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Post Brexit, Twinning's importance is highlighted

Following the Referendum result on Friday, we sent messages to our partners in Die and Frankenau, indicating our continued commitment to working to maintain and strengthen our Twinning links.

We then received a request for a press statement from our partners in Frankenau, and an assurance of support from Isabelle Bizouard, President of the Diois Jumelage, an English translation of which is below.

In my own name and as president of Diois Twinning, I pledge to continue exchanges between our twin towns more than ever. Our actions may be modest, but, they will be important to serve to keep an open mind to others and to continue to build relationships without fear: our differences enrich us, our differences are our humanity.

The coming weeks and months will be difficult for you, the United Kingdom, but also far beyond the UK, throughout Europe. The driving forces towards withdrawal, autonomy, division are around us everywhere .

We planned a meeting of the Diois Twinning Board on July 5 to think about the future, even before knowing the outcome of the referendum; now we will discuss this and we will rebuild together through the actions that we will implement.

Very best wishes to you all in the spirit of friendship and fraternity.

Message of sympathy on the death of Jo Cox

Isabelle Bizouard, president of the Die Jumelages, sent the WTA Committee a message in the spirit of support and commitment to international cooperation and friendship, following the terrible event of Jo Cox's murder last week

*Hello to you and to all our friends in Wirksworth,
We join you in the national mourning that affects everyone. All my thoughts, both as a woman and woman politician, are with you. As are all the warm thoughts of my colleagues in the Diois Jumelages. Sincerely yours, best wishes, Isabelle.*

Suzanne Clark sent the following reply:

Thank you, Isabelle, for your thoughts at this time. I cannot find words to express my horror at this murder. We are all very shocked here. I will certainly pass on your message and your thoughts to the members of Wirksworth Twinning Association. The message of solidarity and unity between people and between nations is the most important of all.

With best wishes to you Isabelle and to all in the Diois Jumelages.

Frankenau visit, May

It's a busy time of the year but a few of us were able to meet up in the Hope & Anchor a couple of weeks ago to chat about the visit to Germany last month and have a look at one or two photos taken on the trip. See some on our website

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Are you travelling to Die independently this summer?

Diois Jumelages would love to welcome you with an informal get-together. Please contact Die Twinning Committee member Clare Wesson cpwesson@yahoo.com to let her know when you will be in France.

Wirksworth Festival, September 2016

We need some hosts for artists who will be visiting from Die, and would be delighted to hear from any members who could offer accommodation over the long weekend of the Art and Architecture Trail (9 - 11 September).

The three artists from the Die area who will be exhibiting at Anthony Gell School are:



[Susan Rayfeld](#)



[Francois Lagrange](#)



[Emmanuel Mergault](#)

If you aren't able to offer accommodation but would like to meet the artists and support them during their exhibitions, please contact Sue Cunliffe on 01629 822124.

Trip to Die, 2017

Our French colleagues are now looking ahead to the 2017 visit to Die. The official visit is expected to take place in October (exact dates to be confirmed), but the Die Twinning group have also offered to host a small number of visitors from Wirksworth who wish to travel *independently* to Die and stay for a few days during the Transhumance festival (around the third weekend in June). The offer of hosting in June is primarily an opportunity for those who were due to travel to Die in June 2014 but could not go due to the train strike. If we are oversubscribed for the main 2017 visit in October, we might not be able to offer hosting to those who travel in June 2017. If you are interested in either of the above opportunities, please contact Sue Cunliffe, details below.

French and German conversation groups (intermediate/advanced)

The French group will meet next on:

- Monday 11 July 2016, 7.30pm
- Alison Ledbury's house, 8 Summer Lane, Wirksworth.

Please contact Alison on Tel: 01629 820888 or Rae Lewis 01629 for more details.

The German group will meet next on:

- Wednesday 29 June 2016, 10.15am
- at Diane Kerry's house in Ildridgehay.

Please contact Anna McGuire on Tel: 01629 540924 for more details.

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