

Bonjour Guten Tag Ciao

Wirksworth Twinning Newsletter – December 2020

Annual General Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting through Zoom.

A PDF version of the presentation at the AGM will be distributed by email after this newsletter.

An on-line international cabaret – 25th January

A date for your diary!

Partners have expressed support for the idea of this online event and we are hopeful of getting contributions from our friends across Europe. We have had some offers of short 'acts' of 3-5 minutes which we can pre record, but we would be delighted to have offers or suggestions from members. Musical or possibly visual acts will be most accessible to people without knowledge of our language. Please contact twinning at the address below with your suggestions..

Your Committee

The following members were elected to the Association committee at the AGM.

Susie Botting
Alastair Clark
Suzanne Clark
John Horak
Eva Moran
Andrea Pankhurst
Holly Pratten
Erin Rowlatt
Judie Taylor
Pam Taylor
Phil Whitney

Hearty thanks were given to Jim Hickman who stood down from the committee after many years of service including his work as treasurer and membership secretary.

Erin Rowlatt and Eva Moran have recently joined as youth members and Phil Whitney was elected as a new member to the committee. It is really valuable to have new members with fresh ideas.

At the December committee meeting Suzanne Clark and Judy Taylor were elected as co-chairs of the Association.

Traditional winter tasks in the Diois

Jean-Paul Bouvarel has kindly passed on some interesting details of traditional winter activities in the farms of the Diois.

He has sent a photo of this contraption called an 'alabic'. It is a mobile still used to create spirits from the last of the crashed grapes after the wine has been made.

The alabic would be taken from farm to farm at about this time of year. As well as making spirit Jean-Paul says that the farmers would take advantage of the hot boiler to cook sausages and celebrate!



Civic honour for Heinz Berg in Frankenau

We were delighted to learn that Heinz Berg has been given a civic honour recognizing his work in the community including his contribution to Twinning.

Heinz and his family have visited Wirksworth on several occasions and he is pictured here with his wife Brunhilda



'What really matters' Varallo

This 'start the week' message has just arrived from Uberto in Varallo and is a fitting reminder of the importance of staying close to the hearts of people who love us.



Other News

Although not directly run by Twinning we thought that the following may be of interest

Short Walk in French in Derby (for beginners and those with more language)



Saturday 12 December – Covid compliant run by Derby Adult Learning Service.

Free, but booking essential – [Click here to book](#)

Aquabox – Christmas gift



Give a gift of clean water this Christmas

Please donate £25.00 for an Aquafilter on:
www.justgiving.com/campaign/cleanwaterforChristmas
and we will e-mail you a Certificate you can send to your friends or relatives.
[#cleanwaterforchristmas](https://twitter.com/cleanwaterforchristmas)

Twinning member, Roger Cassidy, asked us to pass on that despite Covid 19 the important work of Aquabox to ensure safe drinking water in communities across the globe continues despite. They are inviting people to sponsor a family filter as a gift for friends and family this Christmas in much the same way as other charities have encouraged supporters to sponsor a goat, a toilet or well.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/cleanwaterforChristmas



Buon Natale a tutti i membri WTA.

Joyeux Noël à tous les membres de la WTA.

Frohe Weihnachten an alle WTA-Mitglieder.

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