **OUR QUIZ NIGHT**

- This one event brings in most of our funds each year and helps us to welcome our guests from Horb and Bernay in a manner that reflects their generosity to us when we go abroad.
- Every year those attending the Quiz Night say how much they have enjoyed the evening for a whole variety of reasons.

- **PETERSFIELD ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT**

For a number of years Petersfield's TA and Haslemere's TA have supported each other's Quiz Nights. This 2019 was no exception; always a good night out.

- **WEBSITE MAINTENANCE**

With the very sad passing of Seb Welford, who, for many years, maintained our website along with those of other organisations, we found ourselves without a website manager. We are pleased to report that, as of the 27th February 2020, we have a new website manager, Robert Marson, who is well qualified and, inter alia, a professional website manager.

- **ACCOUNT AUDITING.**

We are very grateful to **Simon Levene** for auditing our accounts.

- **TWINNING ALLIANCE**

We owe **Dorothea Natrass** many thanks for the time she spends each year in managing the Twinning Associations' Insurance policy. There are currently 36 twinning associations involved.

Finally, thanks to you all for your enthusiastic support of the various activities arranged throughout the year.

Michael Bawtree (Chairman)

February 2020