

# Twinnings mark silver jubilee across Channel

Darley Dale Twinning Association strengthens French link

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## FEATURE

**The Darley Dale Twinning Association has moved into its 25th year and 'twinnings' will be visiting the French town of Onzain in June.**

A party of around 90 will be going by car, plane, rail and 53 passengers will be travelling via coach.

Our French friends have planned a packed programme of events for the weekend of June 21 and 22. It coincides with the French National Music Festival which sees lots of street entertainment and events throughout the days

and evenings. As usual, all our group will be staying with French families, which make these visits a lot less expensive. Each of the host families and some of the civic dignitaries will be presented with a specially engraved nickel-plated wine bottle coaster to celebrate the anniversary.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be a group of parents, staff and children from Rowsley Primary School visiting their twin school in the locality.

County councillor Mike Longden has presented the Twinning Association with a cheque for £500, which will be used to help finance some of the events throughout the year. In particular, it will be used to help families with young children become more active in events. We have al-

ways had an inclusive policy to get as many of the Darley Dale community involved with the Twinning Association, not just to help preserve its long-term future, but particularly to encourage educational, sporting, cultural and personal friendships to develop."

As chairman, I presented my report at the AGM and mentioned the closer working relationship with Darley Dale Town Council - it now has direct representation on the committee. I also stressed the need to raise funds, particularly for this celebration year.

I was elected to serve another year as chairman as were the vice-chairman Sandy Doyles, secretary Bill Jameson, treasurer Ruth Shooter and committee members Mags Robinson, Jane Mounsey, Tracy and Rob Annable.



County Councillor Mike Longden presents a cheque to chairman of Darley Dale Twinning Association Kevin Senior together with vice-chair Sandy Doyles and secretary Bill Jameson.