

# Wirksworth Twinning Association

## Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year to all our members!

Come along to a talk about Wirksworth Twinning  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - The Maltings – 10.15am

Come along and have a coffee and listen to a talk by committee member, Lorelei Jarvis, about Wirksworth Twinning Association activities, at the Wirksworth and District u3a Coffee Morning. More information here: [https://wirksworth.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/january-coffee-morning/](https://wirksworth.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/january-coffee-morning/)

Écologie au Quotidien – event in Die  
28 Jan – 2 Feb

This is the 23rd annual Die festival/conference/seminar on sustainability. Once again people from Wirksworth are invited to participate. This is not an organised twinning visit, although we can offer advice on travel and our partners in Die will offer accommodation in homes.

Here is a link to the event website: <https://www.ecologieauquotidien.org/> (in French).

If you would like more information on how you could take part please reply to this email.



**Twinning AGM - Rescheduled**  
***Friday 7 February - Memorial Hall - 7.00pm***

The Twinning Association AGM (cancelled on 22 Nov due to bad weather) has been rearranged for Friday 7 February, 7pm - 9pm at the Memorial Hall.

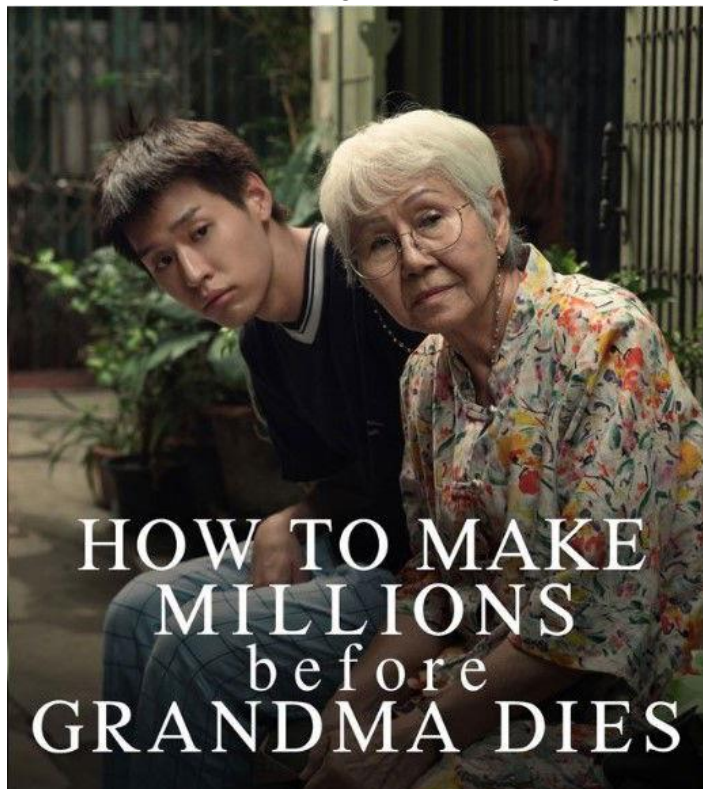
We invite you to join us for the evening where we will share the activities of Wirksworth Twinning over the last year and discuss plans for 2025. There will be refreshments, music and pictures to enjoy.

This is also the point in the year where members are welcome to propose themselves or others to join the Committee. If you would like to find out more or to propose yourself or someone else for the committee please respond to this email.

**Northern Light Cinema - next Twinning film - How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies**

***Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 February - date for your diary.***

How far would you go to care for a loved one while hoping for a life-changing inheritance? In this subtitled Thai film, a young man finds out about his grandmother's terminal illness and becomes her carer, hoping to secure a large inheritance.



Watch the official trailer: [youtube.com/watch?v=0lpXPWKpSY4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lpXPWKpSY4)

## Community Quiz

*Friday 14 March – Anthony Gell School Hall*

We have entered a twinning team for this year's quiz but we need team members - if you would like to be part of the team, please contact Viv at [viv.macdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:viv.macdonald@btinternet.com)



## Advance Notice of Twinning Visit to Die

*28 May to 1 (or 2) June*

*please respond by 17 January*

Our French partners in Die are planning to receive us at the end of May. Friends from Frankenau and Varallo will be invited and there are plans to invite new partners from Spain.

