



WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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

We're planning an exciting Twinning visit to Die in the Autumn; we await confirmation from Die of the group size and we are currently researching travel costs and methods of transport, but we anticipate that this trip will be popular and that numbers may be restricted, so we would like you to contact us (Sue Cunliffe, details below) if you would like to join the group.

Summer in Die

Just before Christmas we told you about several events that the Diois Jumelage have invited Wirksworth Twinners to be involved in next summer. There is still time to let us know if you are interested:

- ❖ **Transhumance (annual festival celebrating the moving of livestock to the higher pastures)** The Jumelage are hoping to put on a programme as they would for a normal 4-night visit (ie. accommodating visitors arriving on 22 June and leaving on 26 June). Some members have already let Sue know they are interested in travelling independently to Die for the Transhumance and would like to be hosted. If you haven't been in touch with Sue already, or don't require hosting but would like to take part in any programme that the Jumelage organize, please contact Sue (or any member of the Committee).
- ❖ **Summer singing week** (12 to 20 August 2017) – open to any singers who would like to join a group in Die to sing Haydn's Nelson Mass and a contemporary piece. Further information available on the accompanying poster.

- ❖ **Drômoise Cycle event** (24 September 2017) The Jumelage envisage a weekend which might involve the organised rides (see www.cyclodromoise.com for more details), but also an international leisure ride; shared meals, outings etc. - a fun weekend!!

Several Wirksworth cyclists have expressed an interest in taking part (a few may even be cycling some of the way to Die!) and we are considering arranging a meeting in March for all those interested, date and venue to be confirmed. Please get in touch if you'd like more information.

Note that although you would need to make your own travel arrangements to attend these events, WTA would be happy to give guidance regarding travel options if you need it and Die Twinning would arrange for you to be hosted with families in Die or surrounding villages if you wished.

Guided walk

If you attended the AGM in November you may remember that Andy Pollock very kindly offered to lead an informal regular guided walk for members of WTA and we have set a first date for this:

- Tuesday 28 February
- 10.00am
- Market Place, Wirksworth

The route will take you through countryside around Wirksworth so inevitably it will be strenuous and muddy in places (please wear your boots!).

Please bring a packed lunch.

Well-behaved dogs are very welcome!

Andy will aim to bring the group back to the Market Place by approximately 2.00pm.

We won't do the walk if it is raining and it would be useful for Andy to have an idea of numbers before the day, so please let us know if you intend to join the walk:

- Andy (01629 823752) or
- Sue (01629 822124)

Also, do get in touch if you can't make it on the 28th but would like to join the group on future walks. This is just an initial walk with a view to gauging interest but hopefully we'll make it a regular event (possibly on the last Tuesday or last Wednesday of every month), so let us have your thoughts and suggestions!

Community Quiz – Friday 24 March at 7.00pm, Anthony Gell School

Last year WTA entered two teams in the annual quiz and it would be great if we could do so again. There is an entry fee of £30 per table (£5 per contestant), proceeds this year will support **Wirksworth INdependDANCE** (a not-for-profit

community youth dance company). It's always a fun night so if you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact Sue Cunliffe (details below) **ASAP** and **before 10 February** please.

Upcoming meetings of the French and German conversation groups

- Next **German** meeting: Please contact Anna McGuire 01629 540924 for details.
- Next **French** meeting: Monday 20 February 19.30, 4 Yokecliffe Hill. Please contact Rae Lewis 01629 824549 for more details.

And finally...

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid their **Membership fees** for this year. WTA has fixed costs throughout the year and needs your support on an ongoing basis. Our new Treasurer and Membership Secretary is Jim Hickman and he'd be delighted if you could send him a cheque or (even better) set up a standing order in favour of WTA. A membership form (including Jim's contact details) and a standing order form accompany this Newsletter and copies can also be found on our website.

You might also like point friends who might be interested in Twinning to our website...

<http://www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk>

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