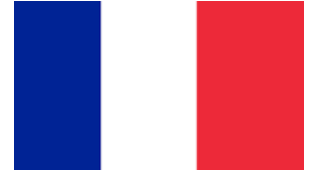


SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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Pre-Lindlar Lunch - 12 members met at The Kings Arms and dined out on the “Brexit” Menu. Ashley enjoyed his custard desert.

Boules – With eight regular players including one new member this year, we have been practising most Wednesday evenings since April at Coppice Street. If you would like to have a go please feel free to turn up 6pm on a Wednesday evening and join in, experience is not essential to play.

We have again joined The Keystone Petanque league and have enjoyed a little more success (albeit in the lower league).

Connie, Jan & Jon entered the annual triples competition at Iwerne Minster, playing on a grass piste and came away with The David Hicks Trophy.

The Kings Arms mixed triples tournament was won by Martin, Bruce and Tony.



Lindlar Visit 2019, 2nd to 6th May - Twenty one members boarded the coach at 7am on Thursday and travelled via the channel Tunnel, arriving in Lindlar at 8:30pm local time. We were warmly welcomed by our hosts as always and enjoyed the comfort of their homes for the first evening.



University Hospital at Aachen

On Friday, We visited Aachen by coach where a local guide boarded and we toured the outskirts of the City. Aachen is situated directly on the border with Belgium and the Netherlands. It is Germany’s most westerly city, with a population of 250,000.

More than 50,000 students attend Aachen’s four major colleges and universities (Rhineland-Westphalian Technical University [RWTH], University of Applied Sciences, Catholic University of Applied Sciences and Academy of Music.

We then enjoyed a guided tour of the Old City, Cathedral, Town Hall, Shops and Streets, finally stopping for lunch at the “Goldener Schwann”.

Charlemagne has left his mark throughout the city. The cathedral - the first monument in Germany to be included in the UNESCO Cultural Heritage list - and the gothic City Hall in which 32 German kings celebrated their coronations still form the heart of Aachen’s old city centre.



After lunch we visited the Lindt factory shop. Most of the party succumbed to the temptation and came away with a bag or two.

Friday evening and Saturday was spent with our hosts. Visits were varied and included Cologne, Schloss Augustusburg at Bruhl, Bergische Gladbach, Lindlar, Villa Huegel, near Essen and a ride on the 0-Bahn, the world’s first guided bus way.

On Saturday evening, we again spent time with our hosts and many of us found our way to the local craft brewery to witness the tapping of The Maibock (7%) Beer and the local band from Linde. We made every effort to represent the Twinning Group at the bar and were pleased to be able to support the local economy.....



Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast we made a brief visit to see the climbing wall, an innovative use of a redundant factory with a hall of climbing boulders and a hall of climbing walls. In the afternoon, many of us headed off into the scenic countryside for a 90 minute walk. We met back at a local restaurant for a three course Dinner where we were welcomed by Dr. Georg Ludwig – Bürgermeister für Lindlar. After the short speeches we returned to our host’s homes for the rest of the evening.

6am Monday morning we made our farewells at Shaftesbury Strasse and boarded the coach. We made good time and arrived back in Shaftesbury at 6pm.

Many thanks to our friends in Lindlar, who as always made us feel so welcome during our stay with them and who never fail to entertain us superbly.

Website – For previous Newsletters, events & photos www.shaftesburytwinning.org.uk

BBQ- Kindly hosted by Chairman Simon and Stephanie, we were blessed with good weather for a change and enjoyed a variety of marinated steaks, burgers and sausages with salads and sauces. Followed by some gorgeous desserts and Black Forest gâteau. To help pass the time we sampled Kolsch, wine and variety of drinks while trying our hand at coin tossing in the pool. We saved some food for Ashley & Hilary who were unable to make it for the start.

Gold Hill Fair - Many thanks to the members who were able to assist on the fund raising stall. After a little early drizzle the day was another glorious hot summer's day full of activity and people. The second outing for the new gazebo was far easier to handle and erect than the old one cobbled together with cable ties, bolts and wire.

The new gazebo and stall was adorned with flags and bunting. The exhibition boards and photographs updated. We introduced the Coin Toss this year in place of the usual Tombola and this proved popular with both children and adults. At 20p a go the object was to land the coin on a plate floating in the pool, which proved quite difficult and slightly addictive.



We raised a net profit exceeding more than double last year and are looking for other fetes and events where we may put out the Twinning stall again.

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. for further information

2019/20 Diary of Events

October	25 th	Bingo at the British Legion - Friday
November	22 nd	Skittles night at The Football Club Sports Bar - Friday
December	2 nd	Late Night Shopping
January	17th	Quiz night at The Football Club Sports Bar
February	28th	AGM – venue to be advised

BRIONNE VISIT TO SHAFTESBURY 2019

Friday 13th September

9:30 am	Arrival at Bell Street Car Park
10 am to 4pm	Day with hosts for family and tourist visits
5pm onwards 7.30pm	Shaftesbury Football Club Sports bar Boules, Croquet, Skittles – wet weather contingency indoor games night Fish & Chip supper

Saturday 14th September

10am onwards	Sturminster Cheese Festival https://www.cheesefestival.co.uk/
11am Noon	Sturminster Newton Mill tour (park in Cheese festival car park and cross footbridge) https://sturminsternewton-museum.co.uk/
	Afternoon with hosts
7.30	Evening Concert at St Peter's Church with David Grierson, Karen Wimhurst, Community Choir and French Musicians

Sunday 15th September

	Breakfast with Hosts
11am	Departure from Bell St Car Park

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