



Warwick Twinning Association Update, 4th September 2025 Community and Culture

We are delighted to share some exciting updates on Warwick's international friendships and upcoming events



Warwick's New Friendship Town: Hérouville Saint-Clair

As many of you will know, Warwick has officially become a Friendship Town with Hérouville Saint-Clair in Normandy, France.

Following our meeting in Warwick earlier this year, Sue Butcher and I were honoured to be invited to Hérouville for their remembrance service on 7 June at Lebissey Wood.

This is where the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment fought bravely on D+1, the day after the D-Day landings in 1944. The service was deeply moving, and we were warmly welcomed by the Mayor as the first official visitors from Warwick.

The evening before, we attended a concert where a recording of our own Warwick Community Band was played during the interval to a packed audience.

When it was announced that Warwick and Hérouville are now linked as Friendship Towns through our shared WWII history, the hall rose in a standing ovation.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Hérouville's Director of Music, who hopes to visit Warwick this autumn to begin planning future musical exchanges for 2026-27.

With Hérouville's municipal elections scheduled for March 2026, we may be working with new faces in the future, but we already enjoy strong links with their officers and were warmly received at their Municipal Offices.

Celebrating 50 Years with Saumur

Next year marks a very special occasion – the 50th anniversary of Warwick's twinning with Saumur. Planning is already underway for a series of celebratory events, including potential joint music performances.





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The highlight will be on 23 April 2026 at Warwick Racecourse, where we will mark the signing of the agreement. While the official twinning was first signed in Saumur in March 1976, it was confirmed in Warwick the following year on 23 April – a fitting date for us to celebrate.

As part of the festivities, the Mayor of Warwick, who also serves as our Association's President, will present the Warwick Cup to the winner of the race.

Many of you will know that Saumur's Hippodrome de Verrie also runs a Warwick Cup race every October, continuing a proud sporting link between our towns.

Saumur. La société des courses à l'heure anglaise

La société des courses de Saumur a clôturé sa saison ce dimanche 27 octobre en accueillant une délégation anglaise de Warwick. À l'heure du thé, pour le Grand cross, ce n'était pas le Brexit...



Summer Events and Membership

Our Summer BBQ and AGM took place in July, where we were pleased to see all officers re-elected. We also provided each participant of this year's Eurocamp with €25 pocket money to help support their experience.

It has been wonderful to see an increase in membership and enthusiasm for our activities. These events not only provide enjoyment but also strengthen the bonds of friendship and cultural understanding with our twin and friendship towns.

Very soon, Hérouville Saint-Clair will be officially added to our website: <https://www.warwicktwinningassociation.co.uk/>

Mandy Littlejohn, Chairman
Sue Butcher, Treasurer
Linda Butler, Secretary

About Warwick Twinning Association

Warwick Twinning Association is a vibrant community that celebrates international friendship, culture, and connection. Established shortly after Warwick's twinning with Saumur in 1976, the Association was created to expand the "twinning ideal" to residents across our town.

Today, we proudly maintain official twinning ties with Saumur (France) and Verden (Germany), as well as friendship links with Havelberg (Germany) and Formigine (Italy) and Hérouville Saint-Clair (France). Through these partnerships, we nurture enduring connections that honour shared history, build present-day bonds, and create cherished memories.

Whether through social events, cultural exchanges, or simply sharing stories via our newsletters and social platforms, we offer everyone the chance to explore new horizons, right from Warwick. Join us and discover how you can help strengthen international friendships and bring the world a bit closer to home.