

# CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Meeting held on 01/02/2016

1. **Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Sue Wingrave (SW), Matt Wingrave (MW), Maggie Rayner (MR), Christine Taylor (CT), Jane Gater (JG), Joy Wingrave (JW), Christine Bastow (CBw), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Nigel Millward (NM), Sally Fletcher (SF), Keith Stephens (KS)
2. **Apologies:** Maurice Hancock (MH), Margaret Smith (MS), Charles Boyle (CBo), Rob Canings (RC)

RF welcomed Colleen, from Jargeau, who was staying with the Wingraves.

3. **Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 meeting** - Agreed.

### 4. **Matters Arising from 4<sup>th</sup> January meeting:**

- a. **Website:** Jonathan Fido (JF) is updating the website and has been added to distribution list for minutes of meetings.
- b. **Future youth exchange:** SW has spoken to Scouts and their parents about possible involvement in exchanges with French children and will follow up with contacts in Jargeau. **Discussions ongoing.**
- c. **Twinning "Success Stories":** following up suggestion at AGM, RF asked members to contribute "Success Stories" so that these could be put on the website. **Action: SW to include in next note to members - ongoing.**

### 5. **2016 events programme:**

- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016: Quiz night had been a great success with 47 people present and a profit of almost £200. Pleased to see so many there and thanks to RF for organising an enjoyable evening.
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: 3pm: Band Concert at Town Hall. Proceeds to be shared 50/50 between CTA and Band. JG and FH-J to organize refreshments for interval. Band will run raffle, any contributions to prizes welcome. £7 entry fee, Under-16s free. **Action: SW to include details in note to members. RF to approach Corsham TV re publicity**
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March: Skittles at Cricket Club
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April: French meal at Gastard Village Hall
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May: Boules competition
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June: Wine tasting at RF's
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July: BBQ at Wingraves'
- September: to be decided
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: French visit
- 18<sup>th</sup> November: AGM

RF had been approached by Age UK about an event on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at Springfield Community Centre aimed at publicising local clubs and societies with a view to combatting loneliness among retired people. JG agreed to run a Twinning stall with MS, RF and NM, with emphasis on our social programme.

RF had received a note about an EU programme being set up to support contact between towns, but Committee did not think this was relevant to us.

### **Programme for visit to Corsham Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2016:**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: depart Jargeau

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: 5pm: arrive Corsham. Evening reception at Corsham School at 8pm

Sun 30<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: Joint Committee meeting. 11.15am Church service. Pm/evening: Henderson trophy and dinner at Corsham School.

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: day out on coach to Wells and Cheddar. Evening: JF to run disco at Town Hall from 8pm

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: 9am: Return to Jargeau

#### **Points arising:**

- **Grants:** RF had requested grant of £1000 from Methuen Trust and had been given £1250 in recognition of Twinning's positive contribution to the town. Response from Area Board re possible grant awaited - **Action: SW to hasten response**
- **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Evening reception at 8pm:** nibbles only required as hosts to provide main meal. MS has arrangements for cake in hand, and Committee agreed it was better to have it at the reception rather than at the dinner.
- **Sun 30<sup>th</sup> afternoon:** Henderson Trophy on theme of "School Games", **SW to organize**
- **Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Evening dinner:** JG and MS had met "Mrs B's" caterers and devised a "British-themed" menu at cost of £21.60 per head VAT inc. School to provide glasses and tablecloths, caterers to provide cutlery. Committee would run bar ourselves. RF pursuing contact re supply of beer, and Sainsbury's for wine. Allow half bottle wine per person for reception and dinner. Soft drinks to be provided. Dinner to be at 7pm for 7.30, allow 2 hours for meal then entertainment until 1130. Volunteers required to man bar when meal finishes. Temporary Event Notice (TEN) would be required for Sun evening dinner when alcohol was for sale, but not for Sat evening reception when drinks would be free. Dinner would be free for all French visitors and up to two hosts. Any additional hosts and people who were not hosting visitors would be required to pay £25 per head. Alternative event to be arranged for children. **Action: SW to apply for TEN for Sun evening dinner**
- Entertainment for Sunday evening: RF proposed a suitable Anglo/French quiz, followed by Beetle Drive, with prizes. Corsham Band to be invited to play - **Action: RF to ask Band.**
- RF had identified 5 official guests he wanted to invite to the dinner.
- **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Day Out:** RF said visit to cheese factory at Cheddar with a French-speaking guide would cost £300. This was affordable within our budget. Packed lunch required
- **Costings:** RF gave rough costings of above programme, based on 55 French visitors, amounting to an outlay of around £4200. He was confident this could be met within our budget.
- **Gift:** Committee agreed to nominate Guides as recipient for this year's gift from Jargeau. **Action: RF to contact them and ask what they would like.**
- Corsham TV to be invited to cover the visit - **Action: RF**

6. **Treasurer's Report:** The revised balance is £7014.47 as at 9<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **7. AOB:**

- SW offered her apologies for the next meeting.

8. **Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.30pm at the Corsham Club.**