# WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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#### Flossie returns to Wirksworth!

We're delighted to start the year's social events with a visit from Flossie Malavialle, the French singer from Darlington who will be entertaining us again... this time at the Town Hall, Friday 6 February. We hope you've got your tickets!

#### Wirksworth hosts!

As part of the three-yearly cycle of visits, WTA will be welcoming around 60 visitors from our twin towns of Die and Frankenau from 3 to 8 June this year. Several of you have already very kindly been in touch to say you would like to help with hosting. If you haven't and you could host a French or German visitor for this long weekend stay, please complete a copy of the Hosting form which accompanies this Newsletter. If you don't feel you can offer accommodation but would like to help out in other ways during the visit (eg. with meals or transport), please get in touch with Membership Secretary, Judi Austin (phone number above). We are planning a programme of activities to entertain our visitors and we will let you have details as soon as we can, but if you have any suggestions/ideas in the meantime, we'd love to hear from you.

### Voulez-vous parler français?

We're hoping to re-establish a French conversation group, meeting every month or so with the first meeting on Monday 13 April from 8 to 9.30 pm. Venue to be arranged. If you would like to join us, or for further details, contact Sue Cunliffe (details below).

#### New website!

We've now got our website up and running. It's early days and there's still work to be done but we're sure it will prove to be a marvellous tool in improving the flow of communications and ideas for the development of Twinning in Wirksworth. We're very excited about it but please have a look and let us know what *you* think. <a href="http://www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk">http://www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk</a>.



We'd also like to give ourselves a bit of a Facebooklift! It's a steep learning curve for us so if there are any FB gurus out there, do give us a poke! And if you're not an expert but are a Facebook user, please seek us out, "like" us, post your photos and comments, and invite your friends to check us out too!

#### **Easyfundraising**

If you shop online you might be able to help us raise funds for free. Over 2,700 retailers (including M&S, Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis) will give us a donation every time you shop on their sites, at no extra cost to you! See our website for further details.

And now for something completely different...Toilet Twinning in Somerset!

FROME'S toilet twinning initiative was officially launched on 8th May with Dougal Croudace of Big Dream Ghana cutting the toilet paper ribbon on the Work's Canteen toilet.



Dougal had previously given a presentation on the toilet building, taking place in his village in Ghana. The toilets each serve an extended family who previously had no toilet facilities – a situation over two billion people in the world find themselves in each day.

Although fresh water is also often a crucial issue for people in developing countries, it is poor sanitation and contamination from sewage that causes disease.

Earlier in the evening, the 20 guests had enjoyed a Ghanaian meal.. Overall the evening raised £500 which will pay for a whole new toilet block.