



**HEBDEN BRIDGE**  
Twinning Society

## **Hebden Bridge Twinning Society: An update on HBTS members during Covid-19: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

### **Angela Greenwood**

Angela reported that she has had a quiet but happy lockdown. In particular she has been able to share her love of music with new friends. She is also now a neighbour of mine – so I look forward to seeing her again when I am out walking Sampson (my dog). N.B. Friends from St Pol may remember Angela from our social in Mytholmroyd when they visited in 2018. It was she who persuaded the under 20s to join us on the dance floor!

### **Joyce Newton**

As Joyce is shielding for health reasons she has been cautious in her activities. Online activities such as Shared Harmonies have been helpful. She has also very much enjoyed meals delivered by Leila's Kitchen and the Tibetan Kitchen. Recently she has enjoyed socially distanced walks with friends including a visit to an outdoor socially distanced 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Other good news is that her daughter Heather will be moving to Leeds with her family in the near future.

### **Maureen & Philip Dean**

Again due to shielding Maureen and Philip have had a quiet time – but with plenty to enjoy. Most afternoon's they have enjoyed a glass of wine with their friends next door. On Philip's birthday he thought they would just be enjoying a glass of champagne between the 4 of them – but Maureen had secretly arranged a slightly larger celebration! Just as the champagne was opened their neighbours and fellow twinnings Chris and John arrived followed by 2 other neighbours. Philip was a little worried that there would not be enough to drink but Maureen had arranged additional bottles! This was especially useful as eventually their son Stephen and his 3 sons arrived (carrying strawberries & clotted cream), and Happy Birthday was sung. Altogether a very happy memory in these difficult times!

### **Val Stevens**

Val has promised another report, but as our new mayor she is very busy at present. She hopes that by September travel restrictions will have been lifted and she will be able to visit her house in the Dordogne. Jason Boom has been in touch with Karine Descamps in St Pol to arrange an outdoor, socially distanced, lunchtime meeting for Val with the new mayor and members of ASPAI en route.

### **Mike Edwards**

Mike reported that in his role as a Parish Councillor he has been trying to spread love and joy in Heptonstall. This has been essential as workers from Calderdale Council had arrived unannounced to install new street lights leading to unexpected road closures (cutting Heptonstall off from the rest of Hebden Bridge). The already irritated locals were not impressed when the wrong design of columns for the conservation area were delivered. All this required Mike's legendary diplomatic skills to keep the peace! Excellent news for Mike was that for the first time since the beginning of lockdown he has been able to see his Mum. The meeting took place in a gazebo in the garden of her retirement home separated by a 2 metre table. As she is rather deaf, their conversation was at high volume and audible to helpers and other people in the home! A final note from Mike – his hair is now the same length as when he was 16.....

### **Jane Jackson**

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