

Wirksworth Twinning Association

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Next Twinning Film – The Girl with the Needle *Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April*

Come along and see the next Twinning film at 8.15pm Monday 28th (arrive 7.45pm for Twinning nibbles) or 5.30pm Tuesday 29th April.

Nominated Best Foreign Language Film at the 82nd Golden Globe Awards and Best International Feature Film at the 97th Academy Awards.

This film is in Danish with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light cinema website: www.tnltcinema.co.uk

- Karoline, a young factory worker, finds herself abandoned and pregnant while striving to climb out of poverty in post WW1 Copenhagen. Amidst her struggles, she meets Dagmar, a charismatic woman running a hidden adoption agency within a candy store, helping poor mothers in finding foster homes for their unwanted children.



Twinning Visit to Die – Meeting at Town Hall

7th May, 7pm

A meeting is being held at the Town Hall at 7pm on 7th May for the 20 confirmed Wirksworth participants.

This is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have plus to meet the other people going to Die.

Die Twinning have told us that preparations for the May 2025 visit are progressing well. The programme, scheduled for 29th May 1st to June, includes:

- Discovery of local beauty spots, the Quint Valley and the Combeau Valley
- A tour of the town of Die and an official welcome at the town hall
- A Boules competition

More than sixty people in total are expected, and accommodation has been found for each of them, some with new members. Die Twinning are very pleased about the new members as this allows the message and impact of Twinning to extend beyond the usual circles.

Full program details will be available soon.



Mardi Gras à Wirksworth

News of our Souper Day at the market was shared with our Twinning partners in Die via their newsletter, including this photo.



April Fool's - Poisson d'Avril - Aprilscherz - Pesce d'Aprile



One of the most famous April Fool's Day pranks ever dates back to 1957.

After the BBC broadcast a *Panorama* report purportedly showing a "spaghetti harvest" in Switzerland, some viewers called in to find out how to grow a pasta tree in their own garden. (Back in 1957, spaghetti was relatively unknown in the United Kingdom).

In France, the fooled person is called poisson d'avril (April fish), perhaps in reference to a young fish and hence to one that is easily caught. It is common for French children to pin a paper fish to the backs of unsuspecting friends.

One theory suggests that it began in 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, some people, unaware of the change, continued celebrating the New Year in late March and early April. These individuals were ridiculed as "April fools" and became the target of pranks.

Aprilscherz (literally, April joke) in Germany is a day on which gullibility doesn't pay off. It is customary to confuse people on this date by sending them on ridiculous errands or telling them absurd stories – in order, eventually, to have a good laugh. The oldest April Fools' joke in a German newspaper was published on 1 April 1774. It was a daft piece of advice on how to breed multicoloured hens.

In Italy, April Fools' Day only arrived between 1860 and 1880.

The first city to celebrate it was Genoa, with, like in France, a common prank involving sticking a paper fish to someone's back - a tradition that continues in Italy to this day.

Wirksworth Community Quiz

Well done to the twinning team, *Dying t'win*, who took part in Wirksworth Community Quiz on Friday 14th March and came in 7th. Congratulations to *Glee Club* who won.



