

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 20/06/2011

1. Present: Ian Brain (IB), Jo Reeves (JR), Roger Fido (RF), Keith Stephens (KS), Maurice Hancock (MH), Millie Carter (MC), Chris Taylor (CT), Chris Riley (CR), Sally Fletcher (SF), Maggie Rayner (formerly Taylor) (MR)

2. Apologies: Carole Brain (CBr), Christine Bastow (CBw), Charles Boyle (CBo), Lindon Collins (LC)

3. Minutes of 9th May 2011 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: No update available in the absence of CBo. MH commented about risk of theft of brass commemorative plaque, however meeting agreed to pursue purchase of 2 plaques, 1 for Corsham and 1 for presentation to Jargeau in October, along with key fobs. **Action ongoing**

b. Future of the Community Centre: SF provided update. Corsham was 1 of 5 pilot schemes in Wilts. Target was for new Centre to be ready in 1 year's time. SF to advise when designs are available. Next Area Board to be held in August.

5. Activities for 2011:

a. Wine appreciation evening: **Action: IB to chase up delivery of orders which had not yet been fulfilled.**

b. BBQ: Very successful with a profit of £386.40 and attended by 45 people. Thanks to all those who had helped. Note, beer required in addition to wine next time. **Action: JR to write letter of thanks to Anthony and Michael for manning the barbecue.**

c. Boules competition: 9th July at Queen's Head in Box at 6.30pm. Flyers produced. **Action: JR to mail members to remind them about the competition. CBo and LC to check that all is in order at Queen's Head.**

d. Joint Activities with Jargeau Committee: **Ongoing – item for Agenda at meeting in Jargeau.**

e. French Market Morning 2011: 25th June. JR confirmed 45 stalls had been taken up at total cost of £450 with 2 still to collect. Council to provide barbecue and RF had ordered food. Road closure organised, 0800 – 1500. IB had put up banners. Possible feature by local radio and Chippenham Gazette & Herald. Mr Peter Anstey and Mrs Margaret Mills to judge the window dressing competition, presenting trophy at 1pm..

Actions: CR to check position on barbecue and food with Council. CR to contact neighbourhood police team re road closure signs. CB to provide wine, JR to provide baguettes and cheese. JR to provide membership forms, info on Jargeau and flyers for boules competition. Programme agreed for manning of stall, JR to e-mail details.

f. Visit to Jargeau 2011:

- RF reported that 81 people wanted to go. 70 seater coach booked and remainder would travel independently. Pat Cannings had offered to direct a short play if someone could suggest a theme and provide a script. **Action: all to consider.**
- Children's art work: JR had contacted Mazy Bartlett who was organising art work which we could display in Corsham and take to Jargeau.
- RF had received a mail from Carole in Jargeau about pen friends for about 50 primary school children and the possibility of them coming to stay in Corsham. Meeting agreed that accommodating them would be difficult. Action: JR to write to County Council in Trowbridge to seek advice.

6. Treasurer's Report:

New balance is £9577.84, of which Jargeau trip deposits are £3240 leaving a working balance of £6337.84.

7. AOB:

- Photos of committee members: ongoing: photo opportunity at market morning
- Visit to Jargeau sub-committee to be set up nearer the time if required
- Guide Dog Association had offered CTA a stall at their event at Corsham Court on 2 July. Meeting agreed to decline on this occasion
- Meeting agreed to purchase of 4xlightweight tables. Heavy benches no longer required.

8. Next Meeting – 4th July 2011