

# Wirksworth Twinning Association

## Newsletter **March 2025**

**Chatillon Arts Festival**  
*3rd – 11th August 2025*

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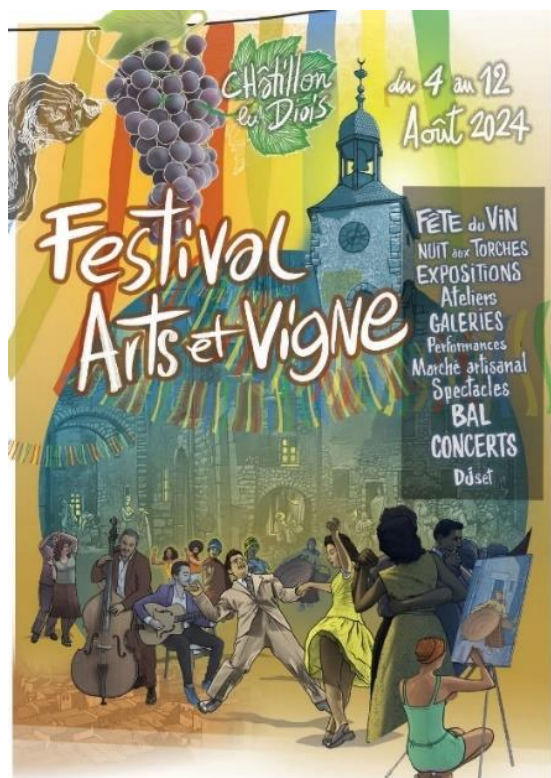
<https://www.chatillon-artsetvigne.fr/>

Following a number of successful exhibitions over the past 10 years, Wirksworth has again been invited to have an exhibition space at the Chatillon Arts Festival in August 2025. Artists exhibit in venues across the picturesque medieval village and there's a full programme of music and experiences throughout the week.

Accommodation and some meals in families are offered for the week but there's no funding for travel. Wirksworth Twinning Association can give advice re negotiating art works and customs.

If anyone (artists or friends) would like to take up this offer, please contact [pamtaylor54@gmail.com](mailto:pamtaylor54@gmail.com) by mid-March.

Please share with anyone you think might be interested.



**Next Twinning Film – I'm Still Here**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Come along and see the next Twinning film at 7.45pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> (arrive 7. 15pm for Twinning nibbles) or 5.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This film is in Portuguese with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light cinema website: [www.tnlcinema.co.uk](http://www.tnlcinema.co.uk)

- In the early 1970s, the military dictatorship in Brazil reaches its height. The Paiva family - Rubens, Eunice, and their five children - live in a beachside house in Rio, open to all their friends. One day, Rubens is taken for questioning and does not return.



## **Twinning Visit to Die** **28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Nineteen WTA members are looking forward to this year's annual meeting with friends from our French and German twin towns. This year the event will be taking place in Die between 29<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. Nine people are travelling out together by train with the rest of the group travelling independently. The group is a mixture of people who have visited Die before and members who will be there for the first time. Twinning members in Die will be hosting us in their homes. We have not yet received information about the programme, but from previous events we can assume that there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy French culture and hospitality, meet old friends and make new ones.



## **Wirksworth Twinning Celebrates with Italian Shrove Tuesday Soup at the Market**

A great morning at Saturday's Farmers' Market. We shared soup to mark the tradition of sharing soup in Varallo, Italy.



Here's a photo of the twinning stall with Phil & Lucia Whitney and Adrian, one of the organisers of our market.



Lots of people, members and non-members, came and shared our soup and enjoyed learning and chatting about twinning.

We would like to thank Alison Baird and Margaret Barke for making the delicious soup.

If you would like to see some more photos and information, have a look at this souper (sorry, couldn't resist it...) video that Alastair Clark has put together:

[https://youtu.be/ftP2rss\\_xS8](https://youtu.be/ftP2rss_xS8)



## Report on the Twinning AGM

There was a great turnout for the Twinning Association AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> February, which you will remember we had to postpone from November due to the awful weather.

Cllr Frances Rostron, as the representative from the Town Council, told us what an honour it was to represent the Council and what a pleasure to see how lively and vibrant the Association is.

Alastair Clark showcased the events that have taken place over the last year and Twinning members gave us some more details: *German for beginners language class* (Hildegard Wiesehofer); *Ecologie au Quotidien* attended by Pam Taylor, Phil Richards and Bobby Gilbert; *Souper Day on the market* organised by Heather Leach; Ian Parfitt's *visit to Varallo*; various *films* shown throughout the year (Lorelei Jarvis) and *the new look newsletter* now being sent out by Anna McGuire; *Festival Arts et Vigne* with Steph Walsh and Bobby Gilbert and the subsequent *display of the artwork in the Town Hall*; *visit of Japanese students to the town* organised by Steph Walsh; *visit of 19 members to Frankenau* with highlights including a poem in German written by Evan Rutherford; a *zoom meeting with our twin towns* to discuss future events and a *presentation of £250 by Die to Aquabox*.

In the last year we have also had a new logo (designed by Martin Sutcliffe) and a new website (designed by Anna McGuire).

Our Treasurer, Andrea Pankhurst, reported that we now have 89 members.

The new Committee was elected and we welcome a new member to the Committee, Marie Paurin. We gave Alastair a thank-you gift for all he has done for Twinning over the years. He is staying on the Committee but taking a more back-seat role.

We have lots coming up in 2025, so do read about these plans in our future newsletters.



