Wirksworth Twinning Association

March Newsletter 2026

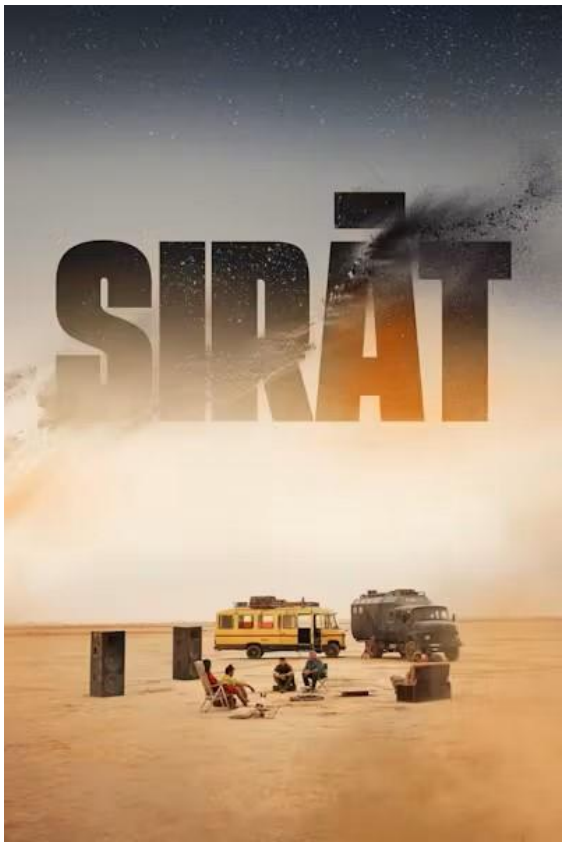
Souper Stall at the Farmers' Market
Saturday 7th March

A twinning team is going to be busy making soup this week, ready for our Souper Stall on Saturday 7th March at the Farmers' Market. The recipe we use is based on the *Paniccia* served to the community in Varallo every year at their traditional 2nd March festival, although our soup is vegetarian. Come along and have a taste! The stall will be serving soup between 10am and 2pm – or as long as the soup lasts!

You can find out more about the Varallo *Paniccia* here:
https://www.e-borghi.com/en/traditional-cooking/recipe-la-paniccia-di-varallo-the-solidarity-soup-of-the-valsesian-carnival/

Our March Film – Sirat

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March



Our next Twinning film will be Sirat, in Spanish, French and Arabic with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light Cinema website: www.tnlcinema.co.uk

Showings are:

8.00pm, Monday 16th March
5.30pm, Tuesday 17th March (with twinning nibbles from 5:00pm, plus a raffle)

Produced by Pedro Almodóvar, this film follows a man and his son who arrive at a rave in the mountains of Morocco. They are looking for Marina, their daughter and sister, who disappeared months ago at another rave. Driven by fate, they decide to follow a group of ravers in search of one last party, in hopes Marina will be there.

Message from the Membership Secretary

Thank you to all those of you who have renewed your membership of the Twinning Association for 2026.

There are a handful of members who have forgotten to update their standing order details to reflect the increase in annual fees agreed at November's AGM, I have recently e-mailed you, and many thanks to those who have now rectified the situation, however, I am aware that some of these e-mails may have been missed or ended up in Spam folders.

There are also a few members who have elected to pay by bank transfer rather than by Standing Order and who have not yet got round to doing so. As we are hosting visitors from Die and Frankenau this year, we are very keen to collect subscriptions as soon as possible. If you will not be rejoining this year, could you please drop me an e-mail at pwhitney_99@yahoo.co.uk to let me know.

Just as a reminder: our Bank details are - Wirksworth Twinning Association
Account Number 70224072
Sort Code 60-14-15
and the annual fee is now £15 individual or £30 couple.

Thank you,

Phil Whitney (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)

Chatillon Arts Festival
2nd - 9th August

If any artists would like to go to this art festival, please get in touch with Steph at step111@hotmail.com

Wirksworth Community Quiz
Friday 13th March

We wish our twinning team, Alastair, Andrea, Jackie, Marie, Phil and Viv, good luck in the Wirksworth community quiz on Friday 13th March.

Twinning Visit to Wirksworth
2nd to 6th July 2026

Twinning visit to Chatsworth, June 2015

Fifty people from our twin towns of Die and Frankenau plan to join us this July, and we still hope to have some Italian visitors from Varallo. Planning is well underway for the programme of events, aiming to incorporate themes of nature and music. If you would like to be involved, (and haven't come forward already), any support, whether for a few hours or over the event as a whole, would be much appreciated. Please contact Felicity Berryman at: fberryman@talktalk.net if you are interested. More specific details to follow in the next newsletter!

A little news about Varallo

In June there is a unique event in Varallo that combines cycling and gastronomy. It's called Pedalar Mangiando or peddling while eating! Cyclists taking part explore the magnificent landscapes and hills of the River Sesia valley, in which Varallo sits, while enjoying local specialties along the way. A delicious and dynamic way to discover the region!

You can get a good idea of the scenery around Varallo - and the Pedalar Mangiando event – from the wide selection of photos here:
https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZwQmkEfJzSvHB2YNA