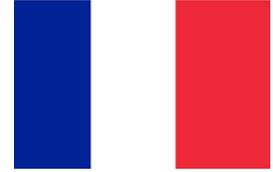


SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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SKITTLES NIGHT OCTOBER 26TH.

Although the skittles night took place during the half term period, and the number of participants was subsequently fewer than usual, a most enjoyable skittles evening was held at Shaftesbury Football Club, with a number of new members being particularly welcomed to their first social outing; indeed new members Jan and Martyn Lucas won the competition. An excellent buffet was provided by Connie Brockway and Christine Mitchell, with a small financial surplus added to Association funds

TWIN TOWN JOINT MEETING

In November representatives from Brionne, Lindlar and Shaftesbury met together in neutral territory (Blankenberge on the Belgian coast) to work out future plans for our continued partnership and how the proposed departure from the EU by the UK may impact on this.



It was discovered that there were a number of organisations in each community with similar interests who may well benefit from closer collaboration, but also acknowledged that there were difficulties in encouraging families to act as hosts and the general decline in European languages being offered at British schools created obstacles to Twinning.

Nevertheless it was felt that there is still sufficient enthusiasm to continue to develop the Twinning concept and the arrangements for Shaftesbury to Visit Lindlar from May 2nd to May 6th and for Brionne to visit Shaftesbury 13th to 15th September were confirmed.

The Representatives from Shaftesbury were committee members Connie Brockway, Tim Cook, Clare Huxley and Roy Mitchell, and thanks especially to Tim for driving us via Eurotunnel to Belgium.

Appreciation must also be given to Sven Engelmann from Lindlar for organising the weekend and so kindly hosting an excellent dinner in Ostend on the Saturday night.



Please note that no emissaries were harmed, starved, dehydrated or sunburnt during this Delegation on the Future of Twinning. ☺

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING – The Twinning Association ran a stall at this event on December 3rd selling Gluhwein, mince pies and stollen cake to the many visitors and towns people who came to see the Christmas lights and Father Christmas.

We also took the opportunity to share information about the Twinning events and hand out leaflets. We were pleased that the night was comparatively mild, and once the costs of supplies, alcohol licence and a donation to Cancer Research for use of electricity supply were deducted we still made a surplus of £181 for Association funds. Thanks must go to Connie Brockway, Tim Cook, Michael Hawkins, Clare Huxley, Roy Mitchell, William Moore and Simon Pritchard for getting the show on the road and also to Bernard Skam of ‘The Retreat’ who kindly provided the portable boiler enabling us to heat the brew to a nice warming temperature. Our Chairman highly recommends a drop of brandy to enhance the experience. ☺

Forthcoming Events

AGM & QUIZ NIGHT Friday 22nd February - There will be a change in format for the Annual General Meeting this year.

The venue is **Shaftesbury Football Club**, Coppice Street, Shaftesbury and **The AGM will start at 7pm**. A Nomination form for committee members and officers is attached to this Newsletter.

This will be followed by a light Buffet supper and then **The QUIZ at 8pm**. The Cost of entering the quiz will be £5 per person. Teams of 4 to 6 people are welcome, but Don't worry if you can't form a team as we'll sort one out on the night.

To assess the demand for food could those wishing to participate in the AGM and/or Quiz please advise Roy Mitchell by the 19th February roymitchell53@btinternet.com – tel 01747 858219. Please note you are welcome to attend AGM and/or Quiz and everyone will be invited to participate in the buffet.

Cheese & Wine – Friday 8th March 2019 - In association with Melbury Wines Shaftesbury Town Twinning will host a cheese and wine evening at Royal British Legion Club, Coppice Street, Shaftesbury. Commencing at 7.30pm. Joseph Pestell from will introduce a selection of wines and recommend cheeses to accompany them. The cost of the evening will be £10 per person and in order to assess numbers could reservations be made with Roy Mitchell - email roymitchell53@btinternet.com or tel 01747 858219 by February 26th please. Donations to Raffle welcome.

Twinning Exchanges

Shaftesbury visit to Lindlar, Germany - Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th May 2019

There are plenty of places available and the booking form is enclosed for those who may wish to receive more details and reserve places. Please contact Clare Huxley on cjhuxley@tiscali.co.uk or 07710412371

Brionne visit to Shaftesbury – Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September 2019. Could hosts please contact Roy Mitchell and let him know if they have room available to host our French guests. 01747 858219 or roymitchell53@btinternet.com

Website – For copies of the Newsletter, forthcoming events and Photo Gallery check us on 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.

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Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association
Visit to Lindlar 2nd to 6th May 2019
Booking Form

Name Date of Birth

Name..... Date of Birth.....

Name..... Date of Birth

Address

.....Postcode

Phone NoMobile No.....

E Mail

Personal – Have you any dietary requirements?

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Are you able to stay in a house that has pets or have any specific issues (e.g allergies) ?

You may wish to stay with someone you have hosted stayed with before.. or you know them! If so please give their name, address, and any contact info

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Cost of visit£195 per person- Non refundable Deposit £50 per person required by Jan 31st please.... Full amount 2 weeks before departure.

Cheques made payable to Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association and forwarded to Roy Mitchell, 2 Heathfields Way, Shaftesbury, Dorset tel 01747 858219 E mail roymitchell53@btinternet.com

Please note that participants will need a valid passport and should arrange their own travel insurance

