

## News from Ochsenfurt

In May the new town council has started his work with the old mayor, who was elected again. Because of Corona the first meeting took place in the old gym, called „Turnhalle“, where the new distance rules could be obeyed.

After the annual festival on Whitsunday also the celebrations for the 500years jubilee of the old bridge were cancelled. Also the „Ochsenfest“ will not took place and this year there is still only the option left for the „Adventsgässle“, our Christmasmart – we will see.

With certain rules the shops are open and the public life is going – nearly – its normal way. Also the wellknown cinema „Casablanca“ has opened again and in a little frame cultural events also take place. Now most of the people are used to wear the obligatory protective masks.

Now also many tourists, mainly with bicycles on their way along the river, are again in Ochsenfurt, so that it is often difficult to hold the Corona rules. The fear of a second wave is omnipresent.

Our river main the central line of our region and in the last times not so much in the focus of the public, gets a new popularity (in opposite to former times, when the people were living naturally with and from the river). Because the entrance in the public swimming pools are limited and some are in fear of too much narrowness there, many are going to the river for swimming, going with a boat or making picnic.

Because there is an increasing wish for walking, there were established new hiking trails: in the forest in Ochsenfurt, at the St. Wolfgang chapell and another in connection with other towns in the south part of the triangle of the Main.

Also the „Nixe“, the boat which worked as a ferry in the times of the rebuilding of our old bridge, is driving again and is offering panorama trips.

In Goßmannsdorf, 2km west of Ochsenfurt and also part of the town, was established a play ground with the possibility to swim in the river. That exists also in other towns, but in Ochsenfurt itself we still miss it. In Ochsenfurt the clocks are going a little slower.

In times of the dramatic species extinction there are also regional attempts to protect endangered species. Under the conditions of „Natura 2000“, a network of protected areas in Europe, there is planned to establish a special programm to protect the Ortolan, a songbird which was some years ago „bird of the year“ in Germany.

The increasing boom of Campers we feel also here in Ochsenfurt and it makes it necessary to establish a special parking position for them near the old town.

The renovation of the old „Spital“ near the „Kreuzkirche“ (it is an old hospital beside the church), which will cost some million Euros and in which there was till 25 years ago a monastery for nons, has started. The intention is to create in this old time-honored walling a museum with overregional importance, which will have the theme: „Main, lifeline of a region.