



# WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Formal Twinning visit to Die - Wed 18 Oct to Sun 22 Oct 2017

Plans are getting underway for our visit to Die in October. Seats on the following flights have been provisionally booked with Flybe for those people who have expressed an interest:

- 18 Oct dept Birmingham 12.05
- 22 Oct dept Lyon 15.45

The overall cost (flights and coach transfers) is expected to be in the region of **£190**. If you would like to join the trip but haven't yet expressed an interest, please contact Sue Cunliffe (details below) **by return** and we will open a reserve list and let you know should places become available.

### Dates for your diaries:

#### Tuesday 25 April

Put on your walking boots, pack a lunch and meet Andy Pollock at 10.00am at the Market Place for a guided walk in the countryside around Wirksworth. It would be useful for Andy to have an idea of numbers before the day so please let him know you'll be coming along by calling him on 01629 823752.

#### Monday 29 May - Wirksworth Carnival!

Yes, we're getting out the bikes again!

Dig out your yellow jerseys, onions and stripey tops... or anything with a cycling theme and join us in the parade.

#### Saturday 1 July - Wirksworth Farmers' Market

We'll be holding a coffee morning in the Memorial Hall. If you can help out on the day, or are able to donate any cakes or biscuits, please contact Sue Cunliffe.

## Upcoming meetings of the French and German conversation groups

- Next **German** meeting: Wednesday 26 April at 10.30am.  
Please contact Anna McGuire 01629 540924 for details.
- Next **French** meeting: Monday 10 April at 7.30pm.  
Please contact Rae Lewis 01629 824549 for details.

And following up on earlier Newsletter items...

### Summer in Die

- ❖ **Singing week** (12 to 20 August)
- ❖ **Drômoise Cycle event** (24 September)

Singers and cyclists will be travelling out to Die (one or two may even be cycling there!) to take part in these events and will be hosted by French families during their stay.

And finally...

Brian Smith has contacted us with news of the Proposed new **Wirksworth U3A** group and we thought some of you would be interested to hear about this:

### LEARN, HAVE FUN AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

When you reach the third age, the youngsters have moved out, and you are no longer in full-time work; then is the time you may want to make new friends and grasp the opportunity to do the things you have been putting off for many years.

This is where the University of the Third Age comes in, offering no degrees, requiring no assignments to be completed by a deadline. The U3A is a nation-wide organisation of more than 400,000 people who share their expertise and learn from each other, having fun on the way.

With Matlock and Bakewell U3As being so successful, it has been mooted that a new U3A group be set up in Wirksworth to give opportunity for many to have a group that is more local to them, and which can cater specifically for their needs.

If you want to go walking or learn a language; if you would like to visit theatres in the company of others, discuss a book you have read, or socialise over dinner, then U3A is for you.

Each U3A is autonomous, but receives advice and support from the Third Age Trust, based in south London. Typically a U3A will have at least twenty interest and activity groups reflecting the interests of the members.

If you would like to be involved in the launch of the proposed Wirksworth U3A, you will be invited to a meeting in Wirksworth on the morning of **13th April**. In the first instance, please contact Brian Smith ([bms.stple@gmail.com](mailto:bms.stple@gmail.com)) or 01629 56559, who is a member of the development group of the Derbyshire Network of U3As.

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