



## Haverhill and District Twin Towns Association

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Hello Everyone

As many of you will remember, last week some of us visited Ehringshausen to present Martin Neuhoﬀ with the Freedom of Haverhill. David and Sue Roach, our Town Mayor and Mayoress, Elaine McManus, our Chairwoman, Dennis Poole, who is a member of Ehringshausen Town Twinning and committee members, Lynda and Mick Tomlin, Peter and I and Margaret Marks who also went as Deputy Mayor of Bury St Edmunds travelled to Germany on the Thursday to stay with our hosts and on the Friday evening attended the Ehringshausen Twin Towns Association's Annual General Meeting. Dennis, as a member, attended the full AGM, the rest of us made a surprise appearance near its end; and it really was a surprise to those present. We then held the presentation to Martin, who was rather overwhelmed by it all. Not only did David present him with the official Town Council's scroll but also he, David, had commissioned a glass plaque from Haverhill in a presentation box for Martin. It was also good to meet old friends again. On the Saturday evening we, those of us who had travelled over, our hosts and Martin and Christiana went out for a meal. It was then that Martin said that it was only that morning that the importance of what had happened really dawned on him, not only the presentation of the Freedom but that we had gone over especially to give it to him. He had been President of their Association for 36 years but had never thought that he would be so honoured. Sunday, when we were due to leave, dawned with 20 cm of snow. Peter and I were a bit worried as we were driving but our hosts assured us that the roads would be fine and they certainly were. We assured the rest of our party, who were flying from Frankfurt to Stanstead there would be no problems and there wasn't, apart from a delay caused by the snow at Stanstead. Well, Germany gets snow worse than this so many times during the winter months that they are very prepared for it, unlike us, who see the white stuff so rarely. Below are some photo's taken at the presentation and on the Saturday evening. Please do read on after these as there are some very important items concerning our next event.



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Our next event is on Saturday, 21st April at Kedington Community Centre and is a French themed dinner dance. Our member, Chris Burford, who is a Savoy trained chef, has kindly offered to cook a French themed meal for the evening, after which there will be dancing to Rinaldi Express. The cost for this will be £12.50 each and event starts at 7.00 pm with the meal being served from 7.30 pm. Please do bring along your own drinks, glasses, plates, dishes and cutlery. We, the committee, did consider providing plastic plates and cutlery but thought that due to the current thinking on plastic pollution it would be better to ask you to bring your own. If last year's German evening is anything to go by, we should hopefully have a good take up on this event, so please do book early.

In the meantime, a Very Happy Easter to you all. Let's hope that this early Easter won't live up to past ones and we have snow flurries to contend with.

Kind Regards  
Beryl

