



WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Hello Twinners!

We are looking forward to another exciting year of Twinning and especially to welcoming our friends from Frankenau, Die and Varallo between **21 and 25 June**.

The visit is timed to coincide with **Wirksworth Open Gardens** weekend and we are planning a programme of events that will keep our guests busy getting to know our lovely town and surrounding area, as well as our lovely people, of course!

*Have you thought about **hosting**?*

Hosting is lots of fun! Apart from practising your language (or arm-waving!) skills, you're sure to make new friends, both here and abroad! But don't worry, if you can't speak French, German or Italian (and don't want to exercise your arms), we'll try to match you with English-speaking visitors and we'll also try to take into account any mutual interests you may have.

We are hoping to host over 60 guests this year and would really appreciate any support you can provide in making them welcome. For instance, if you cannot offer sleeping accommodation, could you offer a meal or a lift to a visitor?

Many thanks to everyone who has already let us know they would like to host or otherwise help out - we'll be in touch soon. If you haven't and would like to learn more about what's involved in hosting (or have friends who would), please contact Sue Cunliffe by email or phone (details below). She's waiting to hear from you!



Welcome meal at the Town Hall



June 2015

Membership fees

Our Treasurer, Jim Hickman, has asked me to thank those who have renewed their membership and give those that haven't a gentle reminder that fees are now due. It would be very helpful if you would set up a standing order or bank transfer. A copy of our standing order/payment form accompanies this Newsletter but WTA's account details are:

NatWest	Bakewell (B) Branch, 1 Water Lane, Bakewell, DE45 1YY
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Next Monday - 29 January - we're marking **Holocaust Memorial Day** and **raising funds** for the programme of activities for our hosting visit in June. If you've not joined us for one of our **Film Evenings** before, these are very sociable; we'd love you to come along and enjoy a chat and a bite to eat in the Northern Light Cinema's cosy bar area before the film. Not a light-hearted one this time, but one *"with important messages and questions: It is not always comfortable to watch but this is not a comfortable part of Europe's past."* (See our website for Alastair Clark's full review of the film.)



Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah), Cert 12A

French with English subtitles

At *Northern Light Cinema*, from 6.30pm, film showing at 7.30pm.

Tickets are going fast so don't delay - pop along to

Freedom Flowers, open 9am to 2pm, Monday to Saturday,

Tel: 01629 820953.

£10, includes canapés. (If you'd like to bring a small plate of nibbles that would be great!)

More dates for your diary...

Monday 19 February

French conversation group at 7.30pm

Please contact Rae Lewis on 01629 824549 for more details.

Tuesday 20 March

Dig out those boots! Andy Pollock will be resuming his monthly guided walks in March, departing at 10.00am from the Market Place in Wirksworth and then on the third Tuesday/Wednesday of the month. We'll remind you about this nearer the time.

Monday 26 March

German Film Evening at Northern Light Cinema

Details to follow.

25 to 28 June Following on from the June visit, Susie Botting will be holding a **Summer Art Workshop**, for beginners and more experienced artists.
For more details, please contact Susie on 0771 252 522 or email her:
susiebotting@hotmail.com.

And then... Summer in the Diois area anyone?

Last year Twinners from Wirksworth travelled to France to take part in various events over the summer and the Die Twinning group have extended invitations again this year to:

- **Summer singing week** (August – date to be confirmed)
- **Drômoise Cycle event** (22/23 September – date to be confirmed)

Check out the photos from last year's events on our website – everyone who took part had a fantastic time. No firm dates yet but we'll keep you posted. If you have any queries about this, or anything else to do with Twinning in Wirksworth, please contact...

Sue Cunliffe, Secretary WTA, suecunliffe@gmail.com, 01629 822124 or 07979 331179

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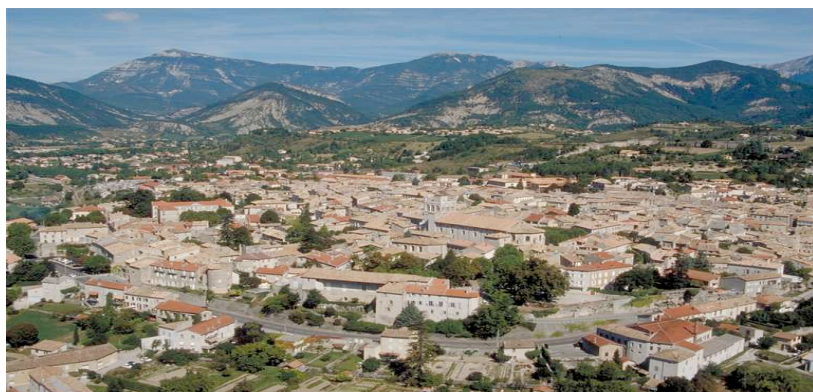
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