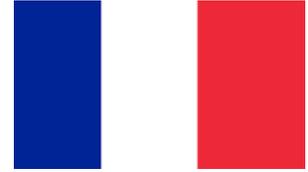


SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER JULY 2022



Chairman's Message. Our Twinning weekend with our friends from Lindlar was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all. It simply couldn't have happened without all the hard work and time that members of the committee and sundry other helpers put into the planning and preparation for it. Now we are looking forward to our visit to Brionne in September, with the added pleasure of some reciprocal music and songs being performed by musicians and singers from both our towns. More on that later... In the meantime, we hope to see as many of you as possible at one (or more!) of our activities planned for this summer.

Helen English



Lindlar Visit to Shaftesbury 2022. – 40th Anniversary Weekend. Our Guests arrived Thursday evening after 14 hour journey from Lindlar. The first evening was spent with Hosts before a variety of trips and visits on Friday including Somerset Cider Brandy; Montacute House; Bath; Salisbury; Wardour Castle and of course Shaftesbury. On Friday evening, a little too warm for skittles, we held a social evening at The Shaston Social Club with Fish and Chips for 47.

Saturday, was the group trip to The Mary Rose exhibition followed by lunch and time to explore the rest of The Historic Dockyards and view some of the other exhibitions such as The Victory and associated gallery, HMS M33, HMS Warrior and the many boatsheds. The evening was again spent with hosts, at home or out on the town.

After a later start Sunday, we enjoyed a town walk from The Town Hall via Park Walk to The Westminster memorial garden where we were met by Julian Prichard who gave a Talk on the history of the hospital, current use, The gardens, The work of The Friends and the new property acquisitions providing accommodation for the mental health team. The walk then descended through St James Street Park and along to the Millennium Garden, then on to The Shaftesbury Home Grown Community Farm. Helen & Antonia hosted the group and told them of the Farm's history and plans for growth. The fruit trees donated by Lindlar in 2018 continue to thrive here. After tea and cake, we dispersed back into the town for the afternoon.



At 6.30 we met at the Town Hall for celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Twinning with Lindlar. This is Alfred interviewed a number of guests before our MC called us to order for a photo shoot followed by the evening meal. We were joined by Colin Howes & Roger Booth, Mayor and Deputy at the signing of the twinning agreement, who shared with us reminiscences of the 1980's twinning. We were also joined by Derek Beer, past Mayor, Town councillor & Current Dorset Councillor; David Lloyd, Chair of Gillingham Twinning; Joe Rose, Chair of Sturminster Newton Twinning.

Our MC, Explorer scout leader, Lionel Boyle, did an excellent job keeping us all in order with the able assistance of Sarah and four explorer scouts who served and cleared tables. A collection was made towards the funds required for two of the scouts to visit The Jamboree in South Korea next year.

The Rose Bowl is traditionally awarded every year by The Chairman to a member of Town Twinning who has given "beyond the call of duty" that year or over a period of years to the Twinning cause. Previous Chairman Simon Pritchard nominated this recipient in February 2020, but with the pandemic cancelling all activities for two years presentation could not take place. Immediate Past Chairman Clare Huxley corroborated that choice and therefore not only is the Rose Bowl crossing the channel for the first time, the recipient is also the only person to hold the trophy two years in succession. Congratulations go to Beate Hoeller on being awarded the Rose Bowl and we will be over to Lindlar in 2023 to collect it.



The attendance for the dinner was 54 and congratulations must be given to the committee members for preparing the hall and meal. Particular thanks go to Christine Mitchell who worked tirelessly Saturday and Sunday to ensure that we were all well fed.

The evening will go down in history as one to remember as the room was filled with chatter and laughter from start to finish. The tables and decoration were good, as was the wine donated by Lindlar, the food was spot on with desserts from the community farm and an anniversary cake. Best of all was the company with friends of Twinning.

It only remains to thank all those who supported us over the weekend and especially Sunday night:- Shaftesbury Town Council and their team for decorating the Town Hall with flags, Shaston Social for Friday evening, The Golden Fish for Friday supper, Julian Prichard for the hospital talk, Shaftesbury Home Grown for the tea, cake and fruit, Johnsons for the table linen, Mounters Gin for the gifts, Elizabeth Hazelwood for the sketch books and framed watercolours to commemorate the 40th Anniversary, Gail Potter for the anniversary cake, Klaus Wopfner for the photographs, and of course All our guests for being there and giving us a good excuse to celebrate. We have been overwhelmed by the compliments from you all over the weekend arrangements and activities.

