

## **CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 07/11/2016**

**Present:** Roger Fido (RF), Jane Gater (JG), Maurice Hancock (MH), Nigel Millward (NW), Keith Stephens (KS), Susan Wingrave (SW), Maggie Smith (MS), Chris Taylor (CT,) Matt Wingrave (MW), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Sally Fletcher (SF)

**Apologies:** Charles Boyle (CBo), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Rob Cannings (RC)

**Minutes of Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016:** Minutes agreed with one correction: MH, not CBw, helped to man the CTA stall.

**2016 Events Programme: French Visit:** The visit had gone very well. Points to note:

- RF will prepare a separate costing for the visit to present at AGM
- Sainsbury's are no longer letting out wine glasses, and they have donated 160 glasses to CTA
- RF has prepared thank you letters. **Action: SW and MR to distribute.**
- MW confirmed the £500 grant from Town Council has been paid
- Joint Committee meeting was held on 30/10. **Action: MR to write notes**
- RF said 2017 visit would not include day out on coach although we would pursue MH's suggestion of a walk in Sologne with host families providing transport.
- MS sought comments/photos from the French about their visit for inclusion in an article for Corsham Civic Society magazine. **Action: MS to contact RC**
- Henderson Trophy "Sports day" went well (Jargeau won), although it could have done with more support from hosts. Many thanks to Wingrave and Price families for their efforts in organizing it
- Everyone agreed meal and service from Caterers was excellent. Entertainment could be more varied – maybe a dance next time.

**AGM at Cricket Club, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm:**

- Guest speaker Alan Brookes to give a talk on his walk to Jargeau for charity. JG will précis his story for "success stories" on website
- Proposal to amend CTA Constitution to be included with AGM papers. This will alter CTA's end of financial year from October to December and move AGM from November to February, giving more time to prepare accounts for presentation to the meeting. Next AGM after this year's will be in Feb 2018. **Action: SW to prepare papers for AGM**
- Jane and Mark Campbell have offered themselves for election to Committee
- SW has offered to remain as Secretary with MR assisting with correspondence etc

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Cricket Club:** ".Make your own Floral Display". CBw has tickets for sale at £10. BYO greenery, candle as required and bag for rubbish

**2017 Events Programme:**

- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan at 7.30pm: Quiz at Cricket Club with fish and chip supper. Raffle. Entry £10 (to include meal)
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm (tbc): Woodturning demonstration by Mr Tony Wingrave at Cricket Club
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm: French meal prepared by JG and MS
- Sat May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm: Bingo evening with meal

- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm: Boules at Box
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July: BBQ at Wingraves'
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Trip to Jargeau. Note: propose to visit the chateau at Vaux de Vicomte rather than Versailles en route.
- Nov (date tbc): wine tasting at Cricket Club

### **Correspondence:**

- RF had received an invitation to attend Wilts Council conference on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec regarding strategic planning for Corsham. SF was going to attend and would represent CTA
- RF had received e-mail from Wilts Music Centre regarding opportunity for West of England Youth Orchestra going to Jargeau as part of their 2018 Music Tour. MW offered to pursue with a view to putting them in contact with Carole and linking with possible youth exchange plans. **Action: MW**

### **Treasurer's report**

Balance: £3,603.67.

### **Any Other Business**

- MH asked whether reps from local twinning associations still met up. RF said this didn't happen any more
- SF encouraged members to attend a meeting on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov about future of the Mansion House
- On behalf of the Committee, MH thanked RF for his sterling work in managing Jargeau's visit to us and for making it such a success.

### **Date of next meeting**

**Monday 09/01/17 at 7.30pm at the Corsham Club**