

2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Bedminster Lantern Parade



To start this year of celebrations, we collaborated with the Bristolian artist Alan May and the Victoria Park Primary School for the 10th Bedminster Lantern Parade. Pupils designed a giant Cake Lantern and some Bordeaux-related lanterns.

At the start of the parade, these impressive creations made a big impression and shed light on the long-lasting relationships between our two cities.

Such a nice way to start the 75th year of twinning!

Bordeaux Mini Assistants



In May as part of our Mini-Assistants Scheme we welcomed 6 Masters students from the INSPE of Bordeaux University. Their visit should have been in January but had to be delayed due to Covid restrictions. They spent 2 weeks working with pupils in 6 primary schools and staying with host families connected to the schools. Four of the 6 schools were able to take part in a very active and enjoyable French Morning at Ashton Park School. In their free time our Chair Thomas took the 6 students on a Street Art Tour. They were also invited to City Hall to meet the Lord Mayor in an informal setting in the Lord Mayor's Parlour. After talking to the Lord Mayor and explaining what the scheme involved they were very pleased to have the opportunity to visit the Council Chamber. Later that evening the Committee took them out for a pizza which gave us the chance to hear about their experiences in their schools and also ask them about their impressions of Bristol. We rounded off the evening by taking them to a concert by Avawaves held in the Foyer of The Beacon.

Bristol Bordeaux Exchange Reunion Tea



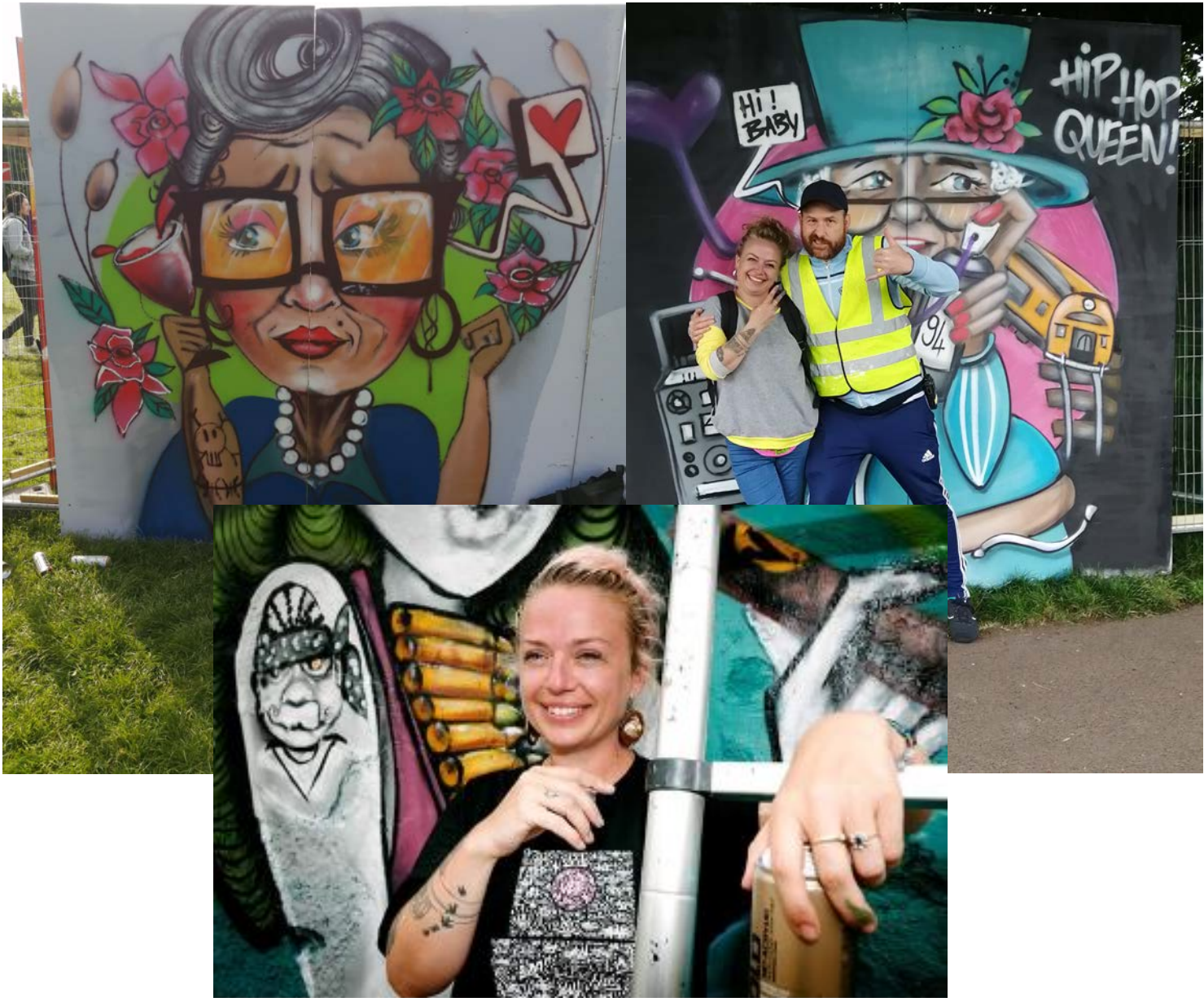
About 20 past participants of the Bristol-Bordeaux schools exchange met together in November to reminisce about their experiences and share memories - all very different! We were delighted to have two members of the very first schools exchange in 1947, Valerie Kingdon and Margaret Young, together with David Vowles (see photo), who entertained us with stories of his 1949 exchange, as did Rod Shepherd of his visit in 1956. It has been heart warming to hear how many have kept in touch with their Bordeaux counterparts over the years, sometimes their children and even their grandchildren are continuing the friendship to this day.

