SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2022

Merry Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year to all our members, friends, and residents of Shaftesbury, Brionne and Lindlar. Attached is a selection of the illuminations throughout the town funded and displayed by residents of the Town.

An eventful year, adapting to life with Covid, with Helen English elected Chair person at the AGM in February. Cllr Piers Morgan elected Mayor in May.





The next major event of the Year was the visit from Lindlar to us in June. The weekend included local visits with hosts, Fish & Chip evening at The Shaston Social, a trip to The Mary Rose & Portsmouth Historic Dockyards, a Sunday Town Walk culminating in a 40th Anniversary Dinner with speakers at The Town Hall in the evening. A most enjoyable weekend with reminiscences of the past years. The Rose Bowl was awarded to Beate Holler and for the time will spend the year in Germany.

The Boules piste was relocated to The rear of The Youth Club and our players continued to play weekly throughout the summer. The Keystone Petanque League continues to thrive with 12 active teams and we played two extra matches against Stalbridge. Jan & Martin won the Doubles knockout. The Finals day was hosted at Shaftesbury this year.



The summer BBQ was kindly hosted by Chris & Roy, proving as ever popular to the members who attended, raising £122 towards funds.

The visit to Brionne in September was another highlight of the year, accompanied by Karen's Palida Choir, we were serenaded on the ferry, on the coach, at the festival des legumes and at the Chateaux Beaumesnil. The highlight being the concert in the Eglise Saint-Martin with The Brionne junior orchestra and The Palida choir.



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The year culminated in a French Film evening at The Sturminster Exchange, A Halloween Quiz evening at The RBL Hall and a Pre-December Sunday Lunch without Turkey & Tinsel at The RBL, raising valued funds towards hosting our Twinning Exchanges. **Membership** of Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association is open to anyone and costs 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, on 01747 858219 for further information. roymitchell53@btinternet.com





AGM - February 24th 2023

Visit to Lindlar - 28th April to 2nd May (booking form attached)

Shaftesbury visit Brionne for 50th Anniversary in Autumn

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