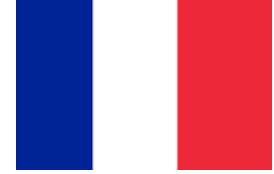


# SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



**AGM** - Our AGM was due to take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021, but as with all our committee and social meetings “Cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions”. Please find attached our Vice Chair’s and Treasurers report for the year.

**Chairmans report.** Our Chairman Simon Pritchard decided to stand down, but remains a member of Twinning. From a Twinning point of view it has been a very quiet year with little to report. Members have individually kept in contact with friends in Lindlar and Brionne, but there has been no meeting or events to arrange or attend. We wish you all well and hope that we can return to some normality later this year. Best wishes to our friends in Brionne and Lindlar also.

### **SHAFTESBURY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT Y/E 31 DEC 2020**

Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association recorded a surplus of £97 in what proved to be a very curtailed 2020 programme with all activities suspended from mid March owing to the Corona virus pandemic. Subscriptions, however, increased to £280-00 (2019-£266) whilst in January we held a very successful Quiz Night which recorded a surplus of £333,

Expenditure was in consequence restricted although we renewed our website domain covering 5 years. A deposit of £100 was paid to The Royal Chase Hotel for dinner with our German visitors from Lindlar in May 2020 and has been transferred to 2021 when we hope our friends from Germany will be able to visit us. We also benefitted from a discount on our insurance premium owing to reduced activities.

With interest rates declining – our deposit account with Lloyds TSB was earning 0.05% - Committee approved the opening of a Charity Account with the Bath Building Society through their local agency at Chaffers, Shaftesbury, by transferring £2000 from the Lloyds TSB account. The interest rate at the time of opening was 0.75% although in common with other accounts has declined since then.

Given that the Association has £4156 in the bank, and we have been unable to carry out any activities since March 2021, it is recommended that we do not charge any subscriptions for 2021.

Roy Mitchell Treasurer 15 03 21

**Corona Virus** – The vaccination programme is well underway and many of the over 50's have now had their first injection. There have been relatively few cases in the area, but never the less there has been some seriously ill people amongst them. We continue to be on full alert and observe the rules on social distancing as we follow the four stages to lift lockdown.

During the first lockdown Burgermeister George Ludwig of Lindlar very kindly made a donation to their twinned towns. This was donated via Shaftesbury Town Council to the Food Aid Support Project.



**Brexit** – It is difficult to determine the effects of Brexit as it has been upstaged by the Corona virus. The Government have provided this useful “Brexit Checker” <https://www.gov.uk/transition> - A tick box check to the legislation for anyone wishing to visit Europe or the UK.

**Membership** It was felt that since there had been no meetings or social events and the Twinning visits cancelled, that there should be a payment holiday for membership this Year. Old and New members are welcome to join us as soon as things resume and we are allowed to meet again. There will be no request for payment of Membership fees until February 2022. However, if you would like to donate to the Twinning funds please contact Roy Mitchell, Treasurer on 01747 858219 or roymitchell53@btinternet.com. for further information.

**Boules** – All league matches were cancelled last year, but after a summer singles and doubles knockout, we continued to play until lockdown in November. We hope to start playing again in groups of six after 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please phone or email the secretary if you would like to come and join us.

The Boules pitch is available to all to make use of at any time. The Football club proposal for an artificial grass pitch and improved parking facilities will mean that the boules pitch will be relocated.

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

**This is Alfred** - Daily news, information and stories online - <https://thisisalfred.com>

## **Lindlar Visit to Shaftesbury & Shaftesbury visit to Brionne 2021.**

**For the second year this has been postponed due Corona Virus**

**We plan to re-schedule the events for Lindlar visit in May 2022 and will keep you posted on the programme. We will be asking in the new year for availability hosts.**

**The Brionne visit is likely to be September 2022**

<b>2020</b>	<b>Diary of Events in Shaftesbury</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Provisional date for Boules – start of season	<a href="mailto:whsmoore@talktalk.net">whsmoore@talktalk.net</a>
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Shaftesbury Festival – Cancelled	<a href="http://shaftesburyfestival.co.uk">http://shaftesburyfestival.co.uk</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> May	North Dorset Cycle Ride	<a href="https://shaftesburyrotaryclub.org/gold-hill-cycle-ride">https://shaftesburyrotaryclub.org/gold-hill-cycle-ride</a>
4th July	Gold Hill Festival at Barton Hill	<a href="https://shaftesburyrotaryclub.org">https://shaftesburyrotaryclub.org</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show	<a href="https://gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk">https://gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August	The Fringe	<a href="https://www.shaftesburyfringe.co.uk">https://www.shaftesburyfringe.co.uk</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Shaftesbury Carnival	<a href="http://shaftesburycarnival.co.uk">http://shaftesburycarnival.co.uk</a>

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