UWE Student Project



The BBP invited Marketing and Events MSc students at UWE to collaborate on a celebratory event that was held in Zed Alley, Clifton. The successful and enjoyable evening then became a part of the portfolio of events for the MSc submission

Upfest



After being postponed several times, we finally hosted our 2 Bordeaux Street artists, Lulepi and Remgz for Upfest main event in Greville Smythe Park. Surrounded by hundreds of fellow artists, they painted astonishing pieces in a busy but friendly atmosphere. We also partnered with the amazing Bristol artist, Laura of Colourful Minds for a workshop. Inspired by the 2 street artist's artworks, she made some impressive giant cardboard letters and animals. Over the (busy) weekend, we hosted roughly 500 young people. It was a huge opportunity to spread the word about the partnership with a younger audience.

Wine Tasting



A splendid evening of educational Wine tasting was kindly hosted at Averys, featuring French, German and English wines. Held as joint event with the Hannover twinning group the evening formed a part of the larger 75th anniversary calendar

Association Bordeaux Bristol



In July 2022 we were delighted to welcome a group from l'Association Bordeaux Bristol. During their stay, various trips and tours were organised and old friendships renewed. The group were welcomed to tea and cake at the City Hall by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Paula O'Rourke, along with guests from the Bristol Hannover Council, who were also celebrating the 75th Anniversary of their twinning.

