

**Bonjour    Guten Tag    Ciao**

We send good wishes to all Twinning Association members at this difficult time and we hope that you are all managing to keep safe and to be active in your networks.

## **Visit to Die – June 2020**

Members will not be surprised to learn that all planned face-to-face activities are cancelled for the time being including our film nights and the visit the Fete de la Transhumance in Die in June. We have heard from our partners in Die are planning to re-schedule the visit for June 2021. We look forward to that very much.

## **Community Quiz**

Thanks to those who volunteered for the team –Suzanne, Liz, Carmel, John, Caro and Hildegard. Sadly, the team did not get a chance to show their knowledge as the event was cancelled but we are sure to be in with a good chance next year!

## **Schnapps from the Saddle – online talk Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.15 pm**

*After buying a second-hand bike in Karl Marx Allee in Berlin Alastair Clark set off to ride 650 kms almost to the Dutch border. This talk tells the story of the places he discovered and the people he met, the highpoints and the moments of despair! Join this virtual bike ride without getting saddle sore.*

Alastair had agreed to give this talk at our AGM in November but this was deferred due to lack of time. We can now offer 'Schnapps from the Saddle' as an online illustrated talk using a simple online system called Zoom.

To reserve a free place on this online talk please contact Alastair on [alastair@aclark.eu](mailto:alastair@aclark.eu) OR 07847417027

(The system is simple but technical help available to set-up )

## **News from our partner towns**

Gathering up various bits of news from Frankenau, Varallo and Die there seems to be at present a feeling that everyone is observing restrictions but, as yet, smaller towns are not so badly affected by the virus as other parts of their countries. While we are locked down, we can still communicate with our friends and partners and this solidarity in tough times can be an important part of our twinning networks, so don't hesitate to send a message to people who you know.

The first round of municipal elections were held 15 March. In this system voters select a list of representatives for the town hall (Mairie) .

First Round results - Die

List of Gilbert Tremolet avec 822 voix  
List of Isabelle Bizouard avec 747 voix  
List of Philippe Leeuwenberg avec 526 voix

Gilbert is known to many of us as the current mayor but Isobel is also very well known as president of Twinning.

### Second Round

The second round normally follows soon afterwards but it is put on hold. We understand that Isabelle and Philippe Leeuwenberg plan to amalgamate their lists so this could be a close contest. We will try to keep members updated on the final result whenever it comes.

### **Staying connected**

Staying in touch is so important at the moment, If you find that have important news relevant for our members please let us know and, if appropriate, we can pass on to members. Similarly, if you have ideas for online activities we could promote, please do let us know at:

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Stay safe.

***Twining Communications***