

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 6/12/2010

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Jo Reeves (JR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Roger Fido (RF), Charles Boyle (CB), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Taylor (MT)

2. Apologies: Christine Taylor (CT), Lindon Collins (LC), Millie Carter (MC)

3. Minutes of 8 November 2010 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising

a. This was the first meeting chaired by Carole Brain, the CTA's new Chairman. The Chairman (CBr), Secretary (JR) and Treasurer (RF) had been agreed at the AGM on 19th November. Other positions on the committee were confirmed as follows:

Vice Chairman: CB

Minutes Secretary: MT

Membership: JR

Website: LC

Communications and publicity: IB

b. CBr thanked JR for organising the excellent CTA Christmas meal on 3rd December.

c. Corsham Wind Band anniversary: **Action with MC to follow-up possible activities with French band**

d. Twinning gifts: CB's action to track previous gifts in order to display them for CTA's 30th anniversary was ongoing. Other ideas to mark the anniversary include a statuette of Jeanne d'Arc, and/or a signpost to Jargeau in the town. **CB to form up a sub-committee to take this forward.**

5. Activities for 2010/11:

a. **Jan 29th: Quiz:** RF had booked the Community Centre. The CTA is an Associate of the Community Centre which entitles us to be members. Sally Fletcher (SF) attended meetings concerning the future of the Centre, which could impact on our use of it. **JR to e-mail SF and ask for feedback.**

b. Wine appreciation evening: proposal to invite members of the Corsham Wind Band and to seek publicity opportunities. **JR to confirm date (19th or 26th March) and invite Band. IB to pursue publicity options.**

c. JR to make contact with Chair of Wiltshire Twinning Association and to invite them to one of our meetings.

d. BBQ: MC to choose preferred date (13th or 21st May). CBr and IB were happy to host as a contingency if MC unable.

e. Boules competition: Proposed date 9th July. **CB and LC to organise.**

f. Joint Activities with Jargeau Committee: CBr suggested we could extend an invitation to Jargeau Twinning Committee members to meet more often and join in our activities such as the Boules. **CBr to send our programme to Carole to see if there was any interest.**

g. French Market Morning 2011: JR had spoken to the Council about when French market traders would be coming in 2011 and was waiting for a reply. **JR to pursue with the Council (David Martin).**

h. Visit to Jargeau 2011: RF had written to Hatts coaches and asked for 2 estimates, one for 1 x 70 seater double decker and one for 2 x 45 seater coaches. The proposal was:

Fri 21st Oct: leave Corsham, go through tunnel, stay the night in a Hotel North of Paris

Sat 22nd October: Arrive Jargeau around midday

Tues 25th October: return via the tunnel, directly back to Corsham.

It was suggested increasing the price for adults (to £85) and decreasing the price for children (to £50).

Activities for the visit:

(1) the Ad Hoc drama group was working on a joint production with a Jargeau drama group. **CBw to liaise with Pat Cannings and Alan Bosely about this. CB to consider possible involvement of Corsham Caledonians and Corsham Choir.**

(2) An exhibition of children's art work in Jargeau was planned with the theme of expressing their view of France. This would be a Spring/Summer term activity led by Maisie Bartlett at the school. A prize would be awarded for the best piece (free trip to Jargeau?). Competition to be judged by CBr, Alan Bosely and the Sponsor. **JR and MH to speak to Maisie re the exhibition, and also to ask her to consider ideas for a gift.**

(3) Publicity:

- **IB to consider publicity/sponsorship opportunities – JR to send him Twinning letterhead/logo.**
- **JR to e-mail Carole with our database of members' details etc to ease communications**
- **RF to draft letter to members regarding 2011 trip. Letter to include reminder to renew membership and programme of activities.**

6. Treasurer's Report:

New balance is £1244.87 with EU money still to come. A new mandate was required to be completed for the new Chairman. Alan Boseley owes CTA £40 from the French Market morning Council stall.

7. AOB:

- CBw to speak to Scouts re next visit to Jargeau
- All to consider other ideas for the 2011 activities programme.
- Photos of committee members to go on website – **IB to organise taking of photos at next meeting.**

8. Next Meeting – 10th January 2011