

VILLAGERS will be bringing out their French dictionaries and polishing their 'franglais' as Raglan prepares to welcome the first group visit from its twin village of Parcé-sur-Sarthe in the Loire region of France.

More than 50 individuals representing all aspects of village life in Parcé will be arriving including the mayor and deputy mayor, heads of sports clubs, village festivals, local history, amateur dramatics and farming societies.

A full agenda has been prepared by Raglan Twinning Association including a visit to a local farm, and the planting of a 'friendship tree' by the Mayor of Parcé, the chairman of Raglan Community Council and representatives of Raglan School's eco committee.

There will also be a welcome lunch at Raglan Parc Golf club, a guided tour of the village and a trip to see a male voice choir at Raglan Castle.

Charles Fountain, the chairman of Raglan

Twinning Association, said: "All of Raglan are thoroughly looking forward to meeting our visitors from Parcé and we see this as a great opportunity for creating strong bonds between individuals, sports and social clubs, businesses and local government.

"We are particularly looking forward to seeing a group of top musicians from Parcé, who will be performing on the Saturday as part of Raglan Music Festival with the aim of establishing clos-

er links between musicians in the Loire region and Monmouthshire."

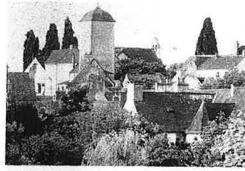
Raglan Twinning Association are grateful to all the families who are hosting our visitors as well as to Raglan Community Council, Raglan Golf Club, Raglan Music Festival and the New

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Grove Trust for their support for the visit.

Plans are already in place for a return visit from Raglan to Parcé at the end of August.

Anyone from Raglan interested in visiting the stunning village of Parcé (picture below) is encouraged to email raglantwinning@googlemail.com or call 01291690420.







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Real Radio presenter Jason Har helped by manager Pam Lloyd, you

A SCHEME set up to help families in 1 mouthshire was launched at Bridges Comm ty Centre last Friday (3rd June).

Home-Start Monmouthshire was launche Real Radio presenter Jason Harold with the of some of the children who will be using the vice.

The DJ told onlookers: "It is lovely to be I for the launch of something that is really spe "I wish Home-Start and all the people her the very best."

Manager Pam Lloyd had earlier welco guests, thanking all those who had helped to the project up and running.

"I am really looking forward to working v families in Monmouthshire," she said.

John Waters, chair of the Monmouths Home-Start trustees, said it had been a l journey for those involved right at the start.

"Two years ago we felt a bit despondent thanks to the persistence of certain people

are here, and we have £250,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to run the scheme over three years," he said.

"There are eight vol-

