

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 07/02/2011

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Jo Reeves (JR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Roger Fido (RF), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Lindon Collins (LC), Sally Fletcher (SF), Charles Boyle (CBo), Keith Stephens (KS), Chris Riley (CR), Maggie Taylor (MT)

2. Apologies: Chris Taylor.

3. Minutes of 10 January 2011 meeting – agreed.

4. Matters arising

a. Contact with other groups about visit to Jargeau: MC had spoken with Corsham Wind Band – they already had something organised but individuals could come to Jargeau if they wished. Choral Society's conductor would not be available, but individuals could come. Rough Street Band planned to come, on the CTA's bus if room, or independently if not. CB had informed St Bartholomew's Choir about the visit.

- MC said Lucy Moore from the Arts Centre wanted to discuss the Corsham Fringe Festival with us.

b. Twinning gifts: Action to track previous gifts in order to display them for CTA's 30th anniversary: **CBo action ongoing.** RF said the Youth Council had decided to share gifts around local schools where they could be used, which members thought was a good idea.

c. Future of the Community Centre: SF gave an update following the Corsham Area Board on 1st Feb. The proposal was to set up a not-for-profit organisation which would cover all community campuses in Wiltshire and to pilot five of them over the next 2 years. A recommendation would be made at the Council meeting on 15th Feb.

5. Activities for 2011:

a. **Quiz:** 48 people attended this event which had made a profit of £85.90 from entrance fees and £74 from the raffle, a total of £159.50. The Committee thanked RF for his efforts in making the evening such a success.

b. **Wine appreciation evening:** 26th March in the Community Centre. Corsham Wind Band had been invited but was not available. Another raffle would be held. **Entrance fee and volunteers to buy cheese etc to be decided at next meeting.**

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

d. **BBQ:** Date confirmed as 14th May at MC's house. **CR to organise barbecue from Council and CBr and IB to supply additional barbecue. Sale of advance tickets to be considered at next meeting.**

e. **Boules competition:** Proposed date 9th July. **CBo to book pub in Box.**

f. Joint Activities with Jargeau Committee: CBr to send our programme to Carole to see if there was any interest. Ongoing

g. French Market Morning 2011: Wilts Council (Steve Richardson) was unable to confirm the date for French traders coming to Corsham. Armed Forces Day was 25th June, the Council had confirmed no march was planned this time. This was also “Civic” day and the last day of the Corsham Festival. **Meeting agreed that unless something is heard from the French traders before our next meeting, we would go ahead and have the French Market morning on 25th June. CR to raise at the next Council meeting. IB to approach MOD Corsham about possible involvement.**

h. Visit to Jargeau 2011:

(1) The EU theme for the visit was “inter-cultural dialogue”. A proposed visit to Versailles on the Monday of the visit was not possible as it would be closed. RF was in touch with Carole about other possible visits; CBo proposed a trip to Sancerre.

(2) RF proposed charges for the Jargeau trip as follows: £80 for adults, £50 for children (school age). RF has given members of the Youth Council letters for their parents about the trip. The Scouts were unable to go as there was no one to accompany them. **The meeting gave RF authority to book a 52 seater coach with Hatts and the Hotel North of Paris for the outward trip.**

(3) CBw had spoken to Pat Cannings about the Ad Hoc drama group which hoped to work on a joint production with a Jargeau drama group. CB said Corsham Caledonians would consider possible participation at their meeting in April. **Ongoing**

(4) **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. Also to make contact with the head of music at the school. Ongoing**

(5) Publicity: JR had sent IB the CTA letterhead/logo. JR had received £232.50 for subscriptions and the Association has 52 paid-up members. **JR to follow-up remaining subscriptions. Carole had e-mailed a list of contact details for Jargeau members, JR to forward a copy to committee members.**

6. Treasurer’s Report:

New balance is £1488.45 (with EU money still to come). The £40 owed by the Council had been dealt with – action closed.

7. AOB:

- Response from EU on our report of Jargeau’s visit to Corsham awaited.
- **CB to follow-up CTA’s possible participation in Corsham in Bloom with the Council.**
- **All committee members to e-mail photos of themselves to LC to put on CTA website**
- **CBw to collect bunting from JR.**

8. Next Meeting – 7th March 2011