

# ShIPLEY HAMM EXCHANGE CLUB

Founded 1972



Dear Family,

We are contacting you with the view to interest you in joining the Shipley Hamm Exchange Club.

The group has been in existence since 1972 and many local residents of Shipley and Baildon have enjoyed the unique experience of entertaining German families/couples/single travellers, in their own home, for one week during the summer holidays; then having the delight of going out to the beautiful regions around Hamm in Germany on the alternate year.

We have just returned from a spectacular visit to Hamm, meeting up with our German friends and enjoying various activities and visits.

We are hoping to include more people in this exchange next year when the Germans will visit us here in Yorkshire.

You do not have to speak German but that, of course, is an advantage. If your children are doing German at school, then this is an ideal time for them to practice their language skills in the security of a family atmosphere.

We feel this exchange is unique, as the week has various activities which the group does together.

## **Example of planning for next year – first week of summer holidays July/Aug**

**Friday** - Visitors arrive on the evening flight from Dusseldorf. We meet, greet and take them home for sleep!

**Saturday** – Daytime opportunity to get to know your visitors, then a planned Welcome Evening.

**Sunday** - Day out with our guests/ Bradford Brewery visit/Hamm Strasse /Curry????

**Monday** - Yorkshire Day at a local venue – Afternoon sports such as welly wanging, flat cap throwing and additional Yorkshire themed activities, followed by a Race Night and Pie and Pea supper.

**Tuesday/Wednesday** - Visit to the Lake District – Hosts can go on the trip, or not, as they wish.

**Thursday** - Free Day followed by an Evening Farewell Event, including entertainment, at a Local Venue.

**Friday** - Lunch then Visitors leave for the airport.

This just gives you an idea of what the week may look like.

The group is extremely friendly and, if you would like to learn more, then please contact Neil 01274 825330 (evenings only) or email [shipleyhammclub@gmail.com](mailto:shipleyhammclub@gmail.com). We will be organising a social evening, later in the year, for you to get more details and meet some of the members.

## **What you need to take part in this exchange is**

Accommodation with spare room – we try to match couple/families etc as well as possible.

Local area – Baildon/ShIPLEY is ideal but if you are further out of the area you need transport.

A love of fun and family values.

We hope to hear from you in the near future.

SHIPLEY / HAMM COMMITTEE