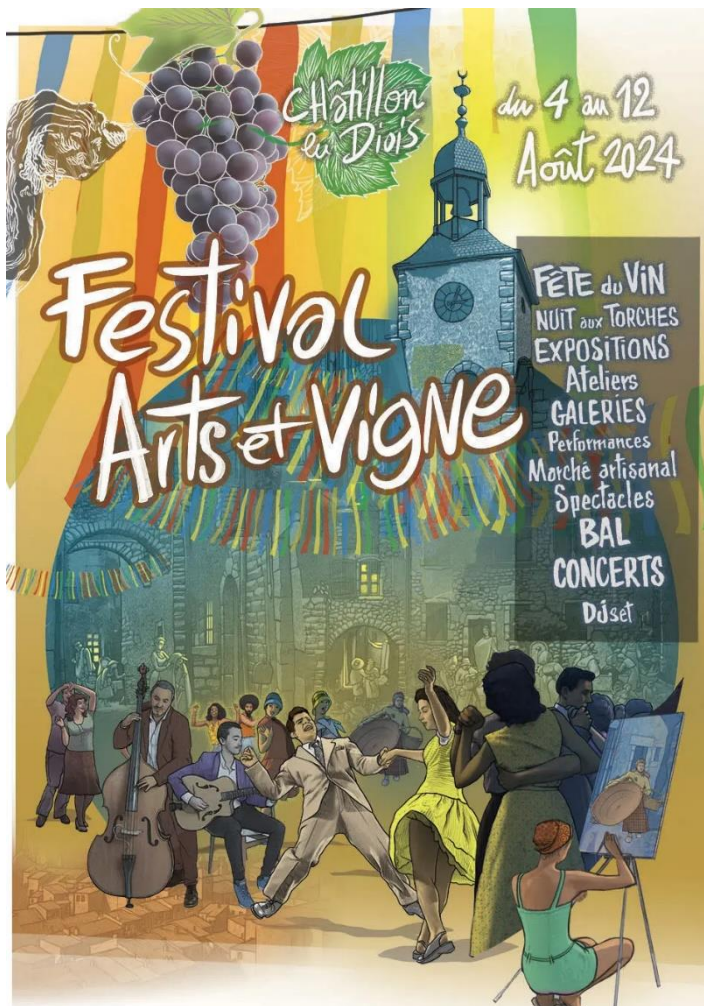
Our Die friends have sent a message that everyone from Wirksworth is most welcome and as usual we do ask that under 18s come with a responsible adult.

We would like to receive expressions of interest from people considering joining the visit **by 17 January**. No commitment but it will help us plan if you could reply to this email: [news@wirksworthtwinning.org.uk](mailto:news@wirksworthtwinning.org.uk) letting us know if you would like to come. (Please also let us know if you would travel with the group or make your own independent plans).



**Chatillon Art Exhibition**  
**3 to 11 August 2025**

*Calling all artists!* If anyone would be interested in taking works to exhibit at the Chatillon Arts et Vigne Exhibition in August this year please let us know by replying to this email. You can find see more information here, but it is in French: <https://www.chatillon-artsetvigne.fr/>



## Twining Stall at Wirksworth Christmas Market

On Saturday 7 December Twining took part in the Wirksworth Christmas Market, with our free event making Christmas tree decorations and sending messages to our friends in our twinned towns and fabulous facepainting. Thanks to everyone who participated to make this a fun event.

Here's a photo of the messages we collected and sent to our twinning friends.

You can see more photos here: <https://www.wirksworthtwining.org.uk/past-events>



## Presentation of cheque to Aquabox from Die Twining Association

When our twinning friends visited Wirksworth in June 2023, Aquabox gave a presentation and organised a visit to the depot located on Cromford Hill. The Twining Association

presented a gift of a water filter to each of the towns, so they could spread the word about Aquabox.

