

# Haywards Heath Twinning Association

## News Christmas 2021

Christmas is here once again and in the UK it is time to exchange pretty cards of snow scenes. The trouble is that we don't see much snow in Haywards Heath and when it does fall it is usually late January or February – not December! It is at least five years since there was a fall of any significance.



So here is an idyllic, historic picture of St Wilfrid's Church with snow on the ground and a shepherd leading his sheep up the hill in the snow. The town does not look like that now!

And also here is another old picture of the church when once there was snow! How much nicer the snow looks in Traunstein!



But 2021 has been a very strange year in Haywards Heath. The UK restrictions imposed to protect us from Covid-19 made life very quiet. Events in the town were cancelled. Even churches had to close with services cancelled and we all lost our summer holidays abroad. A new word entered the English language "staycation" meaning those who spent their holidays in the UK.



Town Day was held in September, and Haywards Heath sprang to life in sunshine. But suddenly the most important place in the town was the Clair Hall! Previously it had been closed for redevelopment but now it has become the "hub" for vaccinations for the town. A new lease of life for the old building!

However Covid-19 also brought the need for people to work from home. No more commuting to London for City workers! And suddenly everyone takes walks every day in the parks and fields around the town. People greeting each other as never before and new puppies everywhere! A superb bonus!



And the Haywards Heath Twinning Association has just enjoyed its 2021 Christmas party where we ate good food and sang German and French Christmas carols! O Tannenbaum!

So we wish you all a very merry Christmas 2021 and a wonderful New Year 2021! May it be much brighter and better than the year just past.