



HEBDEN BRIDGE
Twinning Society

Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: An update on HBTS members during Covid-19: 24th May 2020

Jill Robinson

Not much going on but HB Old People's Welfare Committee, founded some years ago to provide treats for senior residents, has been active, distributing Tibetan meals donated by Lhamo, doing a leaflet drop with helpful info to every address around the district and on Friday will host a virtual dinner party with food from Owen and Lisa at the Shoulder of Mutton Mytholmroyd, party bags with small gifts of sweets biscuits cards and puzzles will also be distributed by the volunteers.

The World Dock Pudding Championships highlight of local life in April couldn't be held but we were recently able to watch TV programme of last year's competition judged by local celebrities comedian couple Jon Richardson and Lucy Beaumont, who featured in tongue in cheek reality series Meet the Richardsons.

Note: As our long term members know the dock pudding championships in Mytholmroyd were originally revived by our dear late friend Michael Newton, and a friend from the civic society. JJ

Jason Boom

See separate report!

Cathy Putz

On Saturday 16th Cathy had a zoom birthday party that was joined by Armelle from St Pol. Armelle and Cathy had been hoping that we could arrange a virtual aperitif on Zoom between St Pol and Hebden Royd to celebrate the 40th anniversary on Saturday 30th May. In the end Gérard decided with regret that the ASPAI would find it too complicated. Instead it is hoped that we will all raise our glasses next Saturday evening in celebration.

Wilma Downs (dietician on the Stroke Team at Leeds General Infirmary)

Here's my news not all that exciting but....

My life as a commuter to Leeds continues with luckily not too many people on the trains. Social distancing continues with Leeds train station starting a one way system – not too bad arriving but feels a bit like a marathon to get to the platform on the way home!

I've been getting a bit fed up with my own cooking so I was delighted to find that the Thai restaurant in Hebden is open for take away (as are other restaurants in the town). So last weekend I was able to treat myself to some nice food that someone else cooked.

Today I took some shopping to friend who is staying at home which reminds me that it is important to keep in touch with friends in these strange times so I hope this finds you all well and staying safe.

Robin Dixon

Please give our friends in St Pol my very best wishes for the 40th Anniversary. What with my spell in hospital I have been in isolation for best part of three months. I have gone through some form of a barrier and have adapted. Conference calls with family and three grandchildren keep me sane. Thank goodness for WhatsApp etc.

Val Stevens

See separate report!

Jane Jackson

I remain very fortunate (supported by the companionship of Sampson the golden retriever). I am also entertained by daughter's tales of life as a primary school teacher at present. Zoom meetings with the school governors are especially tricky as most are over 70 and really do not like virtual meetings. The

children still at school either have parents who are key workers or are vulnerable at-risk children. When she started a project with them to design greetings cards she originally thought of a father's day card until she remembered that the second group either had no father, or an abusive one. They designed Eid celebration cards for their Muslim classmates instead, a much better idea.

Ingrid Burney

I'm very lucky in that I live in a beautiful, rural area with many walks from my doorstep. My partner and I have been able to walk for 4 or 5 hours, meeting fewer than half a dozen people. My street has a communal garden and during the lockdown neighbours have created small areas where they could meet in small, socially distanced groups, rather than all meeting together round one bonfire area as before. Also, this is a great opportunity for doing house renovation/repairs, and as we don't have gardens, this is happening on the street : carpentry, motor and bike repairs, painting furniture. So I have spoken to people at each end of street I haven't got to know before. One of my neighbours is part of a scheme to deliver prescriptions to vulnerable people, another to do shopping. All this is organised through our town council, without government help. This is only the positive.

Jane Jackson
24th May 2020