



# WIRKSWORTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Calling artists and crafts persons - Frankenau Visit

Our visit in June will coincide with the Frankenau Festival to celebrate the 777th anniversary of their founding. WTA will have some space on a stall at the Festival, where we can sell or exhibit small pieces of our local art and craftwork.

Stalls will be in the open air in front of the *Kellerwaldhalle*, a large modern community hall on the edge of Frankenau. The organisers are hoping to arrange large umbrellas, gazebos or similar in the event of bad weather. Space will be limited as we will be sharing the stall with clubs and associations from Louisendorf, but we'd very much like to take a little flavour of Wirksworth over to our friends in Frankenau - the Die Jumelages will be selling Clairette.

You might not be travelling with the group but if there is anything suitable you would like us to take to exhibit or sell on your behalf, do let me know over the next week or so if possible, so we can coordinate with Frankenau what space we might need on the stall.

### WTA at Wirksworth Carnival 2019

**Monday 27 May** – meet at Millers Green for the procession departing at 1pm.

We were inspired by the carnival costumes we saw when we visited to Varallo so we'll be getting out our masks, wigs and maybe black cloaks out next month and we'd like you to join us at the procession during our own Carnival. For some ideas please use the link I sent by email on 27 April to Phil's photos. I've also included a few photos in this Newsletter - below.

### Foreign Film Evenings

As always a big thank you also to those of you who joined us last month at the **Northern Light Cinema** to see the action-packed German film *Victoria*, and to those who brought along nibbles to share.

Tickets for the final two film evenings this season are available online from **Northern Light Cinema**. For details see below. Doors will open at 6.30pm for canapés and the films will be shown at 7.30pm.

## Monday 29 April

### **La mafia uccide solo d'estate**

(The Mafia Kills Only in Summer)

Cert. 15. Italian, with English subtitles

*Black comedy covering 20 years of history in Sicily from the 1970s to the 1990s, mocking mafia bosses and celebrating the generosity of antimafia heroes. The protagonist is Arturo, a young boy growing up in Palermo trying to win the heart of his classmate Flora*



## Monday 20 May



### **Lazzaro felice**

(Happy as Lazzaro) - Cert 12A Italian, with English subtitles

*Lazzaro, a good-hearted young peasant, and Tancredi, a young nobleman cursed by his imagination, form a life-altering bond when Tancredi asks Lazzaro to help him orchestrate his own kidnapping.*

## Conversation groups

### Monday 20 May

#### **French conversation class at 7.30pm**

Please contact Rae Lewis on 01629 824549 for further details.

Keep an eye on our website for details of the next meeting of the German Kaffee Klatsch.

## **Twinning Coffee Morning at the Farmers' Market Saturday 6 July**

### **Châtillon Festival 4-11 August**

Wirksworth will be represented at the *Arts et Vigne* Festival in Châtillon near Die again this year. Susie Botting will be exhibiting examples of her work and is hoping to take along some pieces of her colleagues at ClayWirks.

### **Wirksworth Festival 7 – 8 September**

We are hoping that artists from Die (and possibly Varallo) will be able to visit us again this year, exhibiting their work at the Moot Hall during the Art & Architecture Trail. Watch this space for more details when we have them.

### **AGM 2019 Friday 15 or Friday 22 November**

If you can, please keep both these dates free for this year's AGM. We will confirm in due course.

## Varallo Questionnaire

As you may know, WTA is considering formalising a twinning link with Varallo, a small and beautiful town in the wooded foothills of the Alps in the Piedmont region of Italy. The town became a special place of pilgrimage in medieval times and along with its own charm and many artistic treasures, the ski resort of Alagna with its chairlift into the mountains and the beautiful Lake Orta, are nearby.

Nine members of Wirksworth Twinning Association, including the mayor, Chris Whittall, were lucky enough to visit Varallo in early March to participate in their 'Carnevale' along with some of our friends from Die. We flew to Milan airport (Malpensa), which was an hour and a half drive away and we received a very warm welcome and generous hospitality. The visit gave us the opportunity to further develop friendships and we were delighted to find there are so many potential links between our towns including the carnival, the arts and football....and there may be more!

You may like to look at some of the photos of the visit here...

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bzb7x1xg5lpfa6q/AACPtlWw2C58\\_EgkYk3jpFcWa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bzb7x1xg5lpfa6q/AACPtlWw2C58_EgkYk3jpFcWa?dl=0)

We are keen to involve our members in the process of making a decision about twinning with Varallo and we would very much welcome your feedback and responses to the following questions.

Where there is a yes / no answer please circle your response

Do you agree with the proposal to twin with Varallo?

Yes

No

Comments

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Have you any opinion about the structure or format that this link with Varallo might take?

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WTA is always keen to encourage community links with twinned towns. For instance football, arts exchanges, carnival. Do you have any other suggestions for possible links?

Please comment:

We would welcome any further ideas or comments you may have

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Please return this questionnaire via email to [wirksworthtwinning@gmail.com](mailto:wirksworthtwinning@gmail.com) or paper copy to Sue at 24 Cromford Road, Wirksworth by **14 May** at the latest.

Thank you! We appreciate your feedback!





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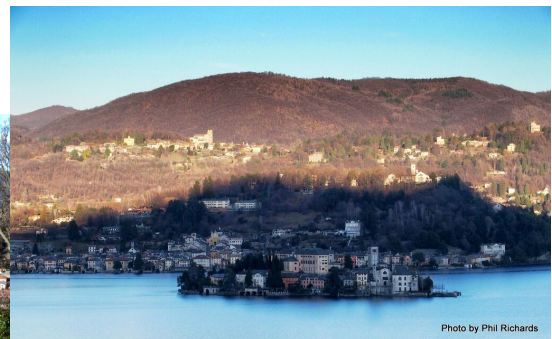


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