

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 04/07/2016

Present: Roger Fido (RF), Jane Gater (JG), Matt Wingrave (MW), Christine Bastow (CBw), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Susan Wingrave (SW), Maggie Smith (MS), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Sally Fletcher (SF)

Apologies: Joy Wingrave (JW), Nigel Millward (NW), Christine Taylor (CT), Rob Cannings (RC)

Minutes of 9th May 2016: Minutes agreed with no amendments.
(Note, meeting scheduled for 06/06 had been cancelled).

Matters arising:

Twinning 'success stories' have not been forthcoming. **Ongoing**

2016 Events Programme:

- Boules on 12/05/16 was postponed due to bad weather. Now rescheduled to **13/08/16. Post meeting note: RF has booked court at the Queens Head in Box.** Meet at 6pm to form teams of 4 people. Cost to be £1.00 per person to cover the cost of engraving the trophy.
- Wine tasting at RF's is postponed. Rescheduled to **01/10/16** at the Cricket Club at 7.30pm with first wine at 8pm. Charge £12 per head to cover cost of wine and hiring the Club.
- Sat 16/07 – BBQ at MW & SWs. Preparations in hand. Guests requested to bring own chairs.
- Fri 28/10 – Tues 01/11 – French visit
- Fri 18/11 – AGM
- Sat 26/11 – "Make your own Floral Display" – demonstration and opportunity to make a floral table decoration. 7.30pm at Cricket Club, tickets to be sold in advance at £10 to cover costs of materials and hire of Club.

Visit to Corsham Friday 28 October – Tuesday 1 November 2016

RF had received no response from Carole in Jargeau to our proposed programme. Current position is:

Hosts: Number of visitors currently settled at 62.

Dinner: Non-hosts may attend the Sunday night dinner at a cost of £25.00 per person and must book and pay by 08/10/16. There are 116 people total for CTA to pay for.

The evening will comprise of the meal, quiz, a slot from the Band, and end with bingo. SW had contacted 'The Last Baguette Theatre Company' about a performance but they were unavailable on the Sat evening and Mon evening was not suitable, so this was not pursued.

Gift: Corsham Guides have requested camping stoves and cylinders.

Committee agreed RF's proposal to buy commemorative pens with "Corsham/Jargeau. 35th Anniversary" written on them, to be used for Bingo and to keep. MW to order bingo cards for 130 people– **Action: RF to buy pens, MW to order cards.**

Joint Committee Meeting: RF proposed to send Jargeau items for the Agenda for the Joint Committee meeting. **Post meeting note:** RF has sent following message to Carole which reflects our discussion:

We want to have a formal agenda to discuss so that there are no surprises from either of us. Two items have been put on the list so far.

1. The degree of hospitality by the host association. Funds from the EU have dried up for several years and will certainly not be available in future!! We cannot expect others to fund us on a regular basis, therefore we can only spend what we earn. This means elaborate, expensive, dinners will become history, and there will be more emphasis on hosts spending more time with their visitors.

2. The gift exchange. Several years ago at a joint meeting we agreed 1 gift with joint monies from Council and association. We have done this but you have subsequently said your system cannot deal in that way. We are suggesting you talk to the Council and either get their agreement to combine your funds, or, perhaps the Council gives one good gift one year and the association the next year.

In due course please let me have any items you want added to these items for discussion.

Post –referendum thoughts: RF had sent a private e-mail to Carole. MH referred to an article in the Gazette and Herald which said the Mayor of Jargeau had written to Corsham Council saying that GB leaving the EU should not make any difference to our Twinning arrangement. Committee agreed that, with no more grants, we would need more fund-raising events. FH-J suggested joining up with other local Twinning associations for some events.

Publicity: RF said we should publish a bi-monthly piece on CTA's activities in Corsham & Box Matters. JG and SW agreed to start this. **Action:** JG to contact magazine

Treasurer's report

Balance: £7279.89.

Any Other Business

- RF suggested for the 2017 programme that we reschedule some events normally held in the Summer so as to get a higher attendance.
- MW said he would postpone Tony Wingrave's offer to give a wood turning demonstration to next year
- CBw said CTA should take opportunities to have a stall at local events eg the Springfield Fête. Next opportunity was Corsham Market on 17/09. **Action:** FH-J to book a stall
- MH said arrangements for booking the Fire Station had altered due to changes in the Fire Brigade. He would book the Fire Station for the AGM. **Action: MH**

Next meeting

Monday 01/08/16 at 7.30pm at the Corsham Club