



# WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### **International Youth Conference and Extending links to Italy**

Earlier this month a group of French and Italian young people joined students from Anthony Gell School to take part in an International Youth Conference arranged by Die Jumelage and Pam Taylor. The visitors were hosted by Mount Cook Centre on Porter Lane, Middleton. Co-chair Judie Taylor said: *'We were delighted to support the conference which brings together young people from Wirksworth and our twin towns in Germany and France and we were really thrilled that we were also able to welcome young people from Varallo in Italy.'*

Varallo is twinned with Die and this event followed a visit by several members of the WTA Committee to Varallo in April, as part of a wider international celebration of Twinning. We are hoping to use the twinning network to build on our existing links with Die and Frankenau to develop friendship with Varallo.

During the visit to Italy, Committee members experienced the stunning scenery and marvellous architecture of the Piedmont region and used the occasion to catch up with friends from our existing twinning partnerships, who also attended the gathering.

### **Another enjoyable evening of film!**

We'd like to thank WTA members and friends who joined us at *Northern Light Cinema* on 10 July for an evening of film. This followed our successful evening of French film back in May. This time we saw the action-packed German film *Lola Rennt* after snacks and drinks, and the event proved just as popular, raising valuable funds in preparation for the visit to Wirksworth next year by our French and German friends. A big thankyou also for the generous donations of delicious nibbles.

And we were delighted when, just before the film, Andy Pollock presented a cheque for £200 to our Treasurer Jim Hickman, as part of funds raised at the Mayor's Charity Ball in May. Our thanks go to the Mayor's office and Town Council, and to everyone involved in the organisation of the Charity Ball for this very welcome contribution to our finances.

We may hold another film evening after the summer so if you have any ideas for French and/or German films you think we would all enjoy, do let us know. And watch this space!

**Wednesday 26 July** Guided walk with Andy Pollock at 10.00am car park at High Peak Junction on Cromford Canal (access from Lea Road), aiming to return by about 1.00pm. It would be useful for Andy to know you intend to come along, in case we need to cancel due to bad weather, so please give him a ring:

- 01629 823752 or
- 07944 100768

**Wednesday 9 August** German conversation group at 10.30 am  
Please contact Anna McGuire on 01629 540924 for further details.

**Sunday 13 August** Join us at 2.00pm for a bike ride with Suzanne & Alastair Clark or a walk with Andy Pollock, and/or afterwards for a picnic.  
More details to follow.

**Monday 25 September** French conversation group at 7.30 pm  
Please contact Rae Lewis on 01629 824549 for further details.

**Friday 3 November** Keep the date free! Big music event at the Town Hall.



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