

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 4/03/2013

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Maurice Hancock (MH), Jo Reeves (JR), Christine Bastow (CBw), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Jane Gater (JG), Matt Wingrave (MW). Chris Riley (CR), Sally Fletcher (SF), Christine Taylor (CT), Charles Boyle (CBo), Millie Carter (MC), Keith Stephens (KS), Carole Brain (CBr), Ian Brain (IB)

2. Apologies : Margaret Smith (MS), Lindon Collins (LC)

3. Minutes of 4th February 2013 meeting – Agreed.

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: CBo showed the commemorative plaque to the Committee who thanked CBo for his efforts in acquiring it. Cost of plaque was £378 of which £350 was to be funded by the Council. CBo would pass the plaque to the Highways Department who would arrange for it to be cemented into the pavement by the signpost in the High St. CBo would enquire about how the plaque can be secured and would ask the Council about an unveiling ceremony. **Action: CBo**

b. Links with Chamber of Commerce: Feedback awaited from Corsham Chamber of Commerce regarding links with Orleans Chamber of Commerce. CBo acting as point of contact – ongoing.

c. Links with Photographic Society: MC had mailed Carole in Jargeau but had received no response. **Actions: MH to contact Mazy Bartlett about photography at the school. CBo to see if a contact is shown in the documents from Jargeau Chamber of Commerce.**

d. Gift from Jargeau: SF to compile list of Corsham community organisations for consideration to receive this year's gift from Jargeau– **action ongoing**

5. Community Campus project: SF provided an update.

6. 2013 events programme:

- Sat 23rd March: Olive oil tasting at Royal Oak at 8pm. Cost: £3 per head (not £2 as shown in minutes of Feb meeting). Raffle prizes requested. Committee to provide wine for sale and RF to provide glasses. **Action: JR to check arrangements and send out reminder.**
- Sat 11th May: trip in canal boat. CR had confirmed the booking and mailed members with payment details. **Action: JR to send out reminder.**
- Sat 8th June: BBQ. £9 per head. Venue: Mrs Margaret Smith, Bences Lane, Corsham.
- Sat 29th June: Armed Forces Day. RF awaits more information.
- Sat 13th July: Boules at Queen's Head, Box. £6 per team of 3 people.

- Sat 3rd August at 7pm: wine and bubbly tasting. RF to host at his house with help from LC and MH. Cost: £8 per head.
- Sun 8th September (pm): Treasure Hunt in Corsham (on foot). **Action: MH and NC to organise.**
- Sat 5th October: Talk by Mr Tony Wingrave to demonstrate woodturning. RF had booked the Jubilee Hall at the Community Centre.
- Wed 30th October – Sun 3rd November: Visit to Jargeau
- Fri 22nd November: AGM.

Arrangements for 2013 visit to Jargeau: RF said the response had not been as good as he had hoped, and Committee agreed his recommendation that 1x53 seater coach would suffice. 14 people had applied for the raffle for a free trip, the raffle was drawn at the meeting and won by Mr P Hurlow-Jones. Cost of the trip would be about £125 each, the final amount would be notified nearer the time and depends on the EU grant. **Action: JR to mail relevant members with result of raffle.**

Methuen Trust: As the number of children travelling to Jargeau was less than expected, RF would write to the Methuen Trust reducing CTA's application to £250. **Action: RF**

EU grant: CBo had hastened a response to his letter about the lack of EU grants awarded to UK Twinning Associations.

7. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £6005.51.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham now with KS and LC
- JR has mailed members whose subscriptions are overdue – we have about 70 members at present
- RF said the theme for the EU grant this year was "sustainable development". Carole in Jargeau had asked for any examples from Corsham/Wiltshire. **Actions: CBo to follow up with Town Council. JG to find out information about Richmond-upon-Thames for comparison. Any other examples welcome.**
- George Mills Trophy: **Action: IBr to speak to 2012 winners, the Oxfam shop**
- JR said about 12 people had expressed interest in a French conversation group. **Action: JR to mail those interested to ask how they want to play this**

9. Next Meeting: 8th April 2013, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club