

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 12/11/2012

1. Present: Carol Brain (CBr), Charles Boyle (CBo), Ian Brain (IB), Lindon Collins (LC), Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Millie Carter (MC), Keith Stephens (KS), Christine Taylor (CT), Sally Fletcher (SF), Jo Reeves (JR)

2. Apologies: Christine Bastow (CBw)

3. Minutes of 1st October 2012 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration:

- CBo had spoken to the Council who favoured the original idea of a plaque rather than an indicator to Jargeau on a signpost. As the difference in costs was marginal, and the Council were contributing to the cost, Committee agreed to pursue the plaque. **Action: CBo to speak to Head of local Highways Dept and the Corsham Councillor.**

5. Activities for 2012:

- **The AGM:** Fri 23rd Nov at 7.30pm. JR has sent reminder. Tea & coffee available. CBo to buy wine as required.

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

- Visit had been most successful. MH and CBo recorded thanks to RF and JR for their efforts and Committee thanked all who had hosted guests. RF provided a breakdown of costs. For next visit in 2014, it was agreed to spread the load among more people; to have a contingency plan ready in case EU funding is again not available; and to limit the numbers of guests. The new Community Campus should be available by the time of the next visit. Chamber of Commerce involvement had been useful and may lead to further involvement with businesses in France.

6. Community Campus project: SF updated members on progress. Regular reports were made to the Area Board and a plan was available on the website.

7. 2013 events programme: The following was proposed, to be put forward for agreement at the AGM:

- Sat 19th January : Quiz with fish and chip supper at Community Centre at 8pm. Cost £9 per head (£3 without F&C) .
- Sat 23rd March: Olive oil tasting at Royal Oak at 8pm. Cost: £2 per head. Committee to provide wine and raffle. **Action: JR to establish how many people would like to attend.**
- Sat 11th May: trip in canal boat. **Action: CR to look at options.**

- Sat 8th June: MC to host BBQ. £9 per head.
- Sat 13th July: Boules at Queen's Head, Box. £6 per team of 3 people.
- Sun 8th September (pm): Treasure Hunt in Corsham (on foot). **Action: MH and NC to organise.**
- Sat 5th October: Talk (details to be announced).
- Wed 30th October – Sun 3rd November: visit to Jargeau
- Fri 22nd November: AGM.

Arrangements for 2013 visit to Jargeau: RF had spoken with Hatts coaches and cost of trip was estimated as the same as 2011 ie total cost per head for an adult £140, made up of £80 paid by individual plus £30 from EU grant plus £30 subsidy from CTA. Cheaper rate for children. Suggestion to pay an extra £10 for chance to win a free trip would to be put to AGM. **Action: JR and RF to prepare letter to members to be sent out in New Year to gauge numbers and enable hotel to be booked.**

8. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £3618.38 plus £500 to come making a total of £4118.38.

9. AOB:

- RF has copies of DVD made during Jargeau children's visit to Corhsam available for members to see.
- Cups and saucers required for social events: Royal Oak to provide as required
- AGM: proposals for Committee members were discussed and will be put to AGM for consideration. Members to send any photos of Jargeau visit to Corsham to LC for website and to show at AGM.
- Potential contacts between Corsham Photographic Society with Jargeau were proposed. CBo to liaise with Chamber of Commerce re photo competition in Jargeau in 2013.
- CBo has contacted new Head of Languages at Corsham school
- CBo required deposit and final numbers for Committee Christmas meal at Jimmy's on 14th December.

10. Next Meeting: 3rd December 2012