

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 09/05/2016

Present: Roger Fido (RF), Jane Gater (JG), Matt Wingrave (MW), Joy Wingrave (JW), Christine bestow (CBw), Keith Stephens (KS), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ) and Susan Wingrave (SW)

Apologies: Maggie Smith (MS), Maggie Rayner (MR) and Nigel Millward (NW)

Minutes of 4th April 2016: Minutes agreed with no amendments.

Matters arising:

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

2016 Events Programme:

French meal held 16/04/16 was attended by 36 people at a charge of £12.50 per person. The evening worked well including the food and the hall. Profit on the evening was £170 for the meal with £45 from the raffle.

Future events:

Sat 12/05/16 – Boules courts at the Queens Head in Box have been booked by RF. Meet at 18.00 to form teams of 4 people. Cost to be £1.00 per person to cover the cost of engraving the trophy.

Sat 25/06/16 – Wine tasting at RFs.

Sat 16/07/16 – BBQ at MW & SWs.

September – To be decided, see AOB

28/10 – 01/11 – French visit

Sat 18/11 - AGM

Visit to Corsham Friday 28 October – Tuesday 1 November 2016

Hosts

Number of visitors currently settled at 62.

Gerry and Marguerite Richter will be moving to Germany before the visit in October. Their guests will be hosted by Rob & Pat Cannings instead.

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. SW to add this to the next few months of CTA event emails. There are 116 people total for CTA to pay for.

Sainsbury's are not able to offer an additional discount to CTA, but they will ring RF when they have another special discount in store.

After-dinner entertainment was discussed and the beetle drive was ruled out as being too complicated to explain following the trial at the meal on 16/04/16. Currently the evening will comprise of the meal, quiz, possible other game, and end with bingo.

Gift – Corsham Guides have not yet made their choice of gift known.

Roger suggests purchasing commemorative pens with, Corsham/Jargeau. 35th Anniversary written on them. RF to investigate the costs and update the committee at the next meeting for approval.

Hosting Request

Carole's request to find a host for 2 boys aged 15 for 20 days in July was discussed. A host for up to 10 days has been found, but issues around access to school and lack of a host for the second half of their request give problems. SW to email Carole to explain that we are unable to host them.

Treasurers report

£6,904.99 current balance Monday 09/05/16.

Any Other Business

SW read an email she had received from 'The Last Baguette Theatre Company' who are based at The Pound. They will be hosting some French actors in October/November 2016 to perform in English with some French. SW to make contact, get details of their performance and find out their availability and any costs to be involved in the Twinning on the Monday evening.

BBQ at the Wingraves 16/07. JG, FHJ & CBw offered to help with catering. SW gratefully accepted and will contact the butcher used for the French meal about meat.

No event currently planned for September. Tony Wingrave has offered to return and demonstrate his wood turning as he did several years ago. RF to speak to the Cricket Club about an evening or Sunday afternoon in late September and pass the date to SW to offer to Tony.

CBw raised the issue of a further flower-arranging event in late Nov/early Dec. RF to speak with Janet Berry about any plans in hand.

Next meeting

Monday 06/06/16 at 19.30 in Corsham at the Corsham Club