

Wirksworth Twinning Newsletter – May 2020

Staying safe

We wish all members the very best at this difficult time. It is just times like this that we really need our friends and they need us. Twinning has its own part to play in helping to keep people in touch.

'Birds on the move' - an online illustrated talk about migrating birds from Chris Lamb online talk Friday 29 May at 6.00pm

We are delighted that Twinning Association member, Chris Lamb, has volunteered to share his photographs and knowledge of migrating birds in an online talk offered to Twinning Association members. The talk will use a system called Zoom which has worked well for our earlier online Twinning events. We can provide advice for anyone using this for the first time.

To book a place please reply to this newsletter of email to

wirksworthtwinning@gmail.com

Message from our mayor

We are delighted to report that Wirksworth mayor, Andy Jordan is sending messages of support and fraternal greetings to mayors of Die, Frankenau and Varallo. A great gesture.

News from twin and partner towns

Normally the colourful market in Die be full of bustle and the energy would spilling over into the many cafes, around the ancient streets and alleys. Instead, over the last months there has only been a skeleton market and no cafés. The very severe lock down in France required anyone leaving home to carry a self-declaration certificate justifying their reason for being out of the house. The situation is easing gently now and we hope that the virus will stay at bay for our French partners.

Our partners in Frankenau, Germany have experienced similar restrictions to everyday life, and are also beginning to emerge from a stricter period of lockdown, with shops and other facilities gradually opening and even football will be televised – albeit in empty stadia. We are sending good wishes to our German friends.

News from Italy (including our friends in Varallo Sesia) is that lockdown rules are also being eased gradually, and from early June, travel restrictions are to be lifted. We are in touch with Varallo and have sent good wishes.

Plans for the future

In the near future we plan an online event to celebrate the creation of Stoney Wood with its important twinning link to the Foret Giono in Die. DETAILS SOON

Looking further in the future we are keen to work for the safety of members and the whole community so we plan to stay in touch through email but we look forward to the time when we can safely meet together 'for real'.

Best wishes to all members

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