

## Doug Christison MBE - Obituary

HGTA Life President Doug Christison MBE sadly passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 aged 85 years.

Doug first became involved with HGTA in September 1981 along with his wife Maggie and subsequently at the 1982 AGM Doug was elected Chairman of the Wertheim Sub-Committee. During 1984 and 1985 Maggie was elected as HGTA Secretary.

They were both very active in town twinning and took part in a delegation from HGTA to Wertheim in 1985. Doug went on to become Chairman of HGTA in 1987 a position held with distinction until 2001 at which point he stood down. During his time as Chairman he was always looking for new ways and possibilities to establish connections between our twin towns and schools. He also organised events to facilitate donations and applied for EU grants in order to make international Youth Sport and Cultural Festivals possible.

On stepping down as Chairman, in recognition of his longstanding contribution to twinning Doug was elected to the position of Life President a position held until his death. It is worth noting that in 2006 the Lord Mayor of Wertheim, Stefan Mikulicz awarded Doug with the Wertheim Town Medal in Silver in appreciation of his dedication and commitment to the international partnership between Huntingdon, Godmanchester and Wertheim.

In latter years sadly owing to poor health Doug was unable to participate in meetings or attend functions but continued to take a keen interest in twinning activities, always ready to offer sound advice and opinion.

Doug's wife Maggie predeceased him in March 2016.

Doug's funeral service was held at Cambridge Crematorium on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

