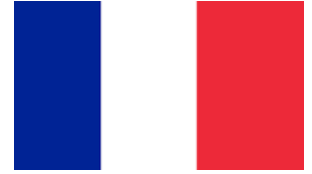


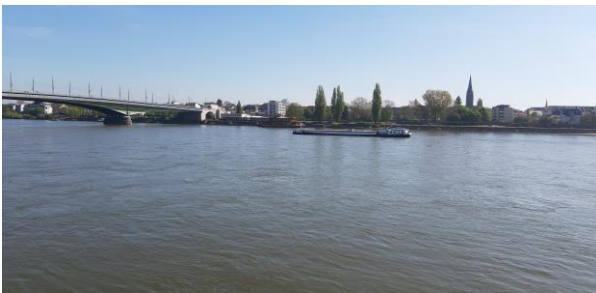
SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



Lindlar visit - 28th April to 2nd May. A group of 17 travelled by coach and ferry to Lindlar arriving at about 20:30 to a warm welcome and evening meal with our hosts. The first day was spent on separate visits with our hosts visiting a wide range of Towns, cities and attractions. The 2nd day a Rhine cruise, lunch at Konigswinter and a guided walk of Bonn. Sunday was spent with hosts before a guided walk around Lindlar culminating in a great evening and celebration at [Die TENNE LINDLAR \(tenne-lindlar.de\)](http://DieTENNELINDLAR.tenne-lindlar.de) restaurant. Our second visit to Europe with Lina (driver) and we wish her well in the future. She made the 14 hour journey feel like 8 and we were home by 18:30 on the Tuesday. Below are some comments from our travellers.



“It was a very successful and happy weekend, but for me the highlight was meeting up again on the Saturday with Ute, my host on my first visit to Lindlar, who joined us for the lovely boat trip on the Rhine. We had a good catch up.”

“A few lines to thank you and your Committee for making us 3 so welcome. In my case, the family of Eva and Holger were absolutely wonderful to be with, a very united family and so thoughtful in every way. It will be a hard act to follow if they come to stay here!

“The programme organised for us was a perfect mix, not too strenuous and really interesting. The weather on the Bonn day was the ‘icing on the cake’ as it were, seeing the Rhine and Bonn in sunshine. Our driver was excellent, despite looking like a schoolgirl! “

“Two of the daughters of the founder of our twinning with Lindlar, Alo Hoeller (Elisabeth and Gabi) came to our festivities on Monday evening. Elisabeth said it was so nice to meet and talk to everyone. It was a great atmosphere and people were so friendly. Also, it was good to see some young people in attendance. All in all it was a very memorable occasion for them.”

“Some thoughts from the weekend. I felt really well entertained and looked after during my time on the twinning trip. From the Max Ernst Museum through a cruise on the Rhine to sea shanties to round off the weekend. With regard to the present. My father, Jack Hayward, made the little blue cart from a plan and he cut all the pieces of timber himself. The gypsy wagon was made by my husband, Graham, and that too came from a plan and all pieces were individually cut out including the wheels. It really was a labour of love for both of them. It pleases me very much that there is a memory of them in Lindlar as they were both very fond of the town and we have hosted many people including school children over the years. My father stayed two times with Renate and Burghardt Haberzeth and Graham with Egon and Jutta Reissig (our first family) and then with Hugo and Hildegard Rausch in Waldbruch.

On the Sunday morning we were taking a walk in Linde with the dog. A man came towards us on a bicycle. It was Irvine. He came to Shaftesbury on the first visit and we exchanged memories, including the fact that they brought a Mai baum in the coach and we had music and dancing. It was wonderful.

A little further along the road we came upon a couple and that was Andrea and Josie Pinner and so we also exchanged memories. How amazing is that ? What a coincidence. So much fun and friendship, looking forward to returning the hospitality.”

“On May 1st sixteen twinnings and our coach driver sat down with our German friends to a delicious dinner celebrating 40 years of twinning with Lindlar . Very few of the 16 could speak more than a few words of German but an observer would never have guessed that people of two different nations were sat around the tables, such was the joy and laughter communicated that night in stories from the past and plans for the future.”

“With delays of up to 14 hours at Dover at Easter we were prepared for potential disruption as we travelled to Lindlar on the Friday before the May Day Bank Holiday, so we ensured supplies of water, tea, coffee, biscuits, sweets and fruit were available on the coach Total delay -14 minutes.....

Back in Dover it was time to fill up the coach with diesel . We watched as the digital display on the pump recorded increasing fuel being supplied - until the tank was full . Total cost - £532-61I won't moan about the cost of filling up a car again.....”

“Our first TT visit was a joyful time, everyone was so friendly & welcoming & we feel our hosts, Stephan & Astrid, are now friends for life”

Boules – Practice got underway at the end of March and we are usually out Wednesdays 18:30 or Sundays 10:30. All are welcome to come along for a game or play at their leisure any time. The Boules piste is there for the whole town to use.

The local league is [Nadder and Stour Pétanque League Table](#) and is sponsored by the Stone Daisy Brewery with 16 active teams in the league. We got off to a slow start this year, but managed to Pick up the “Gillingham in Gear” triples trophy this year.

Summer BBQ - Saturday 8th July 5 pm at 2 Heathfields Way - £12 pp (please bring your own drinks & chair). RSVP to Roy or Christine Mitchell by 30th June if you wish to attend and if you have any dietary requirements (Tel 01747 858219) or roymitchell53@btinternet.com

Autumn Quiz – Friday 15th September, 7pm at RBL. Renowned Local quizmaster. £8 per head including light buffet. Bring your own Beverage. Raffle and Prizes like would never believe

Brionne visit - 27th to 29th October

Friday with hosts followed by anniversary Dinner at Town Hall

Saturday group visits and evening concert with Brionne orchestra and Pallida Choir

Sunday meet early and depart

Pre-December Lunch - 26th November, 12:30 at the RBL, coppice Street

New Years Bingo – Friday_.... January. Eyes down 7.30. Caller Cllr Tim Cook. Buffet. Raffle.

2023 Forthcoming events

1 st July	Gold Hill Festival – Saturday 5pm to 10pm music in the
2 nd July	Gold Hill Festival, Dog Show and music at Barton Hill
8th July	Summer Barbecue, 4pm at Heathfields, Shaftesbury
9 th July	Shaftesbury Festival
21 st to 23 rd July	Shaftesbury Fringe festival
30 th July	Ray Humphries classic car show
15th September	Autumn quiz with light buffet
30 th September	Shaftesbury Carnival
26th November	Winter Lunch at Royal British Legion
January	STTA Bingo Night

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Saturday 8th July, 4pm

Heathfields Way, Shaftesbury

**RSVP by 2nd July to Roy Mitchell 01747 858219
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Cost £12 per person with a glass on arrival.
Bring a Bottle & Chair