

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 02/04/2012

1. Present: Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB), Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Charles Boyle (CBo), Keith Stephens (KS), Chris Riley (CR), Matt Wingrave (MW), Chris Taylor (CT).

2. Apologies: Jo Reeves (JR), Millie Carter (MC), Christine Bastow (CBw), Lindon Collins (LC)

3. Minutes of 5th March 2012 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: Re ongoing issue of gaining permission to position a brass plaque in Corsham to commemorate the Twinning's 30th anniversary: CBo had made contact with Wells City Council who had experience of this. CR had raised issue with Corsham Council who suggested placing the plaque in the new Community Centre, but this would be too late to meet our requirement. **Action: CBo to visit his contact in Wells to find out more, and also to follow up with the Prince's Trust.**

b. French schoolchildren visit to Corsham 6th June : RF had spoken to Church representatives who were willing to show the children around the Church after their visit to Corsham Court.

5. Activities for 2012:

- **Wine Quiz:** A great success and thanks to Charles and Isabel Boyle for running the quiz.
- **Talk:** MH unable to contact speaker for talk on 1st World War, so MH offered to present a talk on **Corsham Fire Service**. Date remains Sat 28th April at 7.30pm at Fire Station.
- **Slide show:** Sat 12th May at Fire Station, 7.30pm – Slide Show with a French theme
- **BBQ, Sat 23rd June,** 6pm at Millie Carter's. CR confirmed Council would provide barbecue
- **French Market Morning 2012:** Council had confirmed that French traders are not going to come to Corsham, so no further action required.
- **Boules competition:** Sat 14th July, Queen's Head Pub, Box
- **Skittles evening:** Sat 15th Sept at Community Centre
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Oct (tbc). MH to book Fire Station once date confirmed.
- **Visit of Jargeau to Corsham Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov:**
 - **EU grant application:** the sub-group had met to discuss themes which would be appropriate for the visit and which would qualify for the EU grant. Themes concerning local government and business were proposed. CBo has organised meeting with Chamber of Commerce. Application needs to be ready beginning of

May for input by end May. **Action: CBo and sub-group to contact MPs, MEP, local councillors and Junior Council.**

- **Programme:** To include:

Thurs: Henderson Trophy skittles match in the evening at Community Centre

Fri: Visit to Bath during local elections. Discussions with local MPs and MEPs. Dinner in evening

Sat: Fireworks in Neston and concert in Neston Church

- **AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov at 7.30pm. MH has booked Fire Station

6. Community Campus project: Work is due to start in the Summer.

7. Treasurer's Report:

The wine quiz made a profit of £90. Our working balance is £4063.40, plus the grant for the visit (estimated at £2220).

8. AOB:

- Outstanding subscriptions to be chased – **Action JR.**
- Confirmed that the new Corsham sign on the A4 by the Cross Keys crossroads did include the Twinning with Jargeau albeit in small print
- RF proposed it was time to liaise with Jargeau and the local Council regarding a gift. **Action: CBr to write to Council and seek views. RF to approach Regis School.**

9. Next Meeting: 14th May 2012