

# Wirksworth Twinning Association

## Newsletter June 2025

Next Twinning Film – Marching Band (En Fanfare)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June



A successful orchestra conductor is diagnosed with leukaemia and learns that he is adopted, and that his younger brother is in a village marching band. The conductor decides to help them win a regional contest.

This heart-warming French comedy was described in The Times as “so French it should be wearing a beret” and the FT said “Hollywood should watch and learn how to do this kind of feelgood movie”. It’s in French with English subtitles. Book tickets on the Northern Light cinema website: [www.tnltcinema.co.uk](http://www.tnltcinema.co.uk)

Join us at 7.45pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> for twinning nibbles (the film starts at 8.15pm). Alternatively on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> the film is showing at 5.30pm.

## Twinning Visit to Die

28<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The twinning visit to Die is underway at the moment. They should be home tomorrow. Meanwhile, they have been sending home a few photos. The main group travelled by train via St Pancras station and then changed trains in Lille and travelling on to Valence where they were met by our friends from Die. Other people chose to travel independently before meeting up in Die. Here are a few of their photos to give you a taste...



## Leaving Derby



At St Pancras



After the boules tournament.



Breakfast on the balcony





Music making



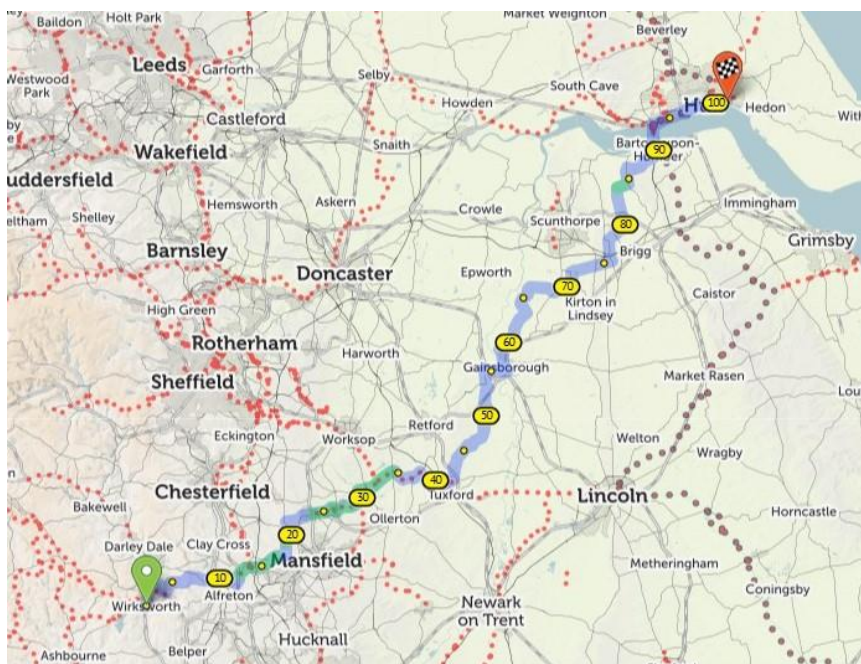
St Julien

## Chris Allcock gives a personal account of his, Rob Gill and Carl McDonagh's cycling trip from Wirksworth to Berlin via Frankenau



*"The plan to cycle to Frankenau was hatched in the Feather Star, but was then extended to Berlin after the third pint. Beer and cycle routes do not mix!"*

*Myself, Rob Gill and Carl McDonagh set off from Wirksworth on 25<sup>th</sup> April for the Rotterdam Ferry in Hull. The plan was to camp all the way, but struggling for a campsite near Brigg, we ended up in the back garden of the Sutton Arms in Scawby, reaching the overnight Ferry the next day.*





*We arrived in Rotterdam the next morning, the ferry journey slightly spoiled by Forest losing to Manchester City in the FA Cup semi-final.*



*We cycled on lovely cycle paths through the Netherlands, spending the first night in Schoonhoven. The weather was amazing if a little too hot and much sun cream had to be applied.*

*Crossing the border at Kranenberg we ploughed on to Frankenau. The terrain became more challenging as we neared our twin town and noted how similar to the Derbyshire countryside it was.*

*We arrived in Frankenau on the 4th May, after 386 miles from Wirksworth.*



*We were royally hosted for two nights by Stefan and Christiane Möller and spent the next day exploring the area. Carl left us to go and visit friends in Gottingen and then*

*cycled back to Hull. Rob and I cycled on to Berlin - another 300 miles - arriving at the Brandenburg Gate on the 13th May. We explored the city, staying in a fabulous youth hostel - Amstel House - near the centre.*



*Then came, probably the hardest day, getting the train from Berlin to Cromford in 24 hours, culminating in Cromford Hill at 11 pm.*

*We had cycled 800 miles in total, averaging 46 miles per day."*





