

CORSHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on 8/04/2013

1. Present: Roger Fido (RF), Maggie Rayner (MR), Lindon Collins (LC), Maurice Hancock (MH), Christine Bastow (CBW), Felicity Hurlow-Jones (FHJ), Jane Gater (JG), Matt Wingrave (MW), Christine Taylor (CT), Margaret Smith (MS)

2. Apologies : Chris Riley (CR), Jo Reeves (JR), Charles Boyle (CBo)

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

4. Matters arising:

a. Twinning gifts and 30th anniversary commemoration: The plaque had been handed to the Council and would be concreted into the pavement, date to be advised. **CBo to ask the Council about an unveiling ceremony - action ongoing.**

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 – action 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 – actions ongoing.**

d. Gift from Jargeau: SF had action to prepare list of Corsham community organisations for consideration to receive this year's gift from Jargeau. In the meantime it was agreed to approach St Patrick's Primary School. **Action: RF and SF**

5. Community Campus project: ongoing.

6. 2013 events programme:

- Sat 23rd March: Olive oil tasting: A successful evening and with a profit of £78.
- Sat 11th May: trip in canal boat. **Action: CR to send out details to those going.**
- Sat 8th June: BBQ. £9 per head. Venue: Mrs Margaret Smith, Bences Lane, Corsham. **Action: CBW to confirm availability of Scout Hut in the event of bad weather. Arrangements re food etc to be discussed at next meeting**
- Sat 29th June: Armed Forces Day. CTA would have a stall in the High St, further information awaited.
- Sat 13th July: Boules at Queen's Head, Box. £6 per team of 3 people. **Action: RF to ask CBo to book boules pitch**
- 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 had received a mail from Carole in Jargeau – their Committee was about to finalise our visit programme and the submission to the EU. Programme should be available for our next meeting. RF had mailed Carole the list of people going to Jargeau but had received no response yet. On the outward journey we will stay at the Ibis Hotel Rive Gauche in Rouen.

Methuen Trust: RF said CTA's application for £250 was due to be considered by the Methuen Trust in April and the outcome should be known for CTA's May meeting.

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

7. Treasurer's Report: Balance is £5850.

8. AOB:

- DVDs of Jargeau children's visit to Corsham - with KS and JR
- Almost all the subscriptions were in – well done JR
- RF thanked those who had sent information on sustainable development to Carole in Jargeau in support of the EU submission
- George Mills Trophy: Post-meeting note: RF had collected the trophy from the Oxfam Shop
- MS had hosted the first French conversation group which 10 people attended. MS would advise those interested of details of future meetings
- MW raised the question of how to get younger people involved in Twinning. **Action All: To be considered at next meeting.**

9. Next Meeting: 13th May, 7.30 pm at Corsham Club