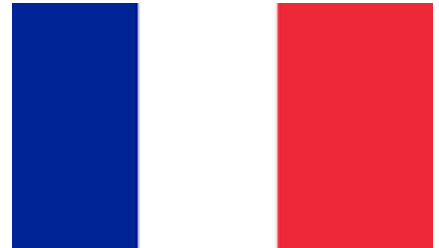


SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019



Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Stollen

at Late Night Shopping. Thanks to the members who turned out to man the stall and those who helped boost our proceeds. We had another successful evening with the Twinning stall in a prime position to view the Christmas lights illumination, Santa's Grotto, Shaftesbury Silver Town Band, Community Choir, singers and "Sorry about Shaun". Thanks once again to Cancer Research for assisting with the power supply. We raised a net profit of £208.12 towards Twinning funds.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for The New Year To our Friends in Brionne, Lindlar and Shaftesbury.

KEEP SECURE. STAY SAFE.



TOWN TWINNERS WELCOME BRIONNE VISITORS TO SHAFTESBURY

Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association recently enjoyed a very successful visit from their twin town of Brionne in Normandy, boosted by beautiful sunny weather. After a first day with their host families, the visitors joined in with games of Petanque and Croquet at the Football Club, followed by a Fish and Chip supper provided for everyone by the Association. The atmosphere was a very happy one, especially as this year there were young people from both sides of the Channel participating in the weekend.



The following day the group went to Sturminster Newton and did a tour of the Mill and looked round the Cheese Festival. Many of the French visitors were impressed by the British cheeses on display.

As an added bonus that evening, Shaftesbury choirmasters, Karen Wimhurst and David Grierson, had organised a splendid joint concert in a packed St. Peter's Church, featuring singers and musicians from both towns. The Shaftesbury Community Choir, the Ukulele Band and Palida performed, interspersed by contributions on the piano from three very talented Shaftesbury School pupils.

Following the interval, the audience was treated to a stirring series of tunes from the Brionne orchestra, conducted by their director, Frederic Marquer. Accompanied by the orchestra, Karen stepped in at the last minute to sing 'The Rose', made famous by Bette Midler, and later the two Shaftesbury choirs joined in with rousing renditions of 'Armstrong', a well-known French jazz song referring to Louis Armstrong, and 'I Will Follow Him', a song from the movie 'Sister Act'.



There was a standing ovation at the end as the audience showed their appreciation for all the work that had gone in to the making of music, by email and with only one rehearsal, in a spirit of joy and friendship between the two towns.



When it came time for the visitors to leave, they seemed very reluctant to climb aboard the coach and bid a final 'adieu'. There are already ideas afoot for a return visit to Brionne next year, which may well include another concert.

If you would like more information about the Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association, contact Roy Mitchell at roymitchell53@btinternet.com

Boule. On a hot summers Saturday, 7 of our players visited Parley Petanque club for a match and came second – 13 games to 2. The Parley Club have 48 members and six pistes, hence we were all fairly exhausted, whilst they fielded new players in several games. Thank you to Parley for being warm hosts and looking after us.

Keystone Petanque – Another fantastic sunny Sunday at Tisbury Football Club. Connie & Will were runners up in the Consolante Final. Barrie, Connie & Will claimed the Triples Knockout trophy on the day. Thanks to Keystone Brewery for sponsoring the League and Nick Browne for all his work organising the programme for the year.

Our season is over for another year, but if you are interested in playing contact William Moore whsmoore@talktalk.net 07930589660

Bingo Night – Friday 18th October at The Royal British Legion Hall. Thanks to the generosity of businesses in the town we had a selection of twenty prizes for the winners. With Mayor Tim Cook as caller, we played 10 rounds of Bingo with an interval for free tea & biscuits served by Connie & Clare. Attendance was lower than expected due to other events on the same night but was enjoyed by all those who attended and raised over £130 towards twinning funds.

Skittles – Alas due to colds, flu and other events the evening was cancelled

Website – For previous Newsletters, events & photos 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. for further information.

2019/20 Diary of Events

January	17th	Quiz night at The Football Club Sports Bar
February	28th	AGM at Town Hall, Council Chamber with speaker
March		To be advised
April	30 th	Lindlar visit to Shaftesbury

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