

## CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Meeting held on 07/11/2011

**1. Present:** Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Roger Fido (RF), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Chris Taylor (CT), Charles Boyle (CBo), Lindon Collins (LC), Matt Wingrave (MW), Julius Malin (JM)

**2. Apologies:** Jo Reeves (JR), Sally Fletcher (SF), Keith Stephens (KS), Chris Riley (CR)

**3. Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 meeting – Agreed.**

#### **4. Matters arising:**

**a. Twinning gifts and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration:** The plaque presented to Jargeau had been hugely welcomed and the Chair thanked CBo for his efforts in organising this. A photo of the presentation would be given to Corsham Council, who had contributed to the cost of the plaque.

**Actions: LC to print off photo and RF to present it to Council.** The Committee thanked RF for his tremendous efforts which had ensured a most successful trip. CBo would return to the charge to gain approval to having a plaque placed in Corsham. **Actions: CBo to pursue with Highways Dept. IBr to engage press interest.**

**b. School art work:** RF had taken the present to the senior school. He was disappointed that the Junior school had failed to respond to his request regarding pen friends and a visit from 50 ten year old pupils from Jargeau in 2012. He awaited a response.

**c. Future gifts:** RF said the Council was very receptive to the proposal to present a joint gift (Council and CTA) to Jargeau in future. Formal response awaited – if agreed, CTA will approach Jargeau Council and Twinning to see if they agree. If the gift is to be presented to a third party, their agreement would be sought in advance. RF also suggested ways to keep speeches short when gifts are presented in future.

#### **5. Activities for 2012:**

**a. Wine appreciation evening:** CBo was content in principle to running a wine appreciation evening in 2012 at a convenient date to be confirmed.

**b. French Market Morning 2012:** Note that JR would be unable to take sole responsibility for coordinating the market morning 2012. This event had been discussed at the joint committee meeting in Jargeau, and several French members had expressed interest in coming to Corsham for the event, bringing local produce etc. **Actions: CBr to raise at AGM to seek a volunteer to coordinate the market morning.**

**c. Fund raising activities 2012:** A French conversation class and producing raffle items were proposed. **Action: CBr to raise at AGM and seek ideas for future French-themed events.**

**d. Visit of Jargeau to Corsham in 2012:** planning to commence in Feb/Mar. Submission for EU grant required by May.

**6. AGM:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Fire Station. **Actions:**

- **RF to show Video and photos from trip, and to distribute copies of group photograph.**
- **MH to present Boules competition trophy to The Randoms**
- **Chair, Secretary and Treasurer all offered themselves for re-election**
- **Matt Wingrave and Julius Malin offered to join committee**
- **IBr to chair meeting if CBr not present and deliver Chairman's address**
- **JR to prepare Agenda**
- **LC to print off copies of 2010 AGM minutes**
- **RF to provide wine and glasses**

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

Our working balance is £3821.07, plus the grant for the visit (estimated at £2220). Audited accounts would be made available at the AGM.

**8. AOB:**

- **Committee Christmas meal: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Guyers House, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Action: All to inform MC of menu choices and forward her cheques made payable to Guyers House.**
- MC, RF and MH attended the lunch at Jargeau Court on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. They were well received and MH was invited to plant a tree.
- CBw commented that the Rally in Jargeau had been successful and we might do something similar for their trip to Corsham.
- MH reiterated the committee's appreciation to RF for organising such a successful trip.
- JM asked how his French A Level class could make contacts with pupils in Jargeau. **Action: RF offered to follow up with Carole.**

**9. Next Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011