Bonne année!   Frohes neues Jahr!
Felice anno nuovo!
Happy New Year!

Wirksworth Twinning Newsletter –
New Year 2022

Welcome to 2022

After two difficult years we are delighted to find that the spirit of twinning is alive and well and although travel is still difficult we continue to find new ways of continuing our contacts with Die , Frankenau and Varallo. We had some great ideas from the AGM (see below) and some of these have translated into activities that you can join very soon.

SPRING-TIME LINK: 'Souper Shrove Tuesday'

Working closely with friends in Varallo we are delighted that there is interest in a project to share our various Shrove Tuesday traditions which can be celebrated locally and with an online event on <u>Sunday 13 February (save the day)</u> .

The Twinning Pancake Race – we need your participation!

For our contribution to the online event we are planning to make a short video of a pancake race. This is where we need your help please.

The filming will take place 10.30-12.00 at the Stoney Wood Star Disc on Saturday 22 January.

We need as many pancake racers as possible to turn up (socially distanced of course) with frying pan and pancake or similar to flip. It will be great is you have a short one line message in any language as you run/walk/hobble past the camera (you do not need to run).

Please reply to this newsletter to confirm that you will be there and say how many of you will be there.

FRENCH FILM 'Petite Maman' 25th January – 6.00pm Northern Light

Continuing our partnership with Northern Light Cinema we are delighted to present this acclaimed film by Céline Sciamma.

The cinema has careful social distancing in place so we hope that members will support this screening. Booking is essential and please note the early start of 6.00pm.

More information and to book:

REPORT OF AGM

The AGM was well attended online with a full report back on activities of the year. It was great that we were joined online for the meeting by two partners from Die – Clare Wesson and Michel Schmidt (one of the benefits of running meetings online) .

We had discussion in small groups about future plans for twinning and these were just some of the ideas collected and now being considered by the committee.

- Creating something collaboratively for the 30th anniversary of the twinning charter between Wirksworth and Die.
- Another online event – perhaps with writing as a medium? Or a poem?
- Virtual tours of each town.
- Shared language classes.
- Another online event in March/April.
- Writers' group / translation.
- Zoom event on the theme of cookery / recipe books / masterchef.
- More regular meetings online with different interests/themes. All members could join and there could be break-out groups for different interests.

This year's committee is:
Andrea Pankhurst (Co-Chair
Judie Taylor (Co-Chair)
John Horak (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Anna McGuire (newly returned)
Pam Taylor
Phil Whitney
Suzanne Clark
Alastair Clark
Susie Botting
Erin Rowlatt

Thanks were passed on to Evan Moran for her work on the committee as she stepped down. Suzanne Clark was thanked as she stepped down from the role of chair who remains on the committee but has stepped down from the role of co-chair

The committee is always pleased to receive ideas and offers of help from members.

Safeguarding
Thanks again to Marie Paurin for sharing her images of he visit to Die in summer 2021. This montage was distributed to members before Christmas but if anyone missed this, let us know and we can send again.

Safeguarding
We hope that everyone who takes part in twinning activities will both feel and be safe, and as an Association we have a particular responsibility to ensure the safety of young people and vulnerable adults. As part of the Association's safeguarding procedures we have nominated two Safeguarding Officers. Either can be contacted should you have a concern for the safety of yourself or someone else.

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