

You do not need to speak French to join the Twinning Association.

Our members come from the Parish of Alveston and surrounding villages and are for all ages. To experience the generosity and welcome of our French friends we would like to invite you to join the Alveston Twinning Association. The annual membership enables you to join in the fun we have in England, as well as experiencing an exciting and different culture in France.



French/English football game



It is always wonderful to welcome friends.

How do I keep up to date with the Twinning events?

We have a bi-monthly news letter, which is e-mailed or sent to each household. We also have a notice board at the side of the Post Office in Alveston. The Parish has a web site www.alveston.org this has a Twinning page and is kept up to date. If you are interested please contact anyone mentioned on the web site or notice board.



“GOODBYE, see you next year, Au revoir, l’année prochaine



ALVESTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Charter was signed in 1987 to promote friendship, and a community spirit in Alveston and its surrounding area, and to link with Courville sur Eure in France, our chosen twin town.

Courville is a small market town at the centre of a “canton” of 18 smaller communities, with a total population of 12,000 people. It lies at the border of the grain growing Beauce region and on the edge of the wooded region of the Perche.

Courville is situated about 20km west of Chartres and 100km south west of Paris. It is closely linked with the River Eure which gives its name to the Department in which Courville is situated, the Eure et Loir.



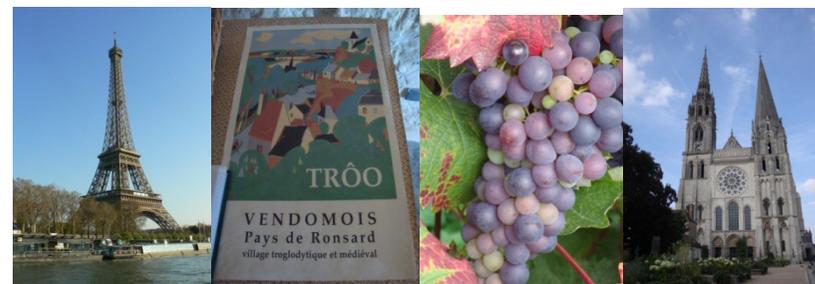
Alveston Twinning Association is self-fundraising and holds a programme of events throughout the year. These can include progressive supper, wine tasting evening, whist drive, skittles, BBQ, summer picnic and a general knowledge quiz. All of these are very popular.



The money we raise is used to entertain our French guests when they visit Alveston. This means that the English family does not have to pay for their guests when we arrange major events. When we visit France we do not pay for the outings and group entertainment.

We have a very important function, in attracting new members which ensures the Association continues. We have had exchanges with sports and music clubs in Courville and students from Marlwood and St. Helen's Schools have communicated with students in Courville. We hope to stimulate this link into the future.

We wish to involve our members and to meet all year round. So this not only includes events already mentioned, but also we have a Bridge Group, Walking Group and Caravan and Camping Section for those who are interested in any of these.



Paris Troglodyte Village Parties! Chartres Cathedral

EXCHANGE VISITS.

Each village visits the other ever two years. Around 60 members travel to Courville from Alveston and vice versa for a 4 day visit. Over the years we have been taken to Paris, Versailles, to the Loire for wine tasting, to Epernay for Champagne tasting, a Troglodyte village and we have even been to a medieval castle being built today!!! We are entertained with fabulous meals, parties or a dance.

Some members include the exchange at the beginning or the end of their own holiday in France. Others will travel by coach which the Association organises.



Buckingham Palace Warwick Castle. West Somerset Railway Cardiff Bay

Alternate years we entertain our friends in a similar way, trips to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Warwick Castle, Cardiff Bay, Longleat, Stratford-on-Avon and one year we chartered a steam train from Bishop's Lydeard to Minehead. In the evenings we have had parties, folk dancing, Casino night and skittles to name just a few.