

twinning history

FRAMED copies of the front pages of the Kentish Express reporting the official twinning ceremonies were presented by Mayor Allen Wells to his German and French counterparts.

Watched by fellow councillors George Koowaree and Jane Marriott at a ceremony in the Ashford Salon he handed over the special mementoes. Burgomeister Achim Badorf received a copy of the report and pictures of the original ceremony in 1964, and French Mayor Jacques Faucheux the coverage of the official twinning with Fougères in 1984.

It was held in the room in the council's main spa hotel packed with ancient and modern pictures of Ashford that was opened in 1989 by Mayor John Simpson as a public recognition of the twinning links.



LEFT: Kentish Express memories presented for public display in the German and French twin towns
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International beekeepers share a taste for honey



Beekeepers marked more than 30 years of association through twin town links with a joint display

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A QUARTET of Ashford Beekeepers linked with their German twins to stage an exhibition of their cross channel skills in honey production.

The Ashford delegation was led by Monika Mann who was joined by Chris Young, Trevor Atkins and Harry Kendall.

Both equipment and the end products of the hobby that is common in both the Garden of England and the rural countryside of the gentle Eifel region, drew great interest.

The clubs have been links and taking part in exchanges now for 32 years and their show was staged in the historic council chamber in the ancient red painted Town Hall in the centre of Munstereifel where the official twinning agreement was signed with much pomp and ceremony in 1964.