



## Shaftesbury Town Twinning Association

# NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

## Wine Tasting

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of August a group of around 12 members made their way down to Shaftesbury Wines to experience an evening in the company of David Perry, proprietor and wine enthusiast.

The purpose of such an event is to raise money for STTA and we host events throughout the year that provide a time for Members to come together and socialise - The events are open to non- members as well so do invite anyone and everyone!

When organising an event, the Committee Members think about two things, one will it make STTA a bit of money and second is it fun? No one wants to give over an evening to an activity and at the end of it be pleased that's its over, it needs to be fun! - Wine tasting is definitely something that ticks both boxes!



David hosted the tasting in the back garden of the shop, where he had constructed a gazebo, tables and even has a vine growing! For David giving up his Friday night is not a big money spinner, the money we paid him just covered the cost of the wine, for David its far more the chance to talk about the difference in real wine and the £4.99 wine! What grapes are used, where it is grown and how it is made. This is a man who has visited most of the vineyards whose wines he sells, so when you have walked up and down the vines and met the people crushing the grapes, you do become passionate about the product. A varied selection of wine was cracked open and no one agreed on the one they liked the best and that are how it should be, no ones the same and we all like different elements of what we tried.

The evening ended with all attendees having a greater knowledge of wine installed, a high alcohol blood level and a profit for STTA.

Many thanks to David Perry for giving up his Friday evening to host us, I am sure we will try and return and next time we may have to hire the Town Hall.

## Brionne Visit Carnival – 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October

Our Fourteen visitors from Brionne arrived by coach on Friday 9am at The Bell Street car Park and were duly greeted by the eight host families. Friday was a rest day for some whilst others took the opportunity to go sightseeing. Friday evening we all gathered at The Royal British Legion Hall for an informal social evening. Chilli Con Carne and Desserts were served thanks to Christine, Eva, Connie and Roy.



Saturday was a free day with families and included visits to Salisbury, Kingston Lacy, Swanage and other local sights, The afternoon Carnival Procession and Funfair. Alas the British weather could not hold and rain showers started about 4pm.

Despite the cold and wet evening putting off some of the usual crowds, proceedings started with The Band Parade outside the Town Hall for about an hour. The Dolphin Marching Band, Dorset Youth Marching Band, Shaftesbury Town Silver Band and Gillingham Imperial Silver Band all performed a number of routines for judging.



The pre-procession was lead by The Can Am Car Club with a range of American Cars owned locally.

This was followed by The Full Illuminated evening parade of walkers, trailers, Bands, Majorettes, Tableau and Comic floats. In all over 30 entries were listed.

Most of us braved the weather to watch the carnival and thanks to Eva who allowed us shelter in the moments of heavier rain and provide some drinks to wet the whistle

Alas, Sunday came round so soon and there was little more time left for a relaxed petit-dejeuner before going to the departure point at 11am. It has been a great pleasure once again to welcome our friends from Brionne and we look forward to the return visit.



Our friends in Brionne have invited us to visit Brionne in June 2018, covering the weekend of June 16/17 when there is a commemoration of the end of the First World War in the community.

This is not the usual time when we visit France (normally October) and it would be useful to gauge how much interest there will be in making a visit then (probably departing Friday June 15 and returning morning of Monday June 18) then in the first instance could you please let me know if you are interested. Details of cost and transport can then be assessed on the numbers going. Contact Roy Mitchell on 01747 858219 [roymitchell53@btinternet.com](mailto:roymitchell53@btinternet.com)

## Lindlar Visit

Our friends from Lindlar will be visiting Shaftesbury in 2018. They are expected to arrive on the evening of Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> and depart early on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The programme is being worked upon at present, but the normal format is for the Friday to be spent with their hosts, Saturday everyone can take a trip out (using the visitor's coach) whilst on Sunday we usually arrange an informal get together.

We always welcome extra hosts, so if you are able to accommodate anyone from Lindlar during this period could you please advise Clare Huxley on 01747 855790. [cjhuxley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cjhuxley@tiscali.co.uk)

**SHAFTESBURY  
TOWN TWINNING**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 20th October, 7:30 pm  
At Football Club Sports Bar  
Coppice Street, Shaftesbury

£8 per person  
including light supper

Book your place by 12th October.  
[cjhuxley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cjhuxley@tiscali.co.uk)  
07710 421371

*Teams of up to 6 people welcome :- but don't worry if you can't get a team together : just come along on the night and we'll sort out a team for you to join!*

**Boules** – The Keystone Petanque League ended this year with the Finals day hosted at Tisbury Football Club. Matches were played for the wooden spoon, Doubles Knockout and top of leagues Finals. Thanks to Nick Browne for chairing the League, Keystone Brewery for their sponsorship and Ale on the day, plus the sausages and burgers provided to keep us all fed. Despite the weather there was a turnout of over 40 members.

The Overall league winners were Tisbury Tosses this year. The doubles Knockout was won by Jake & Harry (also Tosses) and the White Lion kept hold of the wooden spoon.

Thanks to all the Shaftesbury team for their continued support through the season. There is no Truth in the rumour that we are more successful when the captain is away. We are recruiting more players and would hope to enter two teams next year.

Weather and daylight permitting we usually practice at 6.30 on Wednesdays behind the Football Club. Please feel free to come along and spectate or play.

## **Social & Fund Raising events -**

Suggestions welcome for any social or fund raising events that you would like to be involved with. Contact Roy Mitchell on 01747 858219

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TOWN TWINNING**

***SKITTLES***

Friday 24th November, 7:30 pm  
at Shaftesbury Football Club

£8 per person including  
Ploughmans & Dessert

Book your place by 18th Nov.  
Contact Roy Mitchell 01747 858219  
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*Prizes for Top Lady & Top Man  
Raffle for Twinning Funds*

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