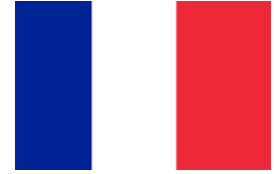


# SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019



### AGM & QUIZ NIGHT

The AGM passed quickly and must be one of the shortest on record, the minutes of which are available on request. The Chairman reported on the years activities and thanked The Committee, members, hosts and visitors for their continued support. The Treasurer reported a surplus for the year of £444. The election of officers, mainly unchanged, welcomed William Moore as Secretary and Helen English to the committee. The Rose Bowl was awarded to Connie Brockway, a previous holder of the trophy in 1989, 1993 and 2006. The meeting Closed at 7:24pm, before moving onto a buffet prepared by Christine and the Quiz.

Thanks to Mark Mikurenda, The Quizmaster, for another challenging evening for the six teams present. As always the varied range of questions for all ages, over so many subjects and across the world, brought out some competitive marking and challenges for the teams. The winners on the night were “The Boyle-less” team captained by Vice Chair, Clare Huxley (despite the prolonged effects of anaesthetic). We were pleased to welcome a number of guest players and teams and raised a net profit of £69 to the Twinning coffers. A great evening was enjoyed by all and we look forward to the next.

**Cheese & Wine** – On Saturday, 9 March we held a cheese and wine tasting at the Royal British Legion Hall. Mr Joseph Pestell of Melbury Vale Winery opened the evening by advising that because we all have a different DNA, so too our palate and therefore it is quite acceptable for people to drink whatever they like. Years ago it was frowned upon if you had white wine with cheese instead of either port or red wine.

During the evening we had a selection of nine cheeses and with Joseph’s suggestions were able to sample both white and red wines that would complement each particular cheese. He also provided a sample of a Belgian dark beer, Leffe as that is also becoming a popular drink with cheese.



The cheeses, chosen by Simon, were all available locally from Tesco. Joseph was then given the task of choosing the wine to accompany them:-

1. Gruyere (Switzerland). Melbury Vale Elegance (Bacchus) Dry White, Dorset UK
2. Cambozola (Germany). Melbury Vale Elegance, Dorset UK
3. Goats Cheese (Somerset) (hard). Melbury Vale Exuberance (Triomphe) Dry Red, Dorset UK
4. Manchego (Spain). Tawny Port, Symington's, Portugal
5. Quicques Cheddar (UK). Kourtaki, Sweet Red, Greece
6. Coastal Cheddar (UK). Leffe Brune, Belgium ( a beer of course, not a wine)
7. Roquefort (France). Moscatel de Valencia , sweet white, Spain (I wanted Sauternes, but none available)
8. White Stilton with Ginger & Apricot (UK), Melbury Vale Midnight, fortified and flavoured red, Dorset UK.

A Grateful thanks to Mr Pestell ([www.mvwinery.co.uk](http://www.mvwinery.co.uk)) and all of our members who kindly supported this event and made it a very interesting and enjoyable evening, raising £100 for the Twinning pot.

## **Forthcoming Events**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** 12/12.30 Informal pre-Lindlar lunch at The Kings Arms, East Stour – Brexit Menu – All welcome rsvp to [cjuhuxley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cjuhuxley@tiscali.co.uk)

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>** – Twinning visit to Lindlar via coach & Eurotunnel - contact Clare Huxley on [cjuhuxley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cjuhuxley@tiscali.co.uk) or 07710412371

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Annual BBQ at The Chairman's house

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Gold Hill Fair – Fund raising stall

**August** – Summer Holidays

**September 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** – Brionne visit Shaftesbury, 32 visitors – **More Hosts required** - contact Roy Mitchell 01747 858219 or [roymitchell53@btinternet.com](mailto:roymitchell53@btinternet.com)

**October** – tba

**November** – Skittles night

**December** – Late Night Shopping stall

**January** – Quiz Night

**February** – AGM

**Website** – For copies of the Newsletter, forthcoming events and Photo Gallery, check us out on [www.shaftesburytwinning.org.uk](http://www.shaftesburytwinning.org.uk)

**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, Secretary on 01747 858219 or [roymitchell53@btinternet.com](mailto:roymitchell53@btinternet.com). for further information.

**Boules** - Weeded, Raked and Mown, we are now ready for the 2019 season.

We have eight regular players and another half a dozen less frequent.

Please feel free to join us on a Wednesday 6.30pm evening behind the Football Club Bar in Coppice Street.



**Lindlar** 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June. We still have places available on the coach “last minute” bookings - Roy Mitchell on 01747 858219 or email [roymitchell53@btinternet.com](mailto:roymitchell53@btinternet.com)

The itinerary includes Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) – Lindt factory tour - Day with Hosts – Evening group meeting - walking tour – Evening group meal before we return on the Monday Morning

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