

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 03/07/2017

Present: Roger Fido (RF), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Keith Stephens (KS), Matt Wingrave (MW), Susan Wingrave (SW), Maurice Hancock (MH) Jane Gater (JG), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Christine Taylor (CT)

Apologies: Maggie Smith (MS), Nigel Millward (NM)

Minutes of Meeting 5th June 2017: Agreed.

Matters Arising from previous meetings:

- Carole had suggested a choir singing for Twinning during our October visit and possible exchange with a Corsham choir. **Action: SW had followed up with Elizabeth Barnikel who has redirected her to the Pound Singers – ongoing**
- No photos were taken at the Boules tournament! Must take some at next event.
- Recruiting new members from WI: **Action: JG and MR – ongoing**

New item:

- Carole had proposed a visit of children from Jargeau to Corsham in May 2018. This could be difficult if it coincides with the planned Twinning visit. Hosts would be required and schools engaged. More info needed before we proceed further.

2017 Events Programme:

- Sat 24th June at 6pm: Boules at Queen's Head, Box. The "FAB 3" were the victors. Shield had been engraved and passed to KS.
- Sat 15th July: BBQ at Wingraves'. Tickets £10. Provision of salads and desserts was agreed. **Action: SW to advertise to members.**
- Sat 16th September at 7.30 for 8pm: Skittles evening at Corsham Club. Will cost £20 to hire Club, plus £2 per head to fund sticker-upper.
- Sat 18th November: Wine tasting at Cricket Club. Booked.

Thurs 19th – Mon 23rd Oct: Trip to Jargeau:

- RF awaited visit programme and list of hosts from Carole. When info arrives he will circulate details to members
- RF has arranged with the Martin family to use Martin's Yard in Gastard as the pick-up point for the coach and members can park their cars there during our trip. **Action: RF to write to members with details**
- Following issues with accommodating coach and driver in Jargeau during last visit, Committee agreed we should change to a new coach company, probably Barnes in Swindon. RF to visit company shortly to confirm it is suitable. **Action: RF**
- The new CTA Town Council rep is Kelly Duckhouse who will come on the visit with her friend, who speaks French
- 36 people are going on the coach, which covers our costs. All deposits paid.
- Gifts: Carole has agreed to our request for bottles of wine for our wine tasting event. We await to hear what Jargeau wants from us.
- For Jargeau's visit to Corsham in 2018, RF has booked Town Hall for the entire weekend 5-7th May.

Membership

Committee agreed best way to increase membership was by word-of-mouth and inviting friends to social events. **Action: SW to write to Head of French at Corsham School to generate interest. MH to contact Alan Brookes. Ongoing**

It was suggested recruiting members from Women's Institute. **Action: JG and MR to follow up at Corsham and Neston WIs - ongoing.**

Treasurer's report

Balance: To Be Confirmed

Any Other Business

- RF informed us that M. Francois Landré, the ex-Mayor of Jargeau who founded the Twinning, has had to go into a care home
- Kelly Duckhouse has been invited to join the Committee and will be included on our distribution list
- There will be a raffle at BBQ. SW to provide prizes, CBw to sell tickets. RF to buy new raffle ticket book

Date of next meeting

**There would be no meeting in August. Date of next meeting:
Monday 04/09/17 at 7.30pm at the Corsham Club**