

## **CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of Meeting on 3/10/2010**

**1. Present:** Neil Carrigan, Jo Reeves, Lindon Collins, Clare Vallorge, Maurice Hancock, Chris Riley, Bronwyn Riley, Millie Carter, Christine Bastow, Roger Fido, Keith Stephens, Charles Boyle

**2. Apologies:** Sally Fletcher, Chris Taylor, Maggie Taylor

**3. Minutes of 6th September 2010 meeting** – agreed.

**4. Matter arising:** as per Agenda.

**5. Activities for 2010:**

**a. Market Morning 10 July: JR to write to County Council to ask when French traders will be coming in 2011** so we can plan next year's market morning to coincide with their visit.

**b. Boules competition 17 July: CB will bring engraved trophy to the AGM for presentation to The Three Wisemen.**

**c. Planning for French Visit:**

- Almost all people paired up after many discussions and hard work by RF, one more thing to resolve which is in hand.
- Pre-visit meeting booked at the Town Hall for 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - LC/CV to bring wine, RF to bring wine glasses
  - JR to put together envelopes with information (programme, details of all visitors, directions re meeting at bus with placards)
  - CB will check on numbers at the meeting for the meal and will follow up with any who do not attend
  - JR to send out invite to Peter & Janet Berry and Len Hutson for meal on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and will check through twinning membership directory for any other pertinent people to invite. (Will instruct them to respond to Charles by 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.)
- Junior Town council debate: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 14.30-15.00 @ Town Hall
  - JR attended the first Junior Town Council meeting last Monday to encourage/invite the new committee to take part in the twinning events. They will be working on their 15 minute presentation for their meeting with the Jargeau junior town council
  - RF to contact Sharon re junior council speech at evening meal on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and a gift for the Jargeau junior council.
  - JR to send letter to Julius Mum to invite to also attend the meal with info on price of ticket

- Debate: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 15.00 @ Town Hall
  - Duncan Hames (Lib), Mr Greg (Lab) & a member of the conservatives (likely SW. MEP, name tbc) have confirmed for our debate on 'Democracy & Cultural Diversity in Britain'. Allan Bosley to chair.
- Dinner on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> evening 19.30-24.00 @ Corsham Centre:
  - Decoration/set-up at 11.00 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – NC, CB, CR. JR/NC to dig out bunting and flags etc. CB to source flags for tables. BR looking into blue bottles/vases and red/white/blue carnations. CB sorting menus for the table
  - Piper is organised for before the meal to 'address' the haggis
  - Agreed with Jargeau that all speeches will only be given in native language with translations provided on the tables. NC and CB to provide documents for translation to CV by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.
  - Menu agreed upon:
    - Starter: Haggis or pumpkin soup
    - Main: Roast Scottish Beef + trimmings or Vegetable Provençal
    - Dessert: Lemon Mousse or Apple Brose (Whiskey, apples, sponge, lots of double cream)
    - Cheese
    - Coffee/tea
  - Agreed that starter, dessert, coffee and cheese to be served but main to be done as a buffet
  - CB negotiating with the centre re corkage costs and plan is for ½ bottle per head on the table and the bar available for extra drinks to be purchased
- Gift: CB brought along the gift for us to see – lovely, thank you for sourcing
  - Picture of Corsham court with peacocks on the lawn which will be framed – donated by James Methuen-Campbell
  - And a ceramic hand-painted peacock
- Church Service: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00-11.00 @ St Barts
  - In-hand: Nigel & Liz Millward have been working hard behind the scenes to organise
  - RF provided Liz with Claire's tel # to assist in some translation
- Joint Committee meeting: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00-12.00 @ Town Hall

- Town Hall booked. RF confirmed all Town Hall bookings will be paid for out of the Council Budget for Twinning
  - Junior Trophy Pumpkin Carving competition: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 15.00-17.00 @ Corsham Centre
    - RF has pumpkins on order
    - CV/LC & BR/CR to meet and finalise details
    - CB to provide apple bobbing as additional activity
    - Allan Bosley is aware of judging responsibilities
  - Skittles: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 19.30-22.00 @ Corsham Centre
    - CR has this in hand
  - Cardiff Visit: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 09.00-18.00
    - Waiting on Carole to get back to us with numbers for the Assembly visit and therefore space available on coach
    - Organised a boat tour of the harbour – currently for 25, for those not interested in visiting the Assembly.
      - JR heard back from the Assembly, they have emailed out their members to check on availability for a member to speak to our party. They will let us know if one responds. However reassured us that regardless we will have fun! And the person taking us on the tour is proficient in French and has previously run tours in French
      - Boat tour skipper should also be French!
    - On the way back from Cardiff we plan to stop at Chepstow for a look round and the all important shopping!
    - Current plan is for RF, NC, MT, SF and JR to go on coach, space dependent and will open to rest of committee/wider if more spaces are available closer to the time
- d. AGM on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov: MH will update us at the next meeting on availability of fire station
- e. Christmas meal 4<sup>th</sup> December: BR to investigate suitable venues for discussion at next meeting.
- f. Corsham Wind Band 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary: JR to follow up with Carole.
- g. Action outstanding with CB to pursue tracking of previous gifts and preparations for the Twinning's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- h. Events Programme for 2011: draft programme required before the AGM in Nov – ideas to be considered at the next meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report** – 30<sup>th</sup> September was our end of year. Current balance is £4700.46. RF to get audited.

**AOB**

- BR suggested having a stall at the Christmas market in December to raise funds for the twinning. JR and potentially also CV to help out.
- MH mentioned Chris Tilley needs paying for coming to French market morning. To find out how much so we can pay.
- BR mentioned an idea for a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary present gift (stained glass) to pass on details to CB.
- NC stepping down as chairman. Will announce at Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October meeting to all at Hosting meeting to see if can find a new candidate.

**Next Meeting** – 8 November 2010