## Felixstowe/Salzwedel Partnership Association

Our association has had a good year and the membership is increasing again after numbers dropped post the Covid pandemic.

We have once again been able to run successful social events. Last June a Summer Tea Party and even the poor weather did not dampen the atmosphere. However, it did mean we had to hold the event in doors. This January a well-attended Quiz Night with the popular quiz master Gill Hadwen. Supper was provided by the committee members to the usual very high standard.

The then newly elected Burgermeister of Salzwedel, Olaf Meining, made an official visit to the town in April of last year and made it very clear that he wanted to re-establish the civic links between our two towns which, for very understandable reasons, had been allowed to lapse by the previous administration in Salzwedel. That said, the relationship never faltered between the two Partnership Associations during this period. Anyway, the upshot of all this is that our Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a member of the Town Hall staff have been invited on an official visit to Salzwedel this April.

Last summer a small party from Felixstowe visited Salzwedel for a long weekend. As usual they were made very welcome and had a really enjoyable time in this charming North German town.

This year sees the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Partnership. It will be celebrated during the weekend of 19-22 July when we will be joined by

thirteen Salzwedelers including their Burgermeister. A full programme of events is being organised.

The Partnership Association is very grateful to receive an annual grant from the Town Council which is used to support the everyday running expenses.



Salzwedel Town Centre

The River Jeetze which meanders through the town