Aquabox provides safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to people affected by natural disasters, extreme weather and conflicts. Clare Wesson in Die has since demonstrated the filter at their local market and had other fund raising events and, when she visited Wirksworth in December, she presented Aquabox with a cheque for £250 she had raised. Aquabox were delighted to receive this and will continue to support the twin towns in spreading the message about its life saving charity. You can see more photos here: <https://aquabox.org/wirksworth-twin-town-of-die-in-france-raises-over-300-euros-for-aquabox/>



### Membership Subscriptions Due

Thank you so much for continuing to support Wirksworth Twinning Association, especially for the 2025 subscriptions already received. Your subscriptions are appreciated and help to support the costs of activities including: our public liability insurance, running market stalls and providing snacks at cinema screenings.

Unless you are a recent new member (and qualify for free membership during 2025), the membership subscription is £10 per person, or £20 per couple/family with children aged under 18, and is due on 1 January 2025. Our preference is for payments to be made by standing order – these can be set up by your own bank. Alternatively, please make a bank payment to us online or by telephone banking.

Account Name: **Wirksworth Twinning Association**  
Account No: **70224072**  
Sort Code: **60-14-15**  
Payment reference: **Your surname plus initial**  
Amount: **£10 (individual) or £20 (couple or family with children under 18)**

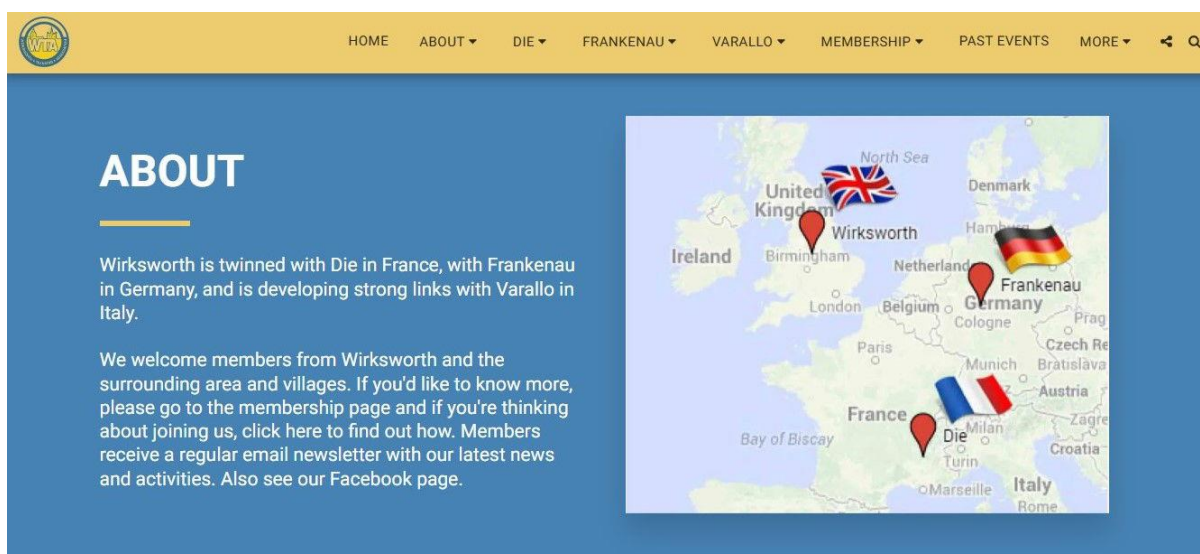
If you have any queries about your subscription, please contact Andrea Pankhurst – [andrea@thepankhursts.co.uk](mailto:andrea@thepankhursts.co.uk)

## New Twinning Website

Twinning has a new website! The web address hasn't changed but we have a new "look" that we hope you will like.

Take a look: [www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk](http://www.wirksworthtwinning.org.uk)

You may have noticed this newsletter looks a bit different and comes from a different email address; it's all done through the website now.



## New Twinning Logo

We would like to thank Martin Sutcliffe for designing our new twinning logo. We think he did a great job!