Brionne visit - 23rd to 25th September. We are joined this year by Karen Wimhurst and the Community Choir who are working with Frédéric Marquer in Brionne and their Twinning Team to put together a musical weekend for the visit with the Saturday at Chateau Beaumesnil www.chateaubeaumesnil.com/fr and The 1001 vegetables Festival. www.1001legumes.com/category/evenements We would like to take a good number of members from Shaftesbury, but need your commitment by the 23rd July to secure the Ferry & Coach booking. Please complete and return the booking form below asap.

Boules – The New Piste at Cockrams has now been built. We continue to play on a Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings and would welcome anyone who would like to join in. Contact whsm@tiscali.co.uk for updates on games.

We are halfway through the Keystone Petanque League matches having won 4 of 5, a bit better than we normally fair, but plenty of time yet to get it wrong. The Keystone Petanque League Finals day will be held on Sunday 4th September at Cockrams, Shaftesbury at 11am with Bar and BBQ. All welcome, rsvp to whsmoore@talktalk.net www.keystonepetanque.co.uk

Summer Fundraising BBQ – Saturday 30th July 5 pm at 2 Heathfields Way - £10 for food (please bring your own drinks). Please advise Roy or Christine Mitchell by 24th July if you wish to attend and if you have any dietary requirements (Tel 01747 858219) or email roymitchell53@btinternet.com

2022 Diary of events	
22 nd – 24 th July	Shaftesbury Fringe
30th July	STTA Summer Barbecue, 5pm at Heathfields, Shaftesbury
17 th August	Shaftesbury & Gillingham Show
23rd -25th September	STTA Visit to Brionne
September	STTA Bingo Night
1 st October	Shaftesbury Carnival
28 th November	Shaftesbury Late Night Shopping
18 th December	Shaftesbury Christmas Fair

Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association - Visit to Brionne 23rd to 25th Sept 2022
Booking Form

Name		DoB
Name		DoB
Address		
Postcode		
Phone No	Mobile No	E Mail
Personal – Dietary requirements or allergies		
Other allergies or requests – No animals, smoke free, etc		
Friends or previous hosts		
<p>Please note participants will need a valid passport issued less than 10 years beforehand and valid for at least 3 months after the return date. Participants should also arrange their own travel insurance.</p>		
<p>The Cost will be £150 per person (£100 for schoolchildren) and full payment is required by July 23rd in order to secure our ferry booking</p> <p>Please return payment with this form with cheque payable to Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association and forward to Roy Mitchell, 2 Heathfields Way, Shaftesbury SP7 9JZ. Tel 01747 858219 email roymitchell53@btinternet.com</p> <p>Alternatively online payments to Lloyds Bank - Sort Code 30-93-45 - Account no. 01328833 - Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association & confirm to Roy</p>		
<p><u>Travel Information</u> - The weekend programme is work in progress with our Brionne hosts and a full itinerary will be available before departure.</p> <p>Friday Sept 23rd - Coach Departs Shaftesbury Car Park on Coppice Street at 05:45 and takes us to Poole to catch the 0830 Brittany Ferries sailing to Cherbourg. We expect to arrive in Cherbourg around 14:00 (French time). We continue on the coach to Brionne and arrive at approximately 17:00, when we will spend the evening with our hosts.</p> <p>Saturday Sept 24th We have a day trip to the Chateau Beaumesnil where they have The Festival of 1001 Vegetables (!) There are opportunities to give an impromptu performance during the day at the festival. There will be a big sit down meal for us all there as well. In the evening, The Choir will give a formal concert in the church with the French jazz band and a children's choir.</p> <p>Sunday Sept 25th, Brionne has a market that we will visit. The Choir will have an opportunity to perform there also. We depart shortly after lunch and catch the 1815 ferry from Cherbourg to Poole arriving 21:45, returning to Shaftesbury for approximately 23:00</p> <p>https://www.chateaubeaumesnil.com/fr www.1001legumes.com/category/evenements</p>		