

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 1/10/2012

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

2. Apologies: Carole Brain (CBr), Jo Reeves (JR)

The meeting was chaired by CBo, Vice-Chairman.

3. Minutes of 3rd September 2012 meeting – Agreed subject to the following amendment to para 5: Delete “CBr could not provide the buffet for Sat evening.”

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration:

- Committee agreed not to pursue the brass plaque to commemorate the Twinning’s 30th anniversary. Instead, CBo would ask Town Council about adding an indicator to Jargeau on the sign post in the town centre. **Action: CBo to approach Council.**

5. Activities for 2012:

- **Skittles evening:** Sat 8th Sept – an enjoyable evening although not well-attended.
- **Talk by Coppins the Jeweller:** Thursday 27th Sept - Very successful and well-attended. Thanks to Roger and family for organising the evening.
- **The AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov at 7.30pm. MH has booked Fire Station. **Action: JR to send reminder to members. CBo to buy wine.**

Visit of Jargeau to Corsham Thurs 1st – Sun 4th Nov:

- **Funding::** Thanks to a generous, anonymous donation and a contribution of £250 from the Town Council, RF confirmed we are now able to provide lunch for the guests in Bath on Friday. The Committee thanked the donors.
- **Grant:** CBo had asked Duncan Hames MP to take up the matter of why we didn’t get the EU grant and why the UK as fared so badly.

Programme:

- CBo confirmed the Chamber of Commerce would host an evening reception in the Town Hall on Thurs 1st Nov for a maximum of 35 people. SF and MR to attend to help with interpreting.
- Visit to Bath Fri 2nd Nov: CBr, RF, CBo, MR, SF and CR to escort the party. Concert by the Band at Town Hall Fri evening.

- Sat 3rd Nov: Joint committee meetings in morning, Henderson Trophy and children's competition in afternoon. Buffet, exchange of gifts, speeches, dancing and entertainment in evening. Chairman and Secretary of Chamber of Commerce have been invited as guests. £1000 allocated to fund buffet which would be provided commercially. Non-hosts to pay £10 per head for buffet. Ideas for entertainment included having a conjuror. Raffle to be held at cost of £2 per strip of 5 tickets. Working party volunteers required to set up hall for the evening and to clear up afterwards. Band's PA system would be available for us to use.
Actions: All to donate prizes for raffle. MC and CBw offered to ask local shops for prize donations. RF to investigate conjuror.
- Sun 4th Nov: French depart for Jargeau
- **Youth competition:** JR to organise Christmas tree decorating competition for Sat afternoon, to be judged by leader of Corsham Town Council and Mayor of Jargeau. **Action: JR to contact Sharon Thomas at Town Hall and people who have offered to participate.**
- **Gift:** JR and RF have purchased children's books and games to be used in school play groups in Jargeau to encourage ability in English. Cost: £96, shared with Town Council.
- **Pre-arrival meeting:** 24th Oct at 7.30pm at Royal Oak function room. **Action: RF to e-mail list of visitors and hosts.**

6. Community Campus project: SF updated members on progress.

7. 2013 events programme and fund raising ideas: To be agreed at Nov meeting. Ideas include:

- Olive oil tasting: JR has made contact with speaker, date to be confirmed.
- MC to host a BBQ and to follow up hand-made toys which could be sold to raise funds.
- JR has e-mailed contact in Trowbridge Twinning group re joining up for fund raising events. Proposals included canal boat trip. **Action: CR to investigate boat trips.**
- Treasure Hunt on foot around Corsham – **Action: NC and MH to pursue**
- Asking local shops/businesses whether they would be willing to give a talk. **Action: MC**

8. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £5198.38

9. AOB:

- Len Hutson's funeral had been held on 1st Oct and attended by members of the Committee. Len was a long standing Committee member of the CTA and would be sadly missed.
- Committee members' Christmas meal: Fri 14th December, 7pm at Jimmy's in Bath. **Action: RF to book.**
- MH had made contact with the new Head of Languages at Corsham school

9. Next Meeting: 12th November 2012