

Wirksworth Twinning Association

April Newsletter 2026

Souper Stall at the Farmers' Market Saturday 7th March

Thanks to everyone who came along and made our Souper Stall such a success at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 7th March. We received lots of compliments about the soup! Thanks to Twinning members Alison Baird, Margaret Barke, Roger Jackson, Heather Leach and Anna McGuire for preparing this. Lots of people showed an interest in Twinning and we have some new members. Twinning member Alastair Clark has made a Youtube montage for us. On the video, you can hear the music by Daniele Conserva from Varallo.

<https://youtu.be/JI2faagGibo>



Our April Film – It Was Just an Accident
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th April



Our next Twinning film is an Iranian-French film with English subtitles: It Was Just an Accident. The film won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

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

Showings are:

8.00pm, Monday 13th April

5.30pm, Tuesday 14th April (with twinning nibbles from 5:00pm, plus a raffle)

- Vahid, an unassuming mechanic, is suddenly reminded of his time in an Iranian prison when he has a chance encounter with Eghbal, a man he strongly suspects to be his sadistic jailhouse captor. Panicked, Vahid rounds up a few of his fellow ex-prisoners to try and confirm Eghbal's identity. Master filmmaker Jafar Panahi creates a deeply felt moral thriller, where high stakes tension combines with unexpected flurries of humour and thoughtful, sometimes devastating questions regarding persecution and revenge.

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!

Rugby Trip to Die in 2027

For May Bank Holiday Weekend in 2027, around 50 people from Derbyshire, including 24 young people under 13 (some of whom attend Anthony Gell School), will be going to Die to play rugby.

Wirksworth Twinning Association were contacted by Matlock Rugby Club and we were able to put them in touch with the right people in Die and help them organise a four-day trip there.

They will be playing against teams from Die. They are staying in the Maison du Col just outside Die. A return fixture for 2028 is being arranged, for the French teams to come to Derbyshire.

A Message from the Treasurer

Thank you to all those of you who have now paid your Annual Subscription in full. If you are one of those who topped their payment up after initially paying at the old rate, could I remind you that, if you have not already done so, you should amend your standing order so that next January's payment is at the correct rate: £15 for individuals and £30 for couples. With most online bank accounts, you will need to follow a pathway like: Manage Payees – Payees for Regular Payments - Make selection – Change Payee or Payment Details.

Unpaid Subscriptions

The membership list is still showing two people who were members last year as neither having paid their 2026 subscription nor informed us that they no longer wish to, or are able to, continue their membership. HOWEVER (sorry for being Trumpian but I wanted to get your attention) on 17th March we received a membership payment with a numerical reference rather than the payer's name. If you think this might be you, could you please let us know. Alternatively, if you have not renewed and do not intend to renew, it would also be useful if you let us know.

For those still intending to pay, the bank details are: Wirksworth Twinning Association, Sort Code 60-14-15 Account Number 70224072.



Mystery Member

We have received a membership subscription from Jackson LA CP. We are very grateful for this and are keen to add Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Jackson to our membership list so that we can send them our monthly newsletter and formally welcome them to WTA. If you know Jackson LA CP, could you please ask them to contact us on info@wirksworthtwinning.org.uk.

Phil Whitney (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)

Wirksworth Community Quiz

Friday 13th March

Team	Total	Rank
Late Arrivals	100	1
Fresh Faces	98	2
Wam Bam Band	98	2
Quizzic Society	97	4
Plums on a Plate	96	5
Glee Club - Oh NO!	95	6
Music Wirks	95	6
Firkin Flyers	94	8
Terrible Twinners	94	8
Wirksworth Runners	94	8
Good Trails	92	11
Odds 'n' Ends	92	11
Glee Club - Oh YES!	91	13
Kentish Wanderers	91	13
Wellspring	90	15
Goon Squad	89	16
Haarlem Globe Plotters	89	16

Well done to our quiz twinning team!

Twinning members Jackie Carpenter, Alastair Clark, Viv Macdonald, Andrea Pankhurst and Phil Whitney took part in the Wirksworth community quiz and despite being a team member short due to illness, we still came in eighth.

Twinning Visit to Wirksworth 2nd to 6th July 2026



Twinning visit to Chatsworth, June 2015

Planning for the visit from our twin towns continues. Hosts have been identified to accommodate our 49 visitors. We would like to extend the welcome for them to the wider WTA membership. On Friday 3rd July, in the evening, we hope to include all the visitors and their hosts in "fuddles". These are informal shared meals with each of the Wirksworth participants sharing responsibility for the provision of food and drink. These evenings have been an enjoyable highlight for many of us when visiting Frankenau and Die. Would you be able to have a fuddle in your home for 6 or more people? Please contact Felicity at fberryman@talktalk.net

with any questions or to express an interest in this. Thank you.

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