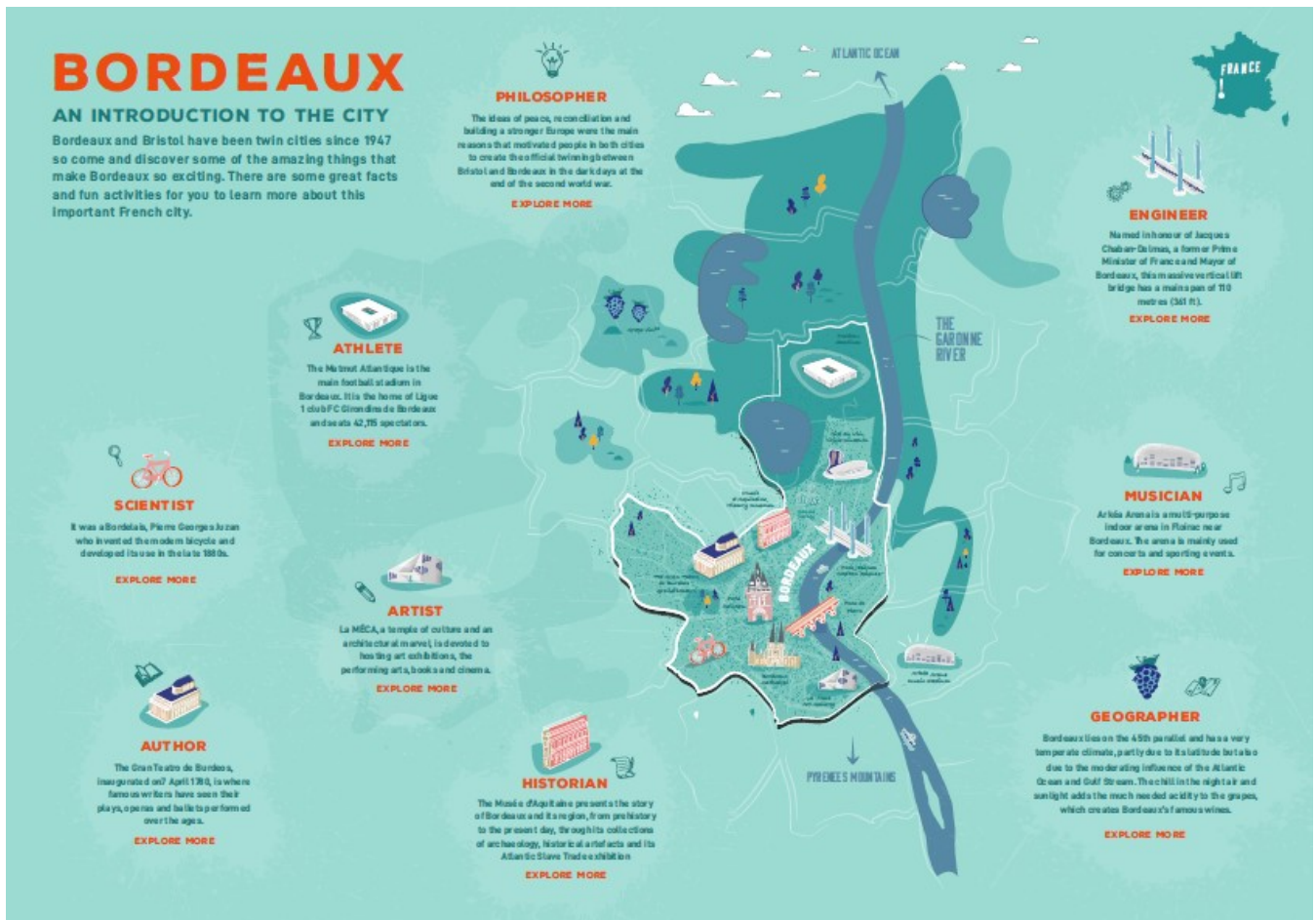
Shared Memories Project



In October we held our Shared Memories Project at City Hall. People who had participated in the Bristol Bordeaux School Exchanges over the years were invited to share their memories with pupils from St Barnabas Primary School. The pupils had spent the morning researching the project in the Central Library and then walked over to City Hall to eat their packed lunches. Excitement (and noise) levels were pretty high by the time they came to interview the exchange participants but all agreed afterwards that it had been a worthwhile, if exhausting, experience!

The project was set up by Ruth Myers, a Local Learning Creative Producer. Ruth is very skilled at running this sort of inter-generational event. She then worked with the pupils back in school using the material gathered to produce documents and playscripts.

Schools Digital Learning Pack



Produced by the Bristol Bordeaux Partnership in collaboration with Lighting up Learning and Bristol City Council, funded by Quartet and designed by Jack Anderson, this interactive tool will help learners and schools alike spread the word about Bristol's oldest twinning relationship.

Comprised of a suite of fun and entertaining activities which also link to things you could do in school, it is the perfect tool for discovering the South West Capital of France.

Feel free to download it from our website

About:

Bristol and Bordeaux have been twin cities since 1947. The Bristol Bordeaux Partnership exists to develop greater understanding and friendship between the people of Bristol and Bordeaux and promote cultural, economic and educational links between the two cities.

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Support our work and help us grow. Receive regular email updates on our activities, and priority notice of events. Help us shape the group's activities. Or join the committee and make a practical contribution to the world of twinning.

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