

Shaftesbury Town



Twinning Association

Autumn 2016 Newsletter

Recent Events

Gold Hill Fair 3rd July 2016

The Twinning Association took a stand at Gold Hill Fair on July 3rd and offered a lucky dip stall where, for the consideration of a pound, participants could select from a range of wrapped goods, with no knowledge of the content: so we had highly satisfied customers selecting a box of chocolates and a rather less happy visitor winning a Bros CD.

Apart from raising the profile of the organisation we were able to return a net surplus of £129 and are already planning next year's event. We will be looking for prizes early in the new year so if you receive any unwanted or surplus Christmas presents please put them to one side as potential prizes for Gold Hill Fair 2017!

Community groups and organisations which participated in the Fair's opening parade were able to enter a draw and potentially win £100. Our chairman, Clare Huxley, took part and proved to be one of the lucky winners, resulting in a further £100 being received by the Association.

Thanks go to all members and friends who supported the fair.

End of Summer Barbecue 3rd September 2016

Although we have had some warm and sunny days during the summer we were unfortunate that when we held our barbecue on Sept 3rd the rain returned with a vengeance. Nevertheless, owing to sterling work by William Moore in erecting three gazebos in the garden at Old Boundary Road, members and friends were able to enjoy an excellent meal largely protected from the rain and wind.

Thanks must go to all who helped with the catering, especially William Moore and Tim Cook who cooked the delicious range of meats, to Connie Brockway, Eva Calabrini, Christine Mitchell and Sarah Hunt for provision of salads and sweets and of course to Clare Huxley for hosting the Barbecue in her garden.

Although the poor weather affected the numbers able to attend we still raised £83 for Association funds.

STTA Boules 2016

The pitch, untended over the winter fortunately had few weeds to clear in the spring. The Rotten timber benches have been repaired thanks to a donation of timber from Leo Williams. Whilst in France, Clare found a name plaque that was a must. With the acquisition of callipers and home-made hoops we were fully equipped to do battle.



In preparation for the League matches the Shaftesbury members held regular informal practice sessions on Wednesday evenings and some Sundays. We will continue to play into the Autumn and anyone is welcome to join us for a game. Please let us know if you wish to be on the circulation list. whsmoore@talktalk.net (01747 855790)

The Keystone Petanque League, organised by Nick Brown gained five new teams from Tisbury FC, White Lion and The Ox. A draw was taken to form two leagues, Bedrock & Large One and the season can be followed on the website.

www.keystonepetanque.co.uk/leaguetable.php

As with the improving popularity of the league, we also gained some additional players who assisted in maintaining a respectable game on occasions.

Statistically, our team played better than last year probably as a result of the more frequent practice sessions, rather than the post-game refreshments from the re-opened Football Club Sports Bar.

The BBQ and Finals took place at Tisbury Football Club on Sunday 18th September 2016.

The Kings Arms hosted a Boules Tournament at the end of July with twelve pairs competing. Our Chairman Clare with William's assistance won all three games in the first round heats to go through to the Three Way Final. Alas, they were no match for the winners from Semley and the runners up from Sherborne.

SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING

SKITTLES

Friday 18th November, 7:30 pm
at Shaftesbury Football Club

£8 per person including
Ploughman's & Dessert

Book your place by 11th Nov.
Contact Roy Mitchell 01747 858219
treasurer@shaftesburytwinning.org.uk

*Prizes for Top Lady & Top Man
Raffle for Twinning Funds*

Twinning visit to Lindlar Thu 15th to Mon 19th June 2017

Please would all members who wish to join us on the twinning visit to Lindlar next year make a note of the date in your diaries. It would be extremely helpful to let the chairman or treasurer know of your intention to go on the trip sooner rather than later so travel plans can be arranged in good time. Contact details below.

French and German language classes

If anyone is interested in brushing up their German or French skills then there are weekly classes available in Gillingham, offered by experienced language tutor Marilyn Morris at her home.

French	Mondays 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
German	Tuesdays 9:30 am to 10:30 am

The emphasis is on speaking and understanding the language and even for those with knowledge of just a few words the experience can be most rewarding as the classes are tailored to suit the skills of those in the group.

Each session costs £10 and attendance is on a 'Pay as you go' basis; there's no commitment to go each week or long term contract.

For further information please contact Marilyn direct on 01747 228416 and if you want to know how the German classes are developing then contact Roy Mitchell on 01747 858219 as he's one of a number of members who went to Lindlar last year and who are now attending the sessions.

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