

Buxtehude
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General information

- first mentioned in 959 as Bouchstadon
 - Called Buchstadihude in 1135
- 40.000 inhabitants
- Mayor: Katja Oldenburg-Schmidt



History of Buxtehude

- 1285: the official year of city foundation
 - Giselbert von Bremen built a fortress called Buxtehude
- 1363: ferry station for crossing the Elbe
- connected with Hanseatic League since 1363
- in April 2014 Buxtehude received the surname Hansestadt as a member of the New Hanseatic League
- → signifying seaport

St. Petri Church

- documentary named in 1296
- built 1296 – 1320
- the tower was completely rebuilt in 1674 and 1853
- the tower reaches a height of 75 m



Magister Gerhard Halepaghe

- born in 1420; died in April 1485
- Magister is an academic title
- he is regarded as the keeper of faith and benefactor of the needy
- founded the Halepaghen-Charity which is one of the oldest charities in Germany
- Halepaghenstraße and Halepaghen-Schule are called after him



Fable town

- „Hase und Igel“ → Rabbit and hedgehog
 - Written by Wilhelm Schröder
 - race on Buxtehuder moor
 - rabbit and hedgehog bet on who could run a distance the fastest
 - the hedgehog and his wife tricked the rabbit for winning the race
 - moral: sometimes you get better to the goal by thinking



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