

Wirksworth Twinning Association

February Newsletter 2026

Twinning Visit to Wirksworth 2nd to 6th July 2026



Twinning visit to Chatsworth, June 2015

We have had a very good response from our Twin towns regarding the annual get together being held this year in Wirksworth 2nd – 6th July. 25 people from Frankenau and 20 people from Die hope to join us and there may be others from Varallo and Spain. Thank you to everyone who has offered to host visitors so far.

We want to ensure we have enough hosts to be able to meet the needs of all our guests (including two children accompanied by their parent) so please get in touch by contacting Felicity at fberryman@talktalk.net if you might be interested or have any questions about hosting.

Souper Stall at the Farmers' Market Saturday 7th March



Twinning will be holding a Souper Stall on the 7th of March at the Farmers' Market. If you would like to help out for an hour, serving soup, gathering donations and chatting about twinning, please contact Anna at annamcguire6@gmail.com

This event is inspired by the community soup, "Paniccia", served at Mardi Gras in Varallo. You can watch a video about the tradition of Paniccia here:

<https://www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk/past-events/souper-day-at-farmers-market-2-march-2024>

Chatillon Arts Festival **2nd - 9th August**



Châtillon-en-Diois, one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of France," has hosted the Arts and Wine Festival for 30 years.

The programme brings together wine and art: music, wine tourism experiences,

workshops, and a village-gallery featuring some fifty artists: painters, sculptors, and craftspeople of all kinds, spread throughout the heart of the medieval village.

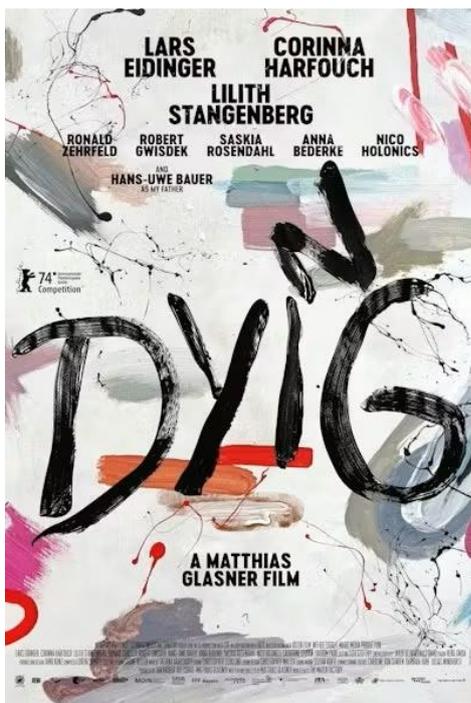
If any artists would like to go to this festival, please get in touch with Steph at steph111@hotmail.com

Wirksworth Community Quiz *Friday 13th March*



If you would like to be part of the Twinning team for the community quiz, please contact Viv at viv.macdonald@btinternet.com. The quiz is on Friday 13th March at AGS.

Our February film – Dying (Sterben) *Tuesday 7th February*



Our next Twinning film will be Dying (*Sterben*), in German with English subtitles.

This is a brilliant epic & darkly comic symphony portraying a dysfunctional family.

Book tickets on the Northern Light Cinema website: www.tnlcinema.co.uk

The film will be showing at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17th February (join us for twinning nibbles from 5:30pm, plus a raffle).

Attached to this email is a poster for the film. It would be great if you could print it off and put it up somewhere. Thanks!

French films at the QUAD

8th February to 8th March

You may be interested in the series of Sunday afternoon French films at the QUAD in Derby. The five screenings are on from February 8th to March 8th, starting at 1pm.

You can find more information about the films here:

<https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/season-festival/newwave/>

French Conversation

4th February

Our friends at Darley Dale Twinning have sent us a quick reminder that their next French Conversation Group will be on Wednesday 4th February at 2pm in The Square and Compass, Darley Bridge. Why not pop along for a chat?

In Memoriam – Evan Rutherford



We have learned of the passing of Evan Rutherford, a well-known figure in Wirksworth and a long-time friend of the twinning association. In this photo Evan is preparing the base for the well dressing event.

Evan is mentioned in the latest Diois Jumelage newsletter: “many members of Diois Twinning will remember him fondly, whether from visits to Wirksworth or meetings in Die. His dedication to exchanges between our towns will remain in our hearts”.



This photo of Evan was taken in March 2025, in Seville, where Evan had gone on holiday. He had just got off a bus when, purely by chance, he met another twinning member, Marie Paurin, who took this photo! In true Evan style, he regaled Marie with many tales about the history of Seville.

