

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 10/01/2011

1. **Present:** Jo Reeves (JR) (acting Chairman), Maurice Hancock (MH), Roger Fido (RF), Christine Bastow (CBw), Christine Taylor (CT), Lindon Collins (LC), Sally Fletcher (SF), Maggie Taylor (MT)
2. **Apologies:** Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Charles Boyle (CB), Chris Riley (CR), Bronwen Riley (BR)
3. **Minutes of 6 December 2010 meeting** – agreed.

4. Matters arising

- a. Corsham Wind Band anniversary: **Action with MC to follow-up possible activities with French band: ongoing**
- b. Twinning gifts: CB's action to track previous gifts in order to display them for CTA's 30th anniversary was ongoing. **CB to form up a sub-committee to take this forward: ongoing**

5. Activities for 2010/11:

- a. **Jan 29th: Quiz:** RF confirmed the quiz would be at the Community Centre on 29th January at 7.30pm, for 8pm.

Note: SF gave an update on the future of the Community Centre. The next Corsham Area Board would be held on 1st Feb so we will be clearer on the way ahead next month. Local groups were generally supportive and the target was for a new centre to be up and running in 2012.

- b. **Wine appreciation evening:** date confirmed as 26th March in the Community Centre. Corsham Wind Band to be invited.

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

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

- 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. Ongoing**

- g. **French Market Morning 2011: JR has action in hand with Wilts Council (Steve Richardson). Further information awaited. Ongoing. Discussions with the Council (David Martin) re Armed Forces Day also ongoing.**

- h. **Visit to Jargeau 2011:** RF provided the following estimates from Hatts coaches:

(1) 1 x 70 seater coach = £4379

(2) 1 x 50 seater coach = £3787

Charges in the region of £50 for children and £70 to £80 for adults were proposed and would be reviewed nearer the time. This included the cost of accommodation in a hotel North of Paris on the outward journey at £55 per night.

RF had sent letter to members to gauge interest – 17 had replied positively so far.

Activities for the visit:

(1) John Roberts of the Rough Street Band had spoken to RF to say they planned to travel to Jargeau independently and stay for a week. RF had informed Carole. They plan to play for half an hour on the Saturday evening and busk in the town during the day.

(2) 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. CBw to speak to Scouts re next visit to Jargeau. Ongoing**

(3) **JR and MH to speak to Maisie Bartlett at the school re exhibition of children's art work in Jargeau, and also to ask her to consider ideas for a gift. Ongoing**

(4) Publicity:

- JR had sent Ian Brain (IB) the CTA letterhead/logo
- JR had sent out reminder to members to renew membership
- JR had e-mailed Carole with our database of members' details etc

6. Treasurer's Report:

New balance is £1244.87 (with EU money still to come). We have 27 paid-up members and more to come. The Henderson Trophy had been engraved.

Note: Alan Boseley owes CTA £40 from the French Market morning Council stall.

7. AOB:

- JR said Neil Carrigan (NC) had sent the report of Jargeau's visit to Corsham to the EU (receipt acknowledged 21/12/10) and we await a response.
- CR had sent a note about Corsham in Bloom proposing that the CTA may like to enter something in the competition. **JR to respond that we are provisionally interested.**
- RF spoke about the Junior Council's visit to Jargeau and whether they should all be CTA members. RF would encourage them and their parents to get involved.
- Photos of committee members to go on website – **IB to organise taking of photos at next meeting - ongoing**

8. Next Meeting – 7th February 2011