

## Haverhill & District town twinning Association

### Success and failures have we had over the past year?

No Failures

#### Successes

1. Jan 2018 (AGM) with attendance of 39 members
2. March - Quiz night - (£652)
3. April - French themed evening (£194)
4. May / June - visit to Ehringshausen (twin town in Germany) 54 people travelled by coach and 12 by car.
5. July - summer lunch (£79)
6. August - French visitors arrived Cost £1938)
7. September - Bar be Que (£87)
8. October - Quiz night Prediction of £450 profit with 95 people coming.
9. November - Armistice (France) small group of 11
10. December - Annual dinner & Dance

### How are we recruiting new members, funding and publicising our activities?

We have nearly 100 Members. A committee of 9 (3 elected officers); we have been twinned with Pont Saint Esprit (France) for over 40 years and we are also twinned with Ehringhausen (Germany) nearly 40 years.

We have a committee meeting once a month and functions nearly every month.

We invite the local town mayor and the St Edmundsbury mayor to all functions and have good support / response from them. In the past the Haverhill Town Mayor has travelled with us to our twinned towns both to France and Germany.

We visit France / Germany alternate years and our visitors do like wise

We have an active face book page and website; where all the functions are advertised, recently we have asked HTC to link our Website to theirs and also The Haverhill Arts Centre face book page linked to ours (vice/versa). We are also listed on Suffolk Info Link.

Association members bring guests to most functions and this is usually how we recruit new members. Also from our face book page / website.

We have a good relationship with the local press and always invite a photographer to come along when our overseas visitors arrive. After most functions we will send photos to the local press *but* not always lucky to have them published.

We receive grants from Haverhill Town Council and Kedington Parish council (annually - these need to be applied for annually)

The association members fund all functions during the year (entrance fee) and we raise funds by having raffles at most functions.

We receive a small grant from Kedington Parish Council which helps us fund the Kedington Community Centre (used for functions).

We receive a large grant from the Haverhill Town Council which helps us entertain our overseas visitors each year.

Where do we see ourselves in 5 years' time?

- More members
- Aiming to encourage younger members to the association
- Links with schools