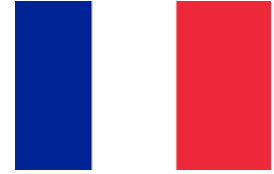


SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020



AGM - Our AGM took place on Friday 28th February and was attended by 12 existing members and one new member. The Mayor and President reported on the success of the Brionne visit in September acknowledging the contributions of The Community Choir, Pallida Choir, Ukulele band, Shaftesbury School and Brionne Orchestra members who made The Saturday night concert such a memorable event. The Chairman outlined his post Brexit plans to renew his commitment to Town Twinning and lead a membership recruitment drive and plans to involve more of our outlying villages. The Treasurer reported a successful year with a surplus of £1188 recorded. In addition to membership fees, we raised £1058 from fund raising events and received a welcome grant from Shaftesbury Town Council. The year end balance of £4156 leaves us in good stead for this years' events and the 40th Anniversary of Twinning with Lindlar in 2021. The same Committee was proposed and re-elected with addition of Antonia Eastman. The evening closed with a "Pot Luck" buffet supper and was enjoyed by all.

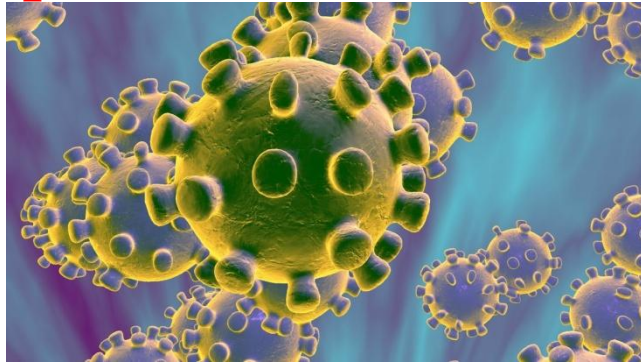
Corona Virus – The Brexit Transition period that commenced in January has been overshadowed by the global spread of this virus. We remain committed to Twinning events both at home and in France or Germany, but sadly The Lindlar visit has now been cancelled. We will follow the NHS and Government guidelines on both travelling abroad and local events. The visit to Brionne in September is still on the Agenda and we will keep you posted of any changes. We wish you all good health both at home and in Europe.

Quiz Night – Our first event of the year with our Chairman Simon as quizmaster. 35 attended making up seven teams. The winners were a guest team from Sturminster Newton. Thanks again to Roy & Christine for feeding us with a delicious Chilli con Carne, salads and desserts. The evening raised £331.41 Nett profit including the raffle.

Membership of Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association is open to anyone remains unchanged at just £6 a year individual and £10 family. There is no requirement to speak either French or German and throughout the year a programme of social events is organised. Please contact Roy Mitchell, Treasurer on 01747 858219 or roymitchell153@btinternet.com. for further information

Lindlar Visit to Shaftesbury - 30th April to 4th May 2020.

Postponed due Corona Virus



We were preparing to receive 23 guests from Lindlar including five fire fighters. The programme included a social evening with hosts at The Shaftesbury Sports Bar, a free day with hosts, a trip to The Mary Rose and historic dockyards, Shaftesbury Festival & Cheese races on Gold Hill, Old Fonthill Abbey woods & lake open day, Shaftesbury Town Silver Band at The Royal Chase followed by Formal evening with Dinner and speeches.

Alas the Corona virus is now a pandemic disease and is affecting our daily routines and plans. We wish all our members, friends and families in the UK, France, Germany and worldwide the best of health.

We are looking forward to resuming full twinning exchanges at the earliest opportunity. 2021 will be the 40th anniversary of Twinning with Lindlar.

Website – For copies of the Newsletter, forthcoming events and Photo Gallery, check us out on www.shaftesburytwinning.org.uk

Boules – Our season will soon be starting again in April. We have eight regular players with others in the pipeline. We will be entering at least one team in The Keystone Petanque League again this year and usually play on Wednesday evening, 6.30pm, at the Shaftesbury Sports Bar in Coppice Street. Contact William Moore whsmoore@talktalk.net

Brionne Visit - 11th to 13th September 2020 is the proposed date for a visit to Brionne joined by some members of the Community Choir and Ukulele band. Arrangements are in the early stages but we would be grateful if anyone interested would complete the attached booking form and return it to us with a £25 deposit by the end of April. We have to pay a deposit for the ferry booking by the 10th April and the balance by 11th June. The total cost of travelling is estimated at £100 per person.

2020	Diary of Events
6th April	Committee meeting
30th April to 4 th May	Lindlar visit Postponed due to Corona virus
8th May	VE day Anniversary events
June	
5th July	Gold Hill Fair & Shaftesbury Fringe
August	Summer Holidays
September	Visit to Brionne with community Choir & Ukulele band
October	
November	
December